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An nouncements

Howard County **Commissioners** Meeting Monday at 3:30 Courthouse

SMMC will host a Drive-thru vaccine clinic Thursday from 3 to 6 p.m.

Found object Art Show and Sale Heritage Museum Sept. 4 - Oct. 28 Entries being accepted now

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

> Aug. 27 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. C. Larson Blood Drive

15th DAV 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony 4 p.m.Spring Creek *Fellowship*

Dove Hunt *Sept.* 17 Community invited to honor veterans

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Council approves September 14 for budget, tax rate public hearings dy Smith's suggestion to set the hearings for 5:30 p.m. Sept.



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Big Spring Mayor Pro-Tempore and District 1 Councilman Nick Ornelas led Tuesday evening's City Council meeting due to Mayor Shannon Thomason's absence for work.

By ROGER CLINE

Herald Staff Writer

With Mayor Pro-Tempore Nick Ornelas acting as the meetling's chairperson in the absence of Mayor Shannon Thomason, the Big Spring City Council tackled several items of business Monday evening, including setting the date for upcoming public hearings on the 2021-22 city budget and tax

The council unanimously approved Finance Director San-

In addition, Assistant City Manager John Medina stated that the city's proposed property tax rate – which will be the "No New Revenue" rate – is 69.144 cents per \$100 valuation. No New Revenue rate means the city will not earn any more revenue than it did this year, and that any changes in tax paid by individuals or businesses will reflect changes in property values rather than the rate.

Following the meeting's invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, the council held a public hearing regarding a proposed zoning change of 6.61 acres in Kentwood. The property is situated directly east of the current easternmost homes on Central Drive between McDonald and Merrily drives. According to the proposal from developer Silver Leaf Homes LLC, the land would be used to build single-family homes, but with three changes in the zoning requirements for homes in the "SF-2" Single Family zoning designation: The homes will be allowed to cover 50 percent of their lot rather than 35 percent; the minimum size for the lots will be 6,250 square feet rather than 7,000 square feet; and the lots will be 50 feet

wide rather than 60 feet wide. Cameron Walker, a contracted planner for the city, spoke

during the hearing. "The request is to take a little more than six and a half acres of currently vacant land and turn it into single-family housing,"

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Public hearing regarding budget, tax rate called by Coahoma Trustees

of quorum has been deter-

DUFORAT Managing Editor

Α special meeting of the Coahoma Independent School District will be taking place Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Elementary Board Room located at 400 Ramsey in Coahoma.

Once the roll call has been taken and an establishment mined, the meeting will be called to order and the opening ceremony

> ducted. The special meeting will include a pubbudget

will be con-

tax rate. Trust-The ees will con-

sider and look to possibly approve a redemption order. The Trustees will look to consider and possibly approve the budget for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year.

Discussion will also be held regarding an ordinance adopting tax rates for 2021-2022 Fiscal Year, along with possible approval.

In addition the trustees lic hearing fo- will look at the cafeteria cused on the lunch price revisions and could possibly move to approve.

> Before heading into Executive Session to discuss personnel, the Board will look at approving budget amend-

According to the Texas Health Department. Covid case count as of Aug. 25 is as follows:

Confirmed: 3,132 **Probable: 1,930 Fatalities: 106** Active: 214

Recovered: 4,742

Scenic Mountain Medical Center will be hosting vaccine clinics every Thursday from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. in the

parking lot. A vaccine clinic will also take place at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum East Room Aug. 26 from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Outpatient COVID testing in Big Spring

West Texas Injury Prevention/Back in Motion 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday Flu shots also available No appointment needed 432-264-1920

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West Texas Medical Plaza 1501 W 11th Place Big Spring, Texas 79720 Clinic Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday - Friday

Big Spring Urgent Care 1700 W. FM 700 Suite B

Affordacare 710 S. Gregg Street

SMMC offering Covid-19 vaccine clinic at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum

First come, first serve basis in East Room

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

Scenic Mountain Medical Center has been hosting Covid vaccine clinics on Thursday afternoons and will continue this Thursday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, in the East Room at Howard College. The vaccine clinic will take place from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. and will be first come first serve. "It (the vaccine) is the most definitive way

to eliminate this disease from our community," Dr. Rohith Saravanan, SMMC Chief Operating Officer/Chief Medical Officer, The City of Big Spring along with Emer-

gency Management have started issuing updated numbers on a routine basis again, as cases in the community continue to rise. According to SMMC administration, the local hospital was sitting at 18 patients in house with four people in ICU on vents.

When it comes to slowing the spread of the Covid cases, the advice providers are

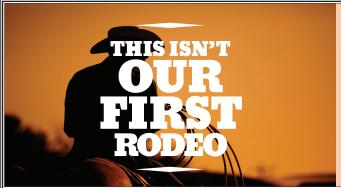
continuing to encourage is stay home if you

are sick. For those who have been exposed or are symptomatic, it is recommended that you isolate. According to information provided by the CDC, an infected person can spread Covid-19 starting 48 hours before the person has any symptoms or tests positive. In addition to isolation, it is encouraged to inform those who may have been exposed.

"If you have to be out and about please mask and social distance. If you are unvaccinated, please get vaccinated," Dr. Saravanan said. "Please only use ER for true emergencies, and call your primary care doctor for other needs.'

