

<u>Upcoming Events</u>

This Week

National Hang Gliding *Competition* McMahon - Wrinkle Airpark Launch is normally between Noon and 1 p.m.

<u>Today</u>

City Council Meeting 5:30 p.m. City Council Chambers

Toasty Tuesday Empty Lot near BBVA 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

<u>August 14</u>

Forsan Community Prayer Breakfast 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Tickets can be purchased at FISD before the event

<u>Aug. 15 -</u>

First Day of School Welcome Back Forsan ISD Coahoma ISD

<u>August 16</u>

Scenic Mountain Moonlight Rave Run by Permian Basin Events 11:55 p.m. at the Big Spring State Park HQ visit www.permianbasinevents.com for more information

August 17

Love our Lake

Howard College sets preliminary tax rate Public tax hearings scheduled Aug. 20 and 23

By ROGER CLINE Staff Writer

The Howard County Junior College District Board of Trustees agreed upon a proposed tax rate at their meeting Monday afternoon. The rate proposal will be open for discussion at two upcoming public hearings before the rate – as well as the College District's budget for 2019-2020 - is voted on.

Howard President Dr. Cheryl Sparks spoke about the tax rates board members selected for Maintenance and Operations – the tax revenue used for the day-to-day operation and upkeep of the college; as well as for Interest and Sinking – the mandated tax rate which provides the income needed to pay down the college's bond debt.

"The board has made the initial approval to consider a rate for M&O of \$0.1866445 (18.66445 cents per \$100



Howard College Trustee Max Barr, left accepts his 10-year service pin from Board President John Freeman, at the Howard County Junior College **District Board of Trustees meeting Monday.**

valuation)," Sparks said. "The I&S rate is automatically set by tax assessor/ collector, and that is going to be \$0.0239920 (2.3992 cents per \$100 valuation). The total rate, then, would

be 0.2103635 (21.03635 cents per \$100 valuation). That is an increase in 7.99 percent in M&O levy, and the I&S is just set by whatever is required to take care of the bond payment."

HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Sparks gave example tax payments based on an average Howard County home and on a home valued at \$100,000.

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Community prayer breakfast Wednesday

By AMANDA DUFORAT Managing Editor Forsan ISD is once again hosting the Forsan Community Praver Breakfast. The breakfast will take place in the Forsan Elementary Cafeteria at 7:30 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. on Aug. 14. "This is a great way to kick off a new school year. I can't think of anything more important than asking God to provide safety, wisdom, and peace for the upcoming school year," Randy Johnson, Forsan ISD Superintendent, said. This is the 16th year for the community prayer breakfast and the entire community is invited to attend. Featured speaker this year is Pastor Tim Dunn from Hillside Christian Church. Pastor Dunn will provide a 15 to 20 minute talk, while attendees enjoy a meal. Pastor Darren Weaver of Forsan Baptist Church will act as the emcee and provide special music. "The entire program will last only one hour so attendees can get to their place of employment without missing a great deal of work time," Johnson said. For those wanting to attend, tickets can be purchased at Forsan Elementary, Forsan Jr/Sr High School or in the superintendent's office. Tickets must be purchased in advance to ensure enough food is prepared. The ticket price helps to cover the cost of food so that no public monies are utilized to support the event.

Help clean up the park 7 to 11 a.m. Comanche Trail Park

YMCA Backpack Giveaway 9 a.m. - Noon YMCA of Big Spring

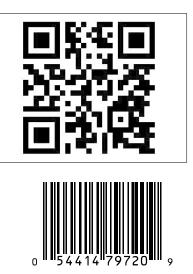
Don't forget to submit your We Salute! nominations; good deeds, positive impacts to the community, etc. can be emailed to editor@bigspringherald.com

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The Train Car was taken over last Friday, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., while School of Rock performed their summer wrap up show. The two bands -The Killer Wailes and Power Dangers - rocked downtown as they played for their parents, friends and the community.

YMCA equips students for new year

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

The YMCA has been helping students enjoy the summer, with the new splash pad and some free admission days. Now, the focus is shifting to helping prepare kids as they head back to the classroom. On Aug. 17 from 9 a.m. to Noon, the YMCA and community sponsors will be handing out backpacks for those needing school supplies.

"Backpacks are divided by grade level and families can just stop by, find out what the YMCA has to offer during the school year and grab a backpack filled with what they will need for the upcoming year," Dathan Jones, YMCA Director, said.

Several local business stepped up this year, including Blue Energy, KBest Media, Woodforest, NuStar, Native, SM Energy and the Big Spring Herald, along with several individuals. For each grade level - kindergarten through junior high - there are 20 filled backpacks.

"Heading back to school can be stressful and can become expensive for families sending multiple kids back to school. Our community wants to make sure these fam



HERALD file photo Backpacks were handed out, at a previous YMCA Back to School event. This year, more than 100 backpacks will be handed out.

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Amanda Duforat is the managing editor at the Big Spring Herald. To contact her, email editor@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

LOCAL

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• JASON SCOTT COMSTOCK, 45, of 1105 S. 11th St., Lamar, Colorado, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• STRATON MARCELL SMITH, 31, of 3604 Boulder Dr., was arrested on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

• CREDIT/DEBIT CARD ABUSE was reported in the 600 block of Linda Ln.

• RUNAWAY was reported in the 1600 block of S. Nolan St.

• THEFT was reported in the 2200 block of S Main St.

• ACCIDENT MINOR was reported at 14th and Goliad.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 4100 block of Muir St.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 2400 block of Gatesville Rd.

Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 95 inmates at the time of this report.

 ASHTON LOU-RISSA AKIN, 25, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (less than one gram).

 STEVE CHARLES BUDZISE, 31, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (less than one gram), and a charge of possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (one gram to four grams).

 CAROLYN ANN CERBANTEZ, 57, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated-third or more offense.

 JOE ALBERT CHAVERA, 19, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for violating bond or a protective order.

 JASON SCOTT COMSTOCK, 45, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **RACHEL MARIE CRUZ**, 36, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for driving with invalid license with previous conviction or suspension without financial resolution.

 DAVID ANDREW ERIVES, 26, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for ROP possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (one to four grams).

• LARRY GUTIERREZ, 46, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for burglary of a building, driving with invalid license.

• BRANDON SCOTT HAYMAN, 31, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for motion to revokefraudulent possession of identifying information.

 VANDESSA MENDEZ, 25, was arrested by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated with child

under 15.

* KASSAUNDRA DYHAN MUNOZ, 29, was ar rested by BSPD on a warrant for theft of property (\$100 to \$750).

 STEVEN DWAYNE RICH, 41, was arrested by HCSO on warrants for two counts of driving with invalid license, operating unregistered motor vehicle, two counts of violating promise to appear, and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

 TELENA KAY RODGERS, 37, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.

YASMANY RODRIGUEZ, 31, was arrested by HCSO on charges of violating motor fuel tax requirement and fraudulent use or possession of identifying information.

 STRATON MARCELL SMITH, 31, was arrest ed by HCSO on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

 TERRY D. SPEARS, 52, was arrested by BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (one to four grams), and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

 JOSHUA NATHANAEL SPIVEY, 23, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for a parole violation and a charge of possession of marijuana (less than two ounces).

