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## City council sets new tax rate and budget at Tuesday's meeting Also inks lease agreement with Oregon-based turbine repair Moventas Inc.

**By ROGER CLINE**  
 Staff Writer

At their meeting Tuesday evening, the Big Spring City Council locked in the tax rate and budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

The final reading of both measures was voted on at the meeting; both passed unanimously.

The newly finalized ad valorem tax rate is 84.2320 cents per \$100 valuation, an increase of 6.36 percent over the effective tax rate, which is the rate which would be required to maintain the same amount of revenue the city received this year. According to the ordinance enacted to



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set the rate, owners of homes valued at \$100,000 can expect to pay \$51.85 more in property tax to the city during the coming year.

The ordinance also broke the new rate into broad categories. Of the 84,2320 cents per \$100: 70.6778 cents per \$100 will go to the General Fund to pay city expenses and make general improvements to the city; i.e., main-

tenance and operations. 13.5542 cents per \$100 will go toward paying interest and providing a sinking fund for payment of bonds and certificates of obligation the city has outstanding. The latter includes 5.8988 cents per \$100 to a general obligation bond and 0.2744 cents per \$100 to a certificate of obligation, both issued in 2007; 2.6748 cents per \$100 to a certificate of obligation issued in 2010; and 4.7062 cents per \$100 to a general obligation bond is-

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sued in 2016. The council also approved the 2017-2018 city budget in the amount of \$52.7 million.

In other business, the council approved moving forward with the asbestos monitoring and abatement of a building at McMahan-Wrinkle Airpark, and a lease of that building, for a wind turbine repair and maintenance company which is relocating to Big Spring.

Airpark Director Jim Little said that Portland, Ore., based Moventas Inc. plans to move most of its operations to Big Spring. The company has already occupied a couple of buildings in town, and are contracting with the city for the use of Building Nine at the airpark prior to constructing a new facility adjacent to Interstate 20

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## Volunteers craft 'Empty Bowls'



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Volunteers make bowls in preparation for United Way's Empty Bowls fundraiser which will be held Nov. 16 in the East Room of Howard College's Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

## Forsan Homecoming 2017



Courtesy photos Forsan High School recently announced its Homecoming 2017 Court. Above, top row, left to right are Tatum Miller, Chasidy Grantham, Jenna Evans, Jillian Jones; bottom row, Kassey Darden, Zadie Andrews, Lexie Gee, Elizabeth Long. Below top, 2017's Homecoming duchesses are, left to right, Freshman-Zadie Andrews, daughter of Eric and Amy Andrews Sophomore-Kassey Darden, granddaughter of Claudia Darden, Junior-Tatum Miller, daughter

of Ed and Laurel Miller; below bottom, Homecoming Queen nominees include top, left to right, Chasidy Grantham, daughter of Rodney and Dena Grantham; Jenna Evans, daughter of Danny and Penny Evans; Jillian Jones, daughter of Rodney and Sheila Jones; bottom, Elizabeth Long, daughter of Kelly and Angie Long; Lexie Gee, daughter of Luke and Angelic Bowlin.

## Trump, GOP tax plan cuts rates, nearly doubles deduction

**By MARCY GORDON and ANDREW TAYLOR**

Associated Press WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump and congressional Repub-

licans are proposing a far-reaching, \$5 trillion plan Wednesday that would cut taxes for individuals and corporations, simplify the tax system and nearly double the standard deduction used by most Americans.

The plan is sweeping in scope but omits critical, controversial details that are likely to take months to work out in a bitterly divid-

ed, GOP-led Congress. The political stakes are high for Republicans and for Trump, whose agenda has largely stalled as the GOP abandoned efforts to repeal the Obama-era health law. Republicans see tax overhaul as a once-in-a-generation opportunity that could produce a large political

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## Police & Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **JENNIFER GAIL DIXON**, 34, of 217 County Road 2321 in Dayton was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **APRIL DENISE ROZELL**, 40, of 102 Airbase Road was arrested on a warrant for driving with an invalid license.
- **MATTHEW ERIN STURGILL**, 20, of 1216 15th St. was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana less than two ounces and possession of a controlled substance one to four grams.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 4100 block of South Highway 87 and the 1500 block of Sycamore Street.
- **THEFT** was reported in the

600 block of South Scurry Street.

- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 600 block of Caylor Drive.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 200 block of East Third Street.

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

- Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 63 inmates at the time of this report.
- **BRADLEY ALAN DALTON**, 26, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for evading arrest or detention.
- **JENNIFER GAIL DIXON**, 34, was booked by BSPD on a charge

of public intoxication.

- **MARCUS MANUEL MARTINEZ**, 31, was booked by HCSO on warrants for bondsman off bond for theft of property (\$100 to \$750) and bail jumping/failure to appear.
- **KETAKUMAR BHULABHAI PATEL**, 40, was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **APRIL DENISE ROZELL**, 40, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for driving with an invalid license.
- **MATTHEW ERIN STURGILL**, 20, was booked by BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana less than two ounces and possession of a controlled substance one to four grams.

## Take Note

• Howard County Crop Tour will be Oct. 10, 2017. Registration starts at 9 a.m. at the G.C. Broughton Jr. Ag Complex. At 9:30 a.m. the tour will feature Brooks Farm, Variety Trials, a Fertilizer Test, and the Harvest Aid Trial. At 11:30 a.m. is the IPM Update by Dr. Charles Allen. Lunch is at 12:30 p.m. Sponsors include the Big Spring Gin, Bayer Crop Sciences, and Nexgen. Three continuing education units will be awarded.

• 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 to eat.

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 at 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 ½ Main St. All Masons are welcome.

• Membership to the Big Spring Native American Association is open to the public. People interested in Native American culture are encouraged to find out more about the organization by calling Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125,

• 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.

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

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

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

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## Obituaries

### Jack Cathey Sr.

Jack Cathey Sr., 87, died Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2017, at his home. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home.

### Willie Mae Greenfield

Willie Mae Greenfield, 82, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2017, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

## 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.

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# TRUMP

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payoff, though some polls show the public is skeptical that average Americans will benefit much.

"Too many in our country are shut out of the dynamism of the U.S. economy, which has led to the justifiable feeling that the system is rigged against hardworking Americans," says the blueprint, obtained by The Associated Press. "With significant and meaningful tax reform and relief, we will create a fairer system that levels the playing field and extends economic opportunities to American workers, small businesses, and middle-income families." The public unveiling of the plan was set for later Wednesday. There are no details on how much it would cost, though back-of-the-envelope estimates by outside experts put the tax cuts in the range of \$5 trillion over the next 10 years. The net cost to the federal debt would be far less —

probably in the range of \$1.5 trillion under deal hatched by Senate Budget Committee Republicans — and the real battles ahead will come as lawmakers quarrel over which tax breaks might be eliminated to help pay the balance.

The plan nearly doubles the standard deduction to \$12,000 for individuals and \$24,000 for families. This basically increases the amount of personal income that is tax-free.