The symptoms remain the same, even with the emerging new Delta strain. Those who are experiencing fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting or diarrhea are encouraged to isolate and get tested.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- NANCY RENEE BAEZA, 36, of 1003 S. Baird in Midland was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- RICHARD DEAN ANDERSON, 32, of 1218 E. 15th St. was arrested on an outstanding warrant. • JOHN CARROLL RUTHERFORD, 35, of 802 E. 14th St. was arrested on a charge of driving while
- ROBERT JOHN RIOS, 44, of 1000 E. 20th St. was arrested on an outstanding warrant. • TIMOTHY JOE FLORES, 46, of 2903 Clanton
- St. was arrested on two outstanding warrants. • ELDA RAMIREZ, 37. of 1002 N. Main St. Apt. 25 was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- JONATHAN MATTHEW MATA, 36, of 2900 E. Interstate 20 Room 234 was arrested on charges of criminal mischief (less than \$100) and assault family violence (threat or offensive touch).
- JUAN MIGUEL ORTIZ, 32, of 5816 Dogwood Rd. in Laredo was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated (second offense).
- OSCAR HERNANDEZ, 24, of 1405 S. Benton St. was arrested on two outstanding warrants.
- LORENA BRIANNE YANEZ, 21, of 1600 State St. was arrested on a warrant for publishing or threatening to publish intimate visual material.
- BILLY FRANKLIN MCINTOSH, 23, of 1404 **Lexingt**on Ave was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct/displaying a firearm
- VICTORIA ALEXANDRIA BAIRD, 46, of 111 16th St. was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance (penalty group 1, 4 to 200 grams); and on an outstanding warrant.

- STEVEN ANDREW LOPEZ JR., 21, of 405 E. 11th Place was arrested on a charge of evading ar-
- rest or detention with a vehicle or watercraft. • FOUND PROPERTY was reported in the 10000
- block of S. Moss Lake Rd. BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 5300 block of Wasson Rd.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 1300
- block of S. Scurry St. **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was report-
- ed in the 4900 block of Wasson Rd. **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard.
- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY was reported in the
- 900 block of E. FM 700. • DISTURBANCE was reported in the 2900 block
- of E. Interstate 20. THEFT was reported in the 3200 block of Duke
- **THEFT** was reported in the 3600 block of W.
- STOLEN VEHICLE was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy. 80.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 400 block of Ave. B in Forsan.
- MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported at the intersection of FM 700 and Wasson Rd.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 100 block of Ter-
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 300 block of Price.
- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY was reported in the 4100 block of Dixon St.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 500 block of Birdwell. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1000 block of E. 14th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 100 block of Jonesboro Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 100 block of E. 16th Street. No transport was required.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the area of 3rd and Johnson. No transport was required.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1000 block of Wood Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 700 block

- of E. 15th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported in the 2600 block of Ent. No transport was required.
- PASSENGER VEHICLE FIRE was reported in the 2000 block of Gregg Street. The fire was con-
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the area of E I-20 MM 195. No transport was required.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 100 block of Canyon. No transport was required. • MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1100 block
- of Dogwood. No transport was required. • PUBLIC SERVICE was reported in the 100
- block of Canyon. No transport was required. • MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 700 block of E. 11th Place. One person was transported to Sce-
- nic Mountain Medical Center. • MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 900 block of S. Nolan. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 2200 block of S. Main Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

The Howard County Sheriff's Department report- BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

ed the following activity:

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 107 inmates at the time of this report. • DANNY DWAYNE ANDERSON, 58, was ar-

- rested by HCSO on a charge of arson. • DANTA MACKENZIE CHAVERA, 23, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief between \$100 and \$750.
- JAMERE RAYSHAD COOPER, 33, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession or delivery of drug paraphernalia, driving while license invalid, unlawful carrying weapon.
- MOSES ELIJAH FLORES, 23, was arrested by

- LAHOMA RENEE GOODBLANKET, 43, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- KEVIN DWAYNE HEFNER, 43, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of theft of property between \$750 and \$2,500.
- ROY ALTON MCGEE, 49, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of public nuisance.
- **ALEX FRANKLIN MINTER, 28, was arrested** by BSPD on a charge of theft of service between \$100 and \$750, operate unregistered motor vehicle and expired driver license.

Note Take

• The Big Spring Symphony is celebrating 40 years. Their season will include: Sept. 25 'A Breath of Fresh Air' which will take place at the Big Spring High School Auditorium; Nov. 20 will feature 'The Music of Queen'; Dec. 8 "Holiday Spectactular"; Feb. 19 "Winter Wonderland"; and Spring Pops Concert on April 23. The concerts will take place at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium except for the opening performance. Tickets can be purchased in season passes or per concert.

Rich History | Big Possibilities

• Howard County Fair is coming Sept. 17-19. Submissions for the Art and Photo contest will need to be submitted Sept. 14 from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. The Special Subcategory this year is Cactus or Birds or combination of both.

Submissions can be fine art or photography. For more information, call Sandra Lockhart at 432-263-4155.



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Obituaries

Roejelio Ramirez Sr. Roejelio Ramirez, Sr., 41, of Coahoma, passed

away Sunday, Aug. 22, 2021. No ser-

vices are planned at this time. He was born Jan. 25, 1980, in Farm-

Survivors include his wife, Ste-

fani Ramirez; his four children, Nathan Ramirez, Naughtia Rockwell, Aurora Ramirez and Roejelio Ramirez, Jr., two brothers, Francisco Ramirez and Lorenzo Ramirez and his father Alejandro Ramirez.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.

