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Council approves tax rate, budget at Tuesday meeting

By ROGER CLINE

At the regular meeting Monday evening, the Big Spring City Council approved on first reading the city's

2017-2018. The proposed tax rate of 84.2320 cents

per \$100 valuation is an increase of

property tax rate and

budget for Fiscal Year

Wegman

rate; that is, the rate which would be 2017.

Simmons

required to bring in the same revenue as was collected in FY 2016-

State law requires a certain formal language in the motion to approve the tax rate which may cause some confusion to the uninitiated, said

Big Spring's Finance Director Don

6.56 percent over the effective tax

The required motion statement reads: "I move that the Property Tax Rate be increased by the Adoption of a Tax Rate of 0.842320 per \$100 Valution, Which is Effectively a 6.56% Increase in the Tax Rate."

"It would seem that this increase of the tax rate would be the increase from last year's tax rate," Moore said. "But the increase is from the 2017 effective rate to the proposed rate, which is actually very similar, but if somebody actually calculated it out, See COUNCIL, Page 3

there would be a slight difference."

The effective tax rate is the rate required to bring in the same amount of tax revenue as last year, which is often different from last year's tax rate due to shifting property values.

ing of the proposed rate by a vote of six to zero (Councilman Terry Mc-Daniel was absent from the meeting). The council also approved on first

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reading the FY 2017-2018 budget of

Let's get cooking

Dinner Tonight on tap for Thursday

Special to the Herald

What's cooking? The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce are going to make sure that after tomorrow night - your family knows! On Thursday, Sept. 14,

the Dinner Tonight Healthy Cooking School opens its doors at 6:00 p.m. to teach local citizens how to make quick and healthy meals at home.

The classes, hosted at Dora Roberts Community Center, 100 Whipkey Drive, boasts events such as healthy and economical meal prep ideas, culinary tips, demonstratiosn for easy-to-make recipes, and door prizes.

"Grab you friends and join us for food and fun at the Dinner Tonight Cooking School," read a press release for the event. Although the event is just

one night away, a few tickets are left and available for purchase. Tickets are \$30 per person

and limited seating is avail-To purchase tickets, go

by 215 W 3rd or call the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 432-263-7641. The Chamber office will be open at noon today for those who need to purchase a ticket during lunch hours.

For more information, contact Sandy Taylor at 432-264-2236 or Debbye ValVerde at 432-263-7631.

Forsan debaters advance to quarter finals last weekend



Forsan High School debate team members Genesis Caldwell and Price Tarbet advanced to the quarter finals at the Texas Tech debate tournament this past weekend. They competed against 17 other schools. This tournament started off the cross examination debate season. The topic this year will be "Education Reform." Price and Genesis advanced to the state tournament last year and they are very excited to qualify again this year.

5 die at nursing home as death toll in Irma's wake mounts

By TERRY SPENCER and JASON DEAREN

Associated Press

 $\operatorname{HOLLYWOOD}$, $\operatorname{Fla.}(\operatorname{AP})$ — Five patients at a $\operatorname{Hollywood}$ nursing home died in Hurricane Irma's aftermath as people confronted a multitude of new hazards in the storm's wake, including oppressive heat, brush-clearing accidents and poisonous fumes from generators.

Hollywood Police Chief Tom Sanchez said investigators believe the five deaths at the Rehabilitation Center at Hollywood Hills were heat-related, and added: "The building has been sealed off and we are conducting a criminal investigation." He gave no details.

A total of 115 patients were evacuated from the nursing

home, which lost power in the storm. Sanchez did not answer questions regarding whether a generator was running inside In the Miami area, a Coral Gables apartment building was evacuated after authorities determined a lack of power made it unsafe for elderly tenants, while officers arrived at the

huge Century Village retirement community in Pembroke Pines to help people on upper floors without access to working elevators. More than half the community of 15,000 resi-

dents lacked power. Also, at least five people died and more than a dozen were treated for breathing carbon monoxide fumes from generators in the Orlando, Miami and Daytona Beach areas.

Aside from the nursing home deaths, at least 13 people in



Florida were killed in Irma-related circumstances, many of them well after the storm had passed. A Tampa man died after the

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Man accused of killing his mom in hospital to be arraigned

Medical

mouth-Hitchcock

By MICHAEL CASEY **Associated Press**

NORTH HAVERHILL, N.H. (AP) — A Rhode Island man accused of fatally shooting his mother in the intensive care unit of New Hampshire's largest hospital was set to be arraigned Wednesday on murder charges.

Travis Frink signed into the visitor center at DartCenter in Lebanon on Tuesday afternoon and went to the intensive care unit, authorities said. Soon after, Lebanon

police received an emergency call reporting shots had been fired there. Attorney General Gordon MacDonald identified the

shooting victim as Frink's

70-year-old mother, Pamela

Ferriere, of Groton. He said the 49-year-old Frink, of Warwick, Rhode Island, went to the hospital with the intent of killing her.

"The facts gathered to this point reveal that the purpose of Mr. Frink's visit to the hospital today was to kill his mother," MacDonald said.

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Obituaries

Audon Ruiz Jr.



Funeral services for Audon Ruiz Jr. will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday Sept.13, 2017 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Stanton, Texas. The burial will follow at the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery. Rosary will be held on Tuesday Sept. 12, 2017 at 7 p.m. at Stanton Memorial Funeral Home and Chapel. Audon Ruiz, age 74, of Stanton, Texas

and children Sunday Sept. 10, 2017. Audon was born to Sarah Munoz and Audon Ruiz

passed away in Midland surrounded by his wife

on June 21, 1943 in Edinburg, Texas. He married Estela Sosa on December 24, 1961 and raised their 4 children in Stanton. Audon was in the Knights

of Columbus at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church. He worked as a mechanic for John Deere for many

He is preceded in death by his parents Sarah Munoz and Audon Ruiz Sr.; Brothers, Jesus Ruiz, Rudy Ruiz and Juan Ruiz.

Audon is survived by his wife Estela Ruiz of Stanton, Texas. One daughter, Noemi Ruiz of Sweetwater, Texas; Three Sons, Arturo Ruiz of Stanton, Texas, Ernesto Ruiz of Midland, Texas, Stevan Ruiz of Houston, Texas. Two Sisters, Hilda Parades of Sandia, Texas, Estella Ruiz of Aurora, Illinois. One brother Guadalupe Ruiz of Pearsall, Texas and half brother Alfredo Arredondo of Loma Linda, California. Seven grandsons, three granddaughters, and four great granddaughters.

Arrangements are under the direction of Stanton Memorial Funeral Home and Chapel.

Sheriff

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

Note-Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 59 inmates at the time of this report.

- MARCUS DELEON, 27, was booked by BSPD on the charge of driving while intoxicated.
- MAGDALENA A. RESENDEZ, 30, was booked

by BSPD on the warrants of two counts failure to appear, two counts no driver's license, fail to control speed, three counts failure to maintain financial responsibility, driving while license invalid, display expired registration.

ANDREW SLOAN ROBINSON, 22, was booked by HCSO criminal mischief in between

mation, contact David Leonard, Post Commander,

at 432-816-6004. All combat veterans of foreign wars

The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors

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

Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the

second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner

is at 6 p.m.) at 219 ½ Main St. All Masons are wel-

meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the sym-

Take Note

are invited to come.

phony office, 808 Scurry Street.

information, contact 432-271-2138.

- The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains. The corps provides spiritual services to Howard County residents and visitors in crisis situations. Prospective chaplains don't require any specific experience or education to qualify for the position, just a calling from God and a willingness to devote time to the program, which requires a 24- to 30-week training program and dedication of one day per week for emergency call-outs. Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Joel Miller at 432-213-1221.
- 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.
- 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

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

- Howard County Republicans meet the second Monday of each month. Club members meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College at 11:30 a.m. for Dutch treat lunch and meeting at 12 p.m.
- 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 3td Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. Visitors are
- 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 infor-

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 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 fund-raisers and patient events. For more information, contact Dee Lindsey, Big Spring State Hospital Director of Community Relations, (432) 268-7535 or danielle.lindsey@dshs.state.tx.us
- Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to visit patients. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Beverly Grant at 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

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Support Groups

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

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.

