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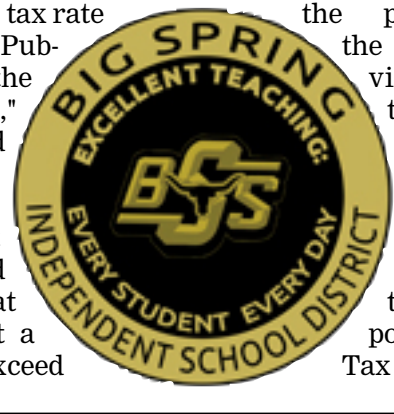


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BSISD trustees to hold budget/tax rate meeting

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer
 The Big Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees will hold a public meeting next Thursday, Aug. 9, to discuss the district's budget and proposed tax rate.
 The meeting will be held in the board's chambers at Big Spring High School, 707 E. 11th Place, at 5:15 p.m.
 "The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget

that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited," says a notice published by the Big Spring ISD in the Big Spring Herald. "The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed



the proposed rate...unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons...and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice." According to the notice, the district is proposing a Maintenance Tax for maintenance and

operations of \$1.04 per \$100 valuation; and a School Debt Service Tax to pay debt on an outstanding bond with \$49,530,000 principal. The total of the two taxes is \$1.24 per \$100 valuation; equal to, but not exceeding, the Rollback Rate (\$1.24 per \$100 valuation). Thus, the proposed tax will not automatically trigger a rollback election. The notice reports that the total
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An outpost for veterans



Courtesy photos

The photos above show the first Saturday's work in the remodeling of the new Veterans Outpost, located on South Hwy 87. West Texas Centers (MHMR) is partnering with local organizations and businesses, and are in the process of getting it ready to open. West Texas Centers is seeking volunteers the next four Saturdays to help with the remodeling. Frankie Garza, the Veterans Liaison, is hard at work pulling carpet at the facility.

By AMBER MANSFIELD
 Staff Writer
 It's safe to say that those who have never experienced battle can never truly comprehend what it does to a person, and whether the side effects of war leave their scars to be visible or just on the inside. Many veterans return home with psychological wounds that the general public simply cannot understand.

Fortunately, there are those out there whose goal is to give mental and physical aid to veterans, especially to those who have experienced battle. One organization, West Texas Centers, is calling on Howard County's help in order to do so, with their new upcoming project, which will benefit those and the families of the ones who have served.
 West Texas Centers, is a community center who helps and serves

as the designated local authority for mental health and intellectual and developmental disabilities for the established service area.
 "West Texas Centers is in the process of opening a Veterans Outpost," said Amy Vidal, Community Relations Director. "We are currently seeking volunteers to help us with the remodeling of our facility or resource center."
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Firearms training coming up for Cross Roads Young Marines

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

"Every Marine is, first and foremost, a rifleman. All other conditions are secondary." – General Alfred M. Gray Jr., 29th Commandant of the United States Marine Corps.
 The Marines take their firearms training seriously; and, coming soon, the Cross Roads Young Marines will have the opportunity to engage in some training of their own.
 "It's not only rifle, but it's also pistol," said Cross Roads Young Marines Commander Roger Rodman. "It's in accordance with the SASP (Scholastic Action Shooting Program) of the NRA (National Rifle Association), which is your Steel Action Challenge."
 Rodman plans to start things off soon, he said. "I am looking at getting our marksmanship



Roger Rodman

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Support for caregivers

By AMBER MANSFIELD
 Staff Writer

Caregivers play an important role in providing care for their sick or disabled loved ones, whether they are young or elderly. Some caregivers provide their loved ones with emotional support, others might provide assistance with lawn care and groceries shopping, and yet others provide complete and total care to help their loved ones. Thus, one of the most often forgotten things caregivers do is forget to take care of themselves.
 Caring for yourself is one of the most important things you can do as a caregiver. That's why every month the Big Spring Senior

Center hosts a support group for caregivers, because when your needs are taken care of, the person you care for will benefit, too.
 "This month the caregivers support group is on August 16 starting around 10:30 a.m., and lasts usually for about an hour," said Gina Valencia, Big Spring Senior Center Program Manager. "Sometimes those who take care of another's needs, need to get out and talk about whatever they need and have questions asked."
 This is a free support group that takes place at the Dora Roberts Community Center, located at 100 Whipkey Drive here in Big Spring.
 "Susan Frederickson, from Midland Area Agency on Aging of the Permian Basin, has been coming down and

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7 injured in Texas natural gas pipeline explosions

MIDLAND, Texas (AP) — The number of people injured in a series of explosions on a West Texas natural gas pipeline has risen to seven.
 Authorities initially said five people — a volunteer firefighter and four pipeline employees — were hurt Wednesday when the explosions happened about 20 miles (30 kilometers) southeast of Midland. But city spokeswoman Elana Ladd tells KOSA-TV in Odessa that two others also were hurt.
 Ladd didn't immediately return a phone message Thursday to say whether the other two victims were firefighters or pipeline workers.
 Authorities say firefighters had suppressed the fire from the initial explosion when two explosions followed in quick succession.
 Authorities haven't said what caused the explosions.

Trump team wants to roll back Obama-era mileage standards

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Trump administration is proposing to roll back Obama-era mileage standards that were designed to make cars more fuel efficient and reduce pollution.
 The administration also filed notice Thursday that it wants to revoke the authority of California and other states to set their own, stricter mileage standards — independent of federal ones.
 The proposal would freeze an effort by the Obama administration intended to promote auto
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In this Jan. 11, 2018, file photo, cars pass the Queensboro Bridge in New York.

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Obituaries

Minnie Jones



Minnie Jones, 46, died peacefully on Saturday, July 28, 2018, in Ft. Worth, Texas, at the Saints Baylor Scott and White. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m., Friday, Aug. 3, 2018, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Hebrew Jones and Walton Stone, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Minnie was born on Dec. 3, 1971, in Big Spring, Texas, to Hebrew Jones, Jr. and Vivian Jones. She enjoyed singing, shopping, and entertaining friends and family. She helped teach a Sunday School Class and helped with other duties that needed to be done. She loved all her nieces and nephews. She was a member of West Hwy Church of Christ. Minnie graduated from Big Spring High School and

Texas State Technical School where she graduated in Computer Programming. She worked for Head Start Program at Lakeview. She then went to work at M.H.M.R. She met many friends. She moved to Denton, Texas and worked for the Denton State School. She also worked for Arlington Independent School District as a teacher's aide.

Minnie is survived by her parents Vivian and Hebrew Jones, Jr. of Big Spring; one brother, Bruce Jones (Kimberly) of Midlothian; two sisters, Monique Jones of Arlington and Marquel Hickey (Jolee) of Odessa; four nieces; one great niece; two nephews; several aunts, uncles, cousins and a host of other family and friends.

Minnie was preceded in death by her grandparents: Bessie Lee Anderson, Vivian Bledsoe, Minnie Jones and Hebrew Jones, Sr.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Paid Obituary

Adam Brooks Proctor



Adam Brooks Proctor, 37, passed away peacefully July 25, 2018. Graveside services will be held Saturday, Aug. 4, at 3:30 p.m. at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

Born Aug. 15, 1980, Adam lived in Big Spring until 1985 when his family moved to the Dallas area.

Surviving Adam are his son, Hunter; mother and step-father, Laura and Joe Covarrubias of Al-

len, Texas; sister, Mandye Proctor Garrett; brother and sister-in-law, Shaine and Jamie Proctor of Lamesa; and step-sisters, April and Brianna Covarrubias. He is also survived by uncles and aunts Greg and Lisa Brooks of Big Spring, Cindy Brooks Barnes and Mike and Liz Brooks of Austin and a host of nieces, nephews, Covarrubias family members and friends.

