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## First House GOP primaries will test anti-incumbent mood

WASHINGTON (AP) — When the calendar turns to March in this year of the irate voter, the first wave of congressional Republicans will find out whether they have their very own Dave Brat waiting for them.

Brat was an underfunded, obscure college professor who shocked the political world in 2014 by ousting House Majority Leader Eric Cantor in what was supposed to be a no-contest Republican primary in Virginia. He now holds the Richmond-area seat and is one of the chamber's more conservative and recalcitrant members.

Next month, GOP House members in a crescent curving from Texas to Illinois face the first congressional primaries in this incumbent-bashing, anti-establishment season of billion-

aire Donald Trump and Ted Cruz, the leading Republican presidential contenders.

Nearly all House members are expected to survive. But a few face contests being watched for possible upsets by conservative challengers. Among them: Ways and Means Committee Chairman Kevin Brady of Texas, and Reps. Martha Roby and Bradley Byrne of Alabama and John Shimkus of Il-



inois.

"It's an open question whether we'll see any serious candidates on the fringe right," said Rob Engstrom, national political director of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, which has started TV advertising backing

Roby and Byrne and could engage in other House races. He said that

March 1, when Alabama, Arkansas and Texas have the initial House primaries, is "a very important day to measure and determine what the score is."

Mississippi House primaries are March 8, followed by Ohio and Illinois a week later. March 15 House contests in North Carolina have been delayed until June because of a dispute over redrawing district boundaries.

As usual, most incumbents have overwhelming financial and name-recognition advantages. In Texas, Brady's campaign raised \$1.6 million last year, compared with \$64,000 for the best financed of his three challengers, pool company owner and for-

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## All-State honorees

Rivera, Bryan named to ATSSB honor band

By **AMANDA ELSTON**  
Managing Editor

Two Big Spring High School students were selected to be members of the 2016 Association of Texas Small School Bands (ATSSB) All-State Band

Senior Alex Rivera and sophomore Abbey Bryan performed in the All-State Band concert in San Antonio along with 290 students from around the state. Rivera earned first chair tuba honores, while Bryan was 14th chair in clarinet.

Bryan and Rivera travelled to San Antonio along with Big Spring High School band instructor Rocky Harris for rehearsals from Feb. 10-13 with the concert beginning on the morning of the 13th.

"It was really exciting to see exhibits with different players," said Bryan. "We got to see players from colleges all over the state and even around the country."

Both Bryan and Rivera started playing their instruments in the 6th grade, with Rivera switching to tuba from the cornet early on. His first chair win was the result of many hours of practice, according to Rivera.

"I practice anywhere from 4.5 hours a day to 2.5 hours at the minimum," said Rivera.

Both students attribute much of their skill to Harris,



Courtesy photo

**Big Spring High School band members Abbey Bryan, left, and Alex Rivera were named to the Texas Small School Bands all-state band.**

their band director.

"Mr. Harris really challenges you as an artist," said Bryan. "No matter what skill level you are playing at, he challenges you to be better."

"Mr Harris has high expectations of his students and is a big motivator," said Rivera. "It has been an honor and a privilege to be in the band under his direction."

Bryan is involved in golf and UIL academics and is also an active member at the 14th and Main Church

of Christ. She is daughter of Larry and Susan Bryan. Bryan is a student of Ms. Andrews and Ms. Caldwell.

Rivera enjoys chess in his spare time and is a student of Harris and Mr. Hale. He is the son of Donald Rivera. Both Bryan and Rivera play under the direction of Harris at Big Spring High School.

The Big Spring High School band will be headed to competition again this Saturday as they participate in the solo and ensemble contest.

## Morgan files for HC board

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

The candidate lineup for the May 7 municipal and school trustee elections is now set.

Local CPA Mark Morgan became the final person to declare for the May elections when he filed candidacy papers Friday to run for the Precinct 2 position on the Howard College Board of Trustees.



Morgan

Morgan, vice president and treasurer for Guthrie Oil & Gas, has served as treasurer with the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce for more than 15 years and on the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf Foundation Board for more than 10 years. Also, he is active with Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, First Presbyterian Church, the Texas Society of CPAs and American Institute for CPAs.

"I bring a diverse set of business and civic experience to the table," he said. "Howard College makes a big impact on our community and on our ability to attract industries. I feel confident I can bring a unique skill set to the board that will promote Howard College, as well as the future of our community."

"Community colleges play such an important role in the development of students and communities," Morgan added. "Not every student is going to attend a university, but every individual should have access to higher education. Community colleges, and Howard College specifically, provide that access and need strong advocates to assure they remain a viable resource for all students."

Morgan joins Greg Moore in the race for the Precinct 2 seat. The Precinct 1 race

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## Dist. 19 hopeful May to meet local voters

By **AMANDA ELSTON**  
Managing Editor

Conservative Republican and congressional hopeful Dr. Donald May will meet with Big Spring and Howard County voters from 6-8 p.m. Monday at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

"This is a great opportunity to see what Dr. May is like as a person," said May supporter Bo Fryer. "I have known him for years. He is knowledgeable and a good source of information. He is not part of the establishment and him and his wife are fine Christian people."

May is an ophthalmologist, former member of the Air

Force, and according to his campaign website, mayfortexas.com, "uniquely qualified" for the District 19 position.

"I have not worked as a government bureaucrat or administrator," reads May's website. "I have not been a lobbyist and I will not become a lobbyist."

In an email response to questions, May said he intends to help fix a "broken" government.

"Washington is broken,

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## Obituaries

## Franklin Earley Jr.



Franklin P. Earley, Jr., 72, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Feb. 18, 2016 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The family will receive friends from 1:30 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside service will follow at 3 p.m. at Trinity Memorial Park with Doug Shelley, pastor of East Side Baptist Church, officiating.

Franklin was born Feb. 27, 1943 to Illa Dixon Morgan (Earley) and Franklin Earley Sr., in Big Spring, Texas. He served in the United States Army from Dec. 15, 1965 until Dec. 14, 1967. He worked for ABC Network in Hollywood, Calif. as

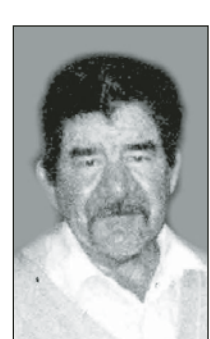
an audio engineer and manager. He retired and returned to Big Spring in 2000. He was an electronic bug, loving all kinds of electronics and anything technical. Franklin also enjoyed eating out.

Franklin is survived by one daughter, Brighton Earley of Berkley, Calif.; his aunt and uncle: Jean and Jimmie Jennings of Midland; cousins: Donna Flud of Midland, Ben Dixon of Big Spring, Josh Messenger of Weatherford, and Roger Dixon of Weatherford. He is also survived by his close friend Jeff Fields of New Mexico and Merle Spurlock of Big Spring.