- Reformers Unanimous International is a faithbased addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.
- · Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

 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.

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COUNCIL

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\$52.7 million, \$19.7 million of which is budgeted for the city's General Fund. Both the new tax rate and budget will have to be approved a second time. The council will vote on the second reading of the tax and budget items at their next regular meeting Sept. 26 at 5:30 p.m.

Prior to voting on the tax rate and budget, the council offered a final public hearing on each of the issues, but no one approached to address the council. In other business, the council ap-

proved six to zero a proposed alteration to city ordinances regarding the Municipal Auditorium. The changes include updates to the

Auditorium's fee schedule, rules for use of the new sound and lighting systems, and updates to the concession policy which now make provisions for alcoholic beverages, as well as beverages being allowed inside the auditorium itself.

"We've never allowed beverages at all inside the auditorium," said Big Spring's Director of Community Services, Debbie Wegman. "We've allowed them in the lobby area, but not inside the auditorium. This will

allow beverages, as well as alcoholic beverages by permit, inside the auditorium, with some limitations.'

The new policy requires that alcoholic beverage vendors have proper permits from the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, not owe any back taxes, and pay an additional refundable \$200 alcohol deposit.

The ordinance changes institute different fee schedules for different categories of groups renting the auditorium, Wegman said. "It's a little bit of an increase, but

what it does, it breaks down between profit and non-profit, and whether you're charging to get into the event or not," she said. According to the ordinance, non-

profit or taxing entities who aren't fundraising, and who don't charge an entry fee, will be exempt from paying deposit or rent for events four hours and under at the auditorium. Rehearsals will be charged at \$20 per hour, as will events exceeding four hours. Non-profit or taxing entities who

are fundraising or charging an entry fee must pay a \$200 refundable deposit, a \$100 cleaning fee, \$300 per calendar day in rent for the event, and \$50 for the first four hours and \$20 per hour or fraction of an hour thereafter for rehearsals.

Profit-making ventures can expect to fork out a \$400 refundable deposit, a \$200 cleaning fee, \$600 event rental per calendar day, and \$100 for the first four hours and \$20 per hour or fraction of an hour thereafter for rehears-

Regarding the new lighting and sound systems, the city is requiring that they be operated only by city employees. "Due to our extensive upgrades

to our sound and lighting systems, we've also requested that only trained city employees designated to operate the lighting and sound systems would be the only ones allowed to operate that," Wegman said. According to the new policies, the

the systems is included in the stated rental fees, except for a special carbon spotlight, which requires additional staffing and will cost renters an additional \$25 per hour to use. "The municipal auditorium is one of the most beautiful locations in our

city of Big Spring, and it's one of the

most under-utilized facilities," said

Facilities Coordinator Terri Telchik.

cost of the city personnel to operate

"We'd like to see it more utilized. The council also presented a State of Texas House of Representatives resolution naming Big Spring the

"Lighted Poinsettia Capital of Texas"

for the second consecutive decade. Longtime Comanche Trail Festival of Lights coordinator and volunteer Pat Simmons was on hand to receive the resolution.

"It was quite an honor. This was after 10 years of the opening (when Big Spring first received the honor from the legislature)," Simmons said. "I'm thrilled that Big Spring was recognized as the Lighted Poinsettia Capital of Texas."

The title is due to the many giant poinsettias created with colored Christmas lights stretched over steel frameworks displayed throughout Comanche Trail Park, on the Comanche Trail Lake dam, and throughout the city during the holiday season.

In other business, the council: Approved the budget of the Big

- Spring Economic Development Corporation for FY 2017-2018. Approved first readings of ordi-
- creases for certified city firefighters and police officers. Granted the mayor authority to execute documents required for the

nances granting 2.5 percent pay in-

property directly east of City Hall. Approved a Group Benefits Services Agreement with the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool for health

plan administrative services.

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chain saw he was using to remove branches kicked back and cut his carotid artery.

Elsewhere, Irma has been blamed for four deaths in South Carolina and two in Georgia. At least 37 people were killed in the Caribbean. In the battered Florida Keys, meanwhile, county

officials pushed back against a preliminary estimate from the Federal Emergency Management Agency that 25 percent of all homes in the Keys were destroyed and nearly all the rest were heavily damaged. "Things look real damaged from the air, but when

you clear the trees and all the debris, it's not much damage to the houses," said Monroe County Commissioner Heather Carruthers. The Keys felt Irmay's full fury when the hurri-

cane roared in on Sunday with 130 mph (209 kph) President Donald Trump's homeland security

adviser, Tom Bossert, said the federal government was working to help Florida Keys residents secure shelter through rental assistance, hotels or premanufactured housing. Trump plans to visit Florida on Thursday. Bossert told Fox News that during his visit,

Trump "is going to make sure the troops that he's put in place are doing their job and then to thank those folks that have been working around the clock." Irma's economic toll on Florida already includes

nearly \$250 million in preparation and recovery expenses by 31 state agencies. And agriculture officials warily eyed storm damage to citrus crops. The number of people without electricity in the steamy late-summer heat dropped to 9.5 million

 just under half of Florida's population. Utility officials warned it could take 10 days or more for power to be fully restored. About 110,000 people remained in shelters across the state. While nearly all of Florida was engulfed by the

massive storm, the Keys - home to about 70,000 people — appeared to be the hardest hit. Drinking water and power were cut off, all three of the islands' hospitals were closed, and gasoline was extremely limited. Search-and-rescue teams made their way into the

more distant reaches of the Keys, and an aircraft carrier was positioned off Key West to help. Officials said it was not known how many people ignored evacuation orders and stayed behind in the Crews also worked to repair two washed-out, 300-

foot (90-meter) sections of U.S. 1, the sole highway that runs through the Keys, and check the safety of the 42 bridges linking the islands. The Lower Keys were still off-limits, with a road-

block in place where the highway was washed out. On the mainland, one of the evacuees taken from an apartment building that lacked power near Miami was a 97-year-old woman who is immobile and has heart problems.

Five firefighters went up the dark emergency stairwell in the Coral Gables building, strapped Cuban-born Ofelia Carrillo to a special evacuation chair and carried her down. Her daughter Madeleine Alvarez said they ultimately heeded firefighters' isntructions, despite doctors warning of her mother's fragile state.

"This is the most stressful situation I've lived in my life," Alvarez said.

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had been fired but no other patients, visitors or workers were physically injured. Frink was detained as he

He said more than one shot

tried to leave the grounds of Dartmouth-Hitchcock, authorities said. He was in custody and couldn't be reached for comment. No possible motive for the shooting was released. Ferriere's husband, Robert,

said in a brief phone interview that he had no idea why it hap-He said, "I'm not a mind read-

er," before hanging up. Frink was scheduled to be ar-

raigned at 1 p.m. Wednesday at **Grafton Superior Court in North** Haverhill, New Hampshire. Authorities released

little information about Frink, though police in Rhode Island said in 2013 that his wife and 3-year-old son were found dead inside a running car at an apartment complex.

Police said that when officers opened the door of the running car with fogged windows, they found the inside of the vehicle very hot and smelling of alcohol and vomit. Officials said the body of Frink's wife was found in the driver's seat and

the body of his son was found on the floor in the back of the car.

Police suspected alcohol played in a role.