Adam was preceded in death by his sister, Christie; father, Cooper Lee Proctor; and grandparents, Ralph and Lynette Brooks and Thurman and Louise Proctor.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to your favorite animal or human charity.

Juan "Plancha" Ortega



Juan "Plancha" Ortega, 73, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, July 31, 2018, at his residence. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2, 2018, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Juan was born Aug. 11, 1944, in Austin, Texas, to Lupe Lopez Ortega and Jesse Ortega.

He is survived by two sons, Jay Ortega (Valene) of Los Lunas, New Mexico and Jason Ortega of Big Spring; two sisters, Lenora Padron of Sand Springs and Connie Rodriguez of Big Spring; and six grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Fred Zavala and Pete Ortega and by two sisters, Cruz Moron and Cruz Rodriguez.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Support Groups

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.

- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

- Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. t 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.

- GriefShare is a Biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support). Meetings are weekly May 24 through Aug. 24, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for more information.

FRIDAY

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

- 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. to 8 p.m.

MONDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinson's Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

Police, Sheriff reports

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **MARC DOUGLAS WOLFHEY**, 24, of 1104 S Nolan St., was arrested on a charge of theft of property in between \$750 and \$2,500.

- **CHRISTOPHER RYAN LITTLE**, 26, of 920 McCully St., was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- **LUKE ROMAN**, 19, of 1900 S Main, was arrested on charges of unauthorized use motor vehicle, two counts of firearm.

- **CLINT BRANDON BOLLIER JR.**, 27, of 1217 Lindbergh, was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

- **ANGELA Y MEYERS**, 30, of 1204 State St., was arrested on an outstanding warrant, and on theft of property less than \$100.

- **MAGDALENA ANGELITA RESENDEZ**, 30, of 1112 Mulberry Ave., was arrested on warrants of credit card or debit card abuse, and on theft of property in between \$100 to \$750.

- **LYDIA MARIE HERNANDEZ**, 24, of 604 E 13th St., was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the 1700 block of E 3rd St.

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1400 block of N CR 43, in Luther.

- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 5300 block of N Service Rd.

- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1300 block of Sycamore.

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 79 inmates at the time of this report.

- **CLINT BRANDON BOLLIER JR.**, 27, was arrested BSPD on a warrant of criminal mischief.

- **ROGELIO ALLEN GARCIA**, 17, was arrested BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

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- **JOSE REYNOSA RUBIO**, 53, was arrested HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

- **TYJANAE SMITH**, 17, was arrested BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

- **BREE SHAE SPEARS**, 17, was arrested BSPD on a charge of theft of property in between \$750 to \$2,500.

- **MARC DOUGLAS WOLFHEY**, 24, was arrested BSPD on a charge of theft of property less than \$100.

Take Note

- Maranatha Baptist Academy at 903 Johnson is now taking applications for ongoing enrollment for our Fall Session, August 1. Call 432-213-1046 for an appointment. Dr. Lillian Bohannon, Administrator. Please have shot records and birth certificate available at the time of registration. We use Accelerated Christian Education curriculum for grades Kindergarten through twelfth grade graduation. We provide information so you can home school or use our facilities for full time in our school. We also provided tutoring for all grades. If interested in a quality Christian Education at a price you can afford, please come by or give us a call.

- Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary is looking for new members. If you have a heart for serving people, have at least four hours a week to spare, SMMC Auxiliary might be the fit for you.

Duties include working in the gift shop, delivering newspapers to inpatients, hospitality services, popcorn and more.

To find out more about opportunities available with the SMMC Auxiliary, contact Amy Miramontes at 268-4809 or April Arms at 268-4907.

- Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families.

Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

- The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. Interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

- The Crossroads Young Marines is taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.

- The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed

homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop mortgage foreclosure and are need of help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. For free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

- The Howard County Democrats meet the second and fourth Mondays of each month, at 5:30 p.m. in the Howard College Library.

- 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

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Vidal went on to explain the purpose of the new outpost, stating it will be a veterans resource center which will be used for veteran training opportunities, peer-to-peer counseling, peer support groups, hosting social events, and a resource for employment and benefits.

"This will be a place that Veterans and their families can hangout while waiting for their doctor appointment, lab work or whatever they need," said Vidal. "A lot of the VA's patients come from out of town, and usually they have someone drive them to their appointment. A lot of times, they have no where really to go while they wait that is free, other than Walmart or the park. This is going to be a place that Veterans and their families can come and hang out while they wait for their appointments, lab work, etc."

Vidal also stated that the outpost's goal and design is non-clinical; no checking-in, no doctors, no waiting rooms. It's going to be a place for vets and their families to get together, hang out and learn about veterans' resources. Vidal also mentioned that West Texas Centers will offer training on veterans' issues, support groups, resume training, and help with navigating benefits.

To make this Veterans Outpost possible, West Texas Centers (MHMR) is partnering with local organizations and businesses, and is pursuing corporate sponsorships, private donations, volunteers, and grant funds to get the project off the ground and help open a resource center for the veterans in Big Spring and surrounding areas.

"Donations will be matched by The Texas Veterans with the Family Alliance Grant Program as we are a Phase III grant awardee," said Vidal. "The more we have come help, the more we can save and put back the money for veterans' resources."

West Texas Centers is contributing a building space in their facility, located at 3205 S Hwy 87 in Big Spring. There will be group meeting space, a kid's area, and plenty of room for veterans and their spouses to socialize. Sometime in the future, there will also be a covered pavilion outside for barbecuing and serving large family-style meals.

"The next four Saturdays will be designated towards working on getting the facility ready," said Vidal "We are very thankful for any volunteers, especially if anyone is a master mechanic or electrician. Your skills would be greatly appreciated as well. We encourage any and all to stop by between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., South Hwy 87 and give us a helping hand. If you're not able to make it Saturday, just call me and we will take help when we can get it. Please spread the word so we can all give back to those who have given too much already."

This Veterans Outpost will also function as the headquarters for outreach to veterans in all 23 counties that West Texas Centers serves. Funds raised will go towards startup and operating costs. Funds can only be withdrawn by West Texas Centers to fund the Veterans Outpost. Please contact Amy Vidal with any questions at 432-466-6093.

Trump receives new letter from Kim Jong Un

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House says President Donald Trump received a new letter from North Korean leader Kim Jong Un (kim jawng oon) Wednesday following up on their Singapore summit.

Trump tweeted early Thursday his thanks to Kim "for your nice letter — I look forward to seeing you soon!"

White House spokeswoman Sarah Sanders says the correspondence is "aimed at following up on their meeting in Singapore" and "advancing the commitments made" in the leaders' joint statement there.

The White House is not addressing whether Trump and Kim may again meet.

Vice President Mike Pence and U.S. military leaders in Hawaii on Wednesday received the remains of missing U.S. soldiers from the Korean War.

The letter comes amid concerns over North Korea's ballistic missile program and commitment to denuclearization.

10 Things to Know for Today

Your daily look at late-breaking news, upcoming events and the stories that will be talked about today:

1. WHAT PONTIFF IS SAYING ABOUT CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

Pope Francis changes the church's teaching on death penalty, says it is always inadmissible because it "attacks" human dignity.

2. DONOR TO CLINTON, TRUMP HELPED 'HIGH-RISK' MERCHANTS

Records obtained by the AP show that a prominent political donor has helped pornographers, payday loan debt collectors and offshore gambling operations get past the gates of the banking system.

3. AUSTRALIAN STATE ERASES DECADES OF ANONYMITY FOR SPERM DONORS

A new law in Victoria gives children the legal right to know who their donors are, no matter what those donors were promised, AP finds.

4. HOW WHITE HOUSE REACTED TO 'RIGHT NOW' TWEET

Press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders says Trump's tweet about how his attorney general should end Mueller's Russia probe was an opinion, not an order.