Franklin was preceded in death by his parents. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at: [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com).

*Paid Obituary*

## Alonzo Luera



Alonzo Luera, 74, of Big Spring, passed away Thursday, Feb. 18, 2015 at Midland Memorial Hospital. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Deacon Johnny Arguello, officiating.

He was born on June 5, 1941 in Falcon Heights, Texas and

moved to Big Spring 17 years ago. He worked for the railroad and on farms. He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife Marselina Luera of Big Spring; three sons: Luis Luera, David Luera and Juan Luera, all of Big Spring; three daughters: Marybell Luera of Big Spring; San Juanita Luera of Baltimore, Md. and Marselina Sanchez of Big Spring and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at: [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com).

## Savas Chavez



Savas Lares Chavez, age 89 of Holland passed away Thursday, Feb. 18, 2016 at Providence Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in Zeeland.

Savas was born in Big Spring, Texas to Sabas and Julia Chavez.

He proudly served his country in the United States Army during WWII. Savas was a lifetime member of the DAV, a member of the American Legion and he volunteered at Evergreen Commons. He retired from Hemco Gages after 30 years of service.

Savas was preceded in death by his wife Ramona; his children: Alberto Chavez and Alicia Walczak

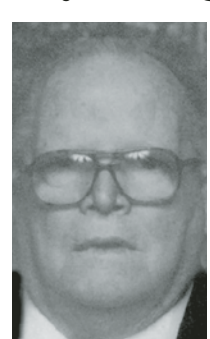
and his parents.

He is survived by his children: Armida and George Guerrero of Holland, Angel and Deb Chavez of Holland, Savas Jr. and Veronica Chavez of Kaufman, Texas; Arturo Chavez of Holland, Carlos and Kathy Chavez of Hudsonville; 17 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be 5-7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22, 2016 at Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home, 315 East 16th St., Holland. The funeral mass will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2016 at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, 171 West 13th Street, Holland. Interment will be in Pilgrim Home Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be given to Hospice of Holland.

Pay your respects at [www.langelandsternbergh.com](http://www.langelandsternbergh.com).

## Ray Menges



Ray Junior Menges, 88, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Feb. 18, 2016 at his residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 22, 2016 at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel with Bishop Spencer Palmer officiating.

Ray was born Oct. 14, 1927 in Fort Scott, Kan. and married Olnee Husten Aug. 6, 1949.

Ray came to Big Spring in 1964 and worked as a mechanic for the Texas Highway Department, retiring in 1989 after 26 years. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter

Day Saints.

Ray is survived by his wife, Olnee Menges of Big Spring; two daughters, Susan Moren of Big Spring and Margaret R. Richards of Austin; four sons, Robert E. Menges of Big Spring, Randy A. Menges of Chicago, Kenneth R. Menges of Pittsburg, Texas and Kevin J. Menges of Big Spring; eleven grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren

He was preceded in death by parents, Ansel Ray Menges and Catherine Ann Blackmore Menges; two daughters, Alice Gay Menges and Katherine A. Menges and a son, John Lewis Menges.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences may be made at: [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

## Support Groups

## MONDAY

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

• VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

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

## TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers.

For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942

• VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

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

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

## 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.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

• 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.

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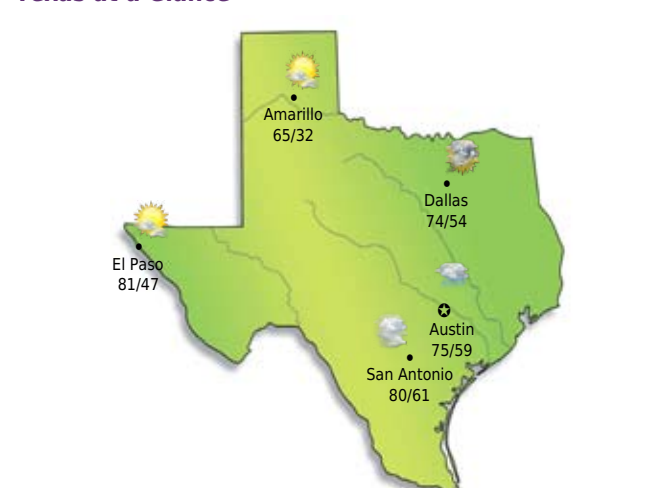
## Wynona Payte

Wynona L. Payte, 75, of Big Spring died Friday, Feb. 19, 2016 in Burseson, Texas. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

## Local 5-Day Forecast

Sun 2/21	Mon 2/22	Tue 2/23	Wed 2/24	Thu 2/25
64/44 Cloudy. High 64F. Winds NE at 10 to 20 mph.	65/44 Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the mid 40s.	63/32 Windy with sunshine. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 30s.	60/33 Sunshine. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 30s.	70/34 Sunshine. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 30s.
Sunrise: 7:23 AM Sunset: 6:36 PM	Sunrise: 7:22 AM Sunset: 6:37 PM	Sunrise: 7:20 AM Sunset: 6:38 PM	Sunrise: 7:19 AM Sunset: 6:39 PM	Sunrise: 7:18 AM Sunset: 6:40 PM

## Texas at a Glance



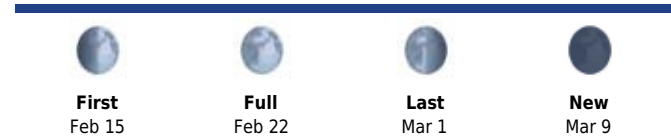
## Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	83	57	M Sunny	Kingsville	82	59	Cloudy
Amarillo	77	40	Sunny	Livingston	77	59	Cloudy
Austin	79	62	Cloudy	Longview	75	59	Cloudy
Beaumont	76	60	Cloudy	Lubbock	83	44	P Cloudy
Brownsville	79	63	Sunny	Lufkin	78	58	Cloudy
Brownwood	83	59	P Cloudy	Midland	86	55	Sunny
Corpus Christi	77	61	P Cloudy	Raymondville	84	63	P Cloudy
Corsicana	77	61	Cloudy	Rosenberg	78	61	Cloudy
Dallas	78	62	Cloudy	San Antonio	84	60	Cloudy
Del Rio	83	63	Cloudy	San Marcos	81	60	Cloudy
El Paso	82	51	P Cloudy	Sulphur Springs	73	62	Cloudy
Fort Stockton	86	57	M Sunny	Sweetwater	82	56	P Cloudy
Gainesville	77	59	Cloudy	Tyler	76	61	Cloudy
Greenville	76	61	Cloudy	Weatherford	80	60	Cloudy
Houston	79	62	P Cloudy	Wichita Falls	85	56	M Sunny