Facebook

Frink's

page shows he got engaged last December. His LinkedIn page includes a long list of experience in computer systems administration and technical support jobs in Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York Massachusetts. Messages left with the company listed as his

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diately returned. Several of Frink's neighbors in

Warwick said he mostly kept to himself. Tuesday's shooting sparked

current employer weren't imme-

into the parking lot. People were told to avoid the area around the hospital, and traffic was stopped on a route leading to it. An employee reported that an

employee said all workers reabout a "code silver," indicating a violent situation is unfolding, or to shelter in place. Susan Flynn, who was about to

have surgery at the hospital, told WCAX-TV she and her husband escaped to a patio soon after the shooting.

ning out with guns and those shields they wear and said, 'Run, run!' So we ran out of there as fast as we could and on to next location and kept and moving to

panic at the hospital as employees and patients were evacuated

ceived an email from the hospital telling them to get out if possible

"We were sitting in this patio area and two police came run-

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Joanne Conroy, the president of Dartmouth-Hitchcock, praised her staff for its response and said everyone had taken part in several active-shooter trainings in the past.

different locations until they put

us in a secure location," Flynn

"Today was an incredibly stressful day and a tragic day for the affected family," she said. "We had the best outcome from this. Nobody else was hurt, and that is all we can ask for."

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William "Mac" Mc-

Norton, Jr., 80, died Memorial Sunday. service with Marine Honors was at 11:00 AM today at Canterbury South.

Mary Driver, 75, of Big Spring, died Saturday, September 9, 2017 at her residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Judith Lieber, Gucci, Kieselstein-Cord, Escada and others Firearms: 2 Colt government 1911 mfg 1915 & 1929, S&W mod 49 Bodyguard, 3 Winchester Mod 63, one new in box, 4 Winchester Mod 12 Shotguns, 3 Winchester Mod 70 Super grade Rifles, Sako Mod L462, Remington Mod 14.

Furniture: Amazing Furniture- much is custom made, Round Granite Top Dining Table base by Michael Taylor Designs, 8 Dining Chairs, Hancock & Moore Recliner, Chairs, Game Sets, Custom console by Gregor's Studios, Sofa's, Antique Carved Corner Cabinet, Custom TV Cabinet, Chests, Johan Tapp China Cabinet, Desk Secretary Bookcase, Beds (Queen and Twin), Chests, Rugs by Stark Carpets and Blackstone, Cedar Chest, Antique Trunk, Washer & Dryers, Lamps, Mirrors and many decorative accessories The selection ranges from Traditional, Mid Century to Antique. All of the highest quality.

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MARTINEZ

This week I'll continue with the fiction books. "Two from the Heart" by James Patterson with Frank Constantini, Emily Raymond, and Brian Sitts (F PAT J) contains two stories. In "Tell Me Your Best Story," Anne McWilliams has lost everything. After her

marriage fell apart, she turned to photography only to have her world turned upside down again when a hurricane destroyed her home and all her beloved photos. In the aftermath of the storm, Anne realizes that her life has fallen out of focus. She's lost touch with what matters most so she takes to the road on a cross-country trip

to ask long-lost family friends, and strangers a simple question: "What's your best story?" The funny, tragic, inspirational tales she hears on her journey help Anne see what she has been missing.

"Write Me A Life" finds Tyler Bron with a successful company that's changing the world and more money than he knows how to spend, but he doesn't have a life. He hires a struggling novelist to write one for him. There are no limits to the fictional world that Bron's money can transform into reality, and he soon becomes the protagonist in a love story that goes beyond his wildest imagination. It's everything he was lacking, but when the world he's created becomes too real for all involved, will Tyler be able to write himself a hap-

In "Secrets in Summer" by Nancy Thayer (F THA N), Memorial Day weekend means that seasonal visitors have descended on the glamorous island of Nantucket. For yearround resident Darcy Cotterill, it means late-night stargazing in the

backyard of the beautiful house she grew up in and inherited from her beloved grandmother. The last person she expects to see staying next door is her ex-husband along with his wife and stepdaughter. Darcy must also navigate the highs and lows of a new romantic relationship with a local carpenter even as she becomes smitten with a musicologist in town to write a book and visit family. As the season ends, Darcy must decide her next move: retreating to the comforts of her steady and secure island life, or risking it all for a chance at true happiness. Next is a list of the new audio

books we just finished processing: "The 13th Juror," "Betrayal," "Dead Irish," "The Hearing," "The Hunter," "The Keeper," and "Treasure Hunt" by John Lescroart (AUCD F "The Private School Murders"

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That's all I have time for now so until next week I leave you with a quote from Denis Waitley: "Happiness cannot be traveled to, owned, earned, worn or consumed. Happiness is the spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace, and gratitude."

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Roger's Retro Reviews: Jaws

or a while in the 1970s, people were actually scared to go swimming at the beach because of this week's retro review movie. Of course, I'm talking about 1975's "Jaws," written by Peter Benchley and directed by Steven Spielberg.

"Jaws" is set in the beach resort community of Amity Island. Young summer vacationers are enjoying an evening on the beach, and a couple decides to go skinny-dipping. The young man (IMDB tells me his name is "Cassidy"; I don't think

it's mentioned in the film, played by Jonathan Filley) passes out drunk before making it into the water, and the young woman, Chrissie Watkins (Susan Backlinie) is attacked and killed by a unseen thing beneath the wa-

CLINE The next morning, Police Chief Martin Brody (Roy Scheider), newly transplanted to Amity from New York City, is breakfasting with wife Ellen (Lorraine Gray) when he receives a phone call about a missing person. He fields the report at the beach, where young Cassidy reports Chrissie missing. Shortly thereafter, deputy Hendricks (Jeffrey Kramer) blows his whistle, alerting the chief to Chrissie's re-

Back at the police station, the chief receives a call from the coroner (Robert Nevin), who reports the death as the result of a shark attack.

Brody begins making preparations to close the beaches, buying materials to make no swimming signs, etc. As he does so, he receives word that a group of Scouts is working on their swimming merit badges in the ocean at another part of the island. He heads over there, leaving Hendricks with sign-making duty.

As Brody is arranging with the ferry operator to take him out to the swimming Scouts, the Amity Island City Council shows up, including Mayor Larry Vaughn (Murray Hamilton), and browbeats the chief, saying that, if he closes the beaches, it will ruin Amity's economy for the whole year. Brody caves, letting the ferry continue in its normal course, and letting the Scouts swim. They are not eaten at this time.

The next day, the beaches are crowded and people are enjoying the water. Young Alex Klintner (Jeffrey Voorhees...how's that for a horror movie star name?) is floating on his inflatable raft. Brody is out on the beach watching the waters nervously. All of a sudden Alex is attacked and killed. Brody sees the attack, and orders everybody out of the water. Alex's mother, Mrs. Klintner (Lee Fierro) is devastated.

At a city council meeting, Mayor Vaughn and the rest of the council are trying to figure out what to do. The local merchants are nervous that the beach will be shut down, ruining their business. Mrs. Klintner has offered a \$3,000 reward for anyone who catches or kills the shark that killed her son. During the meeting, grizzled local fisherman Quint (Robert Shaw) shows up and offers to hunt and kill

> the shark for \$10,000. The maysays he'll "take under

Later that day, many would-be shark hunters gather to try for the reward. Crowding far too many people into ridiculously small boats, they head off dumping chum into the water and toting dynamite, fish ing rods, guns, etc. A young man shows up looking for Chief Brody: turns out he's Matt Hooper, a young oceanographer that Brody has summoned to help with the problem Asking to see the Chrissie's remains. he identifies them as being caused by a shark, though he can't definitively determine what kind of shark from the small amount of Chrissie that re-

Later that day, a group of shark hunters catches a large shark, to the jubilation of the local merchants and city council. Hooper isn't so sure; he makes some measurements of the sharks jaws, and determines the bite radius isn't large enough to be the same shark that killed Chrissie. He wants to cut the shark open to see if it has any bits of the previous victims, but the mayor puts the kibosh on that plan, saying he doesn't want Mrs. Klintner to see her son come tumbling out of a shark's stomach.