 ROBERT MICHAEL STEWART, 25, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for assault causing bodily injury.

 MICHAEL SHAY VANDERBILT, 43, was ar rested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **PRINCE VANDERBILT**, 32, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (less than one gram), and warrants for driving with invalid license and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

 MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 900 block of S. Scurry St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

 MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1600 block of S. Moss Lake Rd. No transport was required.

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 800 block of W. 3rd St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 3700 block of Wasson Rd. On person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1800 block of Oil Mill Rd. No transport was required.

 MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 800 block W. Marcy Dr. No transport was required.

 MEDICAL CALL was reported at FM 700 and 11th Place. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 14000 block of N. CR 49. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

 MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1000 block of E. Moss Lake Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• MEDICAL CALL was reported 300 N.E. 6th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Obituaries

Vonda Wrye

Vonda Wrye, 74, of Big Spring, passed away Monday, August 12, 2019 at Midland Memorial Hospital. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Support Groups

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. This is a group for all Parkinson's Disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806 785-0942.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

 A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

· Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive. These meetings are open for any caregiver, whether medical professional or family member. For more information, please call Becky Letz at 267-1628.

• Al-anon family group meets at 8 p.m. at 615 Settles.

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.

 Celebrate Recovery meets at First United Methodist Church Youth Hall, 400 Scurry, from 6-8 p.m. Hurts, habits and hang-ups. Leave message for Joyce Webb at 325-212-8600.

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

Take Note

• Important dates for Coahoma ISD students:

Kindergarten Boot Camp is set for Aug. 14.

High School: Freshman orientation will be held Wednesday, Aug. 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

School begins Thursday, Aug. 15.

• Bus Rider Registration is now taking place. If you would like to ride the bus in BSISD, you must register. You can go to the bus barn located at 3600 E. 11th Place, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., each day through Friday. They will also be open Saturday August 10 and August 17 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

• Senior and/or mature adults are invited to come to a dance every first and third Friday each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center, located at 100 Whipkey Drive. Come two-step the evening away, or just min-

gle with old friends and make new friends.

Dances are from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live entertainment. No alcohol or smoking permitted. Cost is \$5 per person.

• Maranatha Baptist Academy, at 903 Johnson, is now taking applications for ongoing enrollment for our Fall Session, August 1, 2019-2020 School term. Call 432-213-1046 for an appointment, Dr. Lillian Bohannan, 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.

• Home Hospice is looking for volunteers (18+) and junior volunteers (9-16 years old). Applications can be picked up at the Home Hospice office, located at 111 E. Seventh Street, Suite A between 8 a.m and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Adult volunteers will need to complete a training and must be able to pass a background check. Volunteer duties will include home visits; junior volunteers will be helping with office work, community events and holiday activities. More information can be ob-

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 Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon the first Monday of every month. We meet at Howard College in the Cactus Room. Our vision is that every Big Spring citizen will take individual responsibility for making Big Spring the most beautiful city in Texas. Visitors are always welcome. For more information call Tammy at 432-935-0057.

 The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., in the basement of the Howard County Library. Come join us, we would love to have you.



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, every Thursday, at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for more information.

FRIDAY

• Reformers Unanimous International is a faithbased 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.

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LOCAL



Today: Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Sunny and hot, with a high near 103. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 75. East wind 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 97. East wind 5 to 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 74. East wind 5 to 10 mph.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 98. Calm wind becoming southeast around 5 mph in the afternoon.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 75.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 99.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 77.

HOWARD

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"The average home this year... average home value...is \$81,284. This particular tax rate, if approved, would be a decrease of \$12.12 on an average home," Sparks said. "On a \$100,000 property, it would be \$21.68 less. The overall percentage change above the total effective tax rate of the M&O plus the I&S - the overall tax revenue would be a 5 percent increase, and it would be for deferred maintenance and security/safety."

The public hearings on the tax rate are scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 20, and Friday, Aug. 23. Both hearings are scheduled for 12:30 p.m. in the Howard College Student Union's Tumbleweed

YMCA

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Room.

The vote on the tax rate and budget will be at the board's next meeting, Monday, Aug. 26, at 12:30 p.m., also in the Student Union's Tumbleweed Room.

In other business, the board recognized Trustee Max Barr for his service.

"He was recognized for his 10 years of service today," Sparks said. "Max has brought the perspective of the ranching and farming community. Actually, the service of the Barr family goes back a long way. His father served on the board probably right at 20-plus years several years ago, and so Howard College has been an important part of the Barr family for many years, and he continues that tradition and legacy."

The board also:

· Viewed a digital video/slideshow recognizing Howard College's successes and accomplishments over the past year. Sparks said the video should be available soon for viewing on the college's website, www.howardcollege.edu.

• Approved preliminary 2019-2020 budgets, which had been discussed prior to the meeting in a budget workshop.

· Approved an interlocal agreement with Howard County for the funding of a joint "Dean of Libraries" between the two entities. The current holder of the position is Mayour Braswell.

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

-ilies are relieved of a little bit of that worry and just make sure the kids can step into the new school year ready to learn and not worried about if they have all the school supplies they need," Jones said. For families wanting to find out more about the after school program, child care services or about membership opportunities, there will also be a chance to inquire about those as well during this time.

The YMCA is located at 801 Owens.

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Power Dangers show off their skill in final performance

HERALD photo/Jordan Parr

The School of Rock - Killer Wailes and Power Dangers - performed at the Train Car last Friday evening. This was the final performance before the students head back to the classroom for another year. A new group of students will be coming in for School of Rock, next summer. The band also performed Thursday evening at the Back School Health to Splash.

• Big Spring/Howard gram serving victims forcement agencies, as background check, we County and surround- of all violent crime, needed. ing counties are in including, but not limneed 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.

Take Note

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Saturday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 100. Saturday Night: Partly cloudy,

with a low around 77.

Sunday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 101. Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 77.

Monday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 101.

(Weather courtesy National Weather Service via forecast.weather.gov)

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LOCAL/STATE

Outstanding 4th-8th Grade students participate in 2019 Lone Star Leadership Academy camps

<u>Special to the Herald</u>

One thousand and seventy-two outstanding 4th-8th graders participated in Education in Action's summer 2019 Lone Star Leadership Academy camps

Additionally, 24 student alumni returned to serve in a leadership role as youth facilitators. Educators nominated these young leaders to participate based on demonstrated leadership ability, academic success, and involvement in school/community activi-

The students, representing communities across Texas, traveled to Dallas/Fort Worth (4th, 5th & 6th graders), Austin/San Antonio (5th, 6th & 7th graders), and Houston/Galveston (6th, 7th & 8th graders) to take part in the camps.

During the week long, overnight camps, these distinguished students developed leadership skills while learning about the great state of Texas. Par-

ticipants experienced what they are learning in school through visits to notable and historically significant Texas sites.

Venues included places such as the U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing, the Fort Worth Stockyards National Historic District, and the Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza on the Dallas/Fort Worth program; the offices of participants' state legislators at the Texas State Capitol, the Supreme Court of Texas, bat watching on the Lone Star Riverboat, and The Alamo on the Austin/San Antonio program; and NASA, a boat tour of Galveston Bay with a marine biologist, the San Jacinto Battleground Monument, and Moody Gardens on the Houston/Galveston program.

addition. professionals In at sites vis ited introduced students to а wide vari etv of unique careers during each camp The Lone Star Leadership Academy experience provides a unique opportunity for outstanding students to learn about Texas leaders and what it means to be from the Lone Star State.