5. ID WORK BEGINS ON KOREAN WAR REMAINS NOW IN US

The painstaking process of analyzing and identifying dozens of remains from the 1950-53 conflict could take

months if not years.

6. FACEBOOK ENACTS STRICT DIGITAL POLITICAL ADS POLICY

Among other things, the social network is forcing political ad buyers to verify their identities by receiving mail at a known U.S. address.

7. ABORTION-RIGHTS ACTIVISTS BRACE FOR NEW RESTRICTIONS

The efforts include boosting financial aid for women needing to travel long distances to terminate a pregnancy, and raising awareness about the option of do-it-yourself abortions.

8. PAPA JOHN'S FOUNDER WANTS BACK IN THE GAME

Disgraced pizza magnate John Schnatter tells AP the chain needs him back as its public face, and that it was a mistake for the company to scrub him from its marketing materials.

9. HEMINGWAY STORY FROM 1956 PUBLISHED FOR FIRST TIME

"A Room on the Garden Side" draws upon the famed author's experiences as a correspondent and combatant during World War II.

10. OHIO STATE PLACES TOP FOOTBALL COACH ON LEAVE

The university is investigating claims by the ex-wife of a recently fired assistant coach that Urban Meyer's wife knew of allegations of the former assistant's abusive behavior.

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program on the road by early September," he said. "Then fielding marksmen, teaching them, getting them up through their qualifications to either marksman, sharpshooter, or expert on the range, and then from there, those who are interested can try out for the SASP team. That's pistol and rifle, and it's timed competition on steel targets. You set up five steel targets, whether square or circular, and at the tone of the buzzer, after you've loaded and sighted your weapon, then you hit those targets as fast as you can."

Rodman said he has a few possibilities in mind for a training location.

"I am hoping to work a deal with Western Sportsman Gun Club, where I am also a member. To see if we can set something up, a training facility out there," he said. "Or I have two or three people with some land that is adequate for a target range."

Rodman said the local unit of the Young Marines has never done firearms training before.

"The entire national organization is revamping their marksmanship program," he said. "In that program, they go all the way from basic or novice shooter, all the way up to marksman and expert. After that is when we start teaching them to become competitive shooters."

Weapons to be used in the training and competition could be widely varied, Rodman said, including but not limited to military-style weapons.

"There is just a plethora of target weapons and competition weapons out there. We are not necessarily locked in to an AR-15 or anything like that," he said. "There is a new one on the market that I am investigating. It's a .22 long rifle, but it looks like an M-4 carbine. It's quite easy to handle and train on."

Rodman recently completed training with the NRA as a Range Officer, Coach, and Range Safety Officer, and received certifications.

Of course, no weapons training will be conducted without parents' permission, he stressed.

"No matter what we do, we have to have the parents' permission to do so," he said. "This not only advances the shooting sports, but it also teaches, just like Boy Scouts do, they have rifle ranges on all their camps and they have a shooting badge, a merit badge. Well, we have a ribbon. You have to shoot upwards of 300, which is scored by how many hits on the target and where they're located. You can go all the way up to expert."

Rodman said Young Marines who qualify as marksmen will receive a plain ribbon to wear on their uniforms; while those qualifying as sharpshooters will receive the ribbon with an "S" insignia, and those earning the highest-ranking expert qualification will receive the ribbon with an "E" insignia.

Rodman said discipline is the main advantage of the weapons training program.

"Discipline, self-control, a sense of accomplishment," he said. "You see the discipline when you go into what we call a 'snap-in.' You learn your nomenclature, you learn how to take it apart, you learn how to put it back together, you learn how to clean it. Then your snap-in, they teach you your sight picture, your sight alignment with your target, and build from there. That takes discipline."

The Cross Roads Young Marines currently has 26 young men and women in its program.

For more information about the Cross Roads Young Marines, visit the group's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/CrossRoadsYoungMarines/.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 432-263-7331 ext. 235, or by email at reporter@big-springherald.com.

MILEAGE

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fuel efficiency and curb tailpipe emissions of climate-changing pollutants. Those rules were to take effect after 2020.

The Environmental Protection Agency said in a statement that relaxing mileage standards in the years ahead would give "the American people greater access to safer, more affordable vehicles that are cleaner for the environment."

The EPA and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said the administration supports freezing the mileage standards after 2020, but would seek public comment now on that proposal and a range of others, including leaving the tighter, Obama administration fuel standards in place.

Fred Krupp, president of the Environmental Defense Fund, called the proposed rule "a massive pileup of bad ideas" that would increase pollution and raise fuel costs for consumers.

He said in a statement that the organization would challenge the administration's action "in the court of public opinion and the court of law."

California and 16 other states sued in the administration over the fuel efficiency standards in May, anticipating the new regulation.

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expenditures proposed for the next fiscal year would result in a decrease of 4.02 percent spent by the district; Maintenance and Operations would decrease 2.72 percent, while expenditures on Debt Service would decrease 13.31 percent.

The notice indicates that the proposed tax rate marks a decrease from last year's rate, though with higher valuations on taxed property in the district, the district will bring in more revenue than last year.

The Maintenance and Operations Tax Rate for 2017-2018 is \$1.1195 per \$100 valuation; the new year's proposed \$1.04 is a decrease of 0.0795 per \$100 valuation. The 2017-2018 Debt Service rate of \$0.28 per \$100 val-

uation is \$0.08 per \$100 valuation higher than the new year's proposed rate. However, total taxable value of all property taxed by the district has skyrocketed from 2017-2018's \$1,785,162,100 to \$2,516,871,591 for the new year; an increase of more than \$730 million, or nearly 41 percent.

The effective tax rate, which is the rate required for the school district to bring in the same amount of money as it did in 2017-2018, is \$1.17474 per \$100 valuation, according to the notice; thus the proposed \$1.24 per \$100 valuation, which is more than the effective rate, should bring in more revenue than the district received last year.

According to the notice, the average value of a residence in the district has increased from \$87,865 to \$93,653; while the average tax-

able value has increased from \$45,292 to \$49,923. The district's portion of the average residential property taxes for the year will decrease from \$633.86 to \$619.05, the notice adds.

The notice also lists school district fund balances which will be left over at the end of FY 2017-2018. The Maintenance and Operation Fund will have \$9,738,465 left over, while the Interest and Sinking Fund balance will be \$3,078,500.

For more information, contact Big Spring Independent School District Administration Building at 432-264-3600, or visit the district's website at www.bsisd.esc18.net.

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ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Electricity demand on Xcel Energy's grid is reaching all-time records thanks to the oil and gas boom in southeastern New Mexico and West Texas.

Xcel Energy New Mexico and Texas president David Hudson says oil and gas production in the Permian Basin is driving accelerated load growth on the grid, The Albuquerque Journal reports.

The regional transmission network delivered 6.15 gigawatts of electricity to customers on July 19. That's about 350 megawatts more than the company had predicted in peak demand on any given day for this year, and the highest amount ever managed by the network.

Hudson told the Journal that a heat wave in July contributed to the surge, but the Minneapolis-based company is seeing extreme strength in load growth in New Mexico's Eddy and Lea counties.

"We're now projecting to connect at least another 286 megawatts of load growth this year to the system, and that wasn't even in our forecast for this year," Hudson said.

Most of the growth is coming from the Delaware Basin, an oval shaped shale rock formation that protrudes from southwest Texas northward into Eddy and Lea counties. Modern drilling technologies have turned that zone into one of the most-productive oil and gas plays in the world. That's particularly true in Eddy County, where companies are also setting up new large-scale gas-processing facilities.

Excel is investing heavily in new infrastructure to meet demand. Last week, it inaugurated an 86-mile (138-kilometer), 345 kilowatt transmission line from Hobbs to the newly built China Draw Substation southeast of Carlsbad.

The \$140 million project is the first of several segments of a \$400 million transmission improvement project that by 2020 will connect to the TUCO substation north of Lubbock, Texas, said Xcel spokesman Wes Reeves.