Mark Rocha



Mark Rocha, 45, of Big Spring died Sunday, Aug. 22, 2021. He was born Dec. 3, 1975. Mark is survived by one son: Mi

chael Anthony Rocha of Big Spring his parents Ramona and Marcos Rocha of Big Spring; one sister: Lisa Janssen and of Big Spring; one niece; one nephew, and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Ron Lucas Ron Lucas, 64, of Big Spring died Monday, Aug

Family will receive friends from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m. Thursday. Funer



day at Myers & Smith Chapel. Ron was born Jan. 7, 1957, in Center, Texas. Ron is survived by one sister,

al service will be at 4 p.m. Thurs-

Donna Gent of Mabank, Texa; two In addition to his parents, Ron is

also preceded in death by his wife, Deanna Kay Garrett Lucas.

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. at 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.

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for the annual kick off

event and golf tourna-

ment. The golf tourna-

ment will be August 28

and 29 at the Comanche

Trail Golf Course; the

concert will take place

at the amphitheater on

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• The Great Courses

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LOCAL

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Walker said. "There were three letters of opposition received from property owners within 200 feet of the boundary of the request. The land area involved...taken up by the owners of the three properties is slightly more than 4.4 percent, so the state law that would be invoked if they were 20 percent or more is not in play at this time." A vote on the zoning change did not occur until

the end of the meeting, at which time the council voted unanimously to approve the zoning change.

the recent District 2 Large Item Pickup netted nine tons of garbage from residents of the district. Darden also reported that the city's upcoming

budget will include funding for roof repair needed since a 2016 storm, including at the fire station located at 18th and Main. "I think the estimate was \$30,000 and we were

given \$3,200 for the total claim on that roof, which didn't cover probably the felt," Darden said. "So what we've done is put it on this year's maintenance budget to replace that roof."

metal roof. He also added that the majority of the damage from 2016 was located at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

Darden also reported that the city is conducting discussions with the city of Plainview to collaborate on aerial mosquito spraying, but that he doesn't know yet what the outcome of those discussions will be.

Darden also reported that the work on the ground cover at the Comanche Trail Park Kids' Zone is complete.

C&B Excavation and Paving of Big Spring - for work on the new parking lot at the Municipal Auditorium. The bid came in at approximately \$450,000 - \$100,000 more than the \$350,000 budgeted for the work – but also included items that could be removed from the project to lower the cost.

parking lot from the project, which lowered the cost to about \$400,000, and to accept the bid despite it being \$50,000 over budget. Assistant City Manager Medina said city crews could provide landscaping for the lot.

tion on the Colorado River Municipal Water District's increase in the rate it charges for providing raw water to the city. The increase was for 7 percent, but Darden noted that CRMWD lowered

the increase by one percentage point, making the increase 6 percent instead. Darden said that all cities served by the CRMWD received similar rate increases.

Following the budget and tax rate hearings,

Trent Sims, a land team lead for Occidental Oil and Energy (Oxy), asked the city leaders to consent and ratify consolidation of the Robb Walter unit located southwest of Big Spring.

"It was formed in 2015," Sims said. "Three horizontal, two-mile oil wells have been drilled and have been producing for five or six years now. The city has about a 3 ½ percent royalty interest in those wells. Due to an oversight on our side, there were about 27 leases that were included in the original DPU (Declaration of Pooled Unit) that were included by mistake. So in 2021, we discovered that error, did a correction and amendment of the DPU to remove those leases, and I'm here today to request your approval of the consent and ratification of the Robb Walter Unit, which will effectively keep the City of Big Spring's royalty interest exactly the same as it has been."

Andrew Hagen, Big Spring's city attorney, said Big Spring's Oil and Gas Consultant Gene Green reviewed the item and considered it to be "housekeeping."

The council unanimously passed the item.

In other business, the council unanimously passed: A lease agreement with Prime Eco Group to place the lease in the name of a subsidiary of that company, Prime Eco PolyChem LLC; approval of a contract with Public Management Inc. for administrative services related to the American Rescue Plan - Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funding; and approval of a negotiated settlement between the Executive Committee of Cities Served

member) and natural gas provider Atmos Energy. The settlement will keep residential customers at a monthly charge of \$17.52 plus a 27.674-cent per 100 cubic feet of gas used; commercial customers at a rate of \$51.61 per month plus 16.312 cents per 100 cubic feet; and industrial or highuse commercial customers at a rate of \$530.85 monthly plus 10.081 cents per 100 cubic feet.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Mark Rocha, 45, died Sunday, Vigil Service will be at 7 PM Wednesday at Myers & Smith. Funeral Mass will be at 10 AM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel

Ronald Lucas, 64, died Monday, Funeral service will be at 4 PM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel

Johnny Sherrod, 77, Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

AVAILABL

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The CDC also recommends washing your hands often, with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Hand sanitizer is also recommended if soap and water are not available, es-

pecially after blowing your nose, coughing, sneezing or before eating or preparing food. If possible avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed

903 Johnson Street, Big Spring, Texas.

• St. Vincent de Paul food distribution will place the ond Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and other assistance will take place the third Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. Both distributions will take place at 1009 Hearn at SVDP Building.

attend the vaccine clinic. For more information on vaccines, visit www. scenicmountainmedical.org/vaccine.