Participants discuss what they learn, complete problem solving and decision-making simulations exercise creativity, and practice presentation skills in Leadership Groups.

In addition, participants have fun meeting oth er outstanding students and making new friends while adding to their resume of academic achieve ments, developing leadership skills, and bringing home a wealth of information to supplement what they are learning in school.

Education in Action is a 501(c)(3) non-profit orga nization dedicated to empowering young people to be informed and active leaders in their commun ties

Students involved in student government an service organizations are especially good cand dates for Lone Star Leadership Academy camps.

State housing agency's \$79.5 million tax credit allocation to expand housing options for income-eligible Texans Credits to help finance construction or rehabilitation of 68 affordable housing developments

(AUSTIN) — Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TD-HCA) has announced awards through the 2019 Housing Tax Credit (HTC) Program allocation that will help finance the development of rental properties offering reduced rents and increased housing options.

TDHCA will provide \$79.5 million in housing tax credits to private developers constructing or rehabilitating 68 properties across the state that will offer rents affordable to households earning up to 60 percent of the area median family income.

"As Texas continues to outpace other states in terms of job creation and livability, TDHCA's multifamily financing remains an important component to ensuring our expanding workforce has adequate, high quality housing in which to live," said TDH-CA Acting Director David Cervantes.

"The housing tax credit program is a remarkable example of how public and private dollars can serve all Texans and benefit the overall economic health of our state."

The credits are expected to help finance the building of 52 high quality, new properties with a total of 3,822 units, and the rehabilitation of 16 properties offering 1,148 units to income-eligible households across the state. The at-risk set aside, totaling more than \$11.9 million for the 2019 cycle, is used for the rehabilitation or reconstruction of aging housing developments that could soon lose rental subsidies provided to their low-income residents.

"For the second year in a row, every eligible at-risk application we received will be awarded tax credits,² explained Marni Holloway, TDHCA director of multifamily finance. "Because of this, TDHCA's efforts will help preserve housing affordability for some of our most vulnerable Texans in rural communities.'

The Housing Tax Credit Program authorized under the Internal Revenue Code, is the state's primary means of directing private capital

toward the development of affordable rental housing. Investors purchase credits allocated to developers to which they may apply toward their federal tax liability each year for 10 years on a dollar-for-dollar basis in exchange for their investment in the property.

(more)

Developers use proceeds from the sale of the credits as financing for their property. The credits announced today are designed to cover approximately 70 percent of each property's eligible development costs

Since 1987, more than 260,000* affordable housing units have been built or preserved in Texas using the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program. It's estimated that the new construction and rehabilitation of developments that opened in 2018, alone, led to the creation of 26,000 jobs statewide with compensation totaling \$1.03 billion. The total economic impact generated for the state was ap proximately \$4.4 billion**.

*As of December 2018

**total does not include job creation increased property tax valuations and economic activity made possible by reduced rents.

About The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs is committed to expanding fair housing choice and opportunities for Texans through the administration and funding of afford able housing and homeownership opportunities, weatherization, and community-based services with the help of for-profits, nonprofits, and lo cal governments. For more informa tion about fair housing, funding op portunities, or services in your area please visit www.tdhca.state.tx.us or the Learn about Fair Housing in Texas page.

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Howard County Junior College District will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 5.00 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Tax Code Chapter 26). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending

Texas A&M System regents OK \$6.3 billion operating budget, capital plan with \$841.3 million in new projects

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents on Thursday approved a \$6.3 billion operating budget for FY 2020 and a five-year, \$2.9 billion capital plan that includes \$841.3 million in new proposed projects. The operating budget jumped to \$6.3 billion from \$4.7 billion, largely because the Legislature authorized the transfer of the Texas Department of Emergency System as its eighth state agency. Management into the A&M UNIVER The \$2.9 billion capital plan includes approximately \$2 billion of previously approved projects that are either in design or construction and the \$841.3 million in proposed projects. The plan can be

viewed here.

The RELLIS Camgrow with the Board the design and conlab for the Army Fulion in infrastructure second phase of the plex. The Legislature for an innovative proving conjunction with the Army's

pus in Bryan continues to of Regents approving struction of a \$50 million tures Command, \$30 miland \$28.6 million for the **RELLIS** Academic Comalso authorized \$50 million

ground to be built at RELLIS in new lab.

A groundbreaking for the Army Futures Command's complex is scheduled for October.

About The Texas A&M University System

The Texas A&M University System is one of the largest systems of higher education in the nation, with a budget of \$6.3 billion. Through a statewide network of 11 universities, a comprehensive health science center, eight state agencies, and the RELLIS Campus, the Texas A&M System educates more than 153,000 students and makes more than 22 million additional educational contacts through service and outreach programs each year. System-wide, research and development expenditures exceeded \$996 million in FY 2017 and helped drive the state's economy.

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on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on Tuesday, August 20, 2019, at 12:30 p.m. at Howard College, in the Tumbleweed Room of the Student Union Building, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

The second public hearing will be held on Friday, August 23, 2019, at 12:30 p.m. at Howard College, in the Tumbleweed Room of the Student Union Building, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: Dr. John Freeman, Mr. Maxwell Barr, Mrs. Patricia Bennett, Mr. Adrian Calvio, Mr. Michael Flores, Ms. Emma Krabill

AGAINST: none

PRESENT and not voting: none

ABSENT: Mr. Mark Morgan

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in the Howard County Junior College District last year was \$78,916. Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.232316 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$183.33.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in the Howard County Junior College District this year is \$81,284. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.200611 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$163.06.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.210637 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$171.21.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.

NATIONAL

Epstein death shifts federal focus to possible conspirators

By JIM MUSTIAN and MICHAEL

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — In the wake of Jeffrey Epstein's suicide , federal prosecutors in New York have shifted their focus to possible charges against anyone who assisted or enabled him in what authorities say was his rampant sexual abuse.

Two days after the 66-year-old financier's death in a New York jail where he was awaiting trial on sex trafficking charges, Attorney General William Barr warned on Monday that "any co-conspirators should not rest easy."

"Let me assure you that this case will continue on against anyone who was complicit," Barr said at a law enforcement conference in New Orleans. "The victims deserve justice, and they will get it."

Authorities are most likely turning their attention to the team of recruiters and employees who, according to police reports, knew about Epstein's penchant for underage girls and lined up victims for him. The Associated Press reviewed hundreds of pages of police reports , FBI records and court documents that show Epstein relied on an entire staff of associates to arrange massages that led to sex acts.

If any Epstein assistants hoped to avoid charges by testifying against him, that expectation has been upended by his suicide.

"Those who had leverage as potential cooperators in the case now find themselves as the primary targets," said Jacob S. Frenkel, a former federal prosecutor. "They no longer have anyone against whom to cooperate."

One possible roadblock to further charges is the controversial plea agreement Epstein struck more than a decade ago in Florida. The non-prosecution agreement not only allowed Epstein to plead guilty in 2008 to lesser state charges and serve just 13 months behind bars, it also shielded from prosecution several Epstein associates who allegedly were paid to recruit girls for him.