That night, Hooper shows up for dinner at the Brody's, offering a couple bottles of wine. He and Brody get a little tipsy, and decide to go cut open the shark anyway. There's no Alex and no Chrissie inside, just some fish, a license plate, and an old

The mayor still won't allow the beach to be closed. The next day, the beach is crowded, but nobody is going in the water. Mayor Vaughn convinces a few people to go in, and others timidly follow. Soon, everyone is splashing and having fun...when a dark fin appears in the water...

I'll go ahead and stop the synopsis there, except to say that the movie eventually boils down to Brody, Quint, and Hooper on a boat hunting a giant shark. Good times.

"Jaws" is one of those legendary movies that was reportedly plagued by mishap during filming, but emerged better for the problems. The genius opening scene with Chrissie, where the shark is never seen, wasn't planned that way, but was necessary because the mechanical shark was malfunctioning.

Particularly effective is the interplay toward the end of the movie between Brody, Quint, and Hooper. The three distinct personalities: Salty, cantankerous Quint; cocky and sarcastic Hooper; and frightened but dutiful Brody; play off each other

very well. There's a lot to say about this movie: The score, meticulously crafted by that genius of cinematic music, John Williams, serves to highlight the tension and lurking menace of the shark. The political aspect of the plot, pitting lives versus dollars, is

still a very timely concern. And now I know where the name and tag-phrase of Brian Singer's "Bad Hat Harry" productions comes from.

I'm going to give "Jaws" nine stars out of 10. It's a classic of American cinema, extremely well made, and just a little bit dated with some of the cheesy scenes. Still great though.

Jaws Director: Steven Spielberg

Writer: Screenplay by Peter Benchley and Carl Gottlieb; based on the novel by Peter Benchley | Production company: Zanuck/Brown Productions | PG; 2 hrs. 4 min.; Adventure| Drama/Thriller; June 20, 1975

Apple unveils \$999 iPhone X with facial recognition



AP photo

Apple CEO Tim Cook announces the new iPhone X at the Steve Jobs Theater on the new Apple campus, Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2017, in Cupertino, Calif.

with its latest, and most expensive, phone, the iPhone X. AP Technology Writers

With a price starting at \$999 and a host of new features, the phone will be a big test for both Apple and consumers.

Will people be willing to shell out really big bucks for a relatively fragile device that's become an essential part of daily life?

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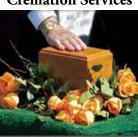
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On Tuesday, CEO Tim Cook called the iPhone X "the biggest leap forward" since the first iPhone. ("X" is pronounced like the number 10, not the letter X.) It loses the home button, which revolutionized smartphones when it launched; offers an edge-to-edge screen; and will use facial recognition to unlock the phone.

Apple also unveiled a new iPhone 8 and a larger 8 Plus with upgrades to cameras, displays and speakers.

Those phones, Apple said, will shoot pictures with better colors and less distortion, particularly in low-light settings. The display will adapt to ambient lighting, similar to a feature in some iPad Pro models. Speakers will be louder and offer deeper bass.

Both iPhone 8 versions will allow wireless charging, a feature already offered in many Android phones, including Samsung models. Some Android phones have also previously eliminated the home button and added edge-toedge screens.

Apple shares were mostly flat after the announcement, down 64 cents to \$160.86.

STEVE JOBS HOMAGE

This was the first product event for Apple at its new spaceshiplike headquarters in Cupertino, California. Before getting to the new iPhone, the company unveiled a new Apple Watch model with cellular service and an updated version of its Apple TV streaming device.

The event opened in a darkened auditorium, with only the audience's phones gleaming like stars, along with a message that said "Welcome to Steve Jobs Theater." A voiceover from Jobs, Apple's co-founder who died in 2011, opened the event before CEO Tim Cook took stage.

"Not a day that goes by that we don't think about him," Cook said. "Memories especially come rushing back as we prepared for today and this event. It's taken some time but we can now reflect on him with joy instead of sad-

The iPhone X costs twice what the original iPhone did. It sets a new price threshold for any smartphone intended to appeal to a mass market.

'WHAT APPLE DOES BEST'

Gartner analyst Brian Blau said the iPhone X's augmented reality features will "change the way people use apps" and give app developers new, "cool things" to do. Apple showed off a simple use for this new, sophisticated camera technology with "animoji," which lets people animate emoji characters with their facial expressions. Showing off a new technology with something that everyday people can use and understand, he said, is "what Apple does best."

battery life for the phone, saying "you don't often get that" with new smartphones.

Other analysts such as Carolina Milanesi, an analyst with Creative Strategies, don't believe the \$1,000 price tag will present much of a hurdle to Apple buyers, at least to those with means or access to installment plans. And people who won't spend that kind of money, she added, have a choice of other products that will keep them "within Apple versus looking at the competition."

NEW WATCH

Apple's latest Watch has builtin cellular service. The number on your phone will be the same as your iPhone. The Series 3 model will also have Apple Music available through cellular service. It won't need a new plan, but will require a data add-on to your existing plan.

"Now, you can go for a run with just your watch," said Jeff Williams, Apple's chief operating officer and in charge of Watch development.

Apple is also adding more fitness features to the Watch, and says it is now the most used heartrate monitor in the world. Now, Apple Watch will notify users when it detects an elevated heart rate when they don't appear to be active. It'll also detect abnormal heart rhythms.

The Series 3 will start at \$399. One without cellular goes for \$329, down from \$369 for the comparable model now. The original Series 1, without GPS, sells for \$249, down from \$269. The new watch comes out Sept. 22.

Cellular plans for smartwatches typically cost \$5 to \$10 a month. AT&T says its plans are \$10 a month. T-Mobile said the Watch connection will be free for the first three months and \$10 a month after for unlimited talk, text and data.

APPLE TV GETS UPGRADE

A new version of the Apple TV streaming device will be able to show video at "4K" resolution — a step up from high definition — and a color-improvement technology called high-dynamic range, or HDR.

Many rival devices already offer these features. But there isn't a lot of video in 4K and HDR yet, nor are there many TVs that can display it. Apple TV doesn't have its own display and needs to be connected to a TV.

Apple said it's been working with movie studios to bring titles with 4K and HDR to its iTunes store. They will be sold at the same prices as high-definition video, which tends to be a few dollars more than standard-definition versions. Apple said it's working with Netflix and Amazon Prime to bring their 4K originals to Apple TV, too.

The new Apple TV device will cost \$179 and ships on Sept. 22. A

version without 4K will cost less.

Without air conditioning, steamy Florida yearns for power



Lisa Borruso plays pool using a headlamp as the power remains out following Hurricane Irma at Gators' Crossroads in Naples, Fla., Monday, Sept. 11, 2017. Statewide, an estimated 13 million people, or two-thirds of Florida's population, remained without power. That's more than the population of New York and Los Angeles combined. Officials warned it could take weeks for electricity to be restored to everyone.

By GARY FINEOUT

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — In a state built on air conditioning, millions of Florida residents now want to know one thing: When will the power be back on?

Hurricane Irma's march across Florida and into the Southeast triggered one of the bigger blackouts in U.S. history, plunging as many as 13 million people into the dark as the storm dragged down power lines and blew out transform-

It also shattered the climate-controlled bubbles that enable people to live here despite the state's heat, humidity and insects.

Those who evacuated ahead of the hurricane are returning to homes without electricity facing the prospect of days or even weeks with little to ease the late-summer stickiness.

"Power, power," Gov. Rick Scott said. "The biggest thing we've got to do for people is get their power back."

The Irma blackout is still much smaller than a 2003 outage that put 50 million people in the dark.

More than 50,000 utility workers — some from as far away as Canada and California — are responding to the crisis, according

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to the association that represents the nation's investor-owned utilities.

The state's largest utility, Florida Power & Light, said Irma caused the most widespread damage company history, affecting all 35 counties in its territory, which is most of the state's Atlantic coast and the Gulf Coast south of Tampa.

On Tuesday, the company announced that it expected to have the lights back on by the end of the weekend for the east coast. Customers living in the hard-hit neighborhoods in southwest Florida, where damage was much more extensive, were expected to get power restored within 10 days.