## National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	64	52	Cloudy	Miami	74	66	Cloudy
Boston	53	40	M Cloudy	Minneapolis	40	29	Cloudy
Chicago	54	35	Sunny	New York	57	44	Sunny
Dallas	78	62	Cloudy	Phoenix	86	56	P Cloudy
Denver	63	31	Sunny	San Francisco	62	48	P Cloudy
Houston	79	62	P Cloudy	Seattle	52	38	M Clear
Los Angeles	73	50	Sunny	Saint Louis	73	43	Sunny

## Moon Phases



## UV Index

Sun 2/21	Mon 2/22	Tue 2/23	Wed 2/24	Thu 2/25
4	5	6	6	6
Moderate	Moderate	High	High	High

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **BEN LOPEZ OLIVO**, 41, of 3313 Duke Ave. was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **LAWRENCE EUGENE HARRISON**, 39, of 510 State St. was arrested on warrants for defective tail lamp(s), expired registration, driving while license invalid, failure to maintain financial responsibility and four counts of failure to appear.
- **OLIVIA TALIETHACOMENE THREATS**, 36, of 800 E. 13th St. was arrested on a warrant for no driver's license and a warrant from another agency.
- **KEVIN LAMONT WILLIAMS**, 23, of 1304 Tucson, was arrested on warrants for failure to identify - fugitive give false information, possession of marijuana and four warrants from other agencies.
- **CODY WAYNE JONES**, 21, of 407 S. Lancaster was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **HARASSMENT** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80 and the 400 block of S. Adams St.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 4100 block of S. Hwy 87.

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MAY

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and both parties are to blame," May said. "The Republican Party has not had the courage to confront Obama and the Far Left. Obama is purposely weakening and destroying our nation, and Washington is filled with people like Hillary and Bernie who intend to continue the destruction."

"That is why I am running for the Texas 19th congressional district House seat," he added. "We need accountability in Washington. We need leaders who have the courage to fight for our West Texas conservative values and to take these values to Washington."

His top priority is national security.

"The job of our federal government is to protect us and not to harass us," May said. "We must secure our border so we know who and what is entering our nation. We must keep Syrian and other Muslim refugees out of our country and house them safely and humanely near their own homelands until they can safely return home."

May also promises to support agriculture.

"Food and fiber production are essential to our national security and must be regarded as such by our government," he said. "We need leadership in Congress to write legislation to protect farmers, and I will help to write such bills."

Above all, however, May promises to return morality to the United States.

"If we are going to continue as a free nation and a free people, our nation must return to God's side and restore justice and righteousness to our nation," he said. "We must return prayer, Bibles, and the Ten Commandments to our schools, our military, our courthouses and our government."

May joins eight other candidates who have announced their candidacy for District 19 — Lubbock Mayor Glen Robertson, Levelland health-care administrator DeRenda Warren, former Bush administration member Jodey Arrington, President and C.E.O. of Platinum Bank Greg Garrett, retired Air Force colonel Michael Bob Starr, Don Parish, Jason Corley and John Key.

• BSHS Cheerleading try-out prep class: Anyone in sixth - 11<sup>th</sup> grad interested in trying out for cheerleading is welcome to sign up for a class hosted by the BSHS Cheerleaders. They will work on stretches, jump techniques, motion techniques and hold mock try-outs. Classes will be Monday Feb. 29, Tuesday March 1 and Thursday March 3 from 6 - 8 p.m. each night.

Cost is \$60 per child. If you have any questions, please email Ashley Phinney at [aphinney@bsisd.esc18.net](mailto:aphinney@bsisd.esc18.net). You may also call the front office of the high school and leave a message.

• Mt. Bethel Baptist Church invites the community to join them on Sunday at 10:15 a.m. for the Annual Founder's Day Celebration. The morning will start with church service, sharing in fellowship, old memories and fun. There will be a dedication of the Fellowship Hall as it is renamed. The morning events will finish up with a covered dish lunch. Mt. Bethel Baptist Church is located at 630 Sgt. Paredez St. in Big Spring.

• The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct the multi-county Permian Basin Cotton Conference from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. March 1 at the G.C. Broughton Jr. Ag Complex in Big Spring.

The complex is located at 2411 Echols Drive on the Howard College campus. Counties involved with the conference and its ac-

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companying trade show include Howard, Martin, Midland, Glasscock, Upton and Reagan.

Individual preregistration is \$15 by Feb. 26 and \$25 thereafter. The fee includes the noon meal.

To RSVP, contact the AgriLife Extension office in Howard County at 432-264-2236.

Meetings

• The Big Spring Art Association meets every third Tuesday, September through May at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library. Everyone is welcome to attend. Memberships are available. The annual dues are \$20.

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

• The Kiwanis Club of Big Spring meets at noon every Thursday in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Visitors are welcome.

• 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 Jimmy Ruth at 271-2176.

• 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.

Volunteer opportunities

• The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council is in need of volunteers to fill a variety of needs to assist the hospital's patients. Applications to become a volunteer can be picked up at The Chalet, 115 E. Second St., Tuesday through Saturday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. or at the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Department, 1901 N. Hwy 87, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Volunteers can assist with a variety of functions, including The Chalet Resale Shop, various fundraisers and patient events. For more information, contact Dee Lindsey, Big Spring State Hospital Director of Community Relations, (432) 268-7535.

• Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Kim Plew at 263-4016 or 213-7960.

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

MORGAN

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features incumbent Michael Flores and challenger Steve Escanelas, while three candidates — Adriel Sal-

divar, Patricia Bennett and incumbent Ryan Williams — are vying for two at-large seats on the college board. Homer Wilkerson, who previously filed for the at-large trustee position, withdrew his can-

didacy, college officials said.

Big Spring voters also will decidetwocontested races at the municipal level. Incumbent Larry McLellan and challenger Shannon Thomason will vie for the post of

city mayor, while Becky Winters will challenge incumbent Raul Benavides for the District 5 city council seat.

The Big Spring ISD trustee election, also scheduled for May 7, likely will be cancelled

as there are no contested races on the ballot. Incumbents Julie Harris (District 3), Chad Wash (District 5), Jeff Brorman (District 6) and Fabian Serrano (District 7) were the only candidates to file for the elec-

tion.

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mer state Rep. Steve Toth.

That edge has long made most officeholders impossible to topple. In 2014, just five sitting House members were defeated in party primaries. But 2016 poses a new test, with voters' ill feelings toward Washington, fanned by Trump and Cruz, fueling conservatives' hopes of defeating Republicans deemed too willing to cut deals.

"The frustration and anger that's out there would indicate that this is the year you get beat from the right," said Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C., like Brat a member of the rebellious House Freedom Caucus that last year helped push House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, to resign from Congress. "If you don't get beat this year, you will be golden for a long time."

The surly mood has prompted the conservative Club for Growth to run hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of TV ads attacking Shimkus and Rep. Renee Ellmers in a now-delayed North Carolina race. Club commercials also back conservative Warren Davidson's bid for Boehner's vacant seat in western Ohio, which if successful would be a symbolic coup.

