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Obituaries

Steve Gray



Steve Gray, 52, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Aug. 24, 2017 at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 31, 2017 and Friday, Sept. 1, 2017 at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Steve was born Oct. 28, 1964 in Robert Lee, Texas to Laura Luvenna Bearfield Gray and Jack Neal Gray. He had lived in various places growing up including San Antonio from 1964-1967; Waelder from 1967-1972; Pecos from 1972-1976; Eldorado from 1976-1977; Big Spring from 1977-1979 and he graduated from Balmorhea High School in 1983.

He then moved to Big Spring and he graduated from Howard College with an associate degree in automotive technology in 1985. Steve was the ga-

rage supervisor for the city of Big Spring until his retirement. After his retirement, he worked for Phoenix and Cline Construction.

Through the years, he was very active in Boy Scouts Troop 5 and later Troop 187 and very active in the Midland County Sheriff's Mounted Patrol. He was active in Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Big Spring and Snyder, holding several offices. He was especially active with the youth programs and The Elder's Quorum. He married Terry Hudson on June 20, 1992 in Big Spring.

He is survived by his wife Terry Gray of Big Spring; three brothers, Johnnie Gray and wife, Joyce, of Sherwood, Gary Gray and wife, Elaine, of Big Spring and Larry Gray and wife, Debbie, of Yoakum; one sister, Laura Lowery and husband, Lee Dale, of Big Spring; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents Laura Luvenna Bearfield Gray and Jack Neal Gray.

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

Take Note

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

School at Maranatha Baptist Academy, 903 Johnson St., begins Aug. 1 for the fall term. Maranatha uses Accelerated Christian Education curriculum, an individualized curriculum used internationally (see www.ace-ministries.com for more information). School and office hours are 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. week days. Tuition is reasonable. For more information visit the office or contact Dr. Lillian Bohannon at 432-213-1046.

Big Spring's Centennial Lions Club is holding a drive to collect books for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. Books for kids in kindergarten through about 10th grade will be accepted, with special preference for books for younger children in kindergarten through third grade. Cash donations to allow the Lions to purchase additional books are also appreciated. Books or donations can be taken to the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., or to the home of Lions member Ken Lawhon at 1707 E. 15th St. For more information, contact Lawhon at 214-998-9716 or Lions member David Stives at 432-270-2251.

Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs

you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. The next sacking dates are September 5 and September 18-19. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

Each week Kindred offers free health checks from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Corner House Coffee Shop, 1701 Scurry St.

Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat.

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

Howard County Republicans meet the second Monday of each month. Club members meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College at 11:30 a.m. for Dutch treat lunch and meeting at 12 p.m.

The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Tuesday of each month a 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library.

Big Spring Centennial Lion's Club meets twice a month at the Big Spring TA Truck Stop. They

meet on the first Tuesday of the month at noon and the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

The Christensen-Tucker Post-2013 Veterans of Foreign Wars meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at 500 Driver Road. For more information, contact David Leonard, Post Commander, at 432-816-6004. All combat veterans of foreign wars are invited to come.

The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact 432-271-2138.

Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 1/2 Main St. All Masons are welcome.

Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to visit patients. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Beverly Grant at 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

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

Bonnie McLen

Bonnie McLen, 80 of Colorado, passed away on Aug. 24, 2017. There will be a visitation at Ellis Funeral Home on Thursday, Aug. 31, 2017 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. A funeral service will be held at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel on Friday, Sept. 1, 2017 at 10 a.m. with Gary Kennedy officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park North. Online condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com.

Betty Edmondson Hamilton

Betty Edmondson Hamilton, 78, of Big Spring, died Monday, Aug. 28, 2017 at her residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 66 inmates at the time of this report.

• **STEVEN H. AGUIRRE**, 41, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

• **RONESHIA LASHAEE BELL**, 21, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for theft of property (more than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500).

• **THOMAS DEL BOLTON**, 35, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for theft of property (more than or equal to \$100 but less than \$750).

• **JOSEPH RAY BRIM JR.**, 47, was booked by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance (more than or equal to 1 gram but less than 4 grams), and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• **SANDY KAY DEOCHOA**, 41, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance (less than 1 gram).

• **JASON WAYNE ENGLISH**, 34, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for driving while license invalid with previous convictions/suspensions.

• **ENRIQUE ESCOBEDO**, 34, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for resisting arrest, search, or transport.

• **KRYSTAL KAY HENDERSON**, 31, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for bail jumping and failure to appear.

• **ZACHARY SCOTT LYON**, 41, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for accident involving damage to a vehicle.

• **ALANA DIANA ZAMORA**, 40, was booked by the BSPD on a Class C misdemeanor – noise.

Support Groups

WEDNESDAY

• **RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy)** a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m.

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

I am retiring as of September 6, 2017. I have been so blessed being a nurse and meeting some wonderfully fabulous people! I will miss everyone very much. May God bless each and every one of you!

-Dee Clawson

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gunshot wound to his abdomen. The preliminary investigation indicates that Aguirre shot Overton one time after an altercation.”

Overton was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center by EMS and later air evac to UMC Lubbock for treatment, the release stated.

“This is an ongoing investigation and no further details are available at this time,” the release said.

Anyone in the public with information about this case is encouraged to call call CrimeStoppers at 43-263-tips (8477). Anonymous tip can be made by using the “P3 Tips” mobile application.

CHAPLAINS

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It can be done in two weeks time if they want to take it straight through. If they want to do an hour, hour and a half a day, it takes about 24 weeks to complete it.”

In addition, prospective chaplains must pass a background check, he said.

“They have to go through a very strict back-ground check, and they have to be approved by the police and sheriff's departments,” said Miller.

“There’s no cost at all, and it’s completely volun-teer, there’s no pay to it. We provide everything for them once they’re trained. But they need to have one day a week that they can devote to a call-out.”

Those interested in volunteering as a chaplain can contact Miller at 432-213-1221.

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

HARVEY

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places," John Murray said as he worked around his Rockport salon, which sustained damage in a storm that also destroyed his boat. "No one's ever waited on (me). We'll fix it. We'll get it done."

Communities nearest a hur-ricane's eye often lose nearly all of their trees, especially when the storm is as strong as Harvey, the most powerful hurricane to hit Texas since 1961. Those still standing have lost their crown layer, and panels of sheet metal sit wrapped around their trunks.

Utility crews have strung new power poles along main routes to carry electrical service to an emergency command center downtown.

The city has confirmed one fatality. Someone died in a mo-bile home fire as the storm came ashore, though the fire marshal is investigating and additional details haven't been released.

Recreation vehicles that served as camp homes are rolled over — with several of them hundreds of feet down the block from where they were parked Friday morn-ing.

There also was varying dam-age to structures hosted on stilts.

Some beach camps hoisted up sustained damage to the ground levels amid sustained flooding while the upper living areas remained intact. Heavy winds blew away the second- and third-story levels from other lofted homes.

Tijerina is in his 50s and has vacationed in Rockport since he was a teenager, but the fam-ily didn't buy a place until four years later. His brother, Joe, owns the home, and they were aware of what they would find when they arrived.

The family was watching tele-vision Saturday when aerial footage showed the damage to their \$100,000 home. A nephew, 17-year-old Andrew Guerra, spotted his treasured Texas Longhorns blanket on the screen and asked his mother to retrieve it when she came down for the Tuesday cleanup.

The home is just up the road from a gutted boat storage shed shown widely on social media.

"I saw that boat storage on TV and thought, (expletive), I know that place," Tijerina said.

Louis Sirianni, of San Antonio, didn't discover until going inside his home a block away from the Tijerinas that there was a 5-foot-wide (1.5-meter-wide) hole in his ceiling and that insulation was scattered throughout the living

area.

"I've been coming down here 30 years," renting hotel rooms around the community before buying the place five years ago, Sirianni said.

Winds had stripped fresh paint off a post, and a neighbor's trail-er had split open when it hit one of the building's pilings.

All fixable, he said, rejecting any notion that Rockport was filled with forgotten victims be-cause of the attention Houston now has. He said Rockport just had Harvey's first victims.

"There's only 10,000 people here," he said. "I don't expect Rockport to have the news cover-age. We have no great loss of life. There's no risk here."

His brother, George, said cities don't have to compete for atten-tion because all are suffering: "There are enough problems for Texas."

At Murray's salon, sprays and gels sat on a shelf untouched by the wind in one side of the room while the other had a wall and ceiling gone. As he spoke, a steady breeze would have made a 90-degree day comfortable ex-cept for the wafting from a sew-age plant upwind was not doing its job.

"Sometimes God thinks you have a bit too much and takes some of it back," Murray said.

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The designated proj-ects will be paid from the college's projected surplus from the this year's budget which will end Thursday.

Projects across the dis-trict include upgrades for the distance learn-ing program, operating system software, en-hancements to security systems, and purchase of vehicles and informa-tion technology.