While acknowledging the public's frustration, utility officials said they are getting power back on faster

than they did after Hurricane Wilma hit the state 12 years ago. The company said it had already restored service to nearly 1.8 million customers.

Any disaster that wipes out electrical service hits especially hard in the South, where tens of millions of Americans rely on the cocoon of comfort provided by air conditioning.

Without it, many cities could barely exist, let alone prosper. When the lights go out in Florida, the muggy, buggy reality can be jarring even to longtime residents.

There were signs on social media that some people were growing angry and tired of waiting.

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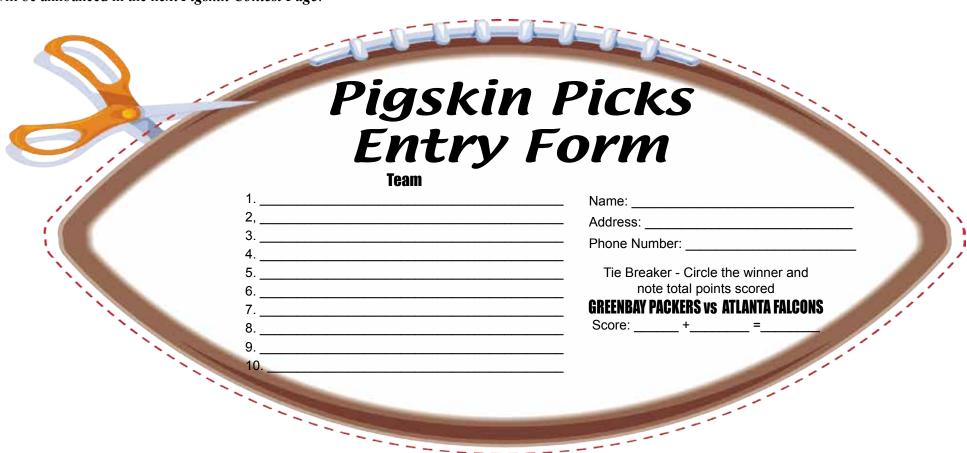


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Verlander leads Astros to 1-0 win over Angels



Houston Astros starting pitcher Justin Verlander throws to a Los Angeles Angels batter during the first inning of a baseball game in Anaheim, Calif., Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2017.

By GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer

ANAHEIM, Calif. — The Houston Astros gave up three prospects for Justin Verlander because they wanted a stopper for their World Series chase. After just two starts, the star right-hander is already giving them exactly what they need while they tune up for October.

Verlander pitched eight innings of one-hit ball, and the Astros snapped their four-game skid with a 1-0 victory over the Los Angeles Angels on Tuesday night.

Verlander (12-8) struck out nine in another overpowering performance for his new team. He held the Angels without a hit after Brandon Phillips' leadoff double in the first, allowing only Mike Trout to reach base on a walk and a hit by pitch.

"It feels good," Verlander said. "On a night when we really needed it after a tough series and an off day to reset, those are the kind of things that make you feel really good. I got in a rhythm, was able to have a couple of quick innings and just go from Verlander pitched six innings of one-run ball in

Seattle during his Houston debut last week. The Astros got swept in a four-game series at Oakland last weekend, but the six-time All-Star put them right back on course. "He loves the moment," Houston manager A.J.

Hinch said. "He was in complete control. Coming off the day off, it doesn't surprise me that he was going to set the tone."

Yuli Gurriel's second-inning single drove in the only run for the Astros (87-57), who lowered their magic number for clinching the AL West title to five by blanking the second-place Angels (73-71).

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Return for Yu: Prospect from Darvish deal makes Texas debut



Texas Rangers left fielder Willie Calhoun heads out of the dugout for the fourth inning of the team's baseball game against the Seattle Mariners on Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2017, in Arlington, Texas. Calhoun made his major league debut in the game.

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Willie Calhoun was planning to drive from Arizona to California on Tuesday since his Triple-A season was over. Instead, the prized prospect the Rangers got in the Yu Darvish trade flew to Texas for his major league debut.

Then he got an RBI single in his first at-bat, and finished 1-for-4 in the Rangers' 10-3 loss to the Seattle Mariners.

"It's been pretty crazy," Calhoun said before the game.

The Rangers purchased Calhoun's contract from Triple-A Round Rock, and he batted seventh and played left field. He pulled a single through the right side of the infield in the second inning.

Calhoun was one of three minor leaguers the Rangers got from the Los Angeles Dodgers in the July 31 trade that sent Darvish to the NL's top team.

"I try not to think about it as much. I don't put any extra pressure on myself at all," the 22-year-old Calhoun said about being acquired for the former Rangers ace. "I don't really think about that when I'm on the field. I just go out there and play my game and have fun."

Texas released righthander Tyson Ross (3-3, 7.71 ERA) to make room on the 40-man roster. Ross, signed as a free agent last winter, missed the first 2 1/2 months of the season recovering from Thoracic Outlet Syndrome and was out another 2 1/2 weeks because of a blister on his right index finger.

When Round Rock's season ended Sept. 4, the Rangers didn't immediately promote Calhoun. But since then, center fielder Carlos Gomez rolled his right ankle coming out of the

batter's box Saturday,

and right fielder Nomar Mazara was the designated hitter again Tuesday while dealing with left quad tightness.

Plus, part-time left fielder Joey Gallo is needed in the infield with third baseman Adrian Beltre (left hamstring strain) and first baseman Mike Napoli (ankle) both banged up.

The first action for Calhoun came in the top of the second when Mike Zunino had an RBI single to left. The 5-foot-8 rookie cleanly fielded the ball but his throw was just a bit off line and Nelson Cruz slid in just ahead of the tag.

Calhoun ran a long way to make a sliding catch along the left-field line to take a potential hit away from Kyle Seager in the fifth. Three innings later, Seager hit another ball to left and Calhoun made an

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Boudia preparing to make 1 more chase at Olympic gold



Olympic gold medalist diver and former Purdue standout David Boudia smiles during a news conference Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2017, on the campus of Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind. The 28-year-old Texan announced Tuesday that he intends to qualify for his fourth U.S. team in 2020.

By MICHAEL MAROT

AP Sports Writer

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — David Boudia is diving right back into another Olympic chase.

The 28-year-old Texan pulled a surprise Tuesday by announcing he's coming back in hopes of making his

fourth U.S. team. Many thought Boudia called the news conference at Purdue, his alma mater, to say goodbye to the sport that turned him into an Olympic gold medalist and an international star. Instead, the three-time Olympian told reporters he'd been training with synchro partner Steele Johnson and other Boilermakers divers since mid-June and was prepared to go all the way to Tokyo in 2020.

"Teammates would call me grandpa, so in my mind I was thinking, 'maybe I should be done with this sport," Boudia said. "But when I look back on the last four years leading up to Rio, I saw a lot of missed opportunities where I could have been a better mentor for my teammates."

That's Boudia's motivation — to help teammates and other divers around the world.

But the decision was no sure bet.

Boudia acknowledged he was "mentally fatigued" before the 2016 Rio Games and needed a year away from the rigid training regimen to make a clear decision.

Even then, he wasn't sure if his wife, Sonnie, would be on board. That's when he consulted longtime coach Adam Soldati to come up with a threeyear plan that would help Boudia cut weight, get in shape and be competitive enough to medal again in 2020.

"I needed to hear a lot of things from him. I needed to hear his purpose, what he was doing this for," Soldati said. "If he had said I don't feel satisfied or there's more to achieve, I'd have ended the conversation right there. But he wanted to do it No. 1 so he could provide for his family, and there's nothing wrong with that, and No. 2 because he saw the pieces where he could influence people.'

Boudia made the decision seem every bit as natural as the twists and flips off that helped him become the 2012 Olympic platform champion.