It collapses the number of personal tax brackets from seven to three. By simplifying the system, most Americans would be able to file their taxes on a postcard, the plan says.

"This is our once-in-a-generation opportunity to fundamentally rethink our tax code. We can unleash the economy — promoting growth, attracting jobs, and improving American competitiveness in the global market," said Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky. "We can lower taxes for individuals and families,

so hardworking Americans are able to keep more of their hard-earned money."

Deductions for mortgage interest and charitable giving would remain, but the plan seeks to end most other itemized deductions that can reduce how much affluent families pay.

But a battle is already brewing among Republicans over a move to eliminate the deduction for state and local taxes, which is especially valuable to people in high-tax states such as New York, New Jersey and California. Republicans from those states are vowing to fight it.

It retains existing tax benefits for college and retirement savings such as 401(k) contribution plans.

The individual tax rates would be 12 percent, 25 percent and 35 percent — and the plan recommends a surcharge for the very wealthy. But it does not set the income levels at which the rates would apply, so it's unclear just how much of a tax change there might be for a

typical family.

The plan would seek to help families by calling for an increased child tax credit and opening it to families with higher incomes. The credit currently is \$1,000 per child.

Also proposed is a new tax credit of \$500 to help pay for the care of the elderly and the sick who are claimed as dependents by the taxpayer.

The estate tax — which is paid by those with multimillion-inheritances — would be eliminated, a boon for wealthy individuals who inherit businesses, investments and real estate.

Companies would find themselves paying substantially lower tax rates, part of an effort to make U.S. businesses more competitive globally. The plan would impose a new, one-tax, lower tax on corporate profits stashed overseas, and create a new tax structure for overseas business operations of U.S. companies.

Corporations would see their top tax rate cut from 35 percent to 20 percent. For

a period of five years, companies could further reduce how much they pay by immediately writing off their investments.

New benefits would be given to firms in which the profits double as the owners' personal income. They would pay at a 25 percent rate, down 39.6 percent. This creates a possible loophole for rich investors, lawyers, doctors and others, but administration officials say they will design measures to prevent any abuses.

The administration says the tax plan is focused on helping middle class families. But — despite six months of talks with congressional leaders — the outline still lacks vital details about how middle class families would fare. There are also signs that the wealthiest sliver of Americans could still reap tremendous benefits from the proposed changes, even though Trump has suggested that rich will not be better off.

# CITY

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in or near Big Spring. In discussion of Moventas at the council meeting, Little said that the company would initially employ about 10 people locally, but that number could potentially increase in the future.

"They do the gearing," he said. "We have a good community of that particular system around here, and they can work on any of them, is my understanding. What they will be doing is, they'll be using our building as a warehouse and possibly even a test facility for the generators themselves. That can be an expansion of the use of the building, but initially it'll be for storage and getting stuff ready to go out in the field."

District Six Councilman Jim DePauw thanked Little and Economic Development Corporation Director Terry Wegman for their work with Moventas to bring them to Big Spring.

"I want to thank Col. Little and Terry Wegman for the good work on landing the Moventas contract," DePauw said. "That's a big deal, and hopefully it will prove to be an even bigger deal here in a couple of years or so. I think it will."

The council also awarded annual bids on materials and services used by the city each year, including janitorial services at downtown city buildings and at the Dora Roberts Community Center; various industrial chemicals; fleet fuel services; and uniform service. The council approved all staff recommendations for bids, which (excluding the fleet fuel services) totaled \$426,633.30. The bids were awarded to Manny's Janitorial Service of Big Spring for downtown and DRCC janitorial services; Chameleon Industries of Midland for aluminum sulfate; DPC Industries of Sweetwater for anhydrous ammonia, liquid chlorine, and sulfur dioxide; Polydyne Inc. of Riceboro, Ga., for polymer; and Ameripride of Odessa for uniform service. The fleet fuel service contract was awarded to Kent Companies of Midland; the city will be paying 12 cents per gallon above rack for unleaded and diesel fuel, or about 3 cents per gallon less than general retail.

DePauw praised Assistant City Manager John Medina for his work toward improving the city's record of obtaining multiple bids for the items.

"I especially want to do a shout out to Mr. Medina and his staff

for their efforts, because for the past two years, I've griped at them about single bidders on the chemicals. We had an excellent discussion the other day about that, and I know they've worked hard to get more bidders, and it just doesn't happen. The nature of that is, there are just very few people that supply some of these chemicals. And the nature of the chemicals being hazardous in some cases and requiring special transportation, just limits you to one bidder."

Going forward, DePauw advocated exploring ways to invest in alternate technology to do the same job without chemicals or with other, less costly, substitutes.

"I like the thought of looking at technology and not being put into a bind where we're subject to this chemical," he said. "There's another way, possibly, and then you weigh those two methods and decide how to go forward on that."

The council also:

- Adopted a resolution declaring October 2017 "Community Planning Month" in Big Spring. Aubrey Weaver Jr., who serves on both the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Zoning Board of Adjustments for the city, was on hand to accept the resolution.

- Approved on first reading a measure adjusting traffic schedules for school zone speed limits to reflect new start times at Big Spring elementary schools.

- Heard and approved the city's investment report from Finance Director Donald Moore. One item of note in the report was the move of all city funds which had been invested in Wells Fargo Bank to BBVA Compass Bank. The shift totaled about \$7.86 million.

"The city is required to have a depository, which means we do most of our business with a local bank," Moore said. "We had been with Compass, we went to Wells Fargo, and there was a misunderstanding, mainly in my staff, and we felt that Compass was a better deal financially and a better fit for the city, so we came back to Compass."

Moore also said that the interest rate paid by the two banks on the city's holdings was the deciding factor in making the shift.

# 'Nothing, nothing.' Aid lags in hurricane-torn Puerto Rico

By **BEN FOX and DANICA COTO**

Associated Press

MONTEBELLO, Puerto Rico (AP) — Relatives helped Maribel Valentin Espino find shelter when Hurricane Maria roared through her community in northern Puerto Rico. Neighbors formed volunteer brigades to cut fallen trees and clear twisty mountain roads after the storm had passed. Now, friends and a local cattle ranch provide the water they need to survive in the tropical heat.

Valentin and her husband say they have not seen anyone from the Puerto Rican government, much less the Federal Emergency Management Agency, since the storm tore up the island Sept. 20, killing at least 16 people and leaving nearly all 3.4 million people in Puerto Rico without power and most without water.

"People say FEMA is going to help us," Valentin said Tuesday as she showed Associated Press journalists around the sodden wreckage of her home. "We're waiting."

Many others are also waiting for help from anyone from the federal or Puerto Rican government. But the scope of the devastation is so broad, and the relief effort so concentrated in San Juan, that many people from outside the

capital say they have received little to no help.

Valentin, her husband and teenage son live in one such area, Montebello, a 20-minute drive into what used to be lushly forested mountains near the northern coastal municipality of Manati. Hurricane Maria's Category 4 winds stripped the trees bare and scattered them like matchsticks. "It seemed like a monster," she recalled.