One of the larger ex-penses slated is the replacement of the col-lege's outdated phone system at an estimated cost of \$500,000, college officials said. Also, part of the money will be used to finish upgrading the fire alarm system at the Big Spring campus.

Start up costs for a construction/trades programs at both the SWCID and San Angelo campuses are included in the one-time expen-ditures. The college also expects to begin repairs on extensive damaged cause by a hail storm in April 2016. Some of the surplus funds will be di-rected toward a seal coat project on the SWCID campus.

Excluding those one-time expenses, Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said the budget was actually bal-anced and prepared off the effective tax rate. Wage increases are in-cluded in this balanced budget based on the col-lege's updated pay sys-tem.

The college will in-crease the starting sal-ary for all exempt em-

ployees — employees who do not qualify for overtime pay — in pre-parations for expected changes to the Fair La-bor Standard Act over-time rule. All employees received a step increase for their base salary.

In other business,

- The district has ap-plied for a grant form the San Angelo Health Foundation to help fund the construction of a metal building at the San Angelo campus to house a new construc-tion/trades program. The college expects to receive news of the re-quest sometime in late September.
- Trustees appointed Lee, Reynolds, & Welch, an accountant firm, to serve as the district's auditor.
- Drew Mouton, a local lawyer who contracts

with the college to col-lect delinquent taxes, reported that while more tax revenue is be-ing collected by local en-tities, delinquent taxes are also increasing. In fact, Mouton said the amount of the current tax levy falling on the delinquent rolls was up 4.1 percent. That's near-ly double the from two years ago. This current year uncollected taxes for all county entities is about \$2.5 million, Mou-ton said.

“Obviously anytime there is tax increase or there is property value increase which we all know has been a big is-sue, I fully understand the problems that causes,” Mouton said. “That's why we do our best to deal with home owners and people who have homesteads that

have delinquent taxes and we will always try to allow them time to catch up on those taxes. We have proba-bly been more lenient that we should have been and we are going to set some very re-sponsible guidelines and then we are going to stick to those guide-lines.”

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BSISD

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the current fiscal year began in September 2016.

In some good news, Bryan said the deficit is expected to end at \$683,000 when Big Spring ISD closes the books Thursday adding the district should end the year with an undes-ignated fund balance of \$9.31 million on Aug. 31.

In other business, Dr. Raemi Thompson, di-rector of curriculum, instruction & assess-ments, gave a report on the 2016-2017 Texas Edu-cation Agency’s official ratings released mid-August.

“In 2015 we had six campuses rated IR (im-provement required),”

Thompson said. “We have cut that in half in two years. We are down to three campuses which are in improve-ment required.”

Those campuses are Goliad, Marcy, and Washington elementa-ries.

Big Spring High School, Big Spring Ju-nior High School, Big Spring Intermediate School, and Moss El-ementary school as well as the district overall received a “met stan-dard” rating. Both Big Spring Junior High and Big Spring Intermediate were designated “im-provement required” in the 2015-2016 ratings.

Three campuses – the junior high, the inter-mediate school and Moss Elementary - also received distinctions

designations in the stu-dent achievement.

“Last year we had one distinction and this year we had four,” Thompson pointed out to trustees. “Moss again received a distinction for academic progress. They are in the top 25 percent of their cohort in making student prog-ress. They also got an academic distinction in mathematics.”

Overall, Thompson said the district still struggles in reading.

“It’s across the district but it’s also across the state,” Thompson said. “Lots of districts were very concerned about the dip in reading and writing scores. We are focusing our instruc-tional resources. We are continuing to focus on balanced literacy so

that we talk about read-ing cross circularly.”

Also during the meet-ing, trustees:

- Approved the How-ard County Appraisal budget.
- Accepted a donation \$2,500 from Big Spring Ford. Wigington said the money will be used to purchase workout clothing for the Big Spring Lady Steers.
- Approved the final amended budget for 2016-2017.
- Approved a \$10,000 donation from SM En-ergy to begin a robot-ics program at the Big Spring Junior High.

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US clears first 'living drug' for tough childhood leukemia

WASHINGTON (AP) — Opening a new era in cancer care, the Food and Drug Administra-tion on Wednesday ap-proved the first treat-ment that genetically engineers patients' own blood cells into an army of assassins to seek and

destroy childhood leu-kemia.

The CAR-T cell treat-ment developed by No-vartis and the Univer-sity of Pennsylvania is the first type of gene therapy to hit the U.S. market — and one in a powerful but expensive

wave of custom-made "living drugs" being tested against blood cancers and some other tumors, too.

FDA called the ap-proval historic.

"This is a brand new way of treating cancer," said Dr. Stephan Grupp.

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This week I'll begin with the fiction books. "Full Wolf Moon" by Lincoln Child (F CHI L) tells the story of enigmalogist Jeremy Logan, an investigator who specializes in analyzing unnatural phenomena with no obvious scientific or rational explanation. When Logan travels to an isolated writers' retreat aiming to spend time working on his book, he finds a remote community that has been rocked by the disturbing discovery of a dead hiker. The body has been severely mauled, but the unusual grisliness of the attack casts doubt on the initial suspicion of a wild bear encounter. Logan is soon contacted by an old college friend who is hoping Logan's expertise will shed some light on the strange investigation. Because the attack occurred during a full moon, many locals are whispering about the possibility of a werewolf in this remote, wooded landscape. Logan approaches the case with a guardedly open mind, but his instincts take a dramatic turn when he meets

Laura Feverbridge, a respected scientist and researcher. When Feverbridge shares her research with Logan, he begins to wonder whether he is truly up against something he's never seen before.



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Sold into slavery by her father and forsaken by the man she was supposed to marry, young Egyptian Kiya must serve a mistress who takes pleasure in humiliation. When terrifying plagues strike Egypt, Kiya is in the middle of it all. Choosing to flee with the Hebrews, Kiya finds herself reliant on a strange God and drawn to a man who despises her people. With everything she's ever known swept away and now facing the trials of the desert, will she turn back toward Egypt or surrender

her life and her future to Yahweh?

In book 2 "Shadow of the Storm," Shira is now living in freedom at the foot of Mount Sinai after escaping Egypt with the other Hebrews during Exodus.

When the people rebel by worshipping a golden idol, the ensuing chaos gives Shira an unexpected opportunity to assist a midwife. When the experience awakens a new desire in her, she defies her mother's wish for her to continue in the family weaving trade and pursues her heart's calling as an apprentice midwife.

Shira finds herself in an impossible situation and bound to a man who betrayed her when a delivery goes horribly wrong. As contention between the Hebrew tribes and the foreigners fans the flames of another dangerous rebellion, Shira comes face to face with the long-hidden pain of her past. Can she let go of all that has defined her to embrace who she truly is and believe in a hopeful future?

In book 3 "Wings of the

Wind," Alanah, a Canaanite, is no stranger to fighting. When her father and brothers are killed in battle with the Hebrews, she disguises herself and sneaks onto the battlefield to avenge her family.

The one thing she never counted on was surviving. Tobiah, a Hebrew warrior, has spent his share of time on the battlefield and is shocked to find an unconscious woman among the casualties. Compelled to bring her to a healer back at the Hebrew camp, he is unprepared for the consequences of what he intended as an act of compassion. In order to survive, Alanah must unite with her enemy.

Will a terrible revelation drive her toward an even greater danger?

"The Broken Road" by Richard Paul Evans (F EVA R) tells the story of Chicago celebrity Charles James. James can't shake the nightmare that wakes him each night. He sees himself walking down a long, broken highway, the sides of which are lit in flames. By day, he won-

ders why he's so haunted and unhappy when he has all he ever wanted-fame, fans, and fortune and the lavish lifestyle it affords him. Coming from a childhood of poverty and pain, he's started to wonder if he wanted the wrong things. When he learns that one of his customers has committed suicide because of financial ruin, Charles is shaken. The cracks in his facade widen, spurring him to question everything: his choices, his relationships, his future, and the type of man he's become. Then a twist of fate changes everything. Charles is granted a second chance. The question is, what will he do with it?

I've run out of time so until next week here's a quote from Stephen King: "Books are a uniquely portable magic." Remember the library will be closed Monday, September 4, 2017 for Labor Day.

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Roger's Reviews: Close Encounters of the Third Kind

In 1977, a science fiction movie came out that redefined the genre. It featured a boy who leaves his home on a spaceship, headed for high adventure; and a man who feels a great disturbance. I'm talking, of course, about the Steven Spielberg film "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," which is this week's Retro Review.

I watched the director's cut of "Close Encounters" for this review. There was a lot of stuff I didn't remember from however many decades ago it was when I saw it originally, so if something I describe doesn't jibe with your memory, that's probably why. Or else the Mandela effect.