At first, Boudia sounded like he was giving a retirement speech. He even posed for family photos with his wife,

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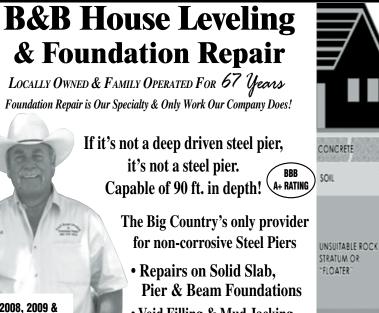
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Solar Square to Saturn

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). There may be legitimate reasons for futile pursuits. As impossible as the standard of perfection may be, there are excellent near-perfect findings along the way to make such a quest worthwhile.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Not every appetite is an indulgence. More often than not, what you crave will point you to what your body and soul know will nourish you. Follow an interest into the deeper and more nourishing

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Of course you stand for something: You stand for a lot of things, in fact. That being the case, there's no need to go out of your way to find new things to stand for. This is a day to relax and just be who you are.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). In the case where the boss is away, inept or nonexistent, someone has to lead. You'll be good at it. You'll call some key shots, in a manner that is necessary and beneficial to you and all involved.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You refuse to give a mood too much sway over your schedule. Moods come and go. You prefer to make decisions based on your overall vision of your life, not the moment-to-moment minutiae of feelings.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Repetition makes for ease...

cy. That seems to be

that is until it makes for weariness and exhaustion. Practice

until you get good -but then know when to quit. Recognize the point of diminishing returns.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The competition isn't always coming at you from an opposing side. Often it's your nearest and dearest who are the most competitive with you, which adds complications to the scene today.

SCORPIO (Oct. **24-Nov. 21).** You want something that scares you. The prospect of having what you want is even more frightening than the possibility of never having it, but you're brave, so you'll go for it anyway.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're a hard worker today, with deeper wells of self-discipline than usual. Take advantage of these focusing powers while they last. Also look for ways to apply more of your talents to the task at hand.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It will be important to separate your identity from your opinions. Your opinions -- even

be a model partner

to her. I have always

your beliefs -- may change as you come to understand more about the world. Who you are is much deeper than one worldview.

AQUARIUS (Jan. **20-Feb. 18).** People connect in the soft parts of their hearts. Those are also the vulnerable parts. You cannot make that connection without leaving yourself somewhat vulnerable. On some level you have to agree to get hurt. PISCES (Feb.

19-March 20). If relationships were emotional weather, some would be a gentle wind through the mind and others would put you on tornado watch. Then again, you can be a bit of a storm chaser these days. It's one way to fight the ennui. **TODAY'S BIRTH-**DAY (Sept. 13). If this

year were a musical score, it would have the soaring melodies of a John Williams action/adventure piece. You'll make friends who up your game. The financial infusion next month will be well-invested in education or travel. The end of the year will bring a merging of families. May is the

most romantic month. Pisces and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 36, 2, 28 and 31. **DELICIOUS**

SEPT. 13TH BIRTH-

birthday profiles focus

on celebrating the liv-

ing, although there are

DAYS: Our usual

usually many other people of note born on the same day. Sept. 13 has more than its fair share of famous birthdays, including the birthday of one of the most beloved candy makers of all time, Milton Hershey, born in the year 1857. This iconic Virgo had lucky Jupiter, and the outer planet influences of Uranus and Pluto, in the sign of the appetite: Taurus. Taurus energy inspires a love of the sensual aspects of the world, and a focus on luxury and quality. Hershey's values can be experienced firsthand in a bite of a candy bar or on a stroll down the scent-sational streets of Hershey, Pennsylvania, known as the sweetest place on earth. It is said that one can taste chocolate in the air there!

Speaking of chocolate, also born on Sept. 13 in the year

1916 was beloved author of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," Roald Dahl. This prolific Virgo talent also had Jupiter in Taurus, in the sign of the appetite. And when he passed away in 1990, he was reportedly buried with, among other things, fine wine -- and chocolate!

CELEBRITY PRO-FILES: "Slow Hands" singer Niall Horan is topping the charts with his solo work in 2016. The One Direction star and Teen Choice award winner has a broad range of musical tastes from Frank Sinatra to Bon Jovi. For Virgo, it's more about the quality than the genre. Horan was born when the moon and Venus were in Leo, indicating that his heart and soul thrive when he's being creative and entertaining

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others.

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Dull Sex Life

Dear Annie: My wife and I have been married for close to 40 years. Though the sex was never great, it at least used to be enjoyable. Now it is getting pretty disappointing. We have sex about twice a month. The frequency is not great enough for me, but the bigger issue is the way we do it: without much intimathe way she likes it. There is no passion in our kissing and hasn't been for at least 20 years. Every couple of weeks, we have

that I have tried to



By Steve Becker

South's plan would certainly have

succeeded on the great majority of

occasions, but in this case West ruffed

the king and returned a trump, and

declarer later lost another diamond to

At the second table, South like-

wise got to six spades, and again the

opening lead was the jack of dia-

monds. But here declarer made the

slam, and there was nothing the

After taking the jack with the ace,

South returned the five of diamonds!

This play guaranteed the contract

regardless of how the opposing cards were divided, so it is hard to find fault with it. South realized there was

no way the defenders could prevent

him from ruffing the seven of diamonds with the king of trumps as

soon as he regained the lead, and the

umpteenth time that when declarer

feels certain of his contract, he should

always ask himself: "Is there any-

Had the declarer at the first table

asked himself this question, he would

have realized that the only thing that

could stop the slam was a 6-1 diamond division. He might then have

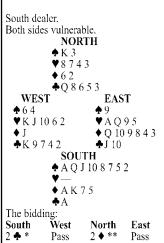
found the same low diamond play at

slam was therefore unbeatable. The hand demonstrates for the

thing that can defeat me?

defenders could do to stop him.

What can defeat me?



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casual observer, but which upon reexamination prove to be far more sensible than is at first apparent. Consider this deal from a team-offour match. At the first table, West

There are plays in bridge that may seem to make no sense to the

led the diamond jack against six spades. South won with the ace and continued with the king, planning to ruff a diamond high in dummy next and thus assure the slam.

sex in the same exact routine fashion. I want to give her pleasure, but she seems to just want to get it over with. I really miss the intimate part of sex, as I love kissing and caressing and appreciating her body. I also want to state

worked, and I am the main breadwinner. It is rare when I have more than one beer, and I only get together with the guys once or twice a year. I am pretty much a homebody, but I do go with my wife to visit her parents, whom we moved to an assisted living facility nearby several years ago. I am in very good shape for a man in his early 60s, and I always stay well-groomed. I maintain the yard and do at least half the household chores. When the kids were growing up, I did the majority of the chores and taking care of them, as my wife's job required her to work long hours. We get along great, with the only complaint being in the bed. We are still too young to have such a mundane sex life. She knows I

want more intimacy,

but she has no desire

to provide it and says

she's content with the

way things are. -- Un-

satisfied

Dear Unsatisfied: One thing that stuck out in your letter is that you get together with your friends only once or twice a year. Being the "model partner" does not mean losing your identity outside of the relationship. Focus a bit more on yourself and doing things you find fun. Perhaps giving your wife a little space will create the room for a desire to grow.

Another thing: Routine in general life patterns can lead to routine in intimacy. You've got to change course now and then to switch out of autopilot. Take a trip somewhere you've never been. Pick up a new hobby together. Rediscover excitement together outside the bedroom and it might follow you into it.

Dear Annie: Could I suggest some

more advice for "Louise," the 81-year-old woman depressed by aging? First, write! Transcribe your favorite childhood

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memories. Describe other family members. Recollect the sweetest times with your children. Commit to paper all the experiences you'd like to relive. If you do, you will never be just a faded photograph a generation from now. To anyone who reads your journals, you will be unforgettable!