Other groups, including FreedomWorks, Citizens United Political Victory Fund and the Senate Conservatives Fund, are also helping conservative contenders.

Brady is among 13 Texas GOP House incumbents facing primary opponents, challenges that are mostly considered long-shots. He's represented his district north of Houston for two decades and last fall became chairman of the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee, a combination

that makes him a household name locally and a national magnet for political contributions.

He also boasts endorsements from National Right to Life, the National Rifle Association and a sky-high 95 percent lifetime rating from the American Conservative Union. A primary defeat of a sitting Ways and Means chairman would be unprecedented, says Eric Ostermeier, research associate at the University of Minnesota's Center for the Study of Politics and Governance.

"A lot of things get said during election season," Brady recently emailed supporters, "but the facts about my dedication to conservative, limited government principles are clear."

Toth says Brady isn't conservative enough. He says anger toward establishment Republicans is "off the charts" and predicts he'll be helped by the Texas' March 1 presidential primary, the same day

as the state's congressional primaries.

"Seventy percent of the people who come to the polls here in Texas are going to be voting for either Trump or Cruz," said Toth. "And they're not going to pull the lever for Kevin Brady."

Wally Wilkerson Jr., longtime Republican Party chairman in Montgomery County, the district's largest, cites a "very unusual" political climate with lots of unhappy voters.

"The congressman is taking it seriously," Wilkerson says of his re-election race. "If I was advising him, that's what I'd tell him."

In rural southern Illinois, the \$1.3 million Shimkus reported raising last year was nearly 10 times what challenger Kyle McCarter reported collecting. But playing on anti-incumbent fever, a Club for Growth ad targeting the 10-term veteran lawmaker says, "A guy who's been in Washington 20 years ain't going to fix it."

In a recent interview, Shimkus countered by citing his supporters.

"If you're endorsed by the National Right to Life, by the NRA and the Farm Bureau, it's hard for anybody to say you're not representing the district," he said.

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Franklin P. Earley, Jr., 72, died Thursday. The family will receive friends from 1:30 PM until 2:30 PM Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Grave-side service will follow at 3:00 PM at Trinity Memorial Park.

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## DAILY PRAYER

Dear Lord, You have given us all the needed details for a good life through Your word.  
Amen.

## The man who wrote 'Pistol Packin' Mama'

Albert Poindexter was a housepainter who lived around Troup and Jacksonville.

“Jacksonville people always said Poindexter was from Troup. The people in Troup said Poindexter was from Jacksonville,” says Barnwell Anderson, a music historian who lives in Jacksonville.

Albert Poindexter owned a bar in the 1930s and helped promote honkytonk music. He made his first recording in 1936 for ARC Records. It was a song called “Honky Tonk Blues.” He was the first to use the term honkytonk in a country song.

Barnwell Anderson says Poindexter could play the guitar and sing his original songs, but didn't know much about musical notes or arrangements or promotion, so he teamed up with a publisher of gospel songs, James B. Paris. Poindexter wrote the

song, “Pistol Packin' Mama” in 1943 and Mr. Paris helped get it before the public and published a copy of the song on sheet music.

The song was an instant hit. It became the theme song of the New York Yankees. A Republic Pictures movie bearing the name of the song was made in 1943, giving Poindexter \$250,000 in royalties. One of his hits from the 1940's was titled “Guitar Polka” which was on Billboard's list of Most Played Juke Box Folk Records for sixteen weeks in 1946. He had other hits which were popular in the US and Europe.

When he started getting some notoriety as a performer, he shortened his name to Al Dexter. He was the first country singer to perform on Broadway and in 1971 was inducted into the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame. He died in Lewisville, Texas in 1984.

“Pistol Packin' Mama” has been performed by Bing Crosby and the Andrews Sisters (which was the number one single in the US in 1944), Hank Thompson, Willie Nelson, Tex Ritter

and dozens of others. The song is featured in the video game “Fallout 4.” Here are some of the lyrics:

*Drinkin' beer in a cabaret and was I havin' fun. Until one night she caught me right and now I'm on the run.*

*Chorus (which follows every verse): Lay that pistol down, babe, lay that pistol down. Pistol Packin' Mama, Lay that pistol down. Other verses go like this:*

*Drinkin' beer in a cabaret and dancing with a blonde. Until one night she shot out the light. Bang! That blonde was gone.*

*I'll see you every night, Babe. I'll woo you every day. I'll be your regular daddy if you'll put that gun away.*

*Now down there was old Al Dexter. He always had his fun. But with some lead she shot him dead. His honkin' days are done.*

*The song was very popular with soldiers during World War Two.*

*Tumbleweed Smith is never desperate for an interview, but he's always looking for a good story. Contact him at ts@tumbleweed-smith.com.*



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## Changing options to celebrate life

The funeral service was much like many of the hundreds

I attended in the century just past. The old parson-officiating in the country church-made the identical statement six times. “We won't need any undertakers in heaven.”

Each time, I glanced at the late Groner Pitts, funeral director at the service and best man at the wedding for Brenda and me almost 50 years ago. Groner's facial expression didn't change. After all, he'd conducted thousands of services, pretty much seeing and hearing it all.

Later, I ribbed him about the preacher's assurance that no undertakers will be needed in heaven. Pitts smiled, answering, “Heaven doesn't need any preachers, either—just song leaders.”

During Pitts' 50+ years in the profession, funeral services changed ever so gradually, particularly in smaller communities.

He's been gone for a dozen years, and in this short span, there have probably been more changes than during his entire career.

But so has life in general. Still, Groner would be shocked by so many changes, including different settings—often absented by the body of the person whose life is being celebrated. Most noteworthy is the trend toward cremation.

At Martin Thompson and Son Funeral Home in Fort Worth,

more than half of the families served choose cremation. Second and third generation in the profession, dad and son follow in the footsteps of the late Guy Thompson, a pioneer undertaker who owned Thompson's Harveson and Cole Funeral Home in Fort Worth. In the judgment of many, Guy was arguably the most studied, committed, dignified and admired in the field.

“Dad never took a vacation as such,” Martin said, “Because serving others at their time of need was what he most wanted to do. So he stayed close to home.”

Guy introduced solid hardwood caskets in the south. During World War II, when metal caskets weren't being made, he opted to order handmade, solid hardwood caskets from Marsellus Casket Company of New York. Learning the company's policy precluded shipments west of the Mississippi River, Guy made it clear he wanted a train car load of 80 caskets. Marsellus changed its policy.

Martin, a graduate of Texas Wesleyan College, worked 22 years for his dad. In 1998, Martin opened his own funeral home in Grapevine, adding others in Keller and Mansfield. Jon, who started working with his father right out of high school, holds a funeral service degree from Amarillo College. They founded their current southwest Fort Worth funeral home in 2013.