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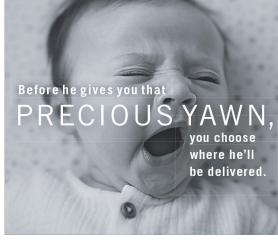
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Darden said the replacement roof would be a

The council voted to approve the low bidder -

The council voted to remove landscaping of the

In new business, the council heard a presenta-

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Wednesday, August 25, 2021

Early returns: Rookie Smith-Marsette gives Vikings a spark

By DAVE CAMPBELL

AP Pro Football Writer

EAGAN, Minn. (AP) — Ihmir Smith-Marsette was feeling good enough about his return ability the other night — well, he seemingly always has that he fielded a kickoff more than halfway into Minnesota's end zone and did not hesitate to run it

The rookie's rash decision contradicted what the Vikings have coached, reserving the automatic green light for certain situations or proven players such as Cordarrelle Patterson with his two All-Pro selections in four seasons with the team.

Given the way their special teams units have deteriorated in recent years, sinking to a new low in 2020, even coach Mike Zimmer had a hard time getting upset by the risk Smith-Marsette took on Saturday in the exhibition game against Indianapolis.

"He's got some courage, and he catches the ball well, and he hits the seams pretty good," said Zimmer, who has praised the fifth-round draft pick's skills as a wide receiver in training camp, but has been just as quick to emphasize to the Iowa product the importance of first establishing himself as a trusted member of the special teams.

Smith-Marsette won the Big Ten's Return Specialist of the Year award in 2018 and left the Hawkeyes with a career average of 28.7 yards per kickoff return, the second-best in conference history. The native of New Jersey offered the Vikings a tantalizing amount of potential when they submitted his name to the NFL with the 157th overall selection this spring.

He was as quick to answer a question from a reporter this week about the key to successful kick returning as he was to take the ball out of the end zone in the second half against the Colts.

"Got to be fearless. Got to be able to go out there and do it. Not think about it. Just be about it," Smith-Marsette said.

Since Patterson's 104-yard kickoff return for a touchdown in 2016, his final season with the team, the Vikings have not scored on either a punt or a kickoff return.

They still ranked in the top eight in the league in both categories in 2017 and 2018, but the past two years have been a pronounced decline. They were last in the NFL in 2020 with a paltry average of 4.3 yards per punt return and 17th in kickoff returns

Smith-Marsette got an extended audition on Saturday on both fronts, contributing a 17-yard punt return and a 41-yard kickoff return. Wide receiver K.J. Osborn is another candidate for both jobs, as is running back Ameer Abdullah. There's a lot more to special teams than the re-

turners, of course, and just about every facet for the Vikings has been undergoing a renovation project this summer. They've changed kickers again, giving the job for

now to Greg Joseph, who has 16 games of league

experience on his resume. Long snapper Andrew DePaola is back after manning the role for seven games following a midseason switch in 2020.

Punter Britton Colquitt is the most proven member of the group, though even he kicked poorly enough in the first exhibition game that Zimmer criticized his performance.

Then there are the kick coverage units, under new direction with the promotion of Ryan Ficken to special teams coordinator after the firing of Marwan Maalouf. There's an emphasis on simplicity this year, after some complaints that the previous schemes were too complex.

"I've got to limit the thinking on them. We pretty much say we're not using the 'T' word: think," Ficken said, adding: "That's our job, just kind of trimming it down for them so they can go play fast."

Adam Thielen, who cemented himself as a special teams ace earlier in his career in his rise from undrafted tryout player from an NCAA Division II program to Pro Bowl wide receiver, went so far as to address the special teams players recently to encourage them to continue to take that phase of the game seriously.

"A lot of them, honestly, before I talked to the group, didn't even really know that I played special teams," Thielen said, adding: "As a special teams player, you might only have 12 plays in a game. How important every single one of those plays is, just try to get them to understand that."

Seahawks bring back fan favorite Willson, acquire extra CB

By TIM BOOTH

AP Sports Writer

RENTON, Wash. (AP) — The Seattle Seahawks brought back a familiar face on Tuesday and made a trade for a position in need of some depth.

The Seahawks signed veteran tight end Luke Willson and acquired cornerback John Reid from Houston for a conditional late-round draft pick. Willson's signing was official on Tuesday while Reed's trade is expected to be finalized on Wednesday.

Both moves are tied to depth concerns and injuries with expected contributors for Seattle. With Willson, his signing comes after Colby Parkinson went down with a small fracture in his foot earlier in training camp. The move for Reid came after rookie Tre Brown came out of last Saturday's preseason game against Denver with a sore knee and the Seahawks needing bodies at the posi-

Willson is a fan favorite and been a part of the Seahawks in some facet for most of his NFL career. Willson was a fifth-round pick by Seattle in 2013 and has spent parts of seven seasons with the Seahawks. Willson appeared in eight games for Seattle in 2019 and last season played three games for Baltimore before joining the Seahawks and playing in five more games.

Aside from his on-field contribution, Seattle coach Pete Carroll said he values the attitude and energy Willson has brought over the years.

"We're trying to live on the high end of this thing, and keep the spirit up and keep the energy high. Expectations are really high to do that and it takes leadership and then participation," Carroll said. "Certain people just have more juice than others and Luke has always been great. He's been a great part of that for us.'

Reid was a fourth-round pick of the Texans and appeared in 13 games with one start as a rookie. Seattle was intrigued with Reid's speed as a possible outside cornerback option and can provide depth depending on how long Brown is sidelined.

Brown was one of three picks Seattle made in the 2021 draft and played 56%of the defensive snaps against the Broncos. Seattle is also uncertain how long safety Ryan Neal could be sidelined with an oblique strain, which also may lead to the shuffling of some cornerbacks with safety experience in the sec-

"We want to make sure that we have depth and have the kind of competitive speed that we need out there," Carroll said of his cornerbacks. "We've been good all the way throughout. We've had numbers the whole time. We're right at the edge of that we got to make sure we can keep our guys together.'