The roads are passable now but the community is still isolated. "Nobody has visited, not from the government, not from the city, no one," said Antonio Velez, a 64-year-old who has lived there his entire life.

The same complaint echoed throughout the southeast coastal town of Yabucoa, the first town Maria hit as it barreled across the island with 155 mph winds.

"Nothing, nothing, nothing," said 58-year-old retiree Angel Luis Rodriguez. "I've lost everything, and no one has shown up to see if anyone

lives here."

At a nearby river, dozens of people gathered to bathe and wash clothes as they grumbled about the lack of aid.

"There's been no help from the mayor or from the federal government," said 64-year-old retiree Maria Rodriguez as she held a coconut in her right hand and took sips from it. "After Georges hit us (in 1998), they responded quickly. But now? Nothing. We need water and food."

Nearby, one girl engaged in a thumb war with a friend as she filled an empty water bottle with her other hand. Downstream, a woman sat cross-legged in the water behind a friend and helped wash her hair.

The recovery in the first week since the storm has largely been a do-it-yourself

affair. People collect water from wells and streams, clear roads and repair their own homes when they are not waiting in daylong lines for gasoline and diesel. For most, the only visible sign of authority are police officers directing traffic, a critical service because traffic lights are out across the island.

"I have seen a lot of helicopters go by. I assume those are people from FEMA," said Jesus Argilagosa, who lives in Manati and works at a grocery store.

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Doug Stanislaus, 63, died Sunday. Memorial service was at 10:30 a.m. this morning at Myers and Smith Chapel.

Charlie "Peanut" Mauldin, 48, died Sunday. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. today at Myers and Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Terrace Cemetery in Post, Texas.

Willie Mae Greenfield, 82, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

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## Ex-Mexican cartel leader pleads guilty to US drug charges

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Prosecutors say a former Mexican cartel leader could spend the rest of his life in a U.S. prison after pleading guilty to drug and assault counts in South Texas.

Jorge Costilla Sanchez pleaded guilty Tuesday to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine and marijuana, plus two counts of assault on a federal officer. The 46-year-old Costilla remains in custody pending sentencing in Brownsville.

Prosecutors say Costilla led the notorious Gulf Cartel. He was arrested in 2012 in Mexico and extradited to the U.S. in 2015.

The assault charges arose from a 1999 incident in which two U.S. agents, assigned to the U.S. consulate in Monterrey, Mexico, were followed in Matamoros, Mexico. Prosecutors say cartel members threatened to kill the U.S. agents, who persuaded the gunmen to free them.

## Houston officer gravely injured after being struck by SUV

HOUSTON (AP) — A young police officer in Houston has been hospitalized with life-threatening injuries after he was struck by an SUV while making a highway traffic stop.

Police Chief Art Acevedo says 24-year-old Nestor Garcia is "fighting for his life" after being struck early Wednesday. He is in critical condition with head and other injuries.

The chief says the 79-year-old driver of the SUV has been arrested on a charge of intoxication assault of a peace officer.

Acevedo says Garcia was involved in a traffic stop of a vehicle that was suspected of being stolen. He was outside his patrol car standing along the highway when he was struck by a Toyota Highlander that Acevedo says was traveling about 60 mph (100 kph). He was then dragged for a distance.

## Xcel seeks approval for wind farms in Texas, New Mexico

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Xcel is seeking approval for two new wind farms that would serve customers in eastern New Mexico and West Texas.

Company officials say if regulators approve the wind farms planned for Roosevelt County in New Mexico and Texas' Hale County, wind-generated electricity would end up meeting about 40 percent of the region's annual needs by 2021.

Xcel spokesman Wes Reeves says the company also is seeking to finalize a contract to buy additional wind energy from two facilities being built in Texas.

The company says as more wind power is added to the portfolio, that helps displace the higher cost of generating electricity at older fossil fuel plants. Xcel is estimating that customers could save \$2.8 billion over the next three decades as energy production costs are reduced.

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# Houston mayor, Texas governor clash over Harvey costs



Gov. Greg Abbott, right, listens as Texas A&M University System Chancellor John Sharp, head of the Governor's Commission to Rebuild Texas, speaks about Hurricane Harvey recovery efforts at a news conference at the Texas - FEMA Joint Field Office in Austin on Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2017.

By PAUL J. WEBER

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A clash over Houston's mounting expenses from Hurricane Harvey escalated Tuesday when Gov. Greg Abbott accused the mayor of holding the state "hostage" by pushing a local tax increase unless an emergency Texas piggybank of nearly \$10 billion is cracked open.

Abbott fired back at Democrat Sylvester Turner after the mayor sent him a letter saying the fourth-largest city in the U.S. is facing bills "at a scale beyond our savings." He wrote that damage from Harvey would reach the maximum of the city's \$100

million flood insurance coverage limit and that a new policy would cost \$10 million, in addition to other expenses.

Turner has proposed a one-time property tax rate increase of 3.6 percent but says that wouldn't be necessary if Texas taps into its rainy day fund, which has the biggest balance of any similar fund in the U.S.

"It raises a concern that the mayor seems to be using this as hostage to raise taxes, when in reality, the city of Houston is sitting on hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars that he's not tapping into," Abbott said.

He went on to say that Turner has all the mon-

ey he needs, referring to money in special tax re-investment zones. But a Turner spokesman Alan Bernstein said the city cannot raid those funds, which he said are largely for drainage projects to prevent future flooding.

"Mayor Turner is asking the governor to do what other governors, such as Florida's, are doing. It's the Texas governor's right to say no," Bernstein said in an email.

It's not the first time that Abbott, a Republican, and Turner have clashed over Harvey. Before the storm made landfall last month, Abbott urged Houston residents to flee the coming disaster, while

Turner told people they were safer staying put and not jamming flood-prone roads with a major downpour imminent.

Harvey dumped a record 50-plus inches of rain around Houston, putting highways under water and killing more than 70 people along the Texas coast. In Harris County, which includes Houston, at least 136,000 homes and other structures were flooded.

Abbott has said the total damage to Texas from Harvey could top \$150 billion. He says Texas will need to tap into the rainy day fund eventually but not until

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## CLASH

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2019, when the Texas Legislature returns to work, saying now isn't the time "for financial panic."

Turner had initially proposed an 8.9 percent increase that would have generated about \$118 million. But he said last week that improved reimbursement rates from the federal government allowed the city to

cut the proposal to 3.6 percent, which would generate about \$50 million.

The city council is set to vote on the tax hike Oct. 18, but it's unclear if the proposal has enough support to pass.

## Lawsuit filed against Houston officials for rape kit backlog

HOUSTON (AP) — Women and minors whose rape kits languished in Houston Police Department storage rooms have filed a class action lawsuit against current and former Houston officials, alleging that the delay in testing the kits undermined their legal cases and allowed accused perpetrators to remain free.

In a complaint filed Sunday, named plaintiff Dejenay Beckwith said that if the rape kits of prior victims of her assailant had been promptly tested, she may not have been raped in 2011.