In the version I watched last night, the movie starts with government officials down in the Sonora Desert in Mexico, in the middle of a sandstorm. They discover a squadron of World War II vintage fighter planes, which, after checking several indicators such as engine block numbers and fuel tank levels, they determine vanished in the '40s while on a training mission. One of the government guys is a Frenchman named Claude Lacombe (Francois Truffaut) and an American cartographer named David Laughlin (Bob Balaban) who speaks French and gets conscripted into being Lacombe's assistant and translator. An old man (Eumenio Blanco) who was on the scene when the planes appeared at the location claims that the "sun came out at night and sang to him."

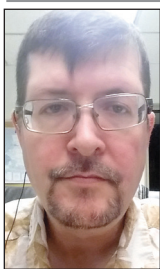
A group of air traffic controllers monitor two airline flights which witness a UFO, one of which has a near col-

lision with the object. Neither flight crew chooses to file a report about the incident.

In Muncie, Ind., three-year-old Barry Guller (Cary Guffey) is awakened

by all of his battery-powered toys suddenly coming to life and moving on their own. Getting up to explore the house, he discovers that something has made a mess in the kitchen. The audience can't see what ever it is Barry sees, but he follows it out of the house. His mom Jillian (Melinda Dillon) sees him running away from the house and follows him.

Indiana power company employee Roy Neary (Richard Dreyfuss) is investigating an electrical outage when he has an encounter with a UFO - it flies over his truck, causing his electrical system to go haywire. After the UFO flies off, the vehicle works normally again, so Roy chases the UFO. He almost runs over Barry, who is standing in the middle of the road, but Jillian manages to knock him out



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of the way of Roy's truck. Roy stops and offers his apology, when the UFO, joined by others, flies past, with police cars in pursuit. Roy joins the chase in his truck, but the UFOs fly off.

Roy develops a UFO obsession, and loses his job over it. His wife Ronnie (Teri Garr) becomes increasingly distressed at Roy's obsession and lack of care about other aspects of his life, such as family, work, and finances. Roy begins to have visions of a strange mountain, and starts to make models of it out of clay, or, notably at the dinner table, out of mashed pota-

toes. Meanwhile, Jillian also begins to sketch a similar looking mountain.

Jillian's home is terrorized by strange lights from the sky. She attempts to barricade herself and Barry inside her house, while something tries to find a way in. Jillian manages to thwart its efforts, but Barry is curious and crawls outside through the pet door. The UFOs abduct him.

Lacombe's team continue to investigate UFO sightings. One such investigation in India shows a large group of people singing a five-note musical

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WHAT'S HAPPENING: Harvey makes landfall, again

HOUSTON (AP) — Five days after Harvey first made landfall as the fiercest hurricane to hit the U.S. in 13 years, the now-tropical storm is still pounding parts of Texas and Louisiana with rain.

Here are some things happening on the ground:

THE FORECAST

The National Weather Service says the clouds that have loomed over the Houston area since Harvey made its initial

landfall will at last give way to sunshine.

Harvey made landfall — again — early Wednesday, this time in southwestern Louisiana. The storm is expected to move inland, bringing

continued heavy rain to Louisiana, before heading north to Arkansas, Tennessee and parts of Missouri.

"Once we get this thing inland during the day, it's the end of the beginning," said National Hurricane Center spokesman and meteorologist Dennis Feltgen. "Texas is going to get a chance to finally dry out as this system pulls out."

So far, the highest rains recorded are just shy of the United States record for a tropical system. The rains in Cedar Bayou, near Mont Belvieu, Texas, topped the 50-inch mark with 51.88 inches (132 centimeters) as of 3:30 p.m. CDT Tuesday. That's a record for the continental U.S., but it doesn't quite pass the 52 inches (133 centimeters) from tropical cyclone Hiki in Kauai, Hawaii, in 1950 (before Hawaii became a state).

least two more mega-shelters with the George R. Brown Convention Center holding more than 9,000 people, almost double the number of officials original planned to house there.

Nearby, Joel Osteen opened his megachurch — a 16,000-seat former arena that was the longtime home of the NBA's Houston Rockets — to evacuees after social media critics slammed the televangelist for not offering to house people in need while Harvey swamps the city. In a tweet announcing the move, Osteen said he and wife Victoria Osteen "care deeply about our fellow Houstonians."

The Toyota Center — the current home of the Rockets — and NRG Park were opened on Tuesday as additional shelters.



Armando Bustsamante walks along the street over Buffalo Bayou as flood waters from Tropical Storm Harvey flow toward downtown Houston Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2017. More than 17,000 people are seeking refuge in Texas shelters, the American Red Cross said. With rescues continuing, that number seemed certain to grow.

AP photo

SHELTER FROM THE STORM

More than 17,000 people have sought refuge in Texas shelters, according to the American Red Cross. Houston said it would set up at

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Experts not second-guessing decision not to evacuate Houston

By **REESE DUNKLIN**
Associated Press

Houston's mayor has faced questions about his decision not to order an evacuation of the notoriously flood-prone city ahead of Harvey's arrival, even as overflowing reservoirs led several suburbs to move people out.

Instead, Mayor Sylvester Turner remained resolute Tuesday in his advice to residents since the storm made landfall Friday: hunker down at home.

Massive flooding from

Harvey forced thousands of rescues that overwhelmed emergency responders. The George R. Brown Convention Center nearly doubled its expected capacity of 5,000, with people seeking refuge from the waist-deep waters that had neighborhoods resembling lakes.

"I want to say this again, because I guess it's been missed, but you cannot evacuate 6.5 million people within two days," Turner said Tuesday, referring to both the city and its sur-



AP photo

Evacuees are helped as floodwaters from Tropical Storm Harvey rise Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2017, in Houston.

rounding areas. "That would be chaotic. We would be putting people in more harm's way."

The situation is reminiscent of Hurricane

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Joel Osteen blames 'false narrative' for Harvey criticism

HOUSTON (AP) — Joel Osteen is defending the decision not to open his Houston megachurch as a shelter during the initial flooding from Harvey in the face of withering criticism on social media.

The televangelist maintained on ABC's "Good Morning America" Wednesday that his Lakewood Church was inaccessible due to floodwaters during the early part of the storm. He says the 16,000-seat former basketball are-

na is prone to flooding and that "the last thing we would do is put people in it right at the beginning."

He says the city didn't ask the church to open as a shelter initially.

Osteen tells NBC's "Today" show that a "false narrative" on social media was to blame for the backlash.

Lakewood Church began taking in Harvey evacuees Tuesday afternoon.

REVIEWS

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phrase over and over again. When asked where the music originated, the crowd points to the sky. Lacombe's team broadcasts the musical phrase into space, and receives back a set of numbers. Laughlin (he was a cartographer, remember?) recognizes that the numbers are longitude and latitude coordinates of a location in Wyoming.

Increasingly frustrated at not being able to accurately depict his visions of the odd mountain, Roy begins shoveling dirt and other materials into the family's kitchen. Ronnie tries to stop him, and leaves, taking the children, when she is unable to dissuade him. Using a garbage can as a mold, he sculpts a detailed replica of his vision, only to see it depicted on a news broadcast — it's Wyoming's Devil's Tower, where a supposed nerve gas outbreak is causing a mass evacuation. Jillian also sees the news broadcast, and, independently, the two head for Wyoming. I'll stop the summary there.

While perhaps not as transformative on the sci-fi movie genre as another movie which came

out the same year, "Close Encounters" definitely shaped public perceptions of UFOs, of UFO abductions, and of the government response to UFOs.

There are a few problems with the movie. It is, of course, a product of its times. The main cast is very white, there are no African-Americans to be seen (that I can recall) in the entire film. Yes, there are a few people here and there that are supposed to be Indians (both American and Eastern), but they're just window dressing for what is essentially an all-white cast. I'm not pointing this out necessarily for social justice reasons; it just came across as a bit unrealistic.

Also, Ronnie seemed quite unwilling to accept that, perhaps, Roy needed help. Yes, he was acting weirdly, and yes, she did ask him a time or two about therapy, but she didn't speak to anybody else about the possibility of getting him some psychiatric assistance.

There's never any explanation of who Lacombe is, or why he (a Frenchman) has jurisdiction in the U.S. to

conduct this huge UFO investigation using US military forces.

Toward the end of the movie there's (spoilers!) a huge spaceship that sort of rises up over Devil's Tower. In the scene, there's no logical place that ginormous structure could have come from. It just literally would not fit behind Devil's Tower with enough clearance to have been perched there waiting and have nobody see it.

Those concerns aside, "Close Encounters" is an interesting exploration of what a first large-scale meeting with extraterrestrials might actually look like, and how people would react to it. Eight stars out of 10.

Close Encounters of the Third Kind
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agencies.

Houston Police Chief Art Acevedo said Tuesday that his agency has rescued about 4,100 people, and city Fire Chief Samuel Peña said the fire department rescued more than 3,000.

Parisa Safarzadeh, spokeswoman for the Harris County Sheriff's Office, said that agency has rescued more than 3,000 people. And U.S. Coast Guard Lt. Mike Hart added that it has rescued about another 3,000.