While Seattle made the two external moves, it also welcomed a significant number of players back to practice who had been out with small injuries, including cornerbacks D.J. Reed and Marquise Blair, offensive linemen Cedric Ogbuehi and Ethan Pocic and running back Travis Homer.

Giants catcher Posey pulled with right knee discomfort

NEW YORK (AP) — San Francisco Giants catcher Buster Posey was removed from Tuesday night's game with right knee discomfort.

Posey was visited by manager Gabe Kapler and a trainer during the fourth inning against the New York Mets. Posey was replaced by backup Curt Casali an inning later with San Francisco ahead 7-0.

The 34-year-old Posey has had a resurgent season for the major leagueleading Giants. The 2012 NL MVP singled and scored in the top of the fourth inning to raise his batting average to .314 with 39 RBIs and a .925 OPS.

Athletic Support: "Laundry stinks"

Dear Athletic Support: Back when I was a kid, I remember my football coaches always washing all of our gear. It's not like that anymore. My daughter is in junior high volleyball and we have to wash all of her stuff every night. It's such a hassle. We can't just not wash her stuff and have her stinking out there on the court, but it really is a pain.

Eli Cranor

Guess I just wanted to know why coaches stopped washing their players' stuff. Maybe volleyball coaches never did this in the first place? Maybe it was only for football? If so, that doesn't seem right to me.

Washed Up

Dear Washed: Doing laundry was the bane of my existence during my coaching days. I'll never forget getting done with a game on Friday night, still juiced up from the adrenaline, and then having to sit in the field house for another three hours while we waited on the laundry to get done.

So, yeah. I feel your pain. Laundry stinks.

And I'm not actually sure if volleyball ever did laundry. I'm sure some schools did, but I don't remember it happening at the schools where I coached.

In the end, this is a small hill, and definitely not one worth dying on. Complaining to the coach or trying to get it changed will not help. Just do your daughter's laundry and remember that one day her volleyball days will be over and she'll move out of your house. Who knows, you might even miss doing her laundry!



Dear Athletic Support: My kid's school just spent all this money on a new track. We've got a crumbling high school, but boy, do we ever have a fancy new track! The administrators sold us on this big idea that the school would make most of the money back from the purchase of the track by hosting meets. They said the money from the concession stands and tickets and all that would add up. The track would pay for itself. I don't have a clue how much a new track costs, but I know a Diet Coke costs a couple bucks at the concession stand. Popcorn's around a dollar, I think. How much candy are they going to have to sell to pay for this

thing? Who You Kidding?

Dear Kidding: If my calculations are correct, your school would have to sell somewhere around fifty-thousand Snickers bars to cover the cost of that new track. Which, in turn, means they'd have to host a whole bunch of meets over the course of a minimum of two decades.

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things work together. Even if your kid isn't on the track team, some of his/her friends might be. Just be thankful your administrators are doing what they can to improve the campus.

Eli Cranor is a former professional quarterback and coach turned award-winning author. Send questions for "Athletic Support" to eli.cranor@ gmail.com







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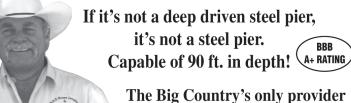
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By Steve Becker

A crucial defensive play

West dealer. Both sides vulnerable. **NORTH** ♠ QJ1054

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4 10 9 4 The bidding: West North East South Dble Pass 1 🏚 3 Pass 4 🏚 Opening lead — king of hearts.

Let's say you hold the West hand and are defending against four spades. You begin by leading the K-Q of hearts, on which East contributes the 5-6 and declarer the 3-4, in that order. What would you play

It may not look like much of a problem, but what you play next is crucial. Let's assume you shift to the ten of diamonds at trick three, which many players would do. This might seem like a harmless play, but you'd soon learn that you had handed declarer the contract.

South wins the diamond with the queen and plays the ace and another trump. You score your king of trump, but that's your last trick. Declarer finishes with 10 tricks consisting of four trumps, four diamonds, a club and a heart ruff in dummy.

Now let's go back to trick three and lead a low club instead of the ten of diamonds. This is a much more sensible approach, and in the actual case it sinks the contract. Regardless of what declarer does next, he has to lose a club trick and so go down one.

The club shift at trick three is not dangerous at all. If South has the queen, you are no worse off, but if your partner has the queen, it is vital to attack clubs while you still have the trump king.

Players who would not lead a club at trick three might be overly influenced by the general rule that it's risky to lead away from the king. However, that rule is not relevant here, since the king is as dead as a doornail if declarer has the queen. Your best chance to defeat the contract is to find East with the queen of clubs, and that's all the reason you need for shifting to a club at trick

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a week.

Two Isn't Always Bet-

Dear Annie: I am a

70-year-old retired man

with no children. My

wife died in 2016, and

relationship together for

About three months

ah," who took my heart

after she died, I met a

wonderful lady, "Sar-

away. However, she

had very strong reli-

gious convictions that

I simply did not share.

For a long time, she

said that all we could

be was friends because

of our differences. How-

in love with her, despite

ever, I was still madly

her insisting that we

could only be friends.

In the meantime, I

was introduced to an-

also initially agreed to

be friends only. So for

several months, I would

go out to movies, sport-

ing events and concerts

with Sarah two or three

times a week and with

also two or three times

Jill on different days,

other lady, "Jill," and we

we had a very happy

more than 28 years.

ter Than One

Jill about the friendly relationship I had with the other. In my mind, I told myself that because we were only friends, I did not need to tell Sarah and Jill that I was seeing both of them. I knew this would be a recipe for disaster, but I continued to see both of them regularly. I am very embarrassed to say that I was not honest with either one of them. (OK, I will admit it: I told numerous lies.)