No arrest was made until 2016, when Beckwith's rape kit was finally tested and matched the DNA of her assailant, David Lee Cooper.

In late 2016, Cooper pleaded guilty to the 2002 sexual assault of a child, a 2009 sex assault and Beckwith's assault in 2011.

Houston police discovered a large cache

of about 6,600 untested rape kits — some dating to the 1980s — in 2009, as it prepared to transfer materials to a newly built storage facility. It's unclear how many of the women and children whose rape kits were long untested have joined the suit, but the complaint says they are all eligible.

## Will Trump allow release of secret JFK assassination papers?

By ALANNA DURKIN RICHER

Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — The anticipated release of thousands of never-before-seen government documents related to President John F. Kennedy's assassination has scholars and armchair detectives buzzing. Now, they're waiting to see whether President Donald Trump will block the release of files that could shed light on a tragedy that has stirred conspiracy theories for decades. The National Archives has until Oct. 26 to disclose the remaining files related to Kennedy's 1963 assassination, unless Trump intervenes. The CIA and FBI, whose records make up the bulk of the batch, won't say whether they've appealed to the Republican president to keep them under wraps. "The American public deserves to know the facts, or at least they deserve to know what the government has kept hidden from them for all these years," Larry Sabato, director of the University of Virginia Center for Politics and author of a book about Kennedy, said in an email to The Associated Press. "It's long past the time to be forthcoming with this information," he said.

It's unlikely the documents contain any big revelations about Kennedy's killing, said Judge John Tunheim, who was chairman of the independent agency in the 1990s that made public many assassination records and decided how long

others could remain secret.

Sabato and other JFK scholars believe the trove of files may provide insight into assassin Lee Harvey Oswald's trip to Mexico City weeks before the killing, during which he visited the Soviet and Cuban embassies. Oswald's stated reason for going was to get visas that would allow him to enter Cuba and the Soviet Union, according to the Warren Commission, the investigative body established by President Lyndon B. Johnson, but much about the trip remains unknown.

Among the protected information up for release is details about the arrangements the U.S. entered into with the Mexican government that allowed it to have close surveillance of those and other embassies, said Tunheim, a federal judge in Minnesota.

Kennedy experts also hope to see the full report on Oswald's trip to Mexico City from staffers of the House committee that investigated the assassination, said Rex Bradford, president of the Mary Ferrell Foundation, which publishes assassination records. The White House didn't immediately respond to emails seeking comment. The FBI declined to comment on whether it has asked Trump to keep the files hidden. A CIA spokeswoman would say only that it "continues to engage in the process to deter-

mine the appropriate next steps with respect to any previously-unreleased CIA information."

Congress mandated in 1992 that all assassination documents be released within 25 years, unless the president asserts that doing so would harm intelligence, law enforcement, military operations or foreign relations. The still-secret documents include more than 3,000 that have never been seen by the public and more than 30,000 that have been released previously, but with redactions.

The files that were withheld in full were those the Assassination Records Review Board deemed "not believed relevant," Tunheim said. Its members sought to ensure they weren't hiding any information directly related to Kennedy's assassination, but there may be nuggets of information in the files that they didn't realize was important two decades ago, he said.

"There could be some jewels in there because in our level of knowledge in the 1990s is maybe different from today," Tunheim said.

The National Archives would not say whether any agencies have appealed the release of the documents.

The Archives in July published online more than 440 never-before-seen assassination documents and thousands of others that had been released previously with redactions.

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### Astros rout Rangers 14-3 clinch home field in ALDS

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The Houston Astros know they will begin their best-of-5 American League Division Series at home in Minute Maid Park, with the opponent yet to be determined.

Carlos Correa, Brian McCann and Cameron Maybin had three RBIs each and Dallas Keuchel allowed one earned run and five hits in six innings as the Astros routed the Texas Rangers 14-3 on Tuesday night to clinch no worse than the second-best record in the AL.

Houston (97-60) trails Cleveland by one game with five to play in the race for the league's best record. The Indians own the tiebreaker, having won the season series.

The Astros will face the Boston Red Sox, New York Yankees or Minnesota Twins.

"This team has earned those first couple home

games and home-field advantage," manager A.J. Hinch said. "We'll see how it shakes out, who we play, but some playoff baseball's coming to Minute Maid pretty soon."

"We're still trying to lock up home-field advantage (for the ALCS), too," Keuchel said. "That would be real nice."

Texas was eliminated from wild-card contention when Minnesota won earlier Tuesday night. The Rangers were only 2 1/2 games out of the second wild-card spot with 10 games left only to lose their last five, equaling their longest skid of the season, by a margin of 38-7.

"Obviously it's a disappointment," Adrian Beltre said. "We knew we had a shot. We played pretty well down the stretch until the last week."

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Houston Astros' George Springer (4), Alex Bregman (2) and the rest of the dugout celebrate after Brian McCann hit a two-run home run in the fifth inning of a baseball game against the Texas Rangers on Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2017, in Arlington, Texas. The homer also scored Yuli Gurriel.

AP photo

### Baylor WR Platt, DE Jones likely to miss rest of season

WACO, Texas (AP) — Baylor receiver Chris Platt is expected to miss the rest of the season because of a left knee injury.

Coach Matt Rhule said Tuesday defensive end Xavier Jones also is likely done for the year because of a broken bone in his foot.

Both Platt and Jones were hurt in the Bears' 49-41 loss to third-ranked Oklahoma on Saturday in their Big 12 opener.

"We're anxious to get

them back for their senior year next year," Rhule said. "As it is right now, it looks like they will be out for the season unless something changes."

Platt, also a Big 12 champion and All-America relay runner for the Baylor track team, immediately grabbed his left knee after his leg appeared to bend awkwardly while being tackled at the end of a 1-yard gain on a shuffle pass early in the third quarter. That

came only minutes after his 72-yard touchdown catch.

Through four games for the winless Bears, Platt had 16 catches for 401 yards and five touchdowns. He is the only player in the country with four receptions of at least 50 yards. He caught five passes for 93 yards against Oklahoma.

"I don't know if you can replace Chris' big-time, big-play capabilities, but that's where we are," Rhule said.

### Passing fancy in Big 12: No. 15 Oklahoma State at Texas Tech



In this Sept. 23, 2017, file photo, Texas Tech wide receiver Keke Coutee (2) leaps over teammate Cameron Batson as Houston's Khalil Williams reaches for him during the first half of an NCAA college football game in Houston. Texas Tech faces Oklahoma State in a matchup of the top two passing teams in the Big 12.

AP photo

### Kirk has breakout game after being slowed first 3 weeks



A&M receiver Christian Kirk (3) celebrates catching a touchdown pass in overtime of an NCAA college football game against Arkansas on Saturday, Sept. 23, 2017, in Arlington, Texas.

AP photo

By **KRISTIE RIEKEN**

AP Sports Writer

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Texas A&M's Christian Kirk was so upset when he walked off the field after the game against Louisiana-Lafayette two weeks ago that he couldn't even enjoy the win.