With most families they serve choosing cremation, many new choices emerge. Of interest to most is that cremation services begin at \$750, far less than for traditional services.

“We can honor most requests, whether for cremation or traditional services,” Martin said. “We strive to meet every need

possible in a new era when funerals are far more celebratory than before.”

There's a good chance a fourth generation Thompson may become involved in the profession. Who knows? Jon's son, Palmer, is just two years old.

Should he choose to do so, he'll be assisting mostly with cremations. In 2013—the most recent national statistical data available—cremations reached 45.4%, with burials slightly ahead at 48.7%. Cremations were projected to dominate in 2015, 48.5% to 45.6%. By 2020, cremations are expected to rule, 56.2% to 37.9%.

On this side of heaven, we'll still need undertakers, whose biggest challenges still are to comfort the bereaved. It is well to keep in mind Charlie Brown's cartoon reminder to Snoopy, while they were fishing. He said, “Someday, we're all going to die, Snoopy.” To which his canine friend responded. “True, but on all the other days, we will not.”

I never expect to attend a service more unique than the one for Darren Nix, 36, a dozen years ago.

The larger part was traditional; then, the minister “changed gears,” mentioning Darren's love of moon pies.

“Darren loved 'em, and he loved hearing the Big Bopper's ‘Chantilly Lace’.” As the some 500 friends passed the coffin, they were handed moon pies, as “Chantilly Lace” lyrics flooded the auditorium.

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# Judge moves 'affluenza' case to adult court

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A judge on Friday sent the Texas teenager who used an "affluenza" defense in a fatal drunken-driving wreck to adult court, raising the possibility that he could get jail time for the 2013 crash that killed four people.

Ethan Couch was 16 at the time of the crash. During his juvenile trial, a defense expert invoked the term "affluenza" while arguing that Couch's wealthy parents had coddled him into a sense of irresponsibility.

Friday's ruling means the now 18-year-old Couch could face up to 120 days in jail, then finish his 10-year probation. But if he violates his probation during that time, he could get up to 10 years in prison for each of the four people who were killed.

Among those attending the hearing was Sergio Molina, who was riding in the back of Couch's pickup and left paralyzed. He can only communicate by blinking his eyes.

Molina attended with his mother and brother, Alexander Lemus, who said that what he wanted from the Couches was "that they pay."

"What's 120 days in county?" Lemus asked. "That's nothing. We need help. They have so much money, they need to pay."

The judge ordered that the case be transferred before Couch turns 19

in April. He remains in the county's maximum-security jail and in solitary confinement for 23 hours per day.

"I wish I could say I've seen some sense of remorse. I won't say that," Tarrant County Sheriff Dee Anderson said. "I do believe, from seeing him and talking to him, that it's become more real to him."

Couch's attorney, Scott Brown, did not fight the transfer. Although he has not explained the strategy, the punishment could have been greater if the judge had kept the case in the juvenile system.

Staying in juvenile court could have set off a series of hearings to determine if Couch violated his existing probation, which potentially could have led to 10 years in adult prison when Couch ages out of the juvenile system at 19.

By having the case transferred to the adult system, Couch will not face the possibility of decades in prison unless he violates probation in the future. He may, however, face up to several months in the county jail.

After the hearing, Brown said he would not request any specific terms of probation for Couch.

Couch and his mother disappeared in December, as prosecutors investigated whether he had violated his probation.

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## Politics and the Pope:

# In Francis era, candidates face new moral questions

NEW YORK (AP) — When politicians were confronted in recent years about how their policies fit their faith, the issue at hand was usually abortion and the targets were mostly Democrats.

This week, Pope Francis managed to put the Republicans on the defensive by rebuking Donald Trump and doing so over a different issue: immigration.

The censure roared through the entire field of GOP presidential candidates, who were all pressed about the morality of their approach to immigrants in the country illegally, during a primary dominated by increasingly tough rhetoric that has emphasized border security.

Analysts say the pope's remarks should serve as a wake-up call for Republicans about how public discussion of reli-

gion and policy is broadening under this popular pope who, through his gestures and speeches, has put a greater emphasis on helping the vulnerable than on divisive social issues.

"The Democrats aren't off the hook. It's just the Republicans are on it, too, and this might be a new experience for them," said Cathleen Kaveny, a Boston College theologian and author of "Prophecy Without Contempt: Religious Discourse in the Public Square."

Francis' comments came hours after he ended a visit to Mexico, where he prayed at the border for people who died trying to reach the U.S. While speaking to reporters on the papal plane Wednesday, he was asked about Trump's campaign pledge to build a wall along the entire

length of the border and expel millions of people in the U.S. illegally.

"A person who thinks only about building walls, wherever they may be, and not building bridges, is not Christian. This is not in the Gospel," he said. While Francis said he would "give the benefit of the doubt" because he had not heard Trump's border plans independently, he added, "I say only that this man is not a Christian if he has said things like that."

On Friday, the Rev. Federico Lombardi, a Vatican spokesman, said the pope's remarks were "in no way a personal attack or an indication on how to vote." And during the same news conference, in response to a different question, Francis also made some of his toughest public comments to date

against abortion, comparing the procedure to a Mafia hit and repeatedly calling abortion evil. "It is a crime, an absolute evil," Francis said.

But the pope had made clear since his first trip as pontiff outside the Vatican — praying at the Italian island of Lampedusa for migrants who died trying to cross the sea to reach Italy — that generosity toward immigrants was one of his top concerns.

"I think we're looking at the impact of the Francis era, where there are different points of contact and different aspects of the Catholic tradition are emphasized," said Mathew Schmalz, a religious studies professor at the College of the Holy Cross in Massachusetts. "Many prominent Catholic intellectuals have been swayed toward the Republicans in the last few

decades. This is a jolt."

Francis' immediate predecessors, Popes John Paul II and Benedict XVI, also emphasized care for the poor and immigrants. But they prioritized greater adherence to doctrine, including on abortion, and appointed bishops who would do the same.

Recent presidential elections have seen intensifying confrontations between church leaders and candidates. In 2004, Cardinal Raymond Burke, then the St. Louis archbishop, caused an uproar when said he would deny Communion to Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry, a Catholic who supports abortion rights.

Some bishops followed suit by telling Catholic politicians who support abortion rights not to present themselves for the sacrament.



AP photo  
Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Bernie Sanders speaks at a rally in Elko, Nev. Friday.

## Clinton, Sanders vie in Nevada

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Seeking an edge, Hillary Clinton courted voters throughout Las Vegas' sprawling population centers on Friday while rival Bernie Sanders barnstormed across northern Nevada in search of delegates in the state's high-stakes Democratic presidential caucuses.

The divergent scenes offered evidence of the two paths Clinton and Sanders are following as they furiously stump for every vote before Saturday's Nevada caucuses. Clinton is hoping minorities and unions in Nevada's popu-

lation center give her the edge over Sanders, while the Vermont democratic socialist aims to drive up turnout in the state's more lightly-populated northern region.