As you may guess, Jill and Sarah eventually found out about each other. Sarah said we could no longer be just friends, and that I had to choose. Jill basically said the same thing. The one I truly loved was Sarah, although I cared for Jill. However, to not hurt either one's feelings, I did not commit to either one.

Sarah has blocked my emails, texts and cellphone calls. I did

call her once on her

landline, but she hung up on me immediately. I did not tell Sarah or Jill still tolerates me, but she expects so much more from me than I can give. She expects marriage, total commitment and no talking to any other single women my age. I hate myself for all the mistakes I made, and I simply cannot quit thinking about Sarah.

She broke up with me over a year ago, and the pain still hurts badly. I currently have low self-esteem, stay depressed and find myself wondering how to grasp for a reason to continue living. I have been seeing a therapist and discussing my feelings. This does help some, but I am still in pain.

I know that I cannot change the past, and I need to move forward. I made many mistakes, but that was in the past and there is nothing I can do about them at this point. My question is: Can you recommend

a book that will help me to become a better person and recover from a broken heart? -- Heartbroken Old Man

Dear Heartbroken:

Please try and let your-

self off the hook. Sarah was clear with you that she could only be friends. It's not fair of her to then torture you the way she is. You deserve to be happy. The real question is, have you properly grieved for your wife? While a good book is always helpful, finding a grief support group for widows could help you. Also, find time to meet with your therapist more than once a week while you are healing. It it brings you comfort, I

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Wednesday, August 25, 2021

Today in History Today is Wednesday, Aug. 25, Interior.

the 237th day of 2021. There are 128 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 25, 1944, during World War II, Paris was liber-ated by Allied forces after four vears of Nazi occupation.

On this date:

In 1718, hundreds of French colonists arrived in Louisiana, with some settling in presentday New Orleans.

In 1875, Capt. Matthew Webb became the first person to swim across the English Channel, getting from Dover, England to Calais (ka-LAY'), France, in 22 hours.

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson signed an act establishing the National Park Service within the Department of the

In 1928, an expedition led by Richard E. Byrd set sail from Hoboken, N.J., on its journey to Antarctica.

In 1975, the Bruce Springsteen album "Born to Run" was released by Columbia Records.

In 1981, the U.S. spacecraft Voyager 2 came within 63,000 miles of Saturn's cloud cover, sending back pictures of and data about the ringed planet.

In 2001, R&B singer Aaliyah (ah-LEE'-yah) was killed with eight others in a plane crash in the Bahamas; she was 22.

In 2012, Neil Armstrong, 82, who commanded the historic Apollo 11 lunar landing and was the first man to set foot on the moon in July 1969, died in Cincinnati, Ohio.

In 2009, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, the liberal lion of the U.S. Senate, died at age 77 in Hyannis Port, Massachusetts, after a battle with a brain

In 2014, a funeral was held in St. Louis for Michael Brown, the Black 18-year-old who was shot to death by a police officer in suburban Ferguson.

In 2017, Hurricane Harvey, the fiercest hurricane to hit the U.S. in more than a decade, made landfall near Corpus Christi, Texas, with 130 mph sustained winds; the storm would deliver five days of rain totaling close to 52 inches, the heaviest tropical downpour ever recorded in the continental U.S. The hurricane left at least 68 people dead and caused an estimated \$125 billion in damage

In 2018, Sen. John McCain of Arizona, who had spent years as a prisoner of war in Vietnam before a 35-year political career that took him to the Republican presidential nomination, died at the age of 81 after battling brain cancer for more than a year.

Ten years ago: Fifty-two people were killed in a fire at a casino in the northern Mexican city of Monterrey that was allegedly targeted by a drug cartel. The New York Yankees became the first team in major league history to hit three grand slams in a game, with Robinson Cano, Russell Martin and Curtis Granderson connecting in a 22-9 romp over the Oakland

Five years ago: Hillary Clinton said that Donald Trump had unleashed the "radical fringe" within the Republican Party, dubbing Trump's campaign as one that will "make America hate again"; Trump defended his hard-line approach to immigration while trying to make the case to minority voters that Democrats had abandoned

One year ago: Two people were shot to death and a third was wounded as a gunman fired on protesters with an AR-15-style rifle during a third night of protests in Kenosha, Wisconsin, over the police shooting of a Black man, Jacob Blake. (Seventeen-year-old Kyle Rittenhouse, who was taken into custody in Illinois the next day, is facing charges including reckless homicide; he said he was defending himself after the three men attacked him as he tried to protect businesses from protesters.) The attorney for Jacob Blake's family said Blake was paralyzed in the police shooting, and that it would "take a miracle" for him to walk again. More than half a million people were ordered to flee the Gulf Coast as Hurricane Laura threatened Texas and Louisiana. Jerry Falwell Jr. announced his resignation as the head of Liberty University after a provocative photo and

by his father.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Tom Skerritt is 88. Jazz musician Wayne Shorter is 88. Movie director Hugh Hudson is 85. Author Frederick Forsyth is 83. Movie director John Badham is 82. Filmmaker Marshall Brickman is 82. Rhythmand-blues singer Walter Williams (The O'Jays) is 78 Actor Anthony Heald (held) is 77. Rock singer-actor Gene Simmons is 72. Actor John Savage is 72. Author Martin Amis (AY'-mihs) is 72. Country singer-musician Henry Paul (Outlaws; Blackhawk) is 72. Rock singer Rob Halford is 70 Rock musician Geoff Downes (Asia) is 69. Rock singer Elvis Costello is 67. Movie director Tim Burton is 63. Actor Christian LeBlanc is 63. Actor Ashley Crow is 61. Actor Ally Walker is 60. Country singer Cyrus (AKA Billy Ray Cyrus) is 60. Actor Joanne Whalley is 60 Rock musician Vivian Campbel (Def Leppard) is 59. Actor Blair Underwood is 57.