Since 2011, the company has invested in more than 800 miles (1,287 kilometers) of transmission lines and more than 30 new substations, plus upgrades to another 40 substations. Counting new projects now planned or underway, the company will have invested about \$3 billion in regional infrastructure by 2021, Reeves said.

Police ID suspect in killing of George H.W. Bush's doctor

By JUAN LOZANO
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Authorities on Wednesday identified a man who they believe gunned down one of former President George H.W. Bush's doctors last month as the son of a woman who died while the doctor was operating on her more than 20 years ago.

Houston police Chief Art Acevedo said at a news conference Wednesday that the suspect, 65-year-old Joseph James Pappas, should be considered armed, dangerous and possibly suicidal.

"There was a lot of planning that went into

this. There was a lot of planning and, sadly, some skill," Acevedo said of the attack on Dr. Mark Hausknecht, who was gunned down July 20 while riding his bike to work. Authorities say the shooter rode past Hausknecht before turning around and firing.

Acevedo said Pappas is white and very fit and that he likely has his 10-speed bicycle, which he rides "extensively and almost exclusively."

In 2000, Hausknecht treated Bush for an irregular heartbeat after the ex-president complained about lightheadedness.

US appeals court: Trump 'sanctuary cities' order is illegal

By SUDHIN THANAWALA

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — President Donald Trump's executive order threatening to withhold funding from "sanctuary cities" that limit cooperation with immigration authorities is unconstitutional, but a judge went too far when he blocked its enforcement nationwide, a U.S. appeals court ruled Wednesday.

In a 2-1 ruling, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals agreed that the order exceeded the president's authority.

"Absent congressional authorization, the administration may not redistribute or withhold properly appropriated funds in order to effectuate its own policy goals," Chief Judge Sidney Thomas wrote for the majority.

But he also said there wasn't enough evidence to support a nationwide ban on the order and sent the case back to the lower court for more hearings on that question.

An email to a spokesman for the U.S. Justice Department was not immediately returned.

U.S. District Judge William Orrick said in November that the order threatened all federal funding and that the president did not have the authority to attach new conditions to spending that was approved by Congress.

The ruling came in lawsuits filed by two California counties — San Francisco and Santa Clara. The executive order potentially jeopardized hundreds of millions of dollars in funding to the two counties, Orrick said, citing comments by Trump and U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions as evidence of the order's scope.

The Trump administration said the order applied to a relatively small pot of money that already required compliance with immigration law.

Government attorney Chad Readler had told Orrick that the order applied to only three Justice Department and Homeland Security grants that would affect less than \$1 million for Santa Clara and possibly no money for San Francisco.

During arguments before the 9th Circuit in April, Thomas asked what the court was supposed to make of statements by Trump and his administration about wanting to withhold money from sanctuary cities.

Thomas also questioned whether the order would be constitutional if it applied to all types of funding, as the lower-court judge found.

Readler said the order was much narrower, and the judges should not focus on comments by the president or other admin-

istration officials.

The executive order is part of a push by the Trump administration to crack down on cities and states that generally don't comply with U.S. immigration authorities.

The administration has sued California over three laws aimed at protecting immigrants in the country illegally. It also has moved to block a key public safety grant from going to sanctuary cities and states.

The Trump administration says sanctuary jurisdictions allow dangerous criminals back on the street. San Francisco and other sanctuary cities say turning local police into immigration officers erodes the trust needed to get people to report crime.



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In this June 26, 2017, file photo, protesters take part in a rally to oppose a new Texas "sanctuary cities" bill that aligns with the president's tougher stance on illegal immigration, in San Antonio, Texas, outside of the Federal Courthouse.

Trump calls on Sessions to end Mueller's Russia probe

By ZEKE MILLER

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump called Wednesday for his attorney general, Jeff Sessions, to end special counsel Robert Mueller's probe of Russia's election intervention, a day after Trump's former campaign chairman went on trial.

Taking to Twitter to complain about the federal Russia investigation, which focuses on the 2016 presidential campaign, Trump said Sessions "should stop this Rigged Witch Hunt right now, before it continues to stain our country any further."

The relationship between Sessions and the president has been strained for more than a year, since the attorney general recused himself from investigations relating to the election because of Sessions' own role on the Trump campaign. Mueller's team is accountable to Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein.

Tuesday marked the first day of Paul Manafort's trial on charges of tax evasion and bank fraud brought by Mueller's team, charges that stemmed from Manafort's consulting work for Ukraine, for which he allegedly received millions he did not report to the U.S. government.

Seeking to distance himself from his ex-campaign chairman, Trump said, "He worked for me for a very short time."

But Manafort's involvement in the Trump campaign spanned six months, and he helped lead efforts to secure the GOP nomination for Trump in 2016.

Trump asked whether his former top political aide was being treated worse than Al Capone, tweeting that Manafort is "now serving solitary confinement - although convicted of nothing?" Capone, the infamous gangster, was convicted of tax evasion and served most of the 1930s in prison before being paroled.

Manafort is in detention after having his bail revoked because of allegations that he was attempting to tamper with witnesses in his case. Federal prosecutors revealed last month that he was afforded unusual privileges while



AP photo

President Donald Trump listens during a campaign rally at Florida State Fairgrounds Expo Hall, Tuesday, July 31, 2018, in Tampa, Fla.

in detention.

Trump said the charges against Manafort "have nothing to do with Collusion." Potential coordination between Russian government agents and the Trump campaign is still a matter of investigation by Mueller's team, which is also investigating potential obstruction of justice by the president. Trump called any talk of collusion "a Hoax."

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LEADING OFF: *Yanks-Red Sox* matchup minus stars, Turner ready

Associated Press

A look at what's happening around the majors today:

DEPLETED RIVALRY

The Yankees and Red Sox open a four-game series at Fenway Park with the two best records in the majors, but minus key players.

Chris Sale, who tops the big leagues in strikeouts and leads the AL in ERA, had been scheduled to start for Boston. He went on the disabled list this week because of left shoulder inflammation, so Brian Johnson will pitch in his place. Johnson will face a lineup that's missing Aaron Judge — the New York slugger has a broken wrist after being hit by a pitch last week.

The Red Sox lead the Yankees by 1 1/2 games in the AL East.

HIS TURN-ER

Dodgers sparkplug Justin Turner could come off the disabled list for the series finale at home against Milwaukee. He's been out with a groin injury, and is batting .259 with five home runs and 20 RBIs in an injury-interrupted season.

With Turner at third base, recently acquired Manny Machado would move over to shortstop and settle in



New York Yankees' Gleyber Torres reacts as he crosses the plate after hitting a solo home run against the Baltimore Orioles during the second inning of a baseball game, Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2018, in New York.

AP photo

with newcomer Brian Dozier at second base.

WANT HIM?

Reliever Shawn Kelley is looking

for a job after his tantrum cost him a spot in Washington's bullpen. Kelley was cut Wednesday — a day earlier, he threw his glove to the ground and

glared into the dugout after giving up a home run in the ninth inning of a 25-4 rout over the Mets. The 34-year-old righty was 1-0 with a 3.34 ERA in 35 games this season.

"It was a disrespectful act. ... I thought it warranted him leaving the team," Nationals general manager Mike Rizzo said.

BACK TO WORK

Astros star Carlos Correa will begin a rehab assignment at Double-A Corpus Christi after missing more than a month with a back injury. He says he expects to play shortstop for the Hooks and hopes the rehab assignment will last only about a week.

Correa has been out since late June with lower back soreness. He is hitting .268 with 13 home runs and 49 RBIs in 73 games for the AL West leaders.

IN PLAY

Smooth-fielding shortstop Adeiny Hechavarria is available after being cut by Tampa Bay. The Rays designated him for assignment to open a roster spot for newly acquired outfielder Tommy Pham. The 29-year-old infielder was hitting .258 with three homers and 26 RBIs, and he had lost his starting role to rookie Willy Adames.