Sanders' strategy is driven in part because Nevada Democrats allocate delegates to caucus winners based on congressional districts, giving greater weight to sparsely populated areas like Elko, where he campaigned Friday. Obama lost the popular vote to Clinton in the 2008 contest here but the quirky nature of the caucus enabled him

to emerge with one more delegate than Clinton.

Neither candidate is pursuing a single-track strategy. Clinton canceled a trip to Florida on Monday to campaign in Elko and Reno and her campaign has devoted significant resources building a field operation even in the most remote reaches of the states. Sanders has especially focused on wooing Las Vegas' minority population, especially young people, both to win votes and to counter the Clinton critique that he only appeals to white voters.

## Republican hopefuls emotional on eve of S. Carolina primary

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. (AP) — The Republican campaign for South Carolina turned deeply personal on the eve of Saturday's high-stakes presidential primary, as New York businessman Donald Trump eyed a delegate sweep and his Republican rivals jockeyed for a southern surprise.

Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, the son of a pastor, evoked "the body of Christ" in his closing message while fending off allegations of "dirty tricks" in a state where most Republicans identify as evangelical Christians. At the same time, Trump allies took subtle shots at Pope Francis for questioning the Republican front-runner's devotion to Christian principles. Ohio Gov. John Kasich continued hugging supporters, while Jeb Bush turned to his mother to help revive his underdog campaign.

Friday marked an emotionally charged day in the Republican presidential contest amid a growing sense of urgency. South Carolina offers the six candidates still in the race a trove of 50 delegates — and perhaps more importantly, momentum to help survive into the next phase of the campaign: March 1's Super Tuesday.

On the other side of the country, Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders competed for votes ahead of Saturday's Democratic caucuses in Nevada.

"Guess what? There's a caucus here in Nevada! We are here to win," Sanders said at a rally in sparsely popu-

lated Elko.

Back in South Carolina, Trump appeared to hold a commanding lead less than 24 hours before voting began. With a big win, the billionaire businessman could take home most, if not all, of the state's delegates. Such a victory would mark a particularly painful blow to Cruz, whose consistent focus on Christian values and southern roots should have given him a distinct advantage here.

As the undisputed Republican front-runner, Trump was a popular target in the final-hours' scramble for votes.

"Trump values are not South Carolina values," the state's senior senator, Lindsey Graham, charged during a Charleston rally for Bush. Former first lady Barbara Bush had this to say about her son's values: "He's steady. He's honest. He is modest.."

Trump's campaign tried to brush off an extraordinary criticism from Pope Francis the day before. When asked about Trump's call to build a massive wall on the U.S.-Mexican border, the leader of the Roman Catholic Church said those who seek to build walls instead of bridges are not Christian.

Trump called the Pope's words "disgraceful" on Thursday, but offered a distinctly softer jab as he courted South Carolina voters on Friday.

"Yesterday, the Pope was great," Trump told an audience in Myrtle Beach. "They had him

convinced that illegal immigration was like a wonderful thing. Not wonderful for us. It's wonderful for Mexico."

Added Trump supporter, pastor Mark Burns: "We respect and honor the Pope. But I don't know ... The walls that are around the Vatican are pretty big walls."

Campaigning in the same city, Cruz tried to take advantage of the spiritual spat by highlighting his own religious devotion.

"Every minute that you're not on the phone calling friends and loved ones, spend beseeching God, praying for this country, that this spirit of revival that is sweeping this country continue and grow, and that we awaken the body of Christ," the Texas senator said.

Cruz also took a veiled shot at Trump's campaign motto, featured on hats, T-shirts and bumper stickers. "It's easy to say, 'Let's Make America Great Again,'" he said. But, he asked, "Do you understand what made America great in the first place?"

Cruz faced new questions about a website his campaign created this week featuring a photo of Florida Sen. Marco Rubio shaking hands with President Barack Obama. Cruz's team acknowledged the photo was manufactured using a computer program.

"Every picture in a political campaign is photoshopped," Cruz spokesman Rick Tyler told FOX News when pressed to explain the tactic.



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Laredo Petroleum, Inc. 15 W. 6th Street, Suite 90 Tulsa, OK 74119-0000 Jayna Hobby, Regulatory Analyst (432) 685-8067	#5SU Frysak "A 47-15" (Allocation "E"), drill horizontal Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, EI: NA, API #42-173-37350 14 miles south of Garden City A-286, Section 47, Block 34, T-5-S, T&P RR Co. survey Total Depth: 12,000 feet 199' FNL, 699' FEL of 642.25-acre lease 190' FNL, 699' FEL of the survey
Midenergy Operating, LLC 306 West Wall St., Suite 415 Midland, TX 79701-0000 Lindsay Livesay, Regulatory Analyst (432) 262-8050	#2603 Zant, drill, EI: NA, API #42-173-36185 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field 18.50 miles southeast of Garden City A-1033, Section 26, Block 36, T-2-S, T&P RR Co. survey Total Depth: 12,500 feet 330' FNL, 2400' FEL of 478.38-acre lease 330' FNL, 2400' FEL of the survey SWR 36 (H2S)
Midenergy Operating, LLC 306 West Wall St., Suite 415 Midland, TX 79701-0000 Lindsay Livesay, Regulatory Analyst (432) 262-8050	#2604 Zant, drill, EI: NA, API #42-173-36610 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field 18.60 miles southeast of Garden City A-1267, Section 26, Block 36, T-2-S, T&P RR Co. survey Total Depth: 12,500 feet 467' FNL, 1980' FWL of 478.38-acre lease 467' FNL, 1980' FWL of the survey
Trilogy Operating, Inc. P.O. Box 7606 Midland, TX 79708-0000 Donna Stratton, President (432) 212-1500	#10 TCG "34", drill, field transfer, EI: NA, API #42-173-36984 Deadwood (Fusselman) Field 12 miles north of Garden City A-857, Section 34, Block 33, T-2-S, T&P RR Co. survey Total Depth: 11,000 feet 467' FSL, 1650' FWL of 320-acre lease 467' FSL, 1650' FWL of the survey SWR 36 (H2S)
<b>Howard County</b>	
Surge Operating, LLC 7850 N. Sam Houston Pkwy West Suite 300 Houston, TX 77064-0000 Connie Swan, Agent (918) 621-6533	#1AH Wolfe-McCann Unit "10-15", drill horizontal, EI: NA Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-38718 3.50 miles northeast of Knott A-1233, Section 10, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey Total Depth: 9500 feet 724' FNL, 215' FWL of 480-acre lease 724' FNL, 215' FWL of the survey
Surge Operating, LLC 7850 N. Sam Houston Pkwy West Suite 300 Houston, TX 77064-0000 Connie Swan, Agent (918) 621-6533	#1AH Shroyer-Wilson Unit "A 23-14", drill horizontal, EI: NA Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-38719 4.25 miles northeast of Knott A-1106, Section 14, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey Total Depth: 9500 feet 707' FNL, 370' FWL of 480-acre lease 707' FNL, 370' FWL of the survey
Sunoco Pipeline, L.P. 3807 Westchester Pike	#1 MP "23", drill, EI: NA, API #42-227-38687 Wildcat Field (cathodic protection well)

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# Texas mayor resigns after indictment

CRYSTAL CITY, Texas (AP) — A South Texas mayor under a federal corruption indictment resigned from office Friday after a recall petition was certified and he was arrested over a disturbance that disrupted a city council meeting.