Federal prosecutors in New York, in charging Epstein last month, argued that the non-prosecution agreement is binding only on their counterparts in Florida.

But Gerald Lefcourt, a lawyer who negotiated the agreement, said the deal should still protect any alleged co-conspirators for what happened between 2001 and 2007.

"I would never have signed the agreement or recommended it unless we believed that it resolved what it said: all federal and state criminal liability," Lefcourt said Monday.

Police reports say Epstein's assistants worked like an advance team to facilitate his twice-daily massages, often from high school girls who were paid hundreds of dollars per "appointment." Epstein's personal assistant, Sarah Kellen, would call ahead to recruiters in Florida when Epstein was planning a trip to his Palm Beach mansion, the police reports say.

Kellen, who is among four women named in the non-prosecution agreement, would allegedly greet girls arriving at the mansion and escort them to a room with a massage table where Epstein would be waiting, wearing only a towel. A 2008 lawsuit in Florida accused Kellen of not only scheduling encounters between Epstein and an underage girl but of taking nude photographs of her.

Kellen now goes by the name Sarah Kensington and runs an interior design firm. Her attorneys did not respond to requests for comment.

Epstein's former girlfriend, British socialite Ghislaine Maxwell, was described in a 2017 lawsuit as the "highest-ranking employee" of Epstein's alleged sex trafficking enterprise. She oversaw and trained recruiters, developed recruiting plans and helped conceal the activity from law enforcement, the lawsuit said.

Representatives of Maxwell have not responded

to requests for comment. In sworn statements, she has denied any wrongdoing.

Another woman named in the plea deal, Leslie Groff, was accused in a 2017 lawsuit of making travel arrangements for Epstein's alleged victims and taking steps to ensure the girls complied with "the rules of behavior imposed upon them by the enterprise."

Another alleged Epstein recruiter, Haley Robson, received \$200 payments each time she escorted a new "masseuse" to Epstein's home, according to police reports. Robson targeted girls from the rural area outside Palm Beach, where she grew up, lawsuits alleged, because Epstein believed they were less likely to complain to the authorities.

Robson likened herself to the so-called Hollywood Madam, Heidi Fleiss, in an interview with Palm Beach police, and said Epstein once admonished her for bringing a 23-year-old recruit to his home.

"He told her the younger the better," a detective wrote in one police report.

Lawyers for those potential defendants are likely to seize on wording in Epstein's non-prosecution agreement that appears to tie the hands of the entire Justice Department when it comes to indicting co-conspirators, said David Weinstein, a former federal prosecutor in Miami who has followed the case closely.

He noted that the agreement states that "the United States" — not a specific prosecutor's office agreed not to charge anyone who assisted Epstein.

"The argument that's going to be made by unindicted co-conspirators is that this paragraph was much broader than any other paragraph in the agreement," Weinstein said. "I would argue that this was a very broad grant of transactional immunity."

Associated Press writer Larry Neumeister contributed to this report.

Sen. Rand Paul easing back in public view after lung surgery

By BRUCE SCHREINER

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) - U.S. Sen. Rand Paul is easing back into public activities after his recent lung surgery sidelined him for part of the August congressional break.

The Kentucky Republican is set to deliver a speech Tuesday at a chamber of commerce luncheon in southern Kentucky. It marks his first public appearance since part of his lung was removed at a Tennessee hospital. The senator says the surgery stemmed from injuries suffered when a neighbor tackled him while he was doing yard work at his

A former presidential hopeful, Paul acknowledged that the social media vitriol comes from both ends of the political spectrum, saying: "I think it is important that we all sort of calm our rhetoric down."

The senator's attacker, Rene Boucher, pleaded guilty to assaulting a member of Congress and received a 30-day prison sentence. think most of these homicidal attackers ... Federal prosecutors

have appealed, saying 21 months would have been appropriate. Paul sued Boucher, and a jury in Bowling Green, Kentucky, awarded the senator more than \$580,000 in damages and medical expenses. Boucher has since sold his home next door to the senator. The overheated rhetoric swirling on social media hasn't affected Paul's longterm political plans, with the senator saying that "unless something should change, I am planning on running for reelection" in 2022. Paul is now in his second term. While he was recovering, the nation was rocked by mass shootings in Texas and Ohio. Paul, a strong gunrights advocate, signaled his willingness to support something along the lines of "red flag" laws that allow

guns to be removed from those who may be a danger to themselves and others.

"I'm not opposed to sort of an emergency order for 48 hours and then you get a hearing in a court where you get the full due-process protections," he said in the interview. "It's the one thing that could fix a lot of stuff. I



Kentucky home in late 2017.

Initially, most of Paul's August travel plans were canceled due to the operation more than a week ago at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville. But his recovery has progressed faster than expected, allowing him to go to Williamsburg for the chamber event on Tuesday.

"I'm actually doing pretty well," Paul said in a phone interview with The Associated Press on Monday, his first since the surgery. "And like anybody else who's used to being active, it's hard to sit still. I'm ready to get back in the mix of things and to start traveling around the state some."

His schedule will be scaled back considerably from what had been planned before the surgery, with just a handful of appearances planned in the next two weeks.

He'll return to Washington in September when Congress reconvenes, and by then "I shouldn't have any limitations," Paul said.

The surgery became necessary after he had struggled with what turned out to be a lingering infection in the damaged lung, the senator said.

During his recovery, it wasn't all wellwishers reacting to his surgery on social media, he said. Paul said he was targeted by some detractors, adding: "We have some real strong hate going on out there."



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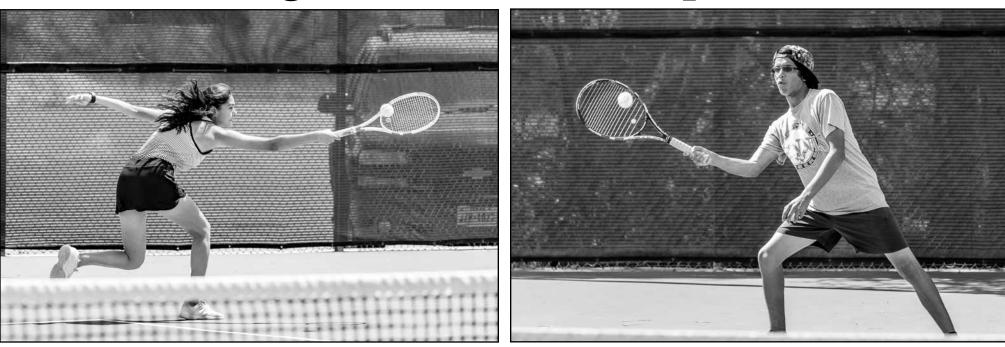
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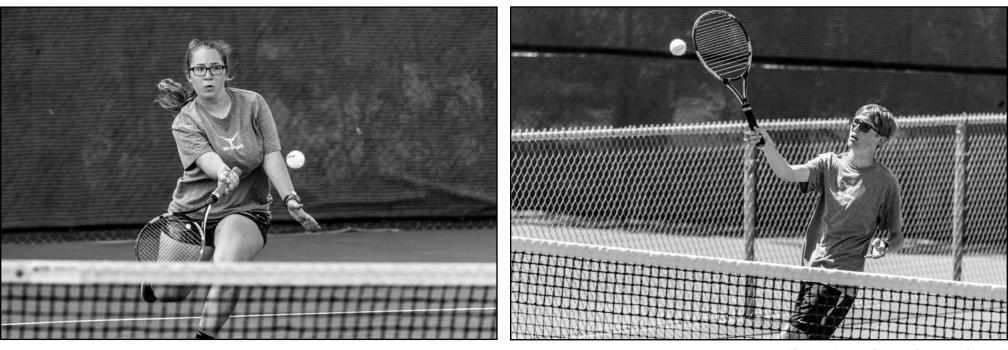
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Big Spring Gets their Tennis season underway against Abilene Cooper



Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Left: Big Spring's Marisa Salazar sprints to return a hit during doubles action in the Steer's match with Abilene Cooper on Monday. Right: Big Spring's Damian Hewtty reaches wide to return a hit during the Steer's match on Monday.



Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com) Left: Big Spring's Emily Kocak rushes the net to return a short hit during the Steer's match with Abilene Cooper. Right: Big Spring's Ransom Colette rushes the net to return a short hit during the Steer's match with Abilene Cooper on Monday.

Drury hits first career grand slam, Jays rout Rangers 19-4

By IAN HARRISON

Associated Press

TORONTO - Held off the scoreboard Sunday in a 1-0 loss to the Yankees, the Toronto Blue Jays bounced back with their biggest offensive outMathis took the mound for Texas in the eighth and gave up a two-run home run to Danny Jansen.

"Once Montero pitched, I didn't really want anybody else to pitch," Rangers manager Chris Woodward said. "It saved us from having to use another arm. It's huge." Toronto scored eight runs in the to their favor," Woodward said of Tofourth, its biggest inning since an eightrun frame against Seattle on Sept. 20, 2016. Nomar Mazara, Willie Calhoun and Rougned Odor hit solo home runs 50 but Texas lost by 11 or more runs for the third time this season. The 19 runs allowed by the Rangers matched a season-worst.

it scoreless in the first, but Drury and Bichette each hit RBI singles in the second as the Blue Jays immediately overturned Mazara's solo homer in the top of the inning.

"When you're facing a young team, sometimes you don't know how to attack them just yet and they used that ROSTER REPORT

Blue Jays: SS Freddy Galvis was claimed on waivers by Cincinnati. OF Billy McKinney was recalled from Triple-A Buffalo to take Galvis' spot on the roster. .. RHP David Paulino was released from Triple-A EXTRA, EXTRA! Bichette has 15 extra-base hits through his first 15 games, more than anyone else in MLB history. Bichette's 26 total hits since his July 29 debut are the most by any big leaguer in that span.

burst of the season.

Brandon Drury hit his first career grand slam, Justin Smoak had a tworun homer among his three extrabase hits, and the Blue Jays routed the Texas Rangers 19-4 Monday night.

"As a team, I felt like we were always going to be able to hit," Smoak said. "Over the past month or so, we've definitely been able to do that. I feel like we have the right guys here who are capable of doing some crazy things."

Bo Bichette had the first four-hit game of his young career and Randal Grichuk had three hits, including a solo homer, as the Blue Jays pounded out a team record 13 extra-base hits and won for the 10th time in 15 games.

"We're playing really good ball right now," Bichette said. "Everybody is competing really well. It's really fun." Drury had five RBI, while Smoak and Grichuk each had four.

Blanked for the ninth time this season a day earlier against New York's Masahiro Tanaka and Aroldis Chapman, the Blue Jays responded with season-highs in runs and hits (21) against six Rangers pitchers.

After Rafael Montero struck out the side in the seventh, catcher Jeff

Texas has lost five of six, scoring more than three runs just once through the first seven games of a nine-game swing through Cleveland, Milwaukee and Toronto.

"On this road trip, we haven't hit anything," shortstop Elvis Andrus said.

Texas arrived in Toronto on the heels of Sunday's 1-0 shutout victory over the Brewers. On Monday, righthander Ariel Jurado pitched around a Vladimir Guerrero Jr. double to keep

ronto's hot rookie hitters.

Jurado (6-8) allowed career-highs of eight runs and 11 hits in 3 2/3 innings. He has won just once in his past eight outings.

Smoak hit a tworun homer in the third, his 19th, and followed Grichuk with a shot to left, his 21st. It was the

10th time this season the Blue Jays have hit back-to-back home runs.

Neil Ramirez opened for Toronto and threw seven pitches, all strikes, in a perfect Blue Jays debut. Brock Stewart (2-0) took over in the second and pitched 5 1-3 innings, allowing three runs and five hits.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Rangers: Delino DeShields replaced Elvis Andrus in the seventh and stayed in the game after being hit on the right knee by a pitch from Buddy Boshers in the eighth.

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Toronto's 10 sets of back-to-back home runs this season is one shy of the 1999 team record for most in a single season. The Blue Jays also did it 10 times in 2983, 2006 and 2010.

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The Rangers also lost 19-4 to Arizona on July 17. The Diamondbacks scored seven runs in the first inning that night.

UP NEXT

Rangers: RHP Lance Lynn (14-7, 3.60) has stuck out 70 batters over his past eight starts, the fourth-highest total in the majors behind Houston's Gerrit Cole and Justin Verlander (75) and Cleveland's Shane Bieber (71).

Blue Jays: LHP Thomas Pannone (2-5, 6.83) matched a season-worst by allowing seven runs against the Yankees in his previous start, Aug. 8.

All is Wells for Texas Tech, familiar offense to go with D

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

For all the changes that have been made on and off the field at Texas Tech since Matt Wells took over as head coach, what will look the most familiar to everyone is the offense.

"There's some philosophies and there's some schemes that are absolutely carry-over from the previous staff, from Kliff (Kingsbury), and even going back to coach (Mike) Leach," said Wells, who had his own high-scoring offenses at Utah State.

Wells will also put plenty of emphasis on defense an area where the Red Raiders have long struggled.

"You've got to feel good about that," senior defensive lineman Broderick Washington said. "Having coach Wells come in and defense automatically already seems important to him, it's a confidence booster. It makes you want to be great for him."

Utah State was second nationally scoring 47 points a game last season, behind Oklahoma and just ahead of Alabama. The Aggies' 497 total yards per game ranked 11th, just ahead of the 485 averaged by the Red Raiders. On defense, the Aggies of the Mountain West gave up only 222 yards per game — half of what Tech gave up last season, largely against its Big 12 foes.

"The biggest thing to consistently winning in the Big 12 for my tenure here at Texas Tech is we have to play championship-caliber defense," Wells said. "There is not a time that is ever more challenging than to play that in the Big 12 than right now."

After six seasons at his alma mater, Wells left for the Big 12 to replace Kingsbury, the record-setting Red Raiders quarterback-turned-coach who was fired by his alma mater after a third consecutive losing season before becoming an NFL head coach.

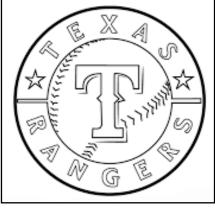
"Hard worker, straight-up forward, means everything he says," Washington said of Wells. "If he says he's going to do something, he's going to do it, and he means it. ... He's very consistent in everything he does. We're not getting mixed messages, like within the staff."