Free-agent rentals seldom stay long-term in MLB

By RONALD BLUM

AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — When baseball stars on expiring contracts get traded in July, there's usually no need to find long-term housing.

Infielders Manny Machado, Mike Moustakas and Brian Dozier; starting pitchers Cole Hamels, J.A. Happ and Nathan Eovaldi; catcher Martin Maldonado; and closer Britton are among the players dealt ahead of this week's deadline for trades without waivers. All could be eligible for free agency after the World Series.

Most will find new clubs, like Randy Johnson (Houston for Arizona after 1998), CC Sabathia (Milwaukee for the Yankees after 2008), Aroldis Chapman (Chicago Cubs for a Yankees return following 2016) and Yu Darvish (Los Angeles Dodgers for the Chicago Cubs last offseason).

Few decide to stay, such as Yoenis Cespedes with the New York Mets after the 2015 season.

Adding to the intrigue is last offseason's slow free-agent market, which saw veterans scramble during spring training to find cut-rate contracts as opening day approached.

A look at some of the potential free agents and their situations:

COLE HAMELS

Chicago is paying just \$5 million to the 34-year-old left-hander, who struck out nine Wednesday night to win his Cubs debut 9-2 at Pittsburgh. If he is overwhelming the rest of the way, the Cubs likely would exercise his \$19 million option for 2019. Otherwise, they would decline and get reimbursed by Texas for his \$6 mil-

lion buyout. If he is reasonably successful but not dominant, Wrigley Field could be his home for the next two years rather than him taking the risk of going on the market and getting squeezed.

MANNY MACHADO

He is among the most-anticipated of the players in this off-season's market, a free agent at age 26 who could command a deal of eight-to-10 years or more, perhaps with an opt out or two that could set him up for free agency again in his early 30s. Even if he leads the Los Angeles Dodgers to their first World Series title since 1988, he almost certainly would seek his market value. But if he does bring a trophy to La-La Land, there will be pressure on management to pay to keep him in Dodgers blue.

MIKE MOUSTAKAS

A World Series champion and two-time All-Star with Kansas City, he expected a big-money, long-term contract as a free agent last winter. Instead, he re-signed with the Royals in March for an end-of-offseason close-out price: \$5.5 million guaranteed and \$2.2 million in performance bonuses he is on track to earn. He joined a Milwaukee team that has never won a World Series, losing to St. Louis in its only appearance in 1982. His home runs are down slightly this year and his RBIs up. He turns 30 next month. His deal's \$15 million mutual option seems designed not to be exercised. If he powers the Brewers to a deep October run, he'll likely decline. If he doesn't perform, the team will say no thanks.

MARTIN MALDONADO



AP photo

Chicago Cubs starting pitcher Cole Hamels delivers in the first inning of the team's baseball game against the Pittsburgh Pirates in Pittsburgh, Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2018.

He is likely a short-term guest in Houston. Brian McCann had knee surgery last month and is due back in August, and the Astros obtained the Gold Glove winner from the Los Angeles Angels as an upgrade while he is out. Houston holds a \$15 million option on McCann, who is valued by the team's pitchers and in the clubhouse.

J.A. HAPP

A left-hander who turns 36 in October, Happ could find happiness in Yankee Stadium. New York's rotation is uncertain behind Luis Severino, with concerns about Masahiro Tanaka's elbow, CC Sabathia's knee and Sonny Gray's fortitude. Jordan Montgomery won't return from Tommy John surgery until late next season

at the earliest, and while New York is expected to pursue a top free-agent starter such as Dallas Keuchel, or Clayton Kershaw if he opts out of his Dodgers' deal, New York wants more rotation depth.

ZACH BRITTON

It is hard to imagine Britton staying in the Bronx, where Aroldis Chapman is the closer and starting pitching is a more urgent need. But David Robertson is a free agent after the season and Dellin Betances is under control for only one more year. New York general manager Brian Cashman gave Andrew Miller a \$36 million, four-year deal after the 2014 season when he already had Robertson to close and Betances to set up.

Grandal rallies Dodgers over Brewers 6-4 in 10



AP photo

Members of the Los Angeles Dodgers wait for Yasmani Grandal to score after he hit a two-run walk off home run during the 10th inning of a baseball game against the Milwaukee Brewers Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2018, in Los Angeles. The Dodgers won 6-4.

By BETH HARRIS

AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — Brian Dozier began his first game for the Los Angeles Dodgers with an error and then got

better quickly.

Yasmani Grandal hit a two-run homer — his second of the game — in the 10th inning, and Dozier homered in the 6-4 comeback win over the Milwaukee Brewers on Wednesday night

to snap a three-game skid.

"We haven't swung the bats well the last three games," Dodgers manager Dave Roberts said. "You feel a bit of an exhale tonight."

Dozier went 3 for 4 with two runs scored after being acquired from Minnesota on Tuesday.

"It was a fun game," he said, "especially after the first game and curtain call. That was pretty cool."

All-Star Matt Kemp ended an 0-for-26 skid with a single leading off 10th against Matt Albers (3-3). Grandal followed with his 19th homer after the Dodgers had blown a 4-2 lead.

The Brewers tied it 4-all in the eighth. Mike Moustakas doubled off reliever Scott Alexander, who gave up three walks — one intentional — before Manny Pina singled in Ryan Braun.

Dozier scored to put the Dodgers ahead 3-2 in the seventh on Yasiel Puig's single.

"That's a good debut," Kemp said of Dozier. "Show Dodgers fans what he's capable of doing."

The Dodgers trailed 2-0 in the fifth when Grandal and Dozier homered back-to-back to tie it up. Dozier went deep to center field on the first pitch from Chase Anderson.

"I'm surprised the ball actually got out. It was kind of top-spun. I thought

it was going to at least bounce or hit the wall," Anderson said of Grandal's first homer. "The pitch that I would take back would definitely be the Dozier one. I would start that at-bat with a different pitch or locate that ball a bit better."

Dozier got pushed into taking a curtain call after his 17th homer overall. "That's the first game, it's kind of like, 'What do I do?'" Dozier said. "Mike grabbed me and said, 'Get on out there.'"

Dozier singled leading off the seventh. With one out, Chris Taylor walked and Puig singled to right field, scoring Dozier to give the Dodgers a 3-2 lead. Pinch-hitter Enrique Hernandez followed and sacrificed into a fielder's choice along the first-base line, scoring Taylor.

"Love the way he plays the game," Roberts said of Dozier. "He's a hard-nosed player. I think there's more of that to come."

Dylan Floro (4-2) got the win after retiring the side in the 10th.

Lorenzo Cain went 3 for 4 with a walk for Milwaukee, falling a home run shy of the cycle. He tripled in the first and scored on second baseman Dozier's throwing error.

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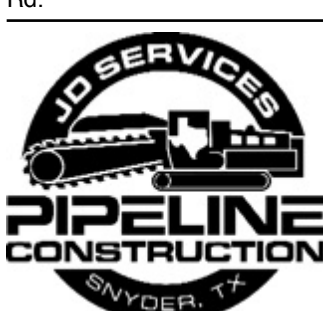
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Specifications may be obtained at the County Indigent Health Care Office, located at the Howard County Courthouse, 300 Main Street, Room 310, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

Bids will be presented to the Commissioners' Court for their consideration on Wednesday, August 22, 2018 at 3:30 p.m.

The Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Jackie Olson, County Auditor
#9821 August 2 & 9

PUBLIC NOTICE

Advertisement for Request for Proposals

RFP# 18-006 PRINT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The Howard County Junior College District is accepting sealed Requests for Proposals for a Print Management System to monitor, track, and control student and staff printing activities thereby controlling costs, reducing operating expense, curbing waste, and recovering costs.