Meanwhile, the death toll from Harvey has increased to at least 18, according to authorities and family members. Three more deaths were confirmed late Tuesday by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

LIFE IN LIMBO

Tropical Storm Harvey's relentless rain is making displaced Texans desperate to start their recovery.

Retired police officer Michael Bedner said the inability to get back to his flooded home in a creek-side community between Houston and Galveston Bay to assess the damage has left him feeling helpless. He said he's seen all kinds of disasters during his career but never one like Harvey.

"We have been trying to get back to the house every day, and we can't," he said Tuesday. "Not even the house, just our street. We just want to feel like we're home. But we can't," Bedner said.

HOUSTON'S BAYOUS

Harvey has made plain that Houston's Depression-era flood-control system of reservoirs and bayous is no match for the booming development the metropolitan area has gone through over the past several decades. Among other things, experts blame too many people, too much concrete, insufficient upstream storage, not enough green space for water drainage and, especially, too little regulation.

"Houston is the most flood-prone city in the United States," said Rice University environmental engineering professor Phil Bedient. "No one is even a close second — not even New Orleans, because at least they have pumps there."

SHADES OF KATRINA

While much of the focus has been on Houston, Louisiana is also getting rain from Harvey. Twelve years to the day after Hurricane Katrina slammed into the Gulf Coast, Harvey forced hundreds of people to be rescued from floodwaters in southwestern Louisiana and prompted New Orleans to shut down some key institutions as a precaution.

PUTTING IT IN PERSPECTIVE

How much rain has fallen? Consider this: Already, 15 trillion gallons (57 trillion liters) of rain have fallen, and an additional 5 trillion or 6 trillion gallons (19 to 23 trillion liters) are forecast by the end of Wednesday, meteorologist Ryan Maue of WeatherBell Analytics calculates. That's enough water to fill all the NFL and Division 1 college football stadiums more than 100 times over.

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Katrina in 2005, when New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin and Louisiana Gov. Kathleen Blanco both drew criticism for not ordering an evacuation sooner. Nagin did so one day before landfall, and levee failures led to disastrous flooding that plunged the city into chaos for days.

Experts said evacuating during a hurricane is a complicated decision with major ramifications, and none who spoke to The Associated Press second-guessed Turner. Harvey intensified quickly into a Category 4 hurricane Friday, leaving the mayor and others a tight time-frame to safely move out a large number of people.

"This is all the information that's coming into the mayor, and he's got to go, 'Oh my God, what am I going to do?'" said Susan Cutter, the director of the Hazards and Vulnerability Research Institute at the University of South Carolina. "They're damned if they do, damned if they don't."

Questions started Friday when Texas Gov. Greg Abbott suggested Houston residents get out while they could. At the time, Harvey was a powerful hurricane hours from landfall about 175 miles (280 kilometers) to the south near Corpus Christi. But the sprawling storm's outer bands promised heavy rains for Houston, long susceptible to flooding because of its flat terrain and runaway development that has paved over water-absorbing wetlands.

Hours after Abbott's remarks, Turner and other local leaders cautioned people to think twice before fleeing unnecessarily, especially when other communities more directly in the path of Harvey needed the same routes.

Once Harvey's rains turned torrential in Houston over the weekend and made conditions too dangerous for leaving, some residents began doubting Turner's decision.

Experts said Harvey presented a uniquely difficult decision for Houston officials because evacuations aren't typically done for flash-flooding from rains, but rather from storm surge concerns in less populated areas closest to the shore.

A study by the state of South Carolina this year estimated that the time needed to evacuate the Charleston area ahead of a similarly sized hurricane would be 27 to 30 hours at its fastest, if traffic lanes in both directions were used.



AP photo

People walk with dogs along a street at the east Sam Houston Tollway from rescue boats as evacuations continue from flooding in Houston, Texas, Monday, Aug. 28, 2017, following Tropical Storm Harvey. Floodwaters reached the rooflines of single-story homes Monday and people could be heard pleading for help from inside as Harvey poured rain on the Houston area for a fourth consecutive day after a chaotic weekend of rising water and rescues.

Moving people from an inland urban center like Houston — the city alone is about three times larger than Charleston — would require at least 36 to 48 hours, experts said. But Harvey took only 56 hours to intensify to a Category 4 hurricane.

Harvey strengthened into a hurricane by noon Thursday. Hours later, the National Hurricane Center predicted "devastating flooding" from the strengthening storm.

The center started warning of "catastrophic flooding" across southern and southeastern Texas Friday morning, and the storm made landfall by 10 p.m.

"The problem with evacuations is, when do you call them?" said George Haddow, a former deputy chief of staff at the Federal Emergency Management Agency who rode out hurricanes with his family in New Orleans. "You don't want to call an evacuation so early and the storms take a left and hits Galveston."

Ordering an evacuation, experts

said, would've come with its own risks, such as highways clogged with motorists caught in severe thunderstorms or, worse, tornadoes that Harvey's outer bands might cause.

"I don't think they ever would have imagined having to evacuate the whole community in that amount of time," said Joe Myers, a former top emergency management director in North Carolina and Florida. "I think they did the best they could do under the situation."

In defending his decision, Turner has repeatedly invoked grim memories of Hurricane Rita in 2005, when problems from an evacuation of 3 million — roughly half of greater Houston — were blamed in many of the more than 100 deaths reported.

Massive traffic congestion toward Austin, San Antonio and Dallas caused delays of as long as 20 hours and even stranded out-of-gas motorists as Rita approached the Gulf Coast.

In the worst incident, 23 nursing home patients were killed when the bus transporting them to North Texas exploded.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FILED WITH THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

On August 4, 2017, Sharyland Utilities, L.P. (Sharyland), Sharyland Distribution & Transmission Services, L.L.C. (SDTS), and Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC (Oncor) (collectively Joint Applicants) filed a Joint Application for Sale, Transfer or Merger with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT or Commission), copies of which are kept at Sharyland's office at 1807 Ross Avenue, Suite 460, Dallas, TX 75201 and at Oncor's office at 1616 Woodall Rodgers Freeway, Suite 6000, Dallas, TX 75202. The Joint Application requests Commission approval of a proposed transfer of facilities between the Joint Applicants, a transfer of rights under and amendment of certificates of convenience and necessity (CCNs), and other regulatory approvals. Specifically, Sharyland/SDTS will transfer to Oncor all property and other assets used by Sharyland to provide retail electric delivery service (other than certain excluded assets) in the Stanton and McAllen divisions and all property and other assets used in Sharyland's electric transmission and distribution business (other than certain excluded assets) in the Brady and Celeste divisions, and Oncor will transfer to SDTS certain transmission assets. Joint Applicants also propose that Sharyland will transfer to Oncor the rights under Sharyland's CCNs to provide retail electric delivery service in the geographic areas currently certificated to Sharyland, and that Sharyland's CCNs be amended to permit Sharyland to operate and maintain the transmission assets transferred from Oncor. After a short transition period following closing of the proposed transaction, all of Sharyland's current retail electric delivery customers will be transitioned to Oncor, and thereafter will be served by Oncor and will be charged Oncor's retail electric delivery rates, and Sharyland will serve only as a transmission service provider.

The proposed transaction also includes several regulatory conditions to closing and commitments. Included in these regulatory conditions is Commission approval of a revision to Sharyland's wholesale transmission service (WTS) rate to reflect the proposed transaction. The revised WTS rate will take effect on the date the proposed transaction closes. Sharyland estimates that its wholesale transmission revenue requirement will increase by approximately \$52.8 million (or approximately 26 percent) and estimates that its WTS rate will increase from the current annual rate of \$3.046713 per kilowatt (kW) to approximately \$3.752257 per kW. Sharyland also requests Commission approval of Sharyland's recovery of certain actual transition costs associated with the proposed transaction in an amount not to exceed \$17 million through a rider to Sharyland's WTS tariff. Customers that will be affected by the changes to Sharyland's WTS tariff include distribution service providers who pay wholesale transmission charges pursuant to Commission Substantive Rules. The other regulatory conditions and commitments are set forth in the Joint Application.

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech- impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is September 5, 2017. This case has been assigned PUCT Docket No. 47469.

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Lady Steers split in matches vs. Ft. Stockton and Midland Christian



Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Big Spring's Courtney Myers gets a hit during the Lady Steers' three set win over Fort Stockton on Tuesday, August 29, 2017.

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**

Sports Editor

Tuesday night was full of excitement and quality volleyball as the Big Spring Lady Steers hosted the Ft. Stockton Lady Prowlers and the Midland Christian Lady Mustangs in a duel-schedule event.

The Lady Steers took on the Lady Prowlers in game one and came out on top with a 3-0 sweep with scores of 25-18, 25-21 and 26-24.

In game two, which followed immediately after game one, Big Spring eventually ran out of gas and fell to Midland Christian in four sets with scores of 15-25, 26-24, 15-25 and 17-25.