In a letter of resignation submitted to the city clerk, Ricardo Lopez said his departure would take effect Friday afternoon.

"I appreciate the opportunities I have been given to be mayor of Crystal City. I wish all the citizens of Crystal City success in the future," his letter stated.

Lopez and two city council members are named in a federal public corruption indictment returned earlier this month. Another council member has been charged with human trafficking.

Lopez was led from a city council meeting in handcuffs late Tuesday night after an apparent scuffle ended the gathering in pandemonium. The meeting, which was to schedule a recall election for him and two council members, ended prematurely after the mayor's arrest cost the panel a quorum.

He was released from the Zavala County Jail the next day after posting a \$12,000 bond. However, the rest of the Tuesday council meeting was postponed until Wednesday, then was canceled when Lopez didn't attend and the group again lacked a quorum. Upon his release from jail, Lopez told reporters that he would attend no more council meetings.

The incident led to charges against Lopez of resisting arrest, search or transport and having a prohibited substance in a correctional facility. Zavala county Sheriff Eusevio Salinas said that while booking Lopez, deputies discovered a forbidden substance on him.

The sheriff said two tablets of what he believed to be the painkiller Vicodin were found in the mayor's pockets and weren't in their prescription bottle.

The recall effort launched last fall targeted Lopez, Mayor Pro-Tem Rogelio Mata and council member Marco Rodriguez. Lopez, Mata and council member Roel Mata were indicted earlier this month in a bribery and conspiracy investigation. Rodriguez was arrested last month on human smuggling charges.

That has left Joel Barajas as the only council member not under indictment.

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## News in brief

### AP-NORC Poll: Income gap, Wall Street rules big for Dems

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Most Democrats consider income inequality a very important issue and half of them think tougher regulations of the financial markets imposed after the 2008 financial crisis did not go far enough, according to a poll released as Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders enter a crucial stretch for the party's nomination.

The poll conducted by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research suggested support within the party for Sanders' fiery calls to increase regulations on Wall Street banks and address wide gaps between the nation's wealthy and poor. Most Democrats — and Republicans — support increasing the federal minimum wage, although they favor more incremental steps backed by Clinton, the poll found.

Clinton and Sanders are vying for support in Nevada, which was among the hardest-hit states during the economic downturn and holds its Democratic caucuses Saturday. The Clinton-Sanders contest, and Republican caucuses in the state three days later, could offer a snapshot of how the presidential field is being judged against the backdrop of more economic anxiety.

The poll found that reducing income inequality, a message championed by Sanders, resonates deeply with Democrats. More than three-quarters of them in the poll say reducing the gap between rich and poor is very or extremely important for the next president to address. And 8 in 10 Democrats, but just 3 in 10 Republicans, say the government has some responsibility to reduce those income differences.

Democrats were even more likely to say that reducing poverty is very important for the next president (86 percent) than that reducing the gap between rich and poor is that important (77 percent). Among all Americans, 72 percent say cutting poverty is very important, while 57 percent say reducing the gap between rich and poor is.

### Scalia funeral Mass held at largest US Catholic church

WASHINGTON (AP) — A funeral Mass for Justice Antonin Scalia was celebrated at the nation's largest Roman Catholic church, a place where popes have prayed and millions of pilgrims and tourists have visited.

The Mass on Saturday morning at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception capped two days of official mourning for Scalia, who spent nearly three decades on the high court and was one of the country's most influential conservatives.

All the current Supreme Court justices attended. Burial plans have not been announced.

More than 3,000 people — from President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama to former law clerks, locals and tourists — paid tribute to Scalia at the Supreme Court on Friday, where his flag-draped casket was set atop a funeral bier first used after President Abraham Lincoln's assassination.

### Syria denounces 'outrageous' Turkish artillery shelling

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — Syria's government says Turkish artillery shelling inside Syria is an "outrageous violation" of international law.

In a statement published by the state-run SANA news agency Saturday, it accused Turkey of committing "crimes" against the Syrians by firing artillery shells at areas in the northern province of Aleppo.

It added that a number of civilians were injured by the artillery fire that targeted Tel Rifaat, Malikiyeh and other towns.

Turkey has in the past week kept up a cross-border artillery shelling campaign against U.S.-backed Syrian Kurdish militia positions in Syria. It has also threatened ground action, saying it was exercising its right to self-defense and responding to fire from Syrian soil.

The main Kurdish group in Syria has denied firing at Turkey from Syria.

### China's top securities regulator steps down amid turmoil

BEIJING (AP) — China's top securities regulator will step down following months of turmoil in Chinese stock markets that have battered faith in Beijing's economic management.

The departure of Xiao Gang, a legal expert with decades of experience in the finance industry, may help assuage public anger at the dramatic boom and bust, but doesn't address the market's underlying problems.

The official Xinhua News Agency reported Saturday that Xiao would be replaced by Liu Shiyu, chairman of the Agricultural Bank of China and a former deputy governor of China's central bank.

"Xiao Gang is worth no pity but he is destined to be a tragic figure, caught between pro-government and pro-market factions and left to take care of a mess from an unhealthy system," Beijing-based veteran financial commentator Shi Shusi said. "His departure will not bring a clean era for China's capital, but at most a belated consolation for investors who have been hurt."

The capital market is where China's rivaling political forces have come into most intense clashes, Shi said.

The unusual intervention by the Ministry of Public Security and investigations against securities firms following market meltdowns are proof that covert political forces within the Chinese government had made waves, Shi said.