The star receiver and returner was mad at himself for muffing a punt and not performing as well as he thought he should on offense.

"I hold myself to a very high standard, probably to a standard that nobody else can hold me to," Kirk said. "And I felt my game against (Louisiana-Lafayette) was probably one of the worst games I've had since I've been here and it ate me alive inside."

It was then that he vowed to atone what he thought was a poor performance when the Aggies returned to the field on Saturday in their Southeastern Conference opener. Kirk was able to do just that, returning a kick 100 yards for a touchdown and finishing with 110 yards receiving with two touchdowns in a 50-43 overtime win against Arkansas.

"He was really, really frustrated the

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(AP) — Some things to watch during Week 5 in the Big 12, with three conference games and four teams taking their bye weeks:

#### GAME OF THE WEEK

No. 15 Oklahoma State (3-1, 0-1 Big 12) at Texas Tech (3-0, 0-0). Expect a lot of points when the Red Raiders play their Big 12 opener at home against Oklahoma State, which is trying to rebound from a home loss to TCU in its first league game last week. The Cowboys beat Tech 45-44 last November in Stillwater after a missed late extra point for their eighth straight win in the series. Both teams have scored in at least 34 games of the series. The Red Raiders are trying to start 4-0 for the first time since 2013, which was former quarterback Kliff Kingsbury's first season as their coach.

#### BEST MATCHUP

Texas Tech's Nic Shimonek and Keke Coutee vs. Oklahoma State's Mason Rudolph and James Washington — the quarterbacks and top receivers for the Big 12's top two passing teams. Shimonek (11 TDs,

one interception) tops the Big 12 with 416 yards passing per game, while Rudolph (13 TDs, three interceptions) throws for 383 yards per game — they rank 3-4 nationally. Coutee leads the Big 12 with 9.3 catches and 148.7 yards receiving per game. While Washington only has 4.8 catches per game, he averages a league-high 27.4 yards per catch and is second in the league at 130 yards per game.

#### INSIDE THE NUMBERS

Iowa State (2-1) has scored at least 40 points in each of its first three games for the first time since 1976 — the Cyclones have never had four in a row. ... Iowa State, which hosts Texas on Thursday night, has also set a school record with six consecutive 400-yard games. ... Kansas State (2-1) plays its Big 12 opener at home for only the fifth time in the league's 22 seasons, Saturday against Baylor (0-4). ... The Wildcats are 20-9 after midseason bye weeks under coach Bill Snyder. ... Texas (1-2) has scored five non-offensive touchdowns already this season

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The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Fusselman, Sylvan Shale, Montoya, Ellenburger, and Granite Wash Formations, Pipeline SWD Lease, Well Number 1. The proposed injection well is located 3.25 miles northeast of Big Spring, TX in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, in Howard County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 9,630 to 11,000 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 the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

#9542 September 27, 2017

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DISTRICT 08  
Rule 37 Case No. 0302450  
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Sept 26, 2017  
Status/Permit No. 819634  
NOTICE OF PROTEST  
DEADLINE: 5:00PM, Oct 31, 2017  
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Lease/Unit Acres 720.64  
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Penetration Point Location  
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#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION

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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.

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THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

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FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

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Survey: T&P RR CO/GRANTHAM, H W Lease Lines: 960.0 F W L 50.0 F S L Survey Lines: 960.0 FWL 50.0 F S L

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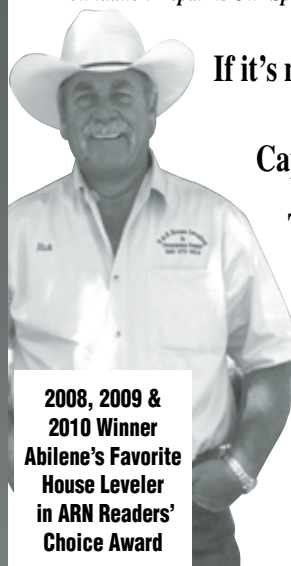
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By Steve Becker

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♥ J 10 9  
♦ A Q 3  
♣ 10 7 2

**WEST**  
♠ Q J 10 2  
♥ 7 5  
♦ J 9 5 2  
♣ K 8 4

**EAST**  
♠ K 6 5 3  
♥ 8 4 3  
♦ 10 4  
♣ A Q 6 5

**SOUTH**  
♠ 7  
♥ A K Q 6 2  
♦ K 8 7 6  
♣ J 9 3

The bidding:  
**South** 1♥  
1♦  
2♦  
4♦

**West** Pass  
Pass

**North** 1♠  
3♥

**East** Pass  
Pass

Opening lead — queen of spades.  
Before a declarer concludes he can make his contract only if a particular suit breaks favorably — which is a matter of luck — he should look further to see whether some other means of succeeding is available.

Take this case where South is in four hearts and starts with three sure club losers. The fate of the hand seems to depend on whether he will also lose a diamond trick.

He can draw trumps immediately and then cash his three top diamonds. If the opposing diamonds are divided 3-3, he makes the contract. But if

they break 4-2 or worse, he goes down. The prospect of finding the diamonds 3-3 is not enticing, since that will occur in only 36 deals out of 100. South is therefore obliged to seek an alternate line of play that offers a greater chance of success.

Such a method of play is available in this deal, though it is not easy to spot. It requires both imagination and some knowledge of probabilities.

When declarer has a combined holding of eight cards in a suit, the outstanding five cards will be divided 3-2 68 percent of the time. South can apply this knowledge to the present deal and can increase his chance of success from 36 percent to 68 percent by playing for a 3-2 trump break.

He wins the spade lead in dummy and trumps a spade with the queen. He then leads a trump to the nine and ruffs another spade with the king.

Next he crosses to the ten of hearts and ruffs dummy's last spade with the ace, bringing his total thus far to six tricks. The South hand has no more trumps, while dummy still has the jack.

The four additional tricks he needs are obtained by crossing to dummy with a diamond, drawing the last opposing trump — on which declarer discards a diamond — and then cashing two more diamonds. As it turns out, the diamonds are divided 4-2, but South nevertheless has 10 tricks to show for his efforts.