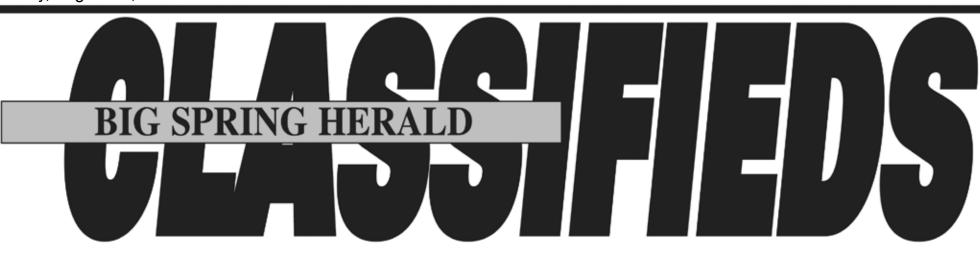
The Red Raiders will play their first game under Wells at home Aug. 31 against Montana State. Their Big 12 opener is Sept. 28 at Oklahoma, which has won the league title the last four seasons.

QB JUNKIE

Wells described sophomore quarterback Alan Bowman as a football junkie. Bowman was the first player Wells met after touching down in Lubbock, and the quarterback immediately wanted to watch video of Utah State and what the Aggies did on offense. As a true freshman last season, Bowman completed 69% of his passes (227 of 327) for 2,638 yards with 17 touchdowns and seven interceptions, including a 605-yard game with five TDs against Houston. He missed four games because of a collapsed lung.

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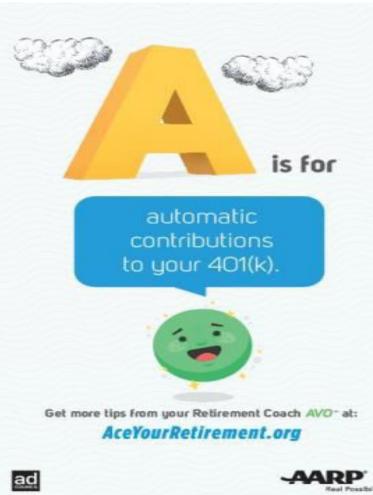
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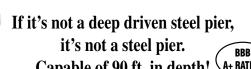


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LEO (July 23-Aug.

22). You'll conduct small but key experiments to learn about the world and your place in it. Emboldened by the possibilities, you're willing to play with variables that you once wouldn't have touched.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Normally, you wouldn't think twice before going out of your

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BY HOLIDAY MATHIS handle this. the peo-

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often than not, this is a red flag.

LIBRA (Sept.

23-Oct. 23). Because you're easy to turn to, you'll be in on information before the others. Some of it is so sensitive that you almost wish you didn't know it. But your famous discretion will kick in. You can as well. Of course, this never works, as no one can drive two vehicles at once.

CAPRICORN (Dec.

22-Jan. 19). Some say natural attractions are futile to resist. If only we were strictly attracted to what was best for us! There is more than one way to use the energy of attraction. Channeled properly, it will fuel your best work.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You feel like you're not doing enough, but actually you're doing too much and skipping the rest and recuperation phase, a.k.a. the part of the cycle that allows you to be stronger, smarter and more capable of amazing yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It's not quite accurate to say

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at risk of if they fail to brush their teeth.

Perhaps your brother and his wife could try I am sure your colincentives or rewards for completed brushings. It takes roughly two months to form a Faithful Reader good habit. So, when setting the reward, **Dear Reader:** have that goal in mind. Thank you for your When they do brush their teeth or get a with your upcoming good cleaning, take a moment to point out just how good it feels to be clean and taking ers. Remember, the care of your body. Nattruth will set you free! urally, as humans, we Send your questions for like to be clean. Annie Lane to Also, continue to have their dentist talk to **COPYRIGHT 2019** your niece and nephew CREATORS.COM Have Items You Want to Sell? Need Help Hiring New Employees? Want to Rent or Sell Your House? Why wait? Place your Ad TODAY!!! Call 432-263-7331 Email classifieds@bigspringherald.com In Person 710 Scurry or Online @www.bigspringherald.com

that you'll fearlessly lead the way for the others. Leadership is scary. The fear is real. But you'll hide it, march forward, and the rest will follow in kind.

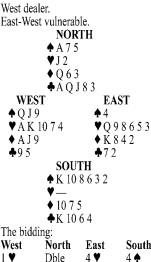
TODAY'S BIRTH-

DAY (Aug. 13). Ambitions sizzle in your heart, yet somehow you enter this solar cycle with a laidback attitude. You'll build plans and execute ideas with a flexibility that accommodates others and makes them want to contribute generously to your dreams. Family will be the magic ingredient that tips fortune's favor to you. Aquarius and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 40, 22, 37 and 10.

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and, upon discovering that he had a trump loser, began to run his clubs. West waited until the fourth round to ruff, temporarily cutting declarer off from dummy's fifth club. The critical moment was now at hand. Since the seven of spades was an

entry to dummy's last club, it was clear to West that unless his side could cash three diamond tricks immediately, South would make his game, scoring six spades and four clubs in all. West therefore had to assume that his partner had the king of diamonds, because if declarer had that card, the contract could not be defeated

Simply presuming that East had South the king, however, was not good for there was the col enough,

Molar Mayhem

Dear Annie: Recently, I stayed with my niece and nephew while my brother and his wife took a trip. This seems like a trivial problem, but I know it can lead to serious health issues in the long run. Neither of my brother's teenaged kids brushed their teeth regularly. I reminded them often, but they found ways to wiggle out of it. One was even running the electric toothbrush outside of his mouth -- so I would think he was brushing his teeth. When I went into the bathroom afterward, the electric toothbrush was bone dry. His sister

they try to watch the kids brushing, it turns into a huge fight every time. They've spent hundreds of dollars on

Showing them actual pictures of decayed teeth, while disturbing to look at, could be powerful motivators. Being upfront about the cost of the dental work, and what their family could have spent money on instead -- vacation, shopping, extracurricular activities -- might have them see the impact of their poor dental hygiene in a new way, too.

dental hygiene. Dear Annie: I am the person who wrote

about the importance of

to you, and you responded in your column, "Dreading Wife's Reaction." I haven't talked with my children about the discovery of another son but plan to do so in the very near future.

I just want to thank you for your advice and to let you know that I appreciate your clear thinking on the matter. umn has helped many people, and I will count myself among them. --

kind words. Good luck conversation with your children. I love hearing follow-ups from read-

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fortable but not coddled. The challenge ahead requires that you develop some coping mechanisms and fight back.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're such a stellar driver of your own life that you may be asked or tempted to drive

Opening lead — king of hearts.

The attitude of a defender should always be that a lie of the cards exists which allows the contract to be defeated. This often entails crediting partner with the possession of a particular card or distribution, and then acting on that assumption.

Consider this deal where South wound up in four spades on the bidding shown. West led the king of hearts and saw his prospects take an immediate nosedive when South ruffed

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question of who had the ten. If East trick. had that card, it did not matter what West did next. But if South had the ten, West could not cash the ace of

diamonds or lead the nine without handing declarer a diamond trick. On the lead of the nine, for example, South could simply play low from dummy to force East's king, promoting dummy's queen into a thirdround trick.