Public Notice

Documents may be obtained from Steven A. Smith, Chief Business Officer, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720. Responses will be accepted through 2:00 PM, Tuesday, August 21, 2018, in Old Main South Annex, Room A2, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, at which time they will be read into record.

All questions should be directed to Steven A. Smith, Chief Business Officer, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, (432) 264.5019. Howard County Junior College District reserves the right to reject any and all responses.

#9822 August 2 & 5

Public Notice

The Howard County Auditor will receive two sealed bids until 10:00 a.m., Friday, August 17, 2018 for prescription medicine and services. These will be two separate bids.

- 1) County Indigent Health Care Program, County Welfare and Howard County Juvenile Probation Office
- 2) Howard County Detention Center

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Mark sealed envelope "Indigent/Welfare prescription bid" or "Detention Center prescription bid" and return to the Howard County Auditor's Office, 300 Main St., Room 202, Big Spring, TX, 79721-1949.

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Jackie Olson, County Auditor
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Public Notice

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The sealed proposals must be delivered to the attention of **Mr. John Grant, General Manager, CRMWD** and will be received and accepted at the District's office located at 400 East 24th Street, P.O. Box 869, Big Spring, Texas 79720 until the deadline for submission which is **3:00 P.M., August 16, 2018**. The proposals once received will be publicly opened and shall be read aloud at the time and place indicated for acceptance of the proposals. Only the name of each proposer and the monetary amount of their proposal and any alternates shall be read aloud. All proposals received after the deadline for submission of sealed proposals shall be returned to the proposer unopened.

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Beginning on July 19, 2018 all potential proposers may obtain a copy of the Contract documents from <http://construction.freese.com>. Contract documents for submitting a proposal for this project may also be obtained at the

Public Notice

following website: www.construction.freese.com. Any changes to the Contract documents shall be issued by formal addenda and the addenda shall be published <http://construction.freese.com> prior to the deadline for submission of the proposals. All proposers are responsible for insuring that they have a complete set of Contract documents prior to the deadline for submission of sealed proposals. Any questions concerning this advertisement, any addenda or related to the Contract documents should be addressed to Janis Murphy at (817) 735-7345.

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Legals

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Lunar Trine to Mercury in Leo

Far from the frivolity it once was, entertainment has become a matter of identity. Our ancestors had limited options where we have millions. The fact that we can get so specific with our choices makes each decision more significant. For better or worse, we are changed by what we watch. The lunar trine to Mercury says: Choose carefully.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Creation takes time; destruction can happen in an instant. You may think long and hard about how to take your life to the next level. Reality will quickly shoot down some (not all!) of those ideas, but don't let that stop you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Happiness and simplicity will be linked up today. The minute you feel that things are involving too many elements or getting too complicated, busy, messy, fast or expensive... stop. Start over.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's not just that one solution doesn't work for everyone; it's that one solution doesn't even work

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



for anyone all of the time. Each moment and circumstance is different. Stay sensitive and awake and you'll do great.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Disillusionment is the thing that happens when you find out that what you thought was real involves a manipulation of perception. Knowing that tricks abound is a necessary step in understanding the nature of reality.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The habit of trying to get things in order to be happy is an addiction, and it should be broken. You really don't need anything else. The expansion of your spirit is the happiness, also the work, also the prize.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). After

careful consideration and planning, the best plan may be no plan. It's one of those rare days when all you need is your openness and a belief that the best will happen.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're a wonderful self-editor. You know that it brings you luck, love, relationships and more. Unfortunately, those who don't self-edit are prone to say too much, confuse people, and make them afraid to approach the next time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You hate to overpay for a thing that will disappear in a moment. To forgo perishables in favor of a lasting memento will be your action -- also a metaphor for other choices you'll make in the near future.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Two people will try to tell or sell you the exact same thing, and you'll much prefer one to the other. Why? It boils down to style. Tone is a part of this. Go where the resonance is, and don't look back.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). People want you to go

one way or another, so they psychically lean on you, trying to get you to sway in that direction. Be strong. Go where you want to go. Don't be guilted. Tell others to stay in their lane.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your life could be much like yesterday, or it could be something very different. The choice is yours. A new start won't require a big effort, merely a mental shift that happens once you claim this as "day one."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). When people want something, but they're not saying it, you can feel that. It will seem to have an actual weight. Encourage others to unburden themselves from the weight. Make it OK for them to speak up and say what they want.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 2). You've made a discovery, and you'll keep expanding in knowledge and skill with it. This is social in nature, having to do with transmuting the abundant love lavished on you this year into

an effective, creative and powerful force for good in the world. Your way of organizing life and work is totally brilliant. Scorpio and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 46, 23, 1 and 28.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: "Where do you stand on the idea of soul mates? Is there one person out there for me? I've been circulating so much, I feel like I've met everyone. I've done everything short of internet dating to meet that person, but no luck yet. I'm 33 and looking for Mr. Right. When will I find him? What sign will he be? I'm a Leo."

You haven't, as you suggested, "met everyone," nor could you possibly do so in a lifetime. I'm wondering what you have against internet dating, as it's one of the fastest and most direct ways of finding friends with similar interests by pre-screening potential dates. Sure, there is some effort and cost involved, but if you are really serious about meeting someone special, you might find all

your effort quite worthwhile.

I do not believe that there is one soul mate for each person, or that your soulmate will be any particular sign. Life doesn't entitle us to a partner. There are many potential soul mates for you, or none, really it's your choice. Your natural lion charisma is turned up right now with the sun in your sign, so get online and start broadening your horizons.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Writer, director and entertainment personality Kevin Smith shares his creative Leo spirit in many ways, including live tours, podcasts and a best-selling tell-all Hollywood memoir. With his sun, moon and Mars all in the sign of show business, he will never tire of generating new entertainment. Take, for instance, his upcoming comedy/horror film, "Moose Jaws" -- like "Jaws," but with a moose.

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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!

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ANSWER:

Fun By The Numbers

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!

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

A switch in time saves nine

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- NORTH**
♠ 8 5 3
♥ Q 6 4
♦ Q J 10 7 3
♣ K Q
- WEST**
♠ J 10 9 7
♥ K 5
♦ 9 6 4 2
♣ A 7 2
- EAST**
♠ 6 4 2
♥ A J 10 2
♦ 8 5
♣ 10 9 5 3
- SOUTH**
♠ A K Q
♥ 9 8 7 3
♦ A K
♣ J 8 6 4

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1 NT Pass 3 NT
Opening lead — jack of spades.

Assume you're West and lead the jack of spades against three notrump. Your partner plays the deuce and declarer the ace. South's ace play doesn't fool you a bit, because he's sure to have the A-K-Q, considering East's low spade play.

Declarer now cashes the A-K of diamonds before leading a club. You win with the ace and, as a steady reader of this column, shift to the king of hearts! Again your partner plays the deuce (he can't afford a higher card), but you continue the suit anyway. Your partner thereupon cashes three more heart tricks, and

the contract goes down one.

High-class defense, but not very difficult when you are looking at all four hands, you might say. Nevertheless, it's the correct defense, even if you see only the West and North hands.

The suggested line of defense is right because, after the first three tricks, it has become clear that South started with the A-K-Q of spades and A-K of diamonds. He may not have any more than these 16 points for his 15- to 17-point notrump bid. In any case, he can't have the ace of hearts also, which would give him 20 points, so you know your partner has that card.

Furthermore, you realize that declarer has at least nine tricks — three spades, five diamonds and a club — if you make a "safe" return after taking the ace of clubs. So, after saying to yourself that necessity is the mother of invention, you play the king and another heart.

While it is granted that you are very lucky to find East with four hearts to the A-J-10, it is also true that East might have held five hearts headed by the A-J, in which case you would have been even luckier. The point is that unless partner has one of these two holdings, you can't set the contract, so you have no choice but to switch to the king and hope for the best.