ALL HE KEPT GOING ON ABOUT WAS HE COULDN'T BELIEVE IT WASN'T **ME**

T WASN'T **ME** IN THE DOCK



GRANDMA, AUNT

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ABOUT THE SPECIAL

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OH, THANKS FOR REMINDING ME, RUTHIE!



READY!

OH, YOU'RE

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THOSE

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HUMANS.

HERE YOU ARE AT LAST. WELL, HOW DID IT GO BEING A DEFENCE WITNESS FOR NOSHER?

Wednesday August 25, 2021

Aries Moon Fuel

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Use the fuel of this fiery Aries moon to project yourself into your desired future. and then work backward to prepare for it. Practice, memorize and craft the impression you want to make. Take your shot when it's presented. Afterward, accept it's out of your hands. It will no longer matter what you say. What will matter is what others say about you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). As you take an aspect of your life and push it a little further and then a little more, you'll find out that the boundaries aren't nearly where you

thought they were. TĂURUS (April 20-May 20). Many carrots are not orange. Many radishes are not red. Not all blue whales are blue. As you keep your mind open, life will wash over you in colors unexpected.

GEMINI (May 21-June You can ride the chaos like the best of them, though it's nice when you don't have to. You'll appreciate the mild and manageable feeling today brings. This peace offers

new options for tomorrow. CANCER (June 22-July 22). Mostly, you keep your hand on the controls and are in complete charge of your actions. It would be absurd and boring to demand this of vourself at all times or expect it from others, as tonight will reflect.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Don't worry if your choice seems uncharacteristic of you. You are the artist of your character and can form it as you desire. In the end, there are no shoulds and shouldn'ts -- only dids and didn'ts

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

21). Your talent for asking the right question will open minds, hearts and doors. It's an intuitive gift. You wing your curiosity into the world and sometimes it takes a long time to boomerang back, but the answers are

Dec. 21). The fact that this is the same scenery implies that you are standing still, at least physically. If they only knew the speed barrier you broke on your way to new exotic landscapes of the

Jan. 19). You're focused on results and open to the wide variety of forms they can take. Happiness, for instance, can come in drasti-

By Holiday cally different forms, such as the shape of work or the contour of a loved one's

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Each age group has its own kind of fun. Today features an activity that favors a full range of ages, bringing people together who can help and learn from one another

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). People share their fond wishes with you, and you hold these treasures in one of your heart's pockets. As you go about your day, you'll see things they might need or want and then connect the dream to the dreamer.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(Aug. 25). Past lessons align themselves with this fresh era, and a new confidence settles in. You know what you want. Your purposefulness will attract trust, love and money. Make decisions for yourself. Strong forces will ask you to yield to their guidance when, actually, you are the one most qualified to call the shots. Capricorn and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 11, 33, 12 and 48.

COSMIC QUESTION:

"I've been troubled lately. Sometimes I think I should see a professional. I just don't know what kind. Personal organizer? Matchmaker? Counselor? I'd rather see a psychic than a mental health professional, but I'm told that's foolish. What do

When you are ready to make changes, information and help could come from many places. Why choose one? Why not try several and see what YOU think? A psychic could make you think of your situation from a mystical perspective. Psychological counseling gives you a venue to examine your past and make peace with it. Behavioral therapies help you change your habits. Art therapy or "The Artist's Way" groups help you heal through creative exploration. In feng shui, you move your furniture to create a healing environment. You could even take a math class that helps you build your brain and problem-solve. Who knows how this could help? The list is endless. As a rule, most healthy practices do not preclude the other potentially helpful practices, but instead provide deeper perspective and a richer experience.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Blake Lively played the privileged kin of New York socialites on the television series "Gossip Girl," but in reality, she's from a California show business family. This Virgo overachiever was already a movie star when in high school, but that didn't stop her from joining the cheerleading squad and becoming the class president. Virgos equate hard work with happiness, and they just may be right.

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Newsday Crossword

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When you're playing the long game in relationships, it's important not to use what happens over the course of one unit of time to represent the entirety of the connec-

You'll find yourself building an argument for what you want. This prep work is wise and winning. When the time comes to convince others, you'll be ready. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov.

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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! Today's Answers 9 8 2 9 1

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Find this week's games between the merchant's ads on this page. Choose the teams you think will win, and fill in the official entry form on this page with your team choices. <u>Clip</u> the entry form out of the page and drop it in the Pigskin box at one of the listed merchants.

Do not drop your entry form at the Big Spring Herald office.

*The entry with the most correct picks will win \$50!

You must be 18 to enter. *No photo copies accepted*.

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breaker will be the one closest to the total points. *Decisions of the judges are final.

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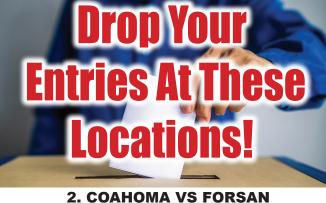


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Ella Bruning turns into a big name for Little League

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (AP) – Ella Bruning has become the person everyone wants to talk to in South Williamsport this week.