West therefore returned the jack of diamonds, and declarer was helpless. No matter what he did, he had to lose three diamond tricks and go

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I asked my brother about this, and he said they've tried for years to get the kids to brush their teeth more consistently. They gave them excellent electric toothbrushes and set a great example of brushing at least twice a day themselves. If

Dear Brushless:

While this may seem like a molehill of a problem now, a mountain of plaque buildup on your niece's and nephew's teeth is a huge problem. This is a fight worth fighting. Since they are teenagers, explain to them the diseases and long-term damage that they are

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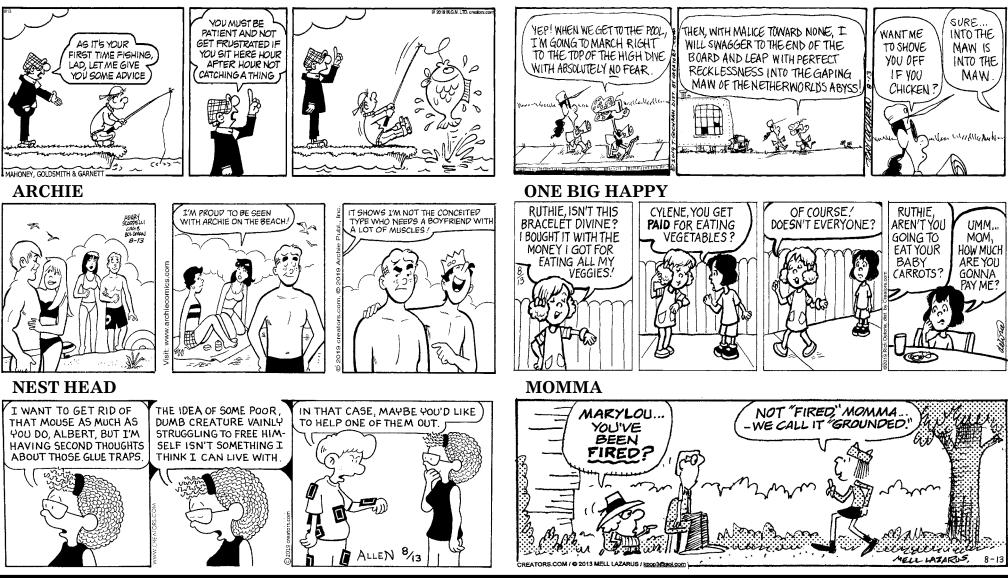
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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 13, the 225th day of 2019. There are 140 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On August 13, 1961, East Germany sealed off the border between Berlin's eastern and western sectors before building a wall that would divide the city for the next 28 years.

On this date: In 1846, the American flag was raised in Los Angeles for the first time. In 1860, legendary sharpshooter Annie Oakley was born in Darke County, Ohio. In 1889, William Gray of Hartford, Conn., received a patent for a coin-operated telephone.

and opened fire, killing state party chairman Bill Gwatney before speeding off in a pickup. (Police later shot and killed the gunman, Timothy Dale Johnson.) Michael Phelps swam into history as the winningest Olympic athlete ever with his 10th and 11th career gold medals.

In 2017, in a statement, the White House said President Donald Trump "very strongly" condemns individual hate groups such as "white supremacists, KKK and neo-Nazis;" the statement followed criticism of Trump for blaming the previous day's deadly violence at a white supremacist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, on "many sides." Protesters decrying hatred and racism converged around the country, saying they felt compelled to respond to the white supremacist rally in Virginia. Ten years ago: The Philadelphia Eagles signed Michael Vick to a one-year deal, prompting criticism from animal rights activists over his role in a dogfighting ring. NFL commissioner Roger Goodell suspended Cleveland Browns receiver Donte Stallworth for the entire season after Stallworth served 24 days in jail for DUI manslaughter in the death of 59-year-old Mario Reyes in Miami. Five years ago: Six people ---including Associated Press video journalist Simone Camilli - were killed when leftover ordnance believed to have been dropped in an Israeli airstrike blew up in the Gaza Strip. Brazilian presidential candidate Eduardo Campos died when the small plane that was carrying him and several campaign officials plunged into a residential neighborhood in the port city of Santos. One year ago: President Donald Trump dared New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo to challenge him in 2020, warning, "Anybody that runs against Trump suffers." A lawyer for longtime FBI

agent Peter Strzok, who'd been removed from the Russia investigation over anti-Trump text messages, said Strzok had been fired by the agency.

Today's Birthdays: Former U.S. Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders is 86. Actor Kevin Tighe is 75. Former Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen

is 73. Opera singer Kathleen Battle is 71. High wire aerialist Philippe Petit is 70. Hockey Hall of Famer Bobby Clarke is 70. Golf Hall of Famer Betsy King is 64. Movie director Paul Greengrass is 64. Actor Danny Bonaduce is 60. TV weatherman Sam Champion is 58. Actress Dawnn (correct) Lewis is 58. Actor John Slattery is 57.

Actress Debi Mazar is 55. Actress Quinn Cummings is 52. Actress Seana Kofoed is 49. Country singer Andy Griggs is 46. Actor Gregory Fitoussi is 43. Country musician Mike Melancon (Emerson Drive) is 41. Actress Kathryn Fiore is 40. Former White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders is 37. Actor Sebastian Stan is

37. Actor Eme Ikwuakor is 35. Pop-rock singer James Morrison is 35. Actress Lennon Stella is 20.

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Thought for Today: "People are lonely because they build walls instead of bridges." -Joseph Fort Newton, American clergyman (1876-1950).

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In 1910, Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing, died in London at age 90.

In 1932, Adolf Hitler rejected the post of vice chancellor of Germany, saying he was prepared to hold out "for all or nothing."

In 1960, the first two-way telephone conversation by satellite took place with the help of Echo 1. The Central African Republic became totally independent of French rule.

In 1967, the crime caper biopic "Bonnie and Clyde," starring Warren Beatty and Faye Dunaway, had its U.S. premiere; the movie, directed by Arthur Penn, was considered shocking as well as innovative for its graphic portrayal of violence.

In 1989, searchers in Ethiopia found the wreckage of a plane which had disappeared almost a week earlier while carrying Rep. Mickey Leland, D-Texas, and 14 other people — there were no survivors.

In 1995, baseball Hall of Famer Mickey Mantle died at a Dallas hospital of rapidly spreading liver cancer; he was 63.

In 2003, Iraq began pumping crude oil from its northern oil fields for the first time since the start of the war. Libya agreed to set up a \$2.7 billion fund for families of the 270 people killed in the 1988 Pan Am bombing.

In 2008, a man barged into the Arkansas Democratic headquarters in Little Rock

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SPORTS

Savage schedule looms for Texas A&M in Year 2 under Fisher

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

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COLLEGE STATION, Texas — As Jimbo Fisher prepares for his second season at Texas A&M he believes his the Aggies are closer to being an elite team than they were a year ago.

The former Florida State coach knows they still have a ways to go if they expect to contend for a title in the rugged Southeastern Conference.