Tomorrow: Test your play.
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| 8:PM | Match Game | La bella | News TMZ | (:01) Big Brother | Sin Senos SI | Preseason Football: Chicago Bears vs Baltimore Ravens. | Light of Southwest | The Greeks | G. Pyle | Black Lightning | Seinfeld | (:15) Movie: Maleficent (DVS) | | | | Queen of the South | Live PD | |
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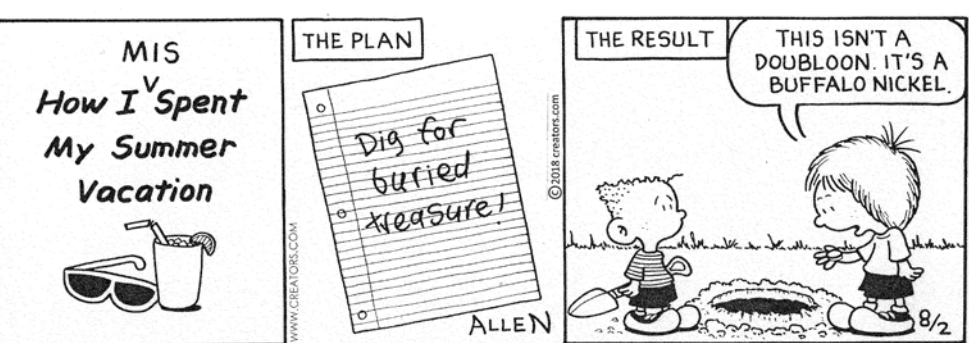
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Aug. 2, the 214th day of 2018. There are 151 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On August 2, 1939, Albert Einstein signed a letter to President Franklin D. Roosevelt urging creation of an atomic weapons research program.

On this date: In 1610, during his fourth voyage to the Western Hemisphere, English explorer Henry Hudson sailed into what is now known as Hudson Bay.

In 1776, members of the Second Continental Congress began attaching their signatures to the Declaration of Independence.

In 1876, frontiersman "Wild Bill" Hickok was shot and killed while playing poker at a saloon in Deadwood, Dakota Territory, by Jack McCall, who was later hanged.

In 1909, the original Lincoln "wheat" penny first went into circulation, replacing the "Indian Head" cent.

In 1923, the 29th president of the United States, Warren G. Harding, died in San Francisco; Vice President Calvin Coolidge became president.

In 1939, President Roosevelt signed the Hatch Act, which prohibited civil service employees from taking an active part in political campaigns.

In 1943, during World War II, U.S. Navy boat PT-109, commanded by Lt. (jg) John F. Kennedy, sank after being rammed in the middle of the night by the Japanese destroyer Amagiri off the Solomon Islands. Two crew members were killed.

In 1974, former White House counsel John W. Dean III was sentenced to one to four years in prison for obstruction of justice in the Watergate cover-up. (Dean ended up serving four months.)

In 1980, 85 people were killed when a bomb exploded at the train station in Bologna, Italy.

In 1985, 137 people were killed when Delta Air Lines Flight 191, a Lockheed L-1011 Tristar, crashed while attempting to land at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

In 1990, Iraq invaded Kuwait, seizing control of the oil-rich emirate. (The Iraqis were later driven out in Operation Desert Storm.)

In 2000, Republicans awarded Texas Gov. George W. Bush their 2000 presidential nomination at the party's convention in Philadelphia and ratified Dick Cheney as his running mate.

Ten years ago: Police in southern Afghanistan reported a bus carrying a wedding party had struck a mine, killing 10 people, including the bride and groom; meanwhile, two French humanitarian aid workers kidnapped on July 18 were released.

Five years ago: The United States issued an extraordinary global travel warning to Americans about the threat of an al-Qaida attack and closed down 21 embassies and consulates across the Muslim world for the weekend.

One year ago: Former Notre Dame football coach Ara Parseghian died at his home in Granger, Indiana, at the age of 94. The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed above 22,000 for the first time, after stocks spent five months gradually moving higher.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Nehemiah Persoff is 99. Former Sen. Paul Laxalt, R-Nev., is 96. Rock musician Garth Hudson (The Band) is 81. Singer Kathy Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is 75. Actor Max Wright is 75. Actress Joanna Cassidy is 73. Actress Kathryn Harrold is 68. Actor Butch Patrick (TV: "The Munsters") is 65. Rock music producer/drummer Butch Vig (Garbage) is 63. Singer Mojo Nixon is 61. Actress Victoria Jackson is 59. Actress Apollonia is 59. Actress Cynthia Stevenson is 56. Actress Mary-Louise Parker is 54. Rock musician John Stanier is 50. Writer-actor-director Kevin Smith is 48. Actress Jacinda Barrett is 46. Actor Sam Worthington is 42. Figure skater Michael Weiss is 42. Actor Edward Furlong is 41. Rock musician Devon Glenn is 38. TV meteorologist Dylan Dreyer (TV: "Today") is 37. Actress Marci Miller is 33. Singer Charli XCX is 26. Actress Hallie Eisenberg is 26.

Thought for Today: "Ideas are powerful things, requiring not a studious contemplation but an action, even if it is only an inner action."

Midge Decter
American writer.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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- Armor helmet openings
- Keyboarding rate, for short
- Appropriate for a palace
- Zealousness plus
- Extreme hostility
- Extremely sharp
- Alpacas' hangout
- Greek dawn goddess
- Now under control
- Spotted African carnivore
- Model for Leonardo
- Visit with
- Flossing advocate: Abbr.
- Plaintive-sounding bird
- Smooth and lustrous
- Talk it up
- Where most Indians live
- Parlor pic
- What you're made of
- Fed. intel group
- ___ Majesty
- Historic chapters
- Six-legged marcher
- Caricatured, say
- Part-Thoroughbred mount
- Spot for a stopover
- Is, for two
- Helen Mirren title
- Predatory insect
- What many an author assumes
- Jamaican music
- Money paid by motorists

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- Insignificant
- Covered veranda
- River of Pakistan
- Rare baseball result
- Window frame
- Sort of sausage
- Sons and daughters
- Fit together
- Suitable for little kids
- Starting on
- Farm structure
- Japan's second city
- Ancient chocolate consumer
- NFL gains
- In disarray
- Music at some hockey games
- City east of San Diego
- Consumed or corroded
- Had an edge
- Sch. at Ames
- Strong pulls
- Green-lighted
- McKellen of movies
- Hazmat-monitoring agcy.
- Factor in room rates
- Qualify for
- Anxious state
- Croft of video games
- Footnote abbr.
- Kid's tender
- Director Lee
- Much of junk mail
- Winter Olympics competition
- Acknowledged in an acceptance speech
- Clown accessory
- "Don't rush me!"
- They're often heard performing hymns
- Sleep acronym
- Supporter of the heavens
- Does a farm chore
- Multi-paragraph test answer
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- Car-trip guessing game
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Meyer on hot seat over handling of assistant's DV case

By RALPH D. RUSSO

AP College Football Writer

Urban Meyer's Ohio State program has been one of the best in college football and for the most part has avoided major off-field issues and player behavior problems that tarnished his championship teams at Florida.

Now Meyer appears to be in jeopardy of losing his job as Buckeyes coach over the handling of a longtime assistant who has been accused of domestic violence.

Ohio State placed Meyer on paid administrative leave Wednesday while it investigates claims that his wife knew about allegations of abuse against former Buckeyes assistant Zach Smith, who was fired last week.

Smith's ex-wife, Courtney Smith, told Stadium that she told Shelley Meyer in 2015 that Zach Smith had assaulted her. Courtney Smith provided text messages to former ESPN reporter Brett McMurphy between her and Shelley Meyer about Zach Smith's behavior, and threatening text messages she said were sent to her by Zach Smith.