Tomorrow: The magic of card-reading.  
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## Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



### Rock-Opera Opposition

This time the opposing planets to blame for the drama are Jupiter, the mack daddy of the zodiac, and Uranus, the rebellious galactic rock star. The impact is akin to an epic work, like a rock opera in which it suddenly seems perfectly normal for people to be singing their story at full volume and expressing themselves on the grand scale.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** They're falling in love with your smile. If only they knew how difficult it can be to take the sunny route. It's often automatic, but just as often not. Something good usually happens when levity wins, though.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** How much caring is too much? You'll wonder this as your love expands along with your involvement in, and expectations of, a relationship. Take your time. This part requires thoughtfulness and space.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** There are people from your past whose paths you may never cross again who think of you in a certain way. You can't control or change that, but you can definitely make a fresh impression on the people you meet today.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** To wish for an easy route -- well, it wouldn't be wrong, but it wouldn't be you, either. You'll take what comes naturally and know what it feels like to get stronger and smarter for the work.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Some will find the way; others will find the excuse. You're at a point where you need to decide how much it means to you. Much will be riding on how important the mission is and how deeply you are committed to it.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Reality and your dream of it do not seem very far apart from one another today. But there are still a few key differences. Take these obstacles into consideration one by one. Be methodical.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Conflict comes from facing life head-on. So does peace. Avoidance keeps the tension going unnecessarily. Today, everything is better handled very quickly if not immediately. Speak to each moment in that moment.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** The people in charge may place roadblocks to deter the faint-hearted or those who are only mildly interested. You've every reason to keep trying. You'll quickly prove you're not in that category, and doors will open to you.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** The leadership position will come with stressful responsibility

ities and expectations, and yet somehow that won't bother you the way it would others. Things will be better when you're in charge.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Relax and let things unfold naturally. Even with today's lengthy to-do list, you'll approach with the right attitude, handle it all and even have some fun along the way.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** You see funny things today -- or maybe you just notice what's always been there but you suddenly see the humor in it. Stress levels go down with every laugh.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Opportunities will present themselves in coy, understated ways. The best one will sit quietly, not drawing much attention. You won't be fooled. You know a good thing when you see it. Seize the moment.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 27).** A win-win: You'll inspire people as you look for inspiration yourself. You'll get to know someone much better and this will lead to lifestyle upgrades and improvements. The spiritual work you do has very practical benefits in 2018. Romance decorates your year. You'll complete a study or big project in May. Aries and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 39, 2, 28 and 44.

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Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: Advanced

### Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

2	6	8	3	4	9	1	5	7
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5	1	2	9	3	4	7	8	6
8	9	7	2	6	1	3	4	5
7	3	4	6	2	5	9	1	8
1	8	6	4	9	3	5	7	2
9	2	5	8	1	7	6	3	4

ANSWER:

## Annie's Mailbox

### No Summertime Fun

**Dear Annie:** I live in a very small Montana town with a very short summer season. My friends and neighbors and I have been inundated with summer guests who have made our town and homes their summer vacation destination. Every year, our own summers have been ruined because of this guest influx. This puts a great strain on us financially, as well as physically. It gets worse every summer.

How does one politely tell these people to stay at a hotel and not expect us to feed them three meals a day, do their

laundry and be their tour guide? I tried to let one set of friends know that I simply cannot accommodate them in my home, and now they no longer communicate with me. -- Sick of Summer Guests

**Dear Sick of Summer Guests:** Summer is too short to spend stressed about houseguests, and life is too short to spend acquiescing to others out of guilt. What you said -- that you simply cannot accommodate them -- was perfectly adequate, and I'd encourage you to tell any other prospective visitors exactly the same thing. If "friends" stop talking to you because you set boundaries, they're not friends;

they're freeloaders. You're better off without them.

**Dear Annie:** I can heartily empathize with "Housebound Through No Fault of Our Own in Iowa," whose neighbors prevent her family from enjoying their own backyard.

When my partner and I were first married, we moved in to an apartment. We are both readers and have never owned a TV or a stereo. Nonetheless, the woman who lived downstairs from us complained to the building manager about all the music coming from our apartment. When it wasn't the music (that we weren't playing), it was that we flushed

the toilet at 10:30 p.m. or (my favorite) she heard "one shoe drop and waited up all night for the other one." Because of the neighbor's complaints, the landlord even threatened to evict us.

One long weekend, we were out of town. Minutes after returning home, we were told about the slew of complaints our neighbor had filed about how much noise we'd made over the weekend (even though we were out of town). That was the final straw.

We contacted a lawyer, who wrote a letter to our neighbor clarifying that she was interfering with our "legal rights of domicile" and that if she per-

sisted, we would be obliged to take further action.

After our downstairs neighbor complained to others in the building about our lawyer's letter, one by one all of the neighbors came to us to tell us their stories of how our downstairs neighbor had harassed them. Then, as a group, we complained to the landlord about her. Soon afterward, the woman downstairs moved out and left us all in peace.

We are not people who like the idea of going to a lawyer, but there are some people in this world who need that kind of response to behave appropriately. I would strongly recommend

that "Housebound" consider taking that step. -- Justin F.

**Dear Justin F.:** Of all the neighbor complaints I've heard, "I heard one shoe drop and waited up all night for the other one" takes the cake. No one should have to undergo the expense and inconvenience of moving because of a neighbor's unfair demands. Good on you for standing up to a bully.

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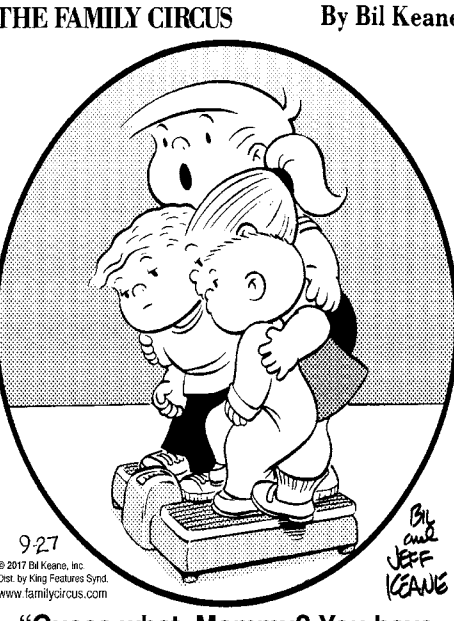
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9 :30	Designated Survivor	Hoy voy a cambiar	News	Criminal Minds	El Señor de los	Chicago P.D.	Light of Southwest	The Vietnam War	Heroes	Page Six	Big Bang		MLB Baseball: San Diego Padres at Los Angeles Dodgers.	NFL's Greatest	Player Poker	(:01) The Lowe Files	(:01) Garage Rehab	
10 :30	Local 2	Impacto	Mom	CBS 7	Tele	News	News		Heroes	Seinfeld	Conan	Movie: The Chronicles of Riddick (DVS)				Storage Storage	(:02) Misfit Garage	
11 :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Noticiero	Mod Fam	Late Show- Colbert	Titulares	Tonight Show	Dr. C. Stanley	Newsline	C. Burnett	Rules	Full					Chrisley Storage	(:03) Garage Rehab	
12 :30	Nightline	Contacto Deportivo	How I Met	James Corden	El Señor de los	News	Zola Lev.	(Off Air)	Perry Mason	Rules	Full					Chrisley Storage	(:04) Misfit Garage	
1 :30	Extra	Quiero Amarte	How I Met	TBA					King	King	Angie	(:01) Hawaii Five-0	SportsCenter	MLB Baseball: Teams	Law & Order: SVU	(:04) The Lowe Files	(:04) Misfit Garage	

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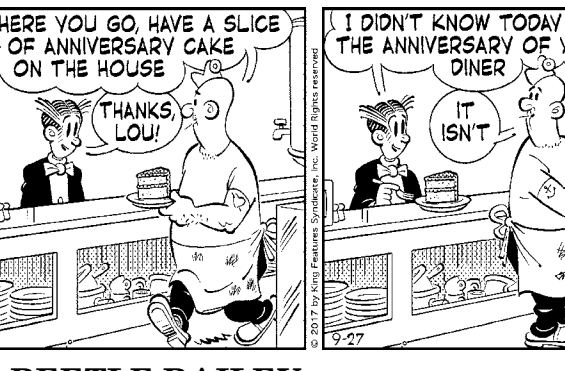


"Guess what, Mommy? You have 129 pounds of kids!"