"As far as the first game goes against Ft. Stockton, the girls really

came out hard," said head volleyball coach Katie Voss. "That's one thing that we have been talking about a lot lately, coming out hard and starting strong. We tend to struggle with that early on, so we made that a goal and they did really well. I'm really proud of them."

Their game plan to set the tone of the game early worked against the Lady Prowlers. The Lady Steers established an early lead in set one, and with crucial kills by Logan Terrazas and Kayleigh Penny, and a strong presence at the service line from Ashley Gonzales,

they were able to get that win pretty quickly.

Sets two and three were more evenly contested as both teams managed to stay neck and neck the entire way through.

Big Spring found themselves down 3-5 early in set two, but managed to turn it around and scored in 11 out of the 13 following rallies, thanks to strong kills up front and big solo blocks made by both Trinity Galloway and Terrazas, bringing them up to a 14-7 lead.

The Lady Prowlers followed with a

six point run of their own to tie it up at 19 all, but the exceptional defense and strong hitting from Big Spring allowed them to pull away with the lead once more, and put set two in the bag.

The third set was an all-around team effort to seal the win in another closely contested set against Ft. Stockton. In set three, Chloe Gang managed to come away with four kills and demonstrated aggressive serves that the Lady Prowlers struggled to return. Kayleigh Penny also earned four kills, Terrazas had three kills and one ace, and Gonzales had one kill and once ace, and Libero Jori Hanlan grabbed her an ace also. Courtney Meyers and Gonzales both displayed their strong

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The Lady Steers volleyball team is currently collecting donations for Hurricane Harvey victims. If you would like to contribute, please take your donations to the Steer Gym at 4 p.m. on Thursday.

Choo paces Rangers' 12-2 rout of Astros in Florida



AP photo

Texas Rangers' Shin-Soo Choo, second from right, celebrates with Elvis Andrus, left, Robinson Chirinos, second from left, and Rougned Odor, right, after Choo hit a three-run home run during the fifth inning of a baseball game Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2017, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

By **FRED GOODALL**

AP Sports Writer

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — It wasn't just another night at the ballpark for the Houston Astros and Texas Rangers, who can't stop thinking about everyone back home affected by Hurricane Harvey.

The stands at Tropicana Field were mostly

empty, the "home" team dressed in the visitors clubhouse, and the "road" team wore white uniforms they usually wear at home.

The three-game series that concludes Thursday was moved from Minute Maid Park because of flooding in the Houston area, with the Astros serving as the

home team after the Rangers declined a proposal to play the games in Arlington, Texas.

"I thought both teams kind of handled the situation, getting on a plane and flying over here and really getting set up to play a baseball game," manager Jeff

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Watt gets wish: Cowboys-Texans game funds going to recovery



AP photo

Houston Texans defensive end J.J. Watt stretches at the start of a morning practice at the Dallas Cowboys training facility, Monday, Aug. 28, 2017, in Frisco, Texas.

By **SCHUYLER DIXON**

AP Pro Football Writer

FRISCO, Texas — While J.J. Watt still thinks the Houston-Dallas preseason game shouldn't be played because of catastrophic flooding in Houston, the star defensive end for the Texans is getting his wish that money generated by the exhibition finale will go to Hurricane Harvey recovery efforts.

Watt, who started a fundraising page that reached \$4 million in dona-

tions in barely more than two days, reiterated his stance that the game originally scheduled for Houston on Thursday night should have been scrapped instead of moved to the home of the Cowboys.

The Texans, who are in charge of the game since they are technically the home team, said Tuesday that tickets and parking will be \$25 apiece. Tickets were available online starting Tuesday night.

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8/21/17-9/29/17	29 days (13,170 minutes)
10/3/17-11/3/17	23 days (10,380 minutes)
11/7/17-12/22/17	29 days (13,065 minutes)
1st Semester	81 days (36,615 minutes)
1/9/18-2/15/18	27 days (12,240 minutes)
2/20/18-4/6/18	28 days (12,915 minutes)
4/10/18-5/24/18	32 days (14,670 minutes)
2nd Semester	87 days (39,825 minutes)
Total	168 days (76,440 minutes)
Dates at a Glance:	
Aug 3-4	New Teacher Academy
Aug 7-18	Staff Development
August 21	First Day of Classes
Sept. 4	Labor Day Holiday
Oct. 2	Staff Dev/Student Holiday
Oct. 9	Columbus Day/ Holiday
Nov. 6	Staff Dev/Student Holiday
Nov. 20-22	Comp Days/Student Holiday
Nov. 23-24	Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec. 22-Jan. 5	Christmas Holiday
Jan. 8	Staff Dev/Student Holiday
Jan. 15	Martin Luther King Day
Feb. 16	Staff Dev/Student Holiday
Feb. 19	Presidents Day/Holiday
March 12-16	Spring Break
March 30	Bad Weather Day
April 3-5	STAAR Testing
April 9	Staff Dev/Student Holiday
May 7-11	STAAR Testing
May 18	Bad Weather Day
May 24	Last Day of School
May 25	Staff Dev. / Student Holiday
May 25	Graduation

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 *18 - Workday
 <21- First Day Of Classes

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11 Daylight Saving Time Begins

(12-16)-Spring Break

30 - Holiday

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9 - Holiday

APRIL						
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29	30					

1 - Easter Sunday

16-Holiday

NOVEMBER						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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19	20	21	(22	23	24)	25
26	27	28	29	30		

5-Daylight Saving Time Ends

(22-24)-Thanksgiving Holidays

MAY						
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30	31		

23-24-Early Dismissals

24> Last Day Of Classes

*25 - Workday

28 - Memorial Day

DECEMBER						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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17	18	19	20	21	22>	23
24	(25	26	27	28	29)	30
31						

21-22-Early Dismissals

(25-29) Christmas Holidays

JUNE						
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JANUARY						
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(1-5) - Christmas Holidays

*8 - Workday / Student Holiday

<9 - Begin 2nd Semester

JULY						
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4 - Independence Day

1st semester 85
 2nd semester 90
 Total student days 175

* 3 Inservice and 2 workdays in summer.
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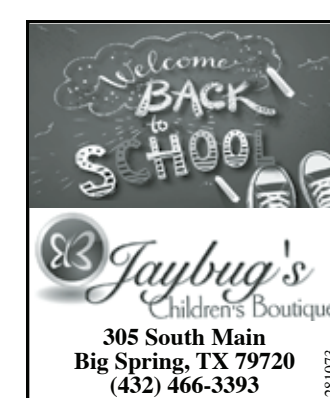
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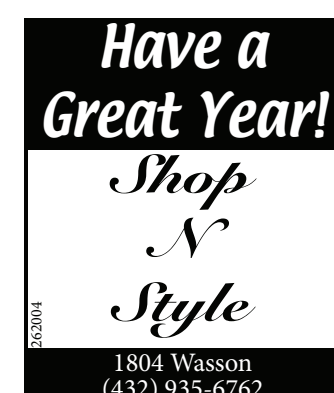
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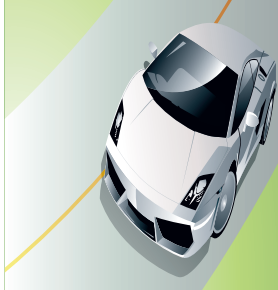
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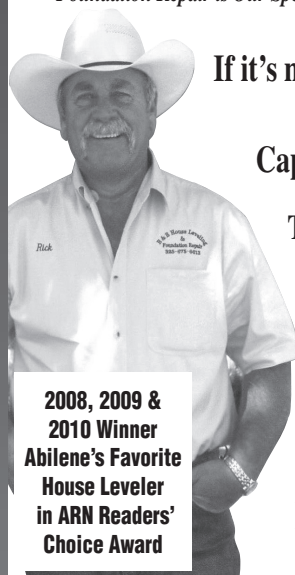
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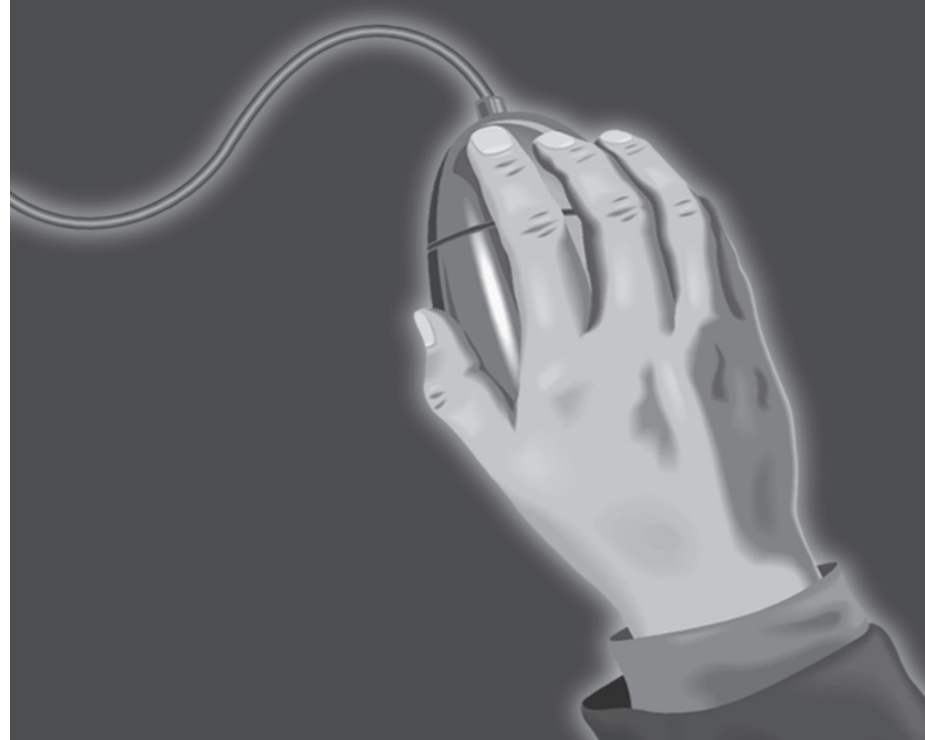
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Venus and Mars
Complexities