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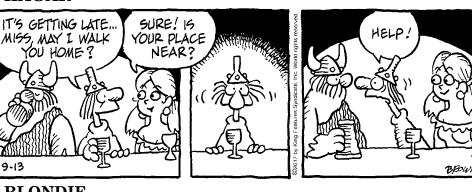
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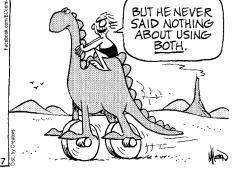






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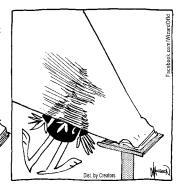




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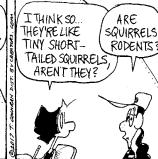






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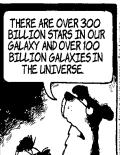






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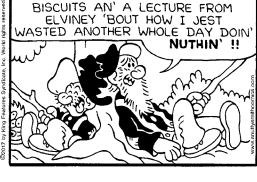






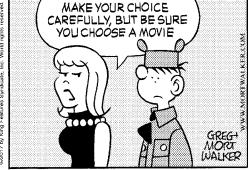






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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 13, the 256th day of 2017. There are 109 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On September 13, 1788, the Congress of the Confederation authorized the first national election, and declared New York City the temporary national capital.

On this date: In 1759, during the French and Indian War, the British defeated the French on the Plains of Abraham overlooking

In 1814, during the War of 1812, British naval forces began bombarding Fort McHenry in Baltimore but were driven back by American defenders in a battle that lasted until the following morning.

Quebec City.

In 1911, the song "Oh, You Beautiful Doll," a romantic rag by Nat D. Ayer and Seymour Brown, was first published by

Jerome H. Remick & Co. In 1923, Miguel Primo de Rivera the cantain general of Catalonia, seized power in

In 1948, Republican Margaret Chase Smith of Maine was elected to the U.S. Senate; she became the first woman to serve in both houses of

Congress. In 1959, Elvis Presley first

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met his future wife, 14-year-old Priscilla Beaulieu, while stationed in West Germany with the U.S. Army. (They married in 1967, but divorced in 1973.)

In 1962, Mississippi Gov. Ross Barnett rejected the U.S. Supreme Court's order for the University of Mississippi to admit James Meredith, a black student, declaring in a televised address, "We will not drink from the cup of genocide."

In 1971, a four-day inmates'

Correctional Facility in western New York ended as police and guards stormed the prison; the ordeal and final assault claimed the lives of 32 inmates and 11 hostages. In 1977, conductor Leopold

rebellion at the

Stokowski died in Hampshire, England, at age 95. In 1989, Fay Vincent was

elected commissioner of Major League Baseball, succeeding the late A. Bartlett Giamatti (juh-MAH'-tee). In 1997, funeral services were

held in Calcutta, India, for Nobel peace laureate Mother Teresa.

In 2002, the earliest known online use of the term "selfie" (a photographic self-portrait, usually taken with a smartphone) occurred on an Australian Broadcasting Corp. website forum; it came from a

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man named Nathan Hope, who denied coining the term, saying it was "common slang."

Five years ago: Chanting "death to America," hundreds of protesters angered by an anti-Islam film stormed the U.S. Embassy compound in Yemen's capital and burned the American flag. New York City's Board of Health passed a ban on the sale of big sodas and other sugary drinks, limiting the size sold at restaurants, concession stands and other eateries to 16 ounces.

One year ago: Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump rolled out a plan aimed at making child care more affordable, guaranteeing new mothers six weeks of paid maternity leave and suggesting new incentives for employees to provide their workers childcare during a speech in Aston, Pennsylvania.



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BOUDIA

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their oldest daughter, Dakoda, and three-week-old Mila.

But as he continued, Boudia's intentions became clear.

"Absolutely not," USA Diving CEO Lee Johnson said when asked if he was surprised. "Being around athletes like David, they have 'it.' They have that fire and some gas in the tank so I wasn't surprised at all.'

Having Boudia, one of the most decorated divers in U.S. history, should give the Americans a huge

His signature moment came when he upset the heavily favored Chinese divers to take gold in London. The win ended a 12-year Olympic drought for the USA Diving and a 20year drought for the American men.

Boudia also added a bronze medal in 2012 platform synchro, shared the silver medal with Johnson in platform synchro in Rio and added the bronze in platform individual last summer, proving the old man of diving could still compete effectively against younger, sprier athletes.

He also owns four silver medals and one bronze from five world championship

TEXAS

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other sliding attempt. ruled Umpires trapped the ball, but he still got a forceout at second base after another runner retreated to first thinking the catch had been made.

Beltre was reinstated from the disabled list Tuesday, and took batting practice on the field for the first time since getting hurt Aug. 31. The newest member of the 3,000-hit club hasn't run yet, but said he has felt improvement. With expanded September rosters, there is plenty of room to have him listed

as an active player. "If it was August, he'd still be on the DL," general manager Jon Daniels said. "I don't think he's going to be able to run much. He's still a ways off from that. Could he in theory, perfect game situation, be available to pinch hit? I guess that would be the possibility, and I don't know that answer yet."

Known more for his hitting, Calhoun played mostly left field for Round Rock after playing second base in the Dodgers organization. He hit .300 with 31 home runs and 93 RBIs in 128 Triple-A games.

Manager Jeff Banister said Calhoun would be a regular player for the wild card-hopeful Rang-

"This is a guy, young player, that has shown promise, and we have a need," Banister said. "Our people feel like this guy has an opportunity to hit at this level."

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ances. Boudia qualified for every U.S. national team since 2005, won 20 national titles and finished second at the world championships in 2013 and 2015 before taking a muchneeded break after Rio that has helped return with a refreshing out-

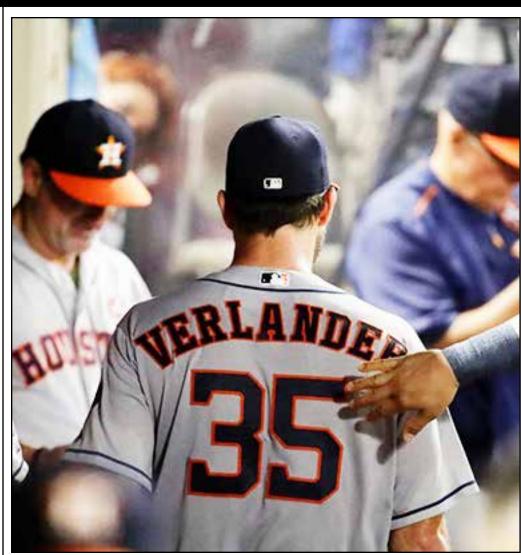
Other divers revere Boudia for his charming demeanor and fiercely competitive intensity. Many even stop to watch Boudia, wishing they could come as close to perfection as Boudia sometimes did.

But the questions this time weren't about talent or passion. They were about commitment and the need to take care of his family.

"We all want to take the path of least resistance," Soldati said. "Leading into Rio, it was kind of like 'Well, maybe this is easier to be done with this.' And then you look at it from the other side and you say, 'Well, this isn't easier. It's different but it isn't easier."

Boudia saw it another way, though. After writing a book and appearing as a judge on the reality television program "Splash," Boudia still had too much unfinished business.

"Being able to step away from the sport was the best thing I could have done, and I missed the relationships I had at the pool," Boudia said. "I just felt like this was what I was supposed to do."



Houston Astros starting pitcher Justin Verlander is greeted in the dugout after the seventh inning of a baseball game against the Los Angeles Angels in Anaheim, Calif., Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2017.

ASTROS

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appear-

Los Angeles has lost four of five to fall two games behind Minnesota (75-69) for the second AL wild card.

LITTLE PUSH

Ken Giles gave up another double to Phillips in the ninth, but the Angels' new infielder slipped off the base after his slide and was tagged out by shortstop Carlos Correa.

Phillips and manager Mike Scioscia vehemently argued that Correa had nudged Phillips off the bag, to no avail.

"I'm not mad about it, because I would have done the same thing," said Phillips, the veteran second baseman. "I fell for my own trick. He just did a smart play, and that changed the whole game."