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**This Date In History**

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 27, the 270th day of 2017. There are 95 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On September 27, 1942, Glenn Miller and his Orchestra performed together for the last time, at the Central Theater in Passaic, New Jersey, prior to Miller's entry into the Army.

On this date:

In 1540, Pope Paul III issued a papal bull establishing the Society of Jesus, or Jesuits, as a religious order.

In 1779, John Adams was named by Congress to negotiate the Revolutionary War's peace terms with Britain.

In 1854, the first great disaster involving an Atlantic Ocean passenger vessel occurred when the steamship SS Arctic sank off Newfoundland; of the more than 400 people on board, only 86 survived.

In 1917, French sculptor and painter Edgar Degas died in Paris at age 83.

In 1928, the United States said it was recognizing the Nationalist Chinese government.

In 1939, Warsaw, Poland, surrendered after weeks of resistance to invading forces from Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union during World War II.

In 1943, Bing Crosby, the Andrews Sisters and the Vic Schoen Orchestra recorded "Pistol Packin' Mama" and "Jingle Bells" for Decca Records.

In 1954, "Tonight!" hosted by Steve Allen, made its network debut on NBC-TV.

In 1962, "Silent Spring," Rachel Carson's study on the effects of pesticides on the environment, was published in book form by Houghton Mifflin.

In 1979, Congress gave its final approval to forming the U.S. Department of Education.

In 1989, Columbia Pictures Entertainment Inc. agreed to a \$3.4 billion cash buyout by Sony Corp.

In 1991, President George H.W. Bush announced in a nationally broadcast

address that he was eliminating all U.S. battlefield nuclear weapons, and called on the Soviet Union to match the gesture. The Senate Judiciary Committee deadlocked, 7-7, on the nomination of Clarence Thomas to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Ten years ago: Soldiers fired into crowds of anti-government demonstrators in Yangon, Myanmar, reportedly killing at least nine people; Kenji Nagai, 50, a video journalist for Japan's APF News, was among the dead. President George W. Bush promised to take steps to reduce air traffic congestion and long delays that were leaving travelers grounded.

Five years ago: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told the U.N. General Assembly that the world had only a matter of months to stop Iran before it could build a nuclear bomb. NFL referees returned to the field after a tentative deal with the league ended a lockout; games had been marred by controversy, blown calls and confusion as substitute referees officiated during the first three weeks of the season. Actor Herbert Lom, 95, best known as Inspector Clouseau's long-suffering boss in the "Pink Panther" movies, died in London.

One year ago: The United States provided another \$364 million in humanitarian aid to Syrians as their nation's civil war appeared to be getting worse.

President Barack Obama announced career diplomat Jeffrey DeLaurentis as his choice to become the first U.S. ambassador to Cuba in more than a half-century. Scientists announced the first baby born from a controversial new technique that combined DNA from three people — the mother, the father and an egg donor. (The goal was to prevent the

child from inheriting a fatal genetic disease from his mother.)

Today's Birthdays: Actress Kathleen Nolan is 84. Actor Wilford Brimley is 83. Actor Claude Jarman Jr. is 83. Author Barbara Howar is 83. World Golf Hall of Famer Kathy Whitworth is 78. Singer-musician Randy Bachman (Bachman-Turner

Overdrive) is 74. Rock singer Meat Loaf is 70. Actress Liz Torres is 70. Actor A Martinez is 69. Baseball Hall of Famer Mike Schmidt is 68. Actor Cary-Hirokyu Tagawa is 67. Singer Shaun Cassidy is 59. Comedian Marc Maron is 54. Rock singer Stephan (STEE'-fan) Jenkins (Third Eye Blind) is 53. Former Democratic

National Chair Debbie Wasserman Schultz is 51. Actor Patrick Muldoon is 49. Singer Mark Calderon is 47. Actress Amanda Detmer is 46. Actress Gwyneth Paltrow is 45. Rock singer Brad Arnold (3 Doors Down) is 39. Christian rock musician Grant Brandell (Underoath) is 36. Actress Anna Camp is 35. Rapper Lil' Wayne is 35.

Singer Avril Lavigne (AV'-rihl la-VEEN') is 33. Bluegrass singer/musician Sierra Hull is 26.

Thought for Today: "Life is like a coin. You can spend it any way you wish, but you only spend it once." — Lillian Dickson, American missionary (1901-1983).

**Newsday Crossword**

- ACROSS**
- 1 Sammy \_\_\_ Jr.
  - 6 Goad
  - 10 204, to Caesar
  - 14 In flames
  - 15 Swim-meet assignment
  - 16 "Yikes!"
  - 17 Major fad
  - 18 Food safety agcy.
  - 19 Veal or pork
  - 20 In the CHIPs
  - 22 Thorn in one's side
  - 23 "In what way?"
  - 24 Broke loose
  - 26 School support grp.
  - 29 Look through a book
  - 32 Devour
  - 33 Blow one's top
  - 35 Forgive, infomally
  - 39 Spanish bull
  - 40 Payday extra
  - 41 Designer Wang
  - 43 Savor an experience
  - 45 Spiral
  - 46 Omelet ingredient
  - 47 Toddler's word
  - 49 Glacier, essentially
  - 50 Microwave's "thaw" setting
  - 54 Doctors' org.
  - 56 Not a copy: Abbr.
  - 57 CHIP in
  - 63 \_\_\_ Lisa
  - 64 LAX postings
  - 65 Adjusted, as a piano
- DOWN**
- 1 Slightly wet
  - 2 Miles away
  - 3 Ristorante bottle
  - 4 From Dublin
  - 5 Harbor city
  - 6 Speak unclearly
  - 7 El \_\_\_, TX
  - 8 Excessive
  - 9 Size up again
  - 10 With a CHIP on one's shoulder
  - 11 Low-priced
  - 12 Silly
  - 13 Went to the polls
  - 21 Lamb's mom
  - 25 Baseball great Ripken
  - 26 Puppy or parrot
  - 27 Relaxed running pace
  - 28 Mystical glow
  - 30 Frequently
  - 31 Jeans fabric
  - 34 Where CHIPs are thrown on a table
  - 36 \_\_\_ salad sandwich
  - 37 Supermarket section with slicers
  - 38 Viking explorer
  - 40 Embarrassing commotion
  - 42 Logging tool
  - 44 Freudian concept
  - 45 Overact
  - 48 Scratch or dent
  - 50 With a spherical roof
  - 51 Wear away
  - 52 Semester-ending exam
  - 53 Add up to
  - 55 Mistreatment
  - 58 Countrywide: Abbr.
  - 59 General \_\_\_ chicken
  - 60 Group of troops
  - 61 Temporary shelter
  - 62 Feeling tense

**CHIPPING AWAY** by Billie Truitt Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

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Answer to previous puzzle

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APART	AT	THESEAMS
DUPE	LITE	TEPEE
SPY	MARY	BIKERS
	RIM	ORE
FLAT	ON	ESFACE
MOUNT	ASIA	IRON
SURGE	PLOD	READ
GREEN	SONS	MATS



**KIRK**

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week before by his own performance," coach Kevin Sumlin said. "But pride is a great motivator and he's got tremendous pride and tremendous work ethic. When he walked off the field after Lafayette, he was just mad at himself, it wasn't anything else. But he came back, went to work and I wasn't worried about him the next Saturday. That's the kind of guy he is."