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#2 Shafer "12", drill, EI: NA, API #42-227-38716  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field  
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A-1091, Section 12, Block 25, H&TC RR Co. survey  
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517' FWL, 2313' FNL of the survey  
Total Depth: 8028 feet. PBTD: NA. Logs: RCBL/GR/CCL  
Daily Potential: 983 Bbls 42.0 gravity oil w/ 2,278 BWPD  
Flowing. GOR: 756  
Spud: 3-24-15. Completed: 9-25-15. Pay: NA  
9-5/8" @ 7227 feet w/ 2,145 sx.  
5-1/2" @ 16,053 feet w/ 1,800 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7828 feet  
Perfs: 8206-15,983

Contractor not listed

Santa Rosa 1000'  
Yates 1250'  
Seven Rivers 1300'  
Queen 1500'  
Clear Fork 2650'  
Glorieta 2700'  
Grayburg 2850'  
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#307H Cole Ranch "35", API #42-173-36818  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2710' GR  
11 miles southwest of Garden City  
A-1102, Section 40, Block 35, T-4-S, T&P RR Co. survey  
325' FNL, 1050' FEL of the survey  
Total Depth: 9125 feet. PBTD: NA. Logs: Gamma Ray (MWD)  
Daily Potential: 574 Bbls 43.4 gravity oil w/ 1,442 BWPD  
Flowing. GOR: 5036  
Spud: 1-23-15. Completed: 9-01-15. Pay: NA  
9-5/8" @ 8121 feet w/ 3,380 sx.  
5-1/2" @ 19,294 feet w/ 2,175 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 8791 feet  
Perfs: 9755-19,162

Contractor not listed

Santa Rosa 1000'  
Yates 1250'  
Seven Rivers 1300'  
Queen 1500'  
Grayburg 2850'  
San Andres 3080'  
Glorieta 3860'  
Clear Fork 4740'  
Spraberry 6455'  
Wichita/Albany 7500'  
Dean 7860'  
Strawn 7900'  
Wolfcamp 8040'  
Pennsylvanian 8300'  
Fusselman 9100'  
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#2 Currie-Neal "47", API #42-173-37266  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2701' GR  
13.50 miles west of Garden City  
A-414, Section 47, Block 36, T-3-S, T&P RR Co. survey  
495' FSL, 883' FWL of the survey

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# Last 'Angola Three' inmate now a free man

ST. FRANCISVILLE, La. (AP) — The last inmate of a group known as the "Angola Three" pleaded no contest Friday to manslaughter in the 1972 death of a prison guard and was released after more than four decades in prison, raising a clenched fist as he walked free.

Albert Woodfox and two other men became known as the "Angola Three" for their decades-long stays in isolation at the Louisiana Penitentiary at Angola and other prisons. Their cases drew condemnation from human rights groups and focused attention on the use of solitary confinement.

Officials said they were kept in solitary because their Black Panther Party activism would otherwise rile up inmates at the maximum-security prison farm in Angola.

Woodfox consistently maintained his innocence in the killing of guard Brent Miller. He was being held at the West Feliciana Parish Detention Center in St. Francisville, about 30 miles north of Baton Rouge. He was awaiting a third trial in Miller's death after earlier convictions were thrown out by federal courts for reasons including racial bias in selecting a grand jury foreman.

Woodfox, who turned 69 on the same day he was released, spoke to reporters and supporters briefly outside the jail

before driving off with his brother. Speaking of his future plans, he said he wanted to visit his mother's gravesite. She died while he was in prison, and Woodfox said he was not allowed to go to the funeral.

As to whether he would have done anything differently back in 1972, Woodfox responded: "When forces are beyond your control, there's not a lot you can do. Angola was a very horrible place at the time and everybody was just fighting to survive from day to day."

In a press release earlier Friday, Woodfox thanked his brother and other supporters who have lobbied over the years for his release.

"Although I was looking forward to proving my innocence at a new trial, concerns about my health and my age have caused me to resolve this case now and obtain my release with this no contest plea to lesser charges. I hope the events of today will bring closure to many," he said.

He had been twice convicted of murder and pleaded no contest Friday to manslaughter.

At the time of Miller's killing, Woodfox was serving time for armed robbery and assault. Inmates identified him as the one who grabbed the guard from behind while others stabbed Miller with a lawnmower blade.

## Harper Lee leaves behind questions about her life, work

NEW YORK (AP) — Harper Lee has died, but the conversation about her life and work has only begun.

"I think the retrospective will be more useful than what was said during her lifetime, because there are a lot of things we can get down to that were impossible before," Lee's friend Wayne Flynt, an Alabama-based historian, told The Associated Press.

Lee's death Friday at age 89 comes almost exactly a year after her publisher, Harper Collins, stunned the world by announcing that a second novel by the author of "To Kill a Mockingbird" would be released, ending what many believed was a permanent and much-desired literary silence from Lee.

With Lee confined to a nursing home in her native Monroeville, Ala., and communicating only through press releases that many wondered if she even knew about, the debate about her state of mind and about the second book, "Go Set a Watchman," took off without her.

It will likely grow as those close to her finally speak up and more is learned about what, if any, other writings she left behind.

"Everybody from the newspaper boy to the checkout girl to the local minister will be remembering Harper Lee with fondness or with an ax to grind, depending on how they were treated," said Lee biographer Charles Shields, whose "Mockingbird: A Portrait of Harper Lee" was published in 2006 and will be reissued this year.

Flynt is among those thinking about a memoir.

Lee's retreat from public life over the past half-century created one kind of mystery; last summer's publication of "Go Set a Watchman" started another. Millions who thought they "knew" Atticus Finch, who named their children for him and became lawyers because of him were faced with a seemingly different man in the new book, which took place 20 years later but actually had been written before Lee turned to what be-

came "To Kill a Mockingbird."

The bold attorney who in the 1930s defended a black man accused of rape in "Mockingbird" had aged into a spiteful reactionary condemning the Supreme Court's 1954 decision to outlaw segregation in public schools.

Ralph Eubanks, a former editor of the Virginia Quarterly Review and currently a visiting professor of Southern studies at Millsaps College in Jackson, Mississippi, said that the brilliance of "Mockingbird" was in how it could make anyone from the North or South identify with the issues.



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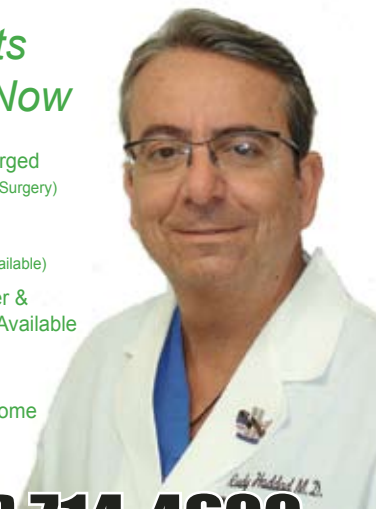
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Laredo Petroleum, Inc. 15 W. 6th Street, Suite 900 Tulsa, OK 74119-0000 (432) 684-9955	#1 Glass "192", API #42-173-35477 Garden City, S. (Wolfcamp) Field, re-completion, EI: 2602' GR 4.80 miles south of Forsan A-709, Section 192, Block 29, W&NW RR Co. survey 1171' FSL, 1715' FWL of the survey Total Depth: 9859 feet. PBSD: 9479 feet. Logs: Neutron/Density Daily Potential: 493 Bbls 44.4 gravity oil w/ 362 BWPD Pumping. GOR: 476 