Giles then got Trout on a grounder to complete his 30th save in 34 chances.

NEW GUYS

Justin Upton went 0 for 3 and Phillips was 2 for 4 in their home debuts for the Angels, who acquired both veterans in

trades right before the start of their justcompleted road trip.

"It was great to play at home for the first time with these guys," said Phillips, who already found a house near the beach to enjoy September with his family.

GOOD START

Garrett Richards (0-1) pitched five innings of four-hit ball in his second start back from a five-month injury absence for the Angels.

The right-hander yielded one run on three singles in the second, but faced no other trouble while striking out four. His first appearance at the Big A since April 25, 2016, was another solid step on his road back from arm injuries that have derailed his past two seasons.

"He spent the pitches that he was allotted," Scioscia said. "We were thrilled he could get us through five innings."

Richards missed 135 games with a biceps strain after making one start in April. He made only six starts in 2016 before tearing a ligament in his right elbow, but he avoided Tommy John surgery with rehabilitation — only to experience more arm woes this season.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Astros: Lance McCullers Jr. was scratched from his scheduled start Wednesday after he reported arm fatigue during pregame throwing. McCullers was supposed to make his second start back from a monthlong absence due to a

Angels: LHP Andrew Heaney will miss at least one start with an "impingement" in his shoulder, Scioscia said. Heaney missed most of the past two seasons recovering from Tommy John surgery, returning to the rotation five starts ago.

UP NEXT

Astros: Mike Fiers (8-9, 4.87 ERA) will get the spot start to fill in for McCullers. Fiers has made 27 starts this season, but lost his spot in the rotation last week with Verlander's arrival and the return of Mc-Cullers from the disabled list.

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Stars turn out to push for donations for hurricane ${f relief}$ Willie Nelson, Raitt to headline Texas

By DAVID BAUDER

AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Urged on by dozens of stars who turned out to sing, tell stories and plead for support for hurricane victims in a one-hour televised benefit, organizers said more than \$44 million was raised Tuesday and donations are still being accepted.

With Stevie Wonder singing "Lean on Me" and Usher and Blake Shelton joining for "Stand By Me," the message was clear: Americans were being asked to help those whose lives were upended by wind and rain.

Justin Bieber, George Clooney, Barbra Streisand, Al Pacino, Lupita Nyong'o, Jay Leno and dozens of others sat at phone banks to accept donations. Beyonce, Will Smith and Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson sent in taped pleas for support during the event, shown on more than a dozen television networks and online simultane-

Originally conceived as a benefit for victims of Hurricane Harvey in Texas, the "Hand in Hand" telethon was expanded to help people in Florida and the Caribbean devastated in recent days by Irma.

"We're here to raise money, lift some spirits," said Jamie Foxx, standing with actor Leonardo Di-Caprio. "When tough times hit, this is who we are. We're compassionate. We're unstoppable."

Hollywood talent manager Scooter Braun, who organized the event with Houston rap artist Bun B, said that after the show, all the celebrities manning the phone banks stayed to take more calls. "No one left," he said. "Everyone just kept answering

phones and answering phones and answering phones. People want to give. Like, people want to help. And you don't have to be a celebrity to do it."

For many of the stars, the storms hit close to

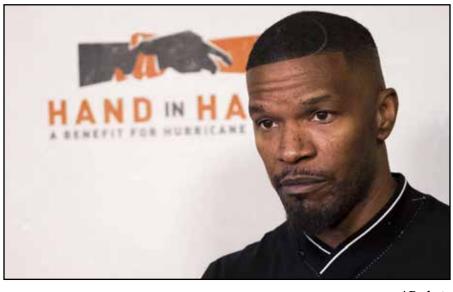
"I have family in Puerto Rico, I have family in Miami. I've been on the road. I haven't been able to be there. So you can imagine how it's been," "Despacito" singer Luis Fonsi said after the show, adding that all his family, including his wife and young children in Miami, survived the storm and are safe.

""Helpless — helpless is an understatement," Fonsi said of being on tour and unable to be with his family. He noted that his experience paled in comparison to the pain the storms have caused for many.

"You can imagine how frustrating it is to not be able to sort of protect your own family," he said. "Imagine all of these people that have nothing to do. The videos that you see online. So as an artist, as a singer, I think it's part of our job, it's part of our resume, to take time off and come together and do these kind of things."

The quick-moving show took a form familiar to viewers since a sad template was set in the wake of the 2001 terrorist attacks.

Celebrities requested donations, told heartwarming survival stories involving people caught in the storm and sang songs. Several organizations will benefit, including the United Way and Save the Chil-



Jamie Foxx attends Hand in Hand: A Benefit for Hurricane Harvey Relief at ABC Studios on Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2017 in cials say floating barges outfitted with living quar-New York.

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Stages in Los Angeles, New York and Nashville, Tennessee, were filled simultaneously, although the night's final performance — a tribute to Texans by George Strait, Robert Earl Keen, Chris Stapleton, Miranda Lambert and Lyle Lovett — originated from San Antonio.

Fonsi and Tori Kelly sang "Hallelujah" together. Dave Matthews picked his guitar from a studio above New York's Times Square, and Darius Rucker, Brad Paisley, Demi Lovato and Cece Winans sang the Beatles' "With a Little Help From My Friends." Wonder, backed by a gospel chorus, opened the show with the Bill Withers classic.

"Natural disasters don't discriminate," Beyonce said. "They don't care if you're an immigrant, black or white, Hispanic or Asian, Jewish or Muslim,

wealthy or poor." Cher and Oprah Winfrey told the story behind a frequently seen picture of strangers forming a human chain to save someone from flooding in Houston.

Usually competitive network morning personalities Matt Lauer, Norah O'Donnell and Michael Strahan stood before a satellite image of an ominous Irma to describe devastation the storm had

Donations were announced from some deep pockets. Computer maker Michael Dell and his wife, Susan, pledged to match the first \$10 million in donations

They've given a total of \$41 million to the Rebuild Texas Fund. Basketball star Chris Paul gave \$20,000 and said the NBA Players Association would match donations of up to the same amount given by any NBA player.

storm benefit concert

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Willie Nelson, Paul Simon, James Taylor and Bonnie Raitt are among the stars headlining a benefit concert next week to help Texas residents affected by Hurricane Harvey.

Organizers said the "Harvey Can't Mess With Texas" concert will be held in Austin on Sept. 22. It will be broadcast live on 11 Tegna stations in the state and on YouTube.

Also scheduled to perform are Lyle Lovett and Leon Bridges. Actors Renee Zellweger and Matthew McConaughey are scheduled to make special appearances at the four-hour show at the Frank Erwin Center. Tickets go on sale Wednesday afternoon. Prices range from \$30 to \$199; proceeds will benefit the Rebuild Texas Fund.

Barges to provide housing for some **Harvey-displaced Texans**

PORT ARTHUR, Texas (AP) — Government offiters will provide temporary homes for hundreds of Southeast Texas residents displaced by Hurricane Harvey. Port Arthur Mayor Derrick Freeman on Tuesday announced the housing plan for as many as 600 people left homeless after Harvey. Freeman says two floating barges will provide living space and three meals a day, plus laundry facilities.

Funeral to be held for Houston officer who died in flooding

HOUSTON (AP) — Family, friends and colleagues are set to attend the funeral service of a Houston police officer who drowned last month after becoming trapped in Hurricane Harvey-related flooding while driving to work.

The funeral for 60-year-old Sgt. Steve Perez is set to begin Wednesday morning. Police say Perez became trapped in his patrol car in a flooded highway underpass while heading to work before dawn on Aug. 27.Police say the funeral will be held at Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in downtown Houston. Police will then escort the funeral possession to the Houston National Cemetery for a private burial service. Houston police Chief Art Acevedo has said Perez's wife urged him to stay home that morning but Acevedo says Perez told his wife: "I've got work to do."

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