"Shelley said she was going to have to tell Urban," Courtney Smith told Stadium. "I said: 'That's fine, you should tell Urban.'"

Courtney Smith said she did not know if Shelley Meyer told Urban Meyer about the allegations against Zach Smith, who has never been convicted of a crime or charged with assaulting his ex-wife.

Zach Smith's attorney, Brad Kofel, said in a statement to ESPN on Wednesday: "Once he gets his chance to tell his side of events, don't be surprised when it is corroborated by every police who ever responded to Ms. Smith's calls."

Ohio State will now look into what Urban Meyer knew and when, and it could determine whether he remains coach of the Buckeyes.

Meyer is heading into his seventh season at Ohio State, where he is 73-8 with a national title in 2014 and two Big Ten Conference championships. Shelley Meyer is a registered nurse and is employed as an instructor at Ohio State. Both Meyer and his wife could be in violation of Ohio State's Title IX sexual misconduct policy on reporting allegations of domestic vio-



In this April 14, 2018, file photo, Ohio State coach Urban Meyer watches the NCAA college football team's spring game in Columbus, Ohio. Ohio State has placed Meyer on paid administrative leave while it investigates claims that his wife knew about allegations of abuse against an assistant coach years before he was fired last week.

lence against university employees.

Violation of the university's policy could result in Meyer being fired with cause by the university, according to provisions placed in his contract when it was extended by two years in April. The new deal runs through 2022 and increases Meyer's salary to \$7.6 million in 2018, with annual six percent raises for the bulk of his compensation.

Offensive coordinator Ryan Day will serve as acting head coach for the Buckeyes, expected to be one of the top teams in the nation again this season. Ohio State's first preseason practice is scheduled for Friday. The season starts Sept. 1 with a game against Oregon State in Columbus, Ohio.

Meyer said in a statement he and athletic director Gene Smith agreed that his being on leave was best for the investigation.

"This allows the team to conduct training camp with minimal distraction. I eagerly look forward to the resolution of this matter," Meyer said.

Meyer is on the short list of most

accomplished coaches in college football history, with three national championships and an .851 winning percentage in 16 seasons at Bowling Green, Utah, Florida and now Ohio State, the team he grew up rooting for in Northeast Ohio.

Meyer won national championships with Florida in 2006 and '08, but his teams also had more than two dozen players get into trouble with the law. He resigned twice at Florida, citing health reasons, first in 2009 season after the Gators lost the Southeastern Conference championship game while trying to repeat as national champs. He changed his mind soon after and coached another season. The Gators went 8-5 in 2010, and after, Meyer stepped down for good.

Meyer was out of coaching for a season, but was hired by Ohio State in November 2011. The Buckeyes had fired Jim Tressel, another national championship-winning coach, before that season for lying to the NCAA and university of about rules violation committed by some of his players.

Since returning to coaching, Meyer's program has been one of the most dominant in college football, and his players have mostly stayed out of major trouble.

Meyer did face some criticism in 2013 for allowing running back Carlos Hyde to return to the team after he was charged with striking a woman in a bar. The case was dropped by police when the woman chose not to pursue charges, but Hyde was suspended three games by Ohio State.

Zach Smith is the grandson of late Ohio State coach Earle Bruce, who Meyer has long praised as a mentor and one of the most influential people in his life. Smith played for Meyer at Bowling Green and began his coaching career under Meyer in Florida.

In 2009, Zach Smith was accused of aggravated battery on his then-pregnant wife while he was working for Meyer in Gainesville, Florida. The charge was dropped because of insufficient evidence.

Meyer hired Smith to join him at Ohio State in 2012, and fired Smith last week after an Ohio court granted a domestic violence protective order to Courtney Smith against her former husband. The firing came on the same day the 2009 allegation against Zach Smith was reported, along with police reports detailing two other accusations Courtney Smith made against Zach Smith in fall of 2015. Charges were never filed in those cases. The Smiths separated in June 2015 and divorced in 2016.

Zach Smith was charged in May with misdemeanor criminal trespass. He pleaded not guilty, and a hearing is scheduled for Friday.

At Big Ten media days last week, Meyer said he knew of the incident in 2009 and that he and Shelley Meyer addressed it with the Smiths. He was also asked about the 2015 incident alleged by Courtney Smith.

"I can't say it didn't happen because I wasn't there," Meyer said. "I was never told about anything and nothing ever came to light. I've never had a conversation about it. I know nothing about it. First I heard about that was last night. No, and I asked some people back at the office to call and say what happened and they came back and said they know nothing about it."

Technical fouls are up this year in the WNBA

By DOUG FEINBERG

AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK — Technical fouls are up this year in the WNBA with more already called this season than last.

There were 92 technical fouls given to players before the All-Star break, 11 more than all of last season. Coaches have picked up another 30 technical fouls already with nearly 20 percent of the season left to play.

WNBA head of officiating Monty McCutchen said in a phone call Wednesday that it certainly wasn't a league-wide initiative to increase technicals this year.

"We haven't messaged a single time this year that we want more technicals or we have a problem that we have to take care of," McCutchen

said. "I love the passion that our players in the WNBA provide their franchises, the fan base, and the basketball world at large."

McCutchen said he was at the Atlanta Dream game Tuesday night and there were three-to-five techs that could have been called that weren't. He also said the officials did a good job of calming situations in that game to avoid calling more technicals.

McCutchen, who is in his first season in charge of WNBA officiating, said in May that communication between officials and players was a major point of emphasis. He also said that quelling situations before they escalate was an important part of the officials' job.

"Our officials are doing

their best," McCutchen said. "I do believe it's important that standards that have long been upheld, and created by our competition committee in past years, are indeed upheld. Our officials aren't just out there punitively handing (technical) out. ... We want to maintain good game decorum so the focus is on the players. There is no desire to adjudicate passion out of our game."

Some players have a different viewpoint on that.

"Right now in the league I just see referees trying to soften the game," Dallas Wings center Liz Cambage said on a conference call last month. "And you would never tech an NBA player up for flexing after making a move. I got a technical last week

for a look at a referee. I don't understand why our emotion and our passion is being suppressed. We are women we are passionate and we are playing hard. Let us play our game and don't try to soften it."

The players' union has taken notice of the increase in techs. The league is playing a more compact schedule because of the FIBA women's basketball world cup in September, so the WNBA regular season schedule is 19 shorter than last year. The level of play is up and there is parity across the league, with few games separating teams in the playoff race. It seems every game matters more and that's led to heightened tension and intensity in most games.

"I haven't looked at the data, but I can feel (a differ-

ence). I'm curious to know maybe if there's a correlation," said WNBA players' union president Nneka Ogwumike of the tighter schedule. "When it comes to the league, it sets itself apart as far as the frequency of games of course. It comes with the added frequency of other things like travel, recovery and all that stuff."

Ogwumike also noted that a few of the technical fouls have been rescinded by the league after they were called.

"It's one thing to get a tech, but for them to be rescinded and how that affected the game is very frustrating," she said.

With the schedule more compact this season, the league hired four more officials this year knowing it would need an extra referee or two. Their schedule isn't nearly as hectic as the players' path this season.

RALLY

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The Brewers led 2-0 in the third when Cain scored on Rich Hill's wild pitch. Grandal lost the ball when it took a weird hop and he spun around in confusion trying to find it as Cain came home.

Jonathan Schoop went hitless in five at-bats, including three strikeouts, in his Brewers debut after being traded from Baltimore.

Anderson gave up two runs and three hits in six innings. He struck out six and walked two.

Hill allowed two runs and six hits in six innings, struck out four and walked one.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Dodgers: 3B Justin Turner (right groin strain) will be activated off the DL on Thursday. ... RHP Hyun-Jin Ryu (strained groin muscle) begins a rehab assignment Thursday with a start for Class A Advanced Rancho Cucamonga.

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