Kirk entered the season as one of the top receivers in the country after piling up 1,937 yards receiving combined in his first two seasons. He got off to a slow start this season and didn't have more than 60 yards receiving in any of Tex-

as A&M's first three games as he dealt with near-constant double teams. On Saturday he was not only able to have a breakout game on offense, he also led the Aggies on special teams when he finished with 136 kick return yards to earn SEC special teams player of the week. Kirk's kick return touchdown on Saturday was Texas A&M's first since Coryell Judie had an 84-yard return on Nov. 12, 2010. Kirk holds the school's record for special teams touchdowns with six after returning five punts for scores in his first two seasons with the Aggies.

Sumlin wasn't concerned about him when he wasn't putting up the kind of numbers he had in the past, and was quick to point out that when teams double-teamed him it

led to opportunities for players on the offense.

"Everybody understands his capability," Sumlin said. "Numbers are going to come for him when he gets his touches. As things roll on he's going to have his opportunities just like he did last Saturday."

Kirk had an 81-yard touchdown reception in the first quarter on Saturday and his 10-yard TD reception in overtime gave the Aggies the win. The performance drew the attention of Arizona Cardinals star receiver Larry Fitzgerald who tweeted congratulations to Kirk for his big game and added: "go get that Biletnikoff Trophy," referring to the award given annually to the nation's top collegiate receiver.

Kirk, who grew up in Ari-



AP photo

Arkansas defensive back Santos Ramirez (9) defends as Texas A&M wide receiver Christian Kirk (3) catches a pass in the end zone during overtime of an NCAA college football game, Saturday, Sept. 23, 2017, in Arlington, Texas.

zona and has long admired Fitzgerald, was thrilled to be recognized by someone of his caliber. "It means the world," he said. "It gives me goosebumps thinking about it just being an Arizona native and growing up he's been with the Arizona Cardinals ever since I've lived there just growing up and watching him. He's the face of the Arizona Cardinals, so just to be recognized by a guy that's going to be in the Hall of Fame, it means a lot."

**ASTROS**

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Keuchel (14-5) struck out eight and walked one. Owning a 9-0 record before going on the disabled list in early May with neck discomfort, he improved to 5-5 since.

"I've been feeling a lot better, and better to the point of I'm back in mid-season form," he said.

The Astros chased Rangers ace Cole Hamels (11-5) before he could record an out in the fourth inning. Hamels allowed four runs in the first inning and two in the fourth, giving up six hits and four walks. It was his shortest outing since allowing seven runs in 1 2/3 innings on Sept. 5, 2016 in a 14-6 loss at Seattle.

**CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS**

The Rangers held a telethon during Tuesday's local telecast to benefit victims of Hurricane Harvey on Texas' gulf coast. The Astros Foundation -- in partnership with Crane Worldwide, FedEx and the Houston mayor's office -- will send 240,000 pounds of supplies to Puerto Rico in the wake of Hurricane Maria.

The Astros' Carlos Beltran, who has already donated \$1 million to his home island, teared up while talking about the club's efforts: "I talked to my brother the other day. He said there's no water to drink. When you hear that and you know that your family . it means a lot to me."

**SHORT HOPS**

Maybin, with a home run and three RBIs Tuesday, has four homers and 12 RBIs in 18 games with Houston. ... Delino DeShields' sixth-inning inside-the-park home run was the Rangers' second this season, marking the first time since 1997 that the club has had more than one in a season. ... Home plate umpire Carlos Torres wore a Rangers catcher's mask since his crew's gear didn't arrive by game time.

**BIG 12**

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after none last year. ... The four Big 12 teams with byes this week: No. 3 Oklahoma, No. 9 TCU, No. 23 West Virginia and Kansas.

**PLAYER TO WATCH**

Baylor sophomore Denzel Mims had a couple of acrobatic catches among his 11 receptions for 192 yards and three touchdowns against Oklahoma. Mims is fifth in the Big 12 averaging 101.5 yards receiving per game. Bears junior Chris Platt is sixth at 100.2 yards per game, but is expected to miss the rest of the season after suffering a knee injury against the Sooners.

**TRAINER'S ROOM**

Astros: 2B Jose Altuve (bruised left forearm) sat out after being hit by a pitch on Monday night. Hinch said Altuve might start Wednesday afternoon's series finale.

Rangers: 3B Beltre played in the field for the first time since being on the disabled list Sept. 1-11 with a strained hamstring. He was lifted for a pinch-hitter in the sixth inning.

**UP NEXT**

Houston's Verlander (14-8) is 4-0 with a 0.64 ERA in four Houston starts. In his last Arlington appearance with Detroit, he allowed five runs in six innings in a 10-4 loss on Aug. 15. He'll then have six or seven days' rest before starting Game 1 or 2 of the ALDS.

Rangers RHP Nick Martinez (3-7) is 0-4 with six no-decisions and a 7.02 ERA since winning at Yankee Stadium on June 25.

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- Tie Breaker: Philadelphia Eagles



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**Porter's**

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  2. Grape Creek
  3. Forsan
  4. Sands
  5. Westbrook
  6. Rankin
  7. Merkel
  8. Colorado City
  9. Dallas Cowboys
  10. Denver Broncos
- Tie Breaker: Philadelphia Eagles



**Sonic Drive In**

1. Big Spring
  2. Coahoma
  3. Forsan
  4. Sands
  5. Westbrook
  6. Garden City
  7. Merkel
  8. Iraan
  9. Dallas Cowboys
  10. Oakland Raiders
- Tie Breaker: Philadelphia Eagles

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### Pigskin Picks Entry Form

Team \_\_\_\_\_

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. _____</li> <li>2. _____</li> <li>3. _____</li> <li>4. _____</li> <li>5. _____</li> <li>6. _____</li> <li>7. _____</li> <li>8. _____</li> <li>9. _____</li> <li>10. _____</li> </ol>	<p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>Phone Number: _____</p> <p>Tie Breaker - Circle the winner and note total points scored</p> <p><b>Philadelphia Eagles vs Los Angeles Chargers</b></p> <p>Score: _____ + _____ = _____</p>
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