The starting catcher for the Wylie Little League team from Abilene, Texas, is the 20th female to play in the Little League World Series and the only girl to compete in this year's tournament. She can hit, pitch, steal bases and take a foul ball off the knee.

In Texas's 6-0 win over Washington on Friday, she stole second, scored the first run and led the team with two hits and an RBI, becoming just the third girl to have a multi-hit game in the Little League World Series.

"She's a role model for my daughter and a bunch of the younger sisters on this team," Texas manager Reggie Regala said. "She's always been that way, and now that she's on this big stage, she's a huge role model for girls everywhere."

Baseball is a family affair in the Bruning household. Ella's father, Bryan, has coached his children for over 10 years and is an assistant on the Abilene squad. Her younger brother, Dillon, is an outfielder and second baseman for the team. Their older brother, Collin, sits in the stands and cheers, admittedly jealous that his teams missed out on this opportunity a few years ago.

Ella's baseball story began with shagging batting practice balls in the outfield for Collin's team when she was 7 years old.

"I think she caught a line drive one day and some of the boys teased her about being on the team," Ella's mom, Lindi, recalled. "From that point, it was always a joke that she would play and, eventually, she did."

Her toughness behind the plate has been documented over the course of the week. After taking a foul ball to the knee on Monday afternoon, in a 6-5 loss to Michigan, she stayed in the game and blocked the next three pitches off her chest in the dirt with perfect form.

"She has always been pretty natural and likes the competition that the league provides," Lindi said.

Ella's success is not limited to the baseball field — she's a softball star,

But she dropped softball for the summer to join the Abilene team in its pursuit of the LLWS. The adjustment from underhand to overhand pitching was a challenge for her, but she knew how high the stakes were. And she struck out a pair of batters on the mound in a regional matchup against Louisiana.

"We knew this (year) was our biggest shot to go this far," Ella said. "This is once in a lifetime. I have softball for the rest of my life, so I can do this for one year and go right back."

Former Williamsport star Mo'ne Davis, now in college, continues to return to the Little League World Series as a broadcast analyst. Both she and Ella have inspired the next generation of girls in the process.

"I gave a pass to a little girl outside who just wanted to see Ella play," Lindi said. "I saw her back today in an Abilene shirt. I don't think Ella realizes how far her impact is felt through different states all across the

Ella started at catcher again on Tuesday, playing her third error-free game in a row at the tournament as Texas beat New Jersey 2-1 to stave off elimination and set up a game against Nebraska on Wednesday. But even if her team's moment comes to an end before the championship on Sunday, Regala said his new star "handles the attention well."

The Postscript by Carrie Classon "Plumbing Guru"

"I'm tired of living in exile!" my husband, Peter, exclaimed as, for the second day in a row, we packed up everything we would need to be out of our home long enough for the floor to dry.

Michael, the floor sander, is in our apartment now, buffing the penultimate coat of polyurethane while Peter is moaning about his exile

> status. We have evacuated to the party room in the condominium while we wait to have a floor we can walk on again. There is internet and a refrigerator in the party room, so we are rather pampered evac-

"The floors are almost finished," I reassured him.

"But the remodeling isn't!" he complained.

"The rest won't be so disruptive." Peter is not convinced.

The most urgent remaining issue is the bathroom, as the shower stall is warped and spills water onto the floor. Peter has fashioned a complicated solution involving a plastic shower curtain, a squeegee, and Gorilla Tape. It is not elegant.

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But contractors are insanely busy these days, and no one is in more demand than plumbers. If you know a plumber, I suggest you cement your relationship with them immediately, as plumbers are the hottest new celebrities.

After a considerable hunt, we finally found a plumber named Matt. Like Cher or Adele, Matt uses only his first name, but on his business cards he adds a single initial for his last name—like Kenny G.

When Matt arrived to survey our bathroom, he did not remind me of either Cher or Kenny G, but had a similar charisma. He was very tall and bald and fit and had the calming presence of someone

who might start a New-Age movement. I think he easily could garner followers, although I suspect plumbing is more lucrative.

Matt arrived at our home and listened as we explained our mundane problem of having a 40-plusyear-old bathroom made of aging acrylic. He nodded compassionately as we told him more than he really needed to know about our hopes and dreams in the bathroom department.

"I have a philosophy," Matt finally said, after we had told him all there was to tell. Right away, I knew we'd be paying a lot if we were getting both a plumber and a philosophy.

"I believe in keeping things simple," Matt said,

"Well, we understand you may run into problems Learn more at CarrieClasson.com. you can't anticipate..." Peter began.

"No," Matt said, holding up a hand and looking like the spiritual teacher I was beginning to suspect he was. "I will give you a price, and it will be the price. There will be no changes. There will be nothing added. I will do what needs to be done."

If Peter had been wearing a blood pressure monitor, I know I would have seen the needle drop.

"He's going to be expensive," I warned Peter, after our plumbing guru left. Peter seemed When unconcerned. Matt's bid came in, it was even higher than I

had feared. "I just don't see that

we have a choice," Peter told me. "I believe Matt is the man for the job. We got a good price for our old house. I think it's karma that we spend a little more with Matt now."

My husband is not typically a person who is price insensitive, and he is certainly not someone who talks about karma, so now I don't know what to

Matt will start work next week. I am expecting all sorts of changes to ensue. Some of them might even have to do with the plumbing.

Till next time, Carrie

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