The Leo sun has passed, but Venus and Mars remain in the sign of entertainment to remind us of the value of a good story. You're never too old for one. Just because you've become disillusioned doesn't mean you have to stop believing. To know something is false and still hold it sacred is to live in the complexity of the human mind.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). With great charisma comes great responsibility. Be careful how you wield that today. You want friends and fans, but you don't want people to expect attention from you that you're not willing to give.

TAURUS (April

20-May 20). You're highly motivated, but don't make yourself too busy: It will only be counterproductive. You need to be able to assimilate what you're experiencing. Dive in where it's deep enough, within limits -- the pool, not the ocean.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When you don't happen to stumble on happiness, fear not. You can still create it like you're using a favorite recipe: Put in the right ingredients in the right order and you will be happy.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Though your manners are impeccable, a challenging situation puts them to the test. You'll use your quick reflexes to save someone (or yourself) from imminent embarrassment.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Getting into love is easy: You just fall. For love to continue, though, efforts must be made. You have to be willing to keep taking risks. Falling happens, mostly, in uncertain territory.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It has been said that there is no love, only acts of

Tomorrow's Horoscope

love. This is the perfect moment to show someone you love that you've been listening. Do the exact thing that is most needed or wanted.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll be an equalizing force in the lives of others -- a safe place for someone to confide in, a neutral party in the war, the fair hand that deals the spoils. Everyone is counting on your justice... no pressure!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Fraternizing with the enemy is obviously a breach in ethics, a disloyal move, a dangerous risk -- unless, in doing so, you make the enemy an ally. And just maybe the enemy was never really an enemy at all.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Perfection doesn't win hearts. Sure, people respect the hard work it takes to be masterful. However, it's that intangible something that counts much more.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It would be so much easier if life would fall into simple catego-

pens in June. Libra and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 40, 33, 38 and 12.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "Holiday, I have had a horrible run of bad luck. First, things went weird on the job, and I got laid off. I was not exactly fired, but I'm not on the schedule until further notice. Then my girlfriend moved out and took most of the stuff, even stuff that wasn't hers. Then I took a job working on commission and I work really hard but earn less than the minimum wage. I feel like I can't catch a break. Do you think it's my planets? My girlfriend used to say that the position of Saturn was pulling me down. I'm a Leo."

Though Saturn does have a magnetic force field, and it is certainly associated with hard knocks, I do not believe that its pull is prompting your bad luck. Some astrologers would disagree. I'm open-minded to a fault, and yet I simply cannot get my head around the concept that the magnetic pull of planets messes up

our lives -- or makes them better, for that matter. What I do think is that astrology offers a colorful array of mysticism, storytelling and human experience that we can use to look at ourselves and our lives from an objective and creative point of reference. More tomorrow about getting out of this pickle!

CELEBRITY PROFILES: In almost every movie she is in, Cameron Diaz is shown dancing. Perhaps that's because the directors know that the joyful personality of this Virgo superstar (with Mercury in show-stopping Leo) is infectious, and the whole audience will want to dance along with her. Her wide, bright smile recently made Instagram news in a reunion picture with fellow "Charlie's Angels" star, Drew Barrymore.

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Annie's Mailbox ®

Disjointed Union

Dear Annie: After more than 25 years of marriage, I still feel more alone being married to my husband than I would if I were actually alone.

Throughout our marriage, he has maintained the same lifestyle he had before we got married. He often takes weekend outings and even vacations with his guy friends. He tells people that he does not enjoy doing anything with me, his

me about them. If he accepts an invitation, he tells me that he was invited and will go to the function excluding me. He turns his back to me to block me out of table conversations when we're out to dinner with a group. I am not treated as a spouse or companion. If I want to have a conversation and ask any questions to start, he accuses me of nagging. He's argumentative with other people, too. His motto is, "I'm right; you're wrong."

This is not at all

his own medicine and you might end up healing yourself in the process. What I mean is to focus on you. Make new friends or strengthen your existing friendships. Go out for girls' nights; maybe even plan a weekend away with them. Stop focusing on the things he's not giving you, and start giving them to yourself. Once you've built up a healthy sense of self-esteem and personal identity, it will be easier for you to talk to your husband about issues in your marriage.

Dear Annie: I am a school psychologist with many years of experience and I read the letter from "Torn in Wisconsin" about her ADHD daughter and the problems she anticipated with an upcoming family re-

union. While I would never assert that I can discern all the details of a situation and diagnose someone from a short letter, there were some aspects of the problem that suggested that this child could be on the autism spectrum. Saying that she doesn't have the social skills for a reunion is practically a flashing light to have her child assessed for ASD.

There is a good chance that her daughter is receiving school services for her identified disability. Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, she would have a category of eligibility, probably flowing from a doctor's diagnosis of ADHD right now. But IDEA also allows for ongoing assessment and adjustment of services.

"Torn" should contact the school staff and ask for a meeting to discuss her daughter's anxiety and social skill deficits. A school psychologist should be invited to the meeting to answer questions about whether there should be further assessment of her daughter. Referring "Torn" to reputable information about autism spectrum online might also help her feel supported against the expectations from her family. She doesn't need them shaming her parenting skills.

The field of autism is moving fast and not everyone out there is able to discern these distinctions. It is important though, and I hope we are getting better

all the time. Your column could help here. -- Amy S., District School Psychologist

Dear Amy: Thank you for sharing your wealth of knowledge on this important subject. I've passed your message on to "Torn in Wisconsin," and I'm printing it so it might help other families.

To learn more about autism spectrum disorder, visit the National Institute of Mental Health website (<https://www.nimh.nih.gov>).

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

A not-so-brilliant defense

North dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH

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♥ 2

♦ A K Q J 5 4

♣ A 8 6 4

WEST

♠ Q 8 6

♥ A K J 10

♦ 8 3 2

♣ Q J 9

EAST

♠ 7 5 4

♥ Q 8 6 4

♦ 9 7

♣ K 7 3 2

SOUTH

♠ A K J 10 9

♥ 9 7 5 3

♦ 10 6

♣ 10 5

The bidding:

North

East

South

West

1 ♦

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

3 ♦

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

4 ♠

Opening lead — king of hearts.

Many years ago, the distinguished expert Oswald Jacoby, playing in a pair championship, got to four spades with the South hand. Ordinarily, Jacoby would have made the contract, but he ran into a seemingly inspired defense and went down as a result.

West led the king of hearts, then shifted to the queen of clubs. Jacoby saw a possibility of making six if

East had the queen of spades, so he won the club with the ace, led a spade and finessed the jack — which won!

He next crossed to dummy with a diamond in order to repeat the spade finesse, since East might have started with Q-x-x-x. But when Jacoby finessed the ten, West took the queen, cashed three more hearts and a club, and so defeated the contract three tricks!

Of course, had West taken the queen of spades at his first opportunity, Jacoby would have made the contract easily. He would have lost only a spade, a heart and a club to achieve a well-above-average result.

The highly chagrined Jacoby realized that going down three would be a very poor score — possibly a bottom — but he nonetheless went out of his way to congratulate West for his brilliant play in refusing to win the first trump trick.

An embarrassed West then admitted that he had pulled the wrong card when the first round of trumps was led. He had expected Jacoby to play the ace or king and had not noticed that the jack was actually played on the trick.

"Please," Jacoby implored him, "won't you try to be a little more careful in the future?"

Tomorrow: The foresight saga.