"We're much, much closer from the psychological disposition of understanding ... what it takes to play at the highest level," he said. "Once you understand that everything else falls in place. It's about what do you know you've got to do and how you've got to do it to the highest level and I think we're getting to that level and that's the biggest difference in our football team."

Texas A&M signed Fisher to a 10year, \$75 million contract before last season and the Aggies went 9-4 and 5-3 in SEC play in his first year in College Station. The expectations are high for Fisher to take another step forward this season after he won a national title and three Atlantic Coast Conference championships in eight seasons with the Seminoles.

That certainly won't be an easy task with a schedule that features a trip to defending national champion Clemson on Sept. 7, a visit by Alabama on Oct. 12 and trips to Georgia and LSU on consecutive Saturdays in November.

While Fisher knows his team will be considered the underdog in most of those contests, he finds it condescending to refer to his team as a spoiler.

"We don't want to spoil anything," he said. "We want to take care of our own, and they are great teams. But we expect to play with them and compete with them and win those games. That's why we're here. We are not looking to spoil anything. We're looking to win something and go about our business and do the things we have to do."

"They are great programs, but Texas A&M can be the same way," Fisher continued. "We have to go play and prove ourselves and do the things we have to do, but I definitely think we're on that track."

The Aggies open the season at home Aug. 29 against Texas State.

MOND'S MATURITY

Fisher and the Aggies are eager to see what quarterback Kellen Mond can do in his third season after starting each game last year. Fisher said Mond, who appeared in 11 games with eight starts as a freshman, has matured exponentially in the year they've worked together. Mond now has such a firm grip of Fisher's offense that he isn't just learning from his coach, but joining in on the discussion and sharing his opinions on how he and his teammates can improve.

"He understands how we're attacking things now," Fisher said. "That's allowing him to transition into putting his personality and demeanor on the other players. It's hard to do that when you're still battling for a job yourself and proving yourself. From that standpoint he's grown tremendously."

That doesn't mean that Fisher is going easy on his 20-year-old quarter-back.

"He's always going to continue to push me," Mond said. "That constant pressure ... I might as well get use to and it's going to help me continue to grow."

Mond threw for 3,107 yards with 24 touchdowns and nine interceptions last season after finishing with 1,375 yards with eight touchdowns and six interceptions as a freshman.

REPLACING TRAYVEON

The Aggies have an opening to start at running back after Trayveon Williams left for the NFL after running for 1,524 yards and 15 touchdowns last season. Though he isn't where Fisher wants him to be yet, sophomore Jashaun Corbin will begin the season as the starter. He had 346 yards rushing with a touchdown last season.

"He still has to prove that and there's things he needs to do to get to that level," Fisher said. "Jashaun's out in front but there's a considerable group of guys behind him that can do a lot of things."

Fixed Frogs: Reagor, TCU healthy after impressive recovery

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

FORT WORTH, Texas — When TCU won its final two games to get bowl eligible last year, Jalen Reagor extended his record touchdown receiving streak while also running for a score in each game.

Reagor, who also took some snaps while lining up in different spots, wasn't even at full strength because of a nagging ankle injury.

"He was hurt. The last four games, he played about 70 or 80 percent," coach Gary Patterson said. "I don't think people even know how fast Jalen Reagor is."

Unlike many others, Reagor was able to stay on the field and contributein a huge way. Patterson said about two dozen Frogs suffered season-ending injuries and many others missed multiple games.

Through all of that, and after a 3-5 start, the Frogs won three of four to get to the Cheez-It Bowl, then had another winning season after an overtime victory over California.

"That was big for us ... know that we almost hit rock bottom, and we still rose to the occasion," linebacker Garret Wallow said.

While Reagor was then among several starters who missed at least partof spring practice, he is back healthy. So are key defenders like veteran safety Innis Gaines, who played only a half season before a knee injury, and tackle Ross Blacklock, who tore an Achilles tendon in a non-contact drill last preseason.

"Probably the worst pain I've felt in my life, traumatizing actually," Blacklock said.

Reagor had TD catches in seven consecutive games during a 1,000yard receiving season. He accounted for 30% of TCU's receptions (72 of 239), the best in the Big 12 and highest under Patterson, who is going into his 19th season. The Frogs could use more of the same from the son of a former NFL defensive tackle.

"I don't look at it as pressure," Reagor said. "I feel like I'm supposed to be here."

TCU opens the season at home Aug. 31 against Arkansas-Pine Bluff, then has an open date before going to Purdue.

LOT OF QB OPTIONS

Alex Delton is the most experienced TCU quarterback, through the graduate transfer's six starts came the past two seasons at Kansas State. Mike Collins, the former Penn transfer, started four games last year as a sophomore before a right ankle injury late in the season. There are also two highly touted freshmen: dual-threat QB Justin Rogers got one series in the bowl game, and Max Duggan was an early enrollee who took part in spring practice. The NCAA denied Texas native and Ohio State transfer Matthew Baldwin from being eligible to play immediately this season.

FACING DISCIPLINE

Running back Sewo Olonilua, who set a school bowl record with 194 yards rushing in the Cheez-It Bowl, was arrested in May on possible drug charges. Preseason practice started with the case still pending in Walker County. Patterson said Olonilua would practice and that there would be discipline from the TCU "no matter how his deal turns out.

"The kid graduated in four years, he's been good here. Screwed up," the coach said. "Always a price one way or another that has to be paid."

END INTO FULL SEASON

TCU limited defensive end Ochaun Mathis to four games last season so the freshman could keep that year of eligibility. The 6-foot-5, 235-pound Mathis now gets a chance to have a big impact. LJ Collier and Ben Banogu, last year's starting ends, went in the first two rounds of the NFL draft. NOT WHAT YOU THINK

The team motto "Earn the Chip" has nothing to do with the Frogs having a

chip on their shoulder. "Earn the right to wear purple and the black," Patterson clarified, saying that about 700 players have been through the program since he arrived as defensive coordinator 22 years ago. Former Frogs like Pro Football Hall of Fame running back LaDainian Tomlinson are in their 40s. Clips of former players and standout moments have been featured this preseason to show "what it means to play and be at TCU."

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"Completely cleared, healthy," Wells said. "I respect his grind, he's got a great attitude. ... I think Alan's better days are ahead of him. He's talented."

GRAD HELP Four graduate transfers could impact Wells' first season: Utah running back Armand Shyne, Louisiana-Monroe receiver RJ Turner, Penn State defensive back Zech McPhearson and Cal linebacker Evan Rambo.

safeties." CLOSE LOSSES

Four of Texas Tech's six Big 12 losses last seasons were by fewer than 10 points. That included backto-back home games against Oklahoma and Texas by a combined 12 points.



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"My expectations first and foremost from them is that they come in and help solidify our culture," Wells said. "They're all young men that I respect the programs that they came from, and the job that they had done."

Receiver McLane Mannix, a Texas native and transfer from Nevada, obtained an NCAA waiver to play immediately as a junior.

NOT ALWAYS IN TIGHT

While Wells utilizes a tight end on offense, that player won't always line up right next to a tackle.

"You're going to see our guys flex out, where it looks like a wide receiver and wide receiver formations. You're going to see him in line, in the backfield," Wells said. "They're multi-facetted guys. They've got to be extremely smart, be able to run, be graceful, catch balls. Hopefully their speed mismatches for linebacker and size mismatches for



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