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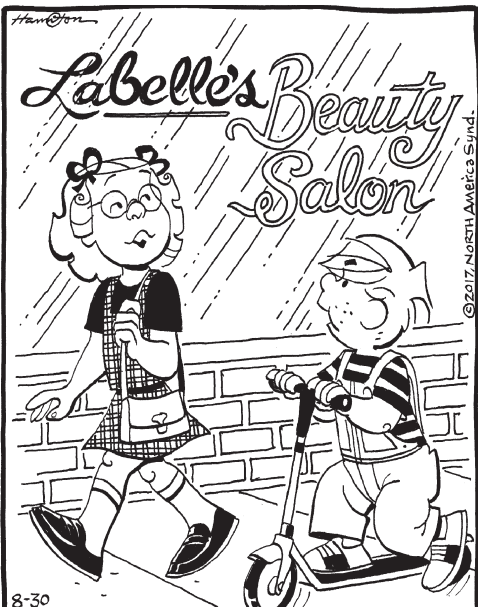
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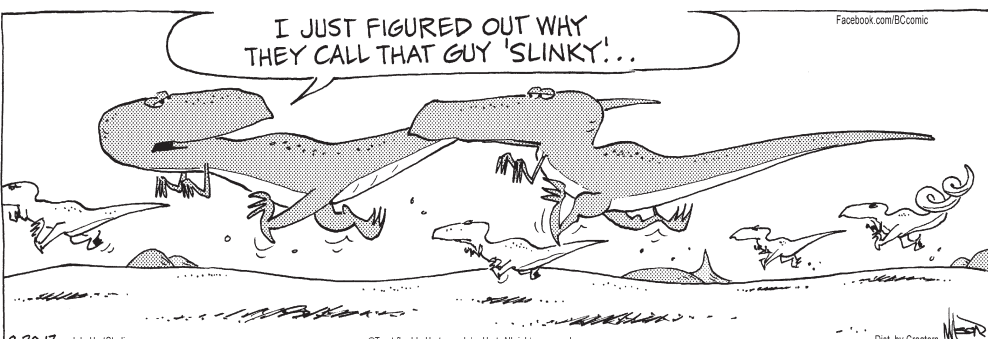
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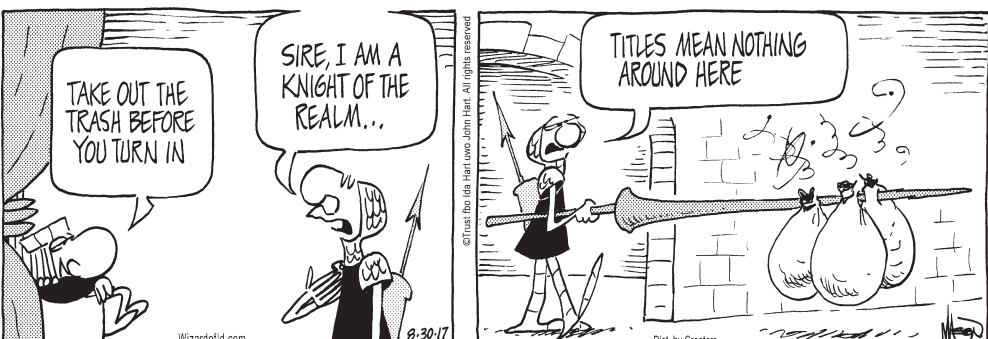


“I’LL GO THERE WHEN I’M OLDER.” “IT WON’T HELP... IT’S ALREADY TOO LATE!”

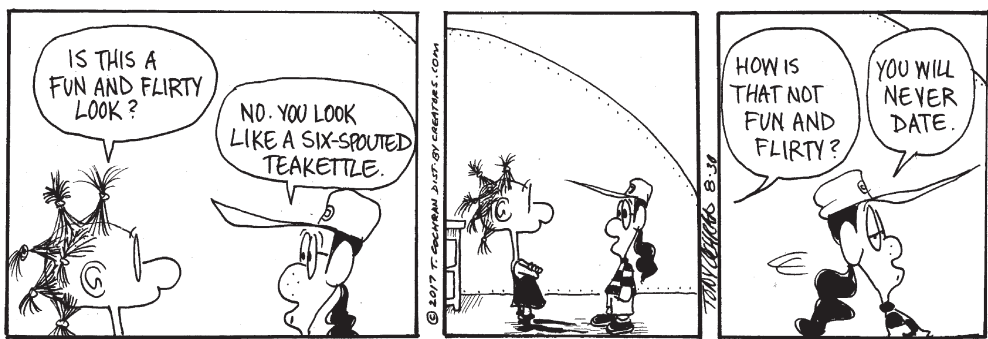
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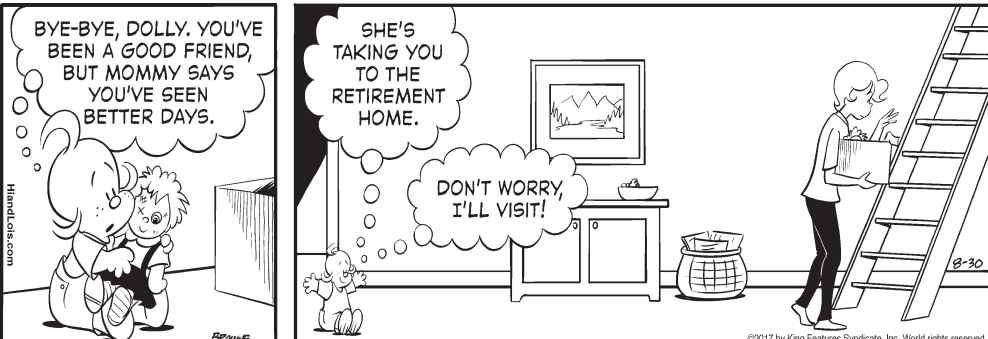
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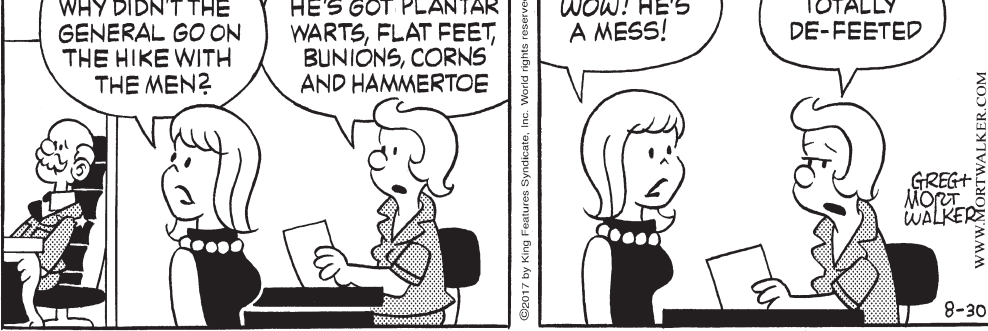
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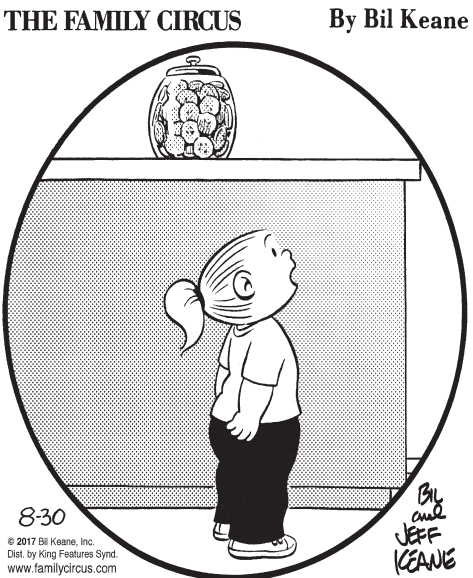
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



“You know, Grandma lets us eat cookies even when they’re not for dessert, Mommy.”

By Bil Keane

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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 30, the 242nd day of 2017. There are 123 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On August 30, 1997, Americans received word of the car crash in Paris that claimed the lives of Princess Diana, her boyfriend, Dodi Fayed, and their driver, Henri Paul. (Because of the time difference, it was August 31 where the crash occurred.)

On this date: In 1861, Union Gen. John C. Fremont instituted martial law in Missouri and declared slaves there to be free. (However, Fremont's emancipation order was countermanded by President Abraham Lincoln.)

In 1862, Confederate forces won victories against the Union at the Second Battle of Bull Run in Manassas, Virginia, and the Battle of Richmond in Kentucky.

In 1905, Ty Cobb made his major-league debut as a player for the Detroit Tigers, hitting a double in his first at-bat in a game against the New York Highlanders. (The Tigers won, 5-3.)

In 1945, U.S. Gen. Douglas MacArthur arrived in Japan to set up Allied occupation head-

quarters.

In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, which was intended to promote private development of nuclear energy.

In 1963, the "Hot Line" communications link between Washington and Moscow went into operation.

In 1967, the Senate confirmed the appointment of Thurgood Marshall as the first black justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1983, Guion S. Bluford Jr. became the first black American astronaut to travel in space as he blasted off aboard the Challenger.

In 1984, the space shuttle Discovery was launched on its inaugural flight.

In 1986, Soviet authorities arrested Nicholas Daniloff, a correspondent for U.S. News and World Report, as a spy a week after American officials arrested Gennadiy Zakharov, a Soviet employee of the United Nations, on espionage charges in New York. (Both men were later released.)

In 1989, a federal jury in New York found "hotel queen" Leona Helmsley guilty of income tax evasion, but acquitted her of extortion. (Helmsley ended up serving 18 months behind bars, a month at a halfway house and two months under house arrest.)

In 1991, Azerbaijan (ah-zur-by-JAHN') declared its inde-

pendence, joining the stampede of republics seeking to secede from the Soviet Union.

Ten years ago: In a serious breach of nuclear security, a B-52 bomber mistakenly armed with six nuclear-tipped cruise missiles took off from Minot Air Force Base in North Dakota and flew to Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana; the Air Force later punished 70 people. Taliban militants in Afghanistan released the last seven of its South Korean hostages.

Five years ago: Mitt Romney launched his fall campaign for the White House with a rousing, personal speech to the Republican National Convention in Tampa, Florida, proclaiming that America needs "jobs, lots of jobs." Earlier in the evening, actor-director Clint Eastwood offered an endorsement of Romney.

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| 19 Run-down in appearance | 9 Mountaineer's starting point | 29 "___ making myself clear?" |
| 20 <i>Good Will Hunting</i> actress | 10 Alternative to a taxi | 30 One way to pay |
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TEXAS

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Banister said after the Rangers opened a series moved 1,000 miles to St. Petersburg, Florida, with a 12-2 victory in front of an announced crowd of 3,485.

Shin-Soo Choo homered and drove in four runs, backing the strong pitching of Martin Perez, ironically helping Texas move ahead of Tampa Bay in the AL wild-card standings while playing in the Rays' ballpark.

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came their way.

"We have recently implemented a new defense which keeps our setters on the front row instead of on the back row, and has proven to be pretty successful for us. I know that sounds crazy because it just leaves us with only two hitters up front, but having our setters on the back row wasn't really working out for us," explained Voss. "So, I made a little switch and they have adjusted really well to it. It has allowed our setters to be more active in the game, and their not running all over the court trying to chase that second ball. They are right there on the front ready to make a play happen."

Big Spring then faced Midland Christian for game two, which went into four sets. The Lady Mustangs got off to a quick start and were aggressive at the net, but the Lady Steers were giving it right back to them.

Unforced errors were a factor in the first set for Big Spring, but they were able to clean it up for the second set, which was a tight one throughout, and grabbed the Lady Steers a win.

Having played three sets prior to their match with Midland Christian, The Lady Steers simply ran out of gas in the third and fourth sets, but still managed to put up a good fight against a good team.

"Midland Christian is a good team. We faced them in a scrimmage this pre-season and we won, but they have gotten better just as we have gotten better," said Voss. "I think we were a little gassed there towards the end, which proved to be a negative for us, but overall it was a good night and I am very pleased with how it went."

Up next, Big Spring will make their way to Klondike this Saturday for another duel scheduled matchup against Klondike and Lubbock Christian.

"I don't know a whole lot about either of those teams. I am kind of one of those coaches who doesn't worry so much about the other team, but just to perfect and focus more on what we have going on," said Voss. "I think getting an extra practice day in, since we play on Saturday, will give us a chance to work on perfecting that defense a little bit more. Right now in the pre-season, our main focus is just working out the kinks. Come the end of September when district begins is when it really matters, and we are going to be where we want to be and fully prepared for that day."

Adrian Beltre of the Rangers drove in three runs to pass Hall of Famer Ernie Banks for 28th on the career RBI list with 1,637 while Joey Gallo hit a two-run homer off Mike Fiers (8-9).

"We were really motivated to do well for Houston, but looking on the TV with Houston half under water is kind of hard," Rangers third baseman J.D. Davis, who also pitched an inning, said.

"We played hard. We just came up short. Good for the Rangers," Davis added. "They had three big innings. There's nothing much you can do. It's just baseball."

It's only the fourth time in major league history that games have been relocated to neutral sites because of weather.

The Astros were involved as well in 2008, when two scheduled

home games against the Chicago Cubs were moved to Milwaukee because of Hurricane Ike.

Three games between the Angels and Indians were played in Milwaukee instead of Cleveland because of snow in 2007, and two games between the Montreal Expos and Florida Marlins were moved from Miami to U.S. Cellular Field in Chicago due to Hurricane Ivan in 2004.

Choo had an RBI single off Fiers, who allowed eight runs in four innings. He added a three-run homer off reliever Francis Martes in the fifth.

Perez (10-10) pitched seven strong innings for the Rangers, yielding two runs and eight hits. Jose Altuve and Alex Bregman drove in runs for the Astros with third-inning singles.

The small but lively crowd included Carolina Padilla, who made the 90-minute trip to the

domed stadium with two 9-year-olds — one of them her son, David, who wore an Altuve jersey.

"It's awesome. It's wonderful," she said. "When we found out this morning they were playing here, they were like, 'Oh, we have to go!'"

Seating was limited to the lower level, with tickets going for \$10 each. Some Astros fans wore orange T-shirts, one Rangers fan showed up wearing a Dak Prescott football jersey and a handful of people showed up in Tampa Bay Rays gear.

Small crowds are routine at the Trop, where the Rays rank last in the major leagues in attendance, averaging just 15,614 per game — roughly half — what the Astros (30,661) and Rangers (31,370) have drawn in their home stadiums this season.

"I'm really disappointed that some more peo-

ple didn't show up. It's no big secret that the Rays could move, and Major League Baseball is watching this," Tampa resident Jeff Justin, who described himself as a Cubs fan who supports the Rays, said.

"This is sad. It really is."

Banister said before the game that the prospect of the series attracting small crowds should not affect either team's commitment to playing for people affected by the storm.

"If at this moment they need people in the stands to have them charged up to play the game," Banister said, "they aren't playing for the right reasons."

PENDING DECISION

There's still been no official announcement on where the Astros will play this weekend's "home" series against the New York Mets, though it likely will be Tropicana Field. If the team, which begins a

10-game trip after facing the Mets, remains in St. Petersburg through Sunday it will wind up playing 19 consecutive games away from Minute Maid Park.

"Nineteen-day trips are never easy, if that's what it turns out to be, but it's also a time when you want to be there with all the chaos going on in Houston," Astros broadcaster Todd Kalas said. "It's a very emotional time for a lot of the guys involved. Many of them have family members who have either had to evacuate or are in the process of evacuating, so it's non-stop communication back home and certainly a lot of concern and fear."

UP NEXT

LHP Dallas Keuchel (11-2, 2.58 ERA) seeks his 12th victory for the Astros on Wednesday night. The Rangers will counter with RHP Andrew Cashner (7-9, 3.44).

HOUSTON

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"I think the only good thing that can possibly come out of a game on Thursday would be a massive fundraiser," Watt said. "This is bigger than football. It's bigger than a game. It's bigger than any of us."

Speaking of massive fundraisers, Watt almost didn't know to react to the stunning growth of his effort, which started with a web page and a selfie video Sunday. Since then, he's been offering video updates as the total climbed. The original goal was \$200,000.

The highlight Tuesday was a \$1 million donation from Tennessee Titans owner Amy Adams Strunk, daughter of the late Bud Adams. Strunk's father owned the Houston Oilers when the franchise moved to Nashville in 1997.

"That's remarkable, from a team in our division, one of our rivals, willing to go above and beyond football," Watt said. "It just speaks to humanity. It speaks to the good in people."

The team flew to the Dallas area af-

ter a preseason loss in New Orleans last weekend and practiced the past two days at Cowboys headquarters. Coach Bill O'Brien said the Texans were hopeful of a return home before Monday.

The Texans have two concerns that dwarf the game against the Cowboys, which will involve few if any starters. The first is their families back in Houston. The second is the season opener against Jacksonville, which is supposed to be at home Sept. 10.

"It's not easy, but being a professional athlete isn't," linebacker Brian Cushing said. "We have to juggle a lot of different things and be expected to do it at the highest level."

All team personnel are accounted for, and O'Brien said the club was working to help the players who weren't on the trip that never made it back to Houston. He has said there were about 10.

"Two or three times a day, we've tried to reach them," O'Brien said. "Sometimes the issue is the cell service, not being able to get them on the cellphone. But we're doing the best we can to help.

Some guys are in areas that are harder hit than other areas."

O'Brien said the position and roster battles that always define the preseason finale will give plenty of players something to think about other than what's going on at home.

"I realize it's not the AFC championship game," O'Brien said. "But I will tell you for all the guys that are going to play in that game, it's a very important game. It's an important game for them as Houston Texans and it's an important game for them to be able put some good football on tape."

And soon after, the Texans hope they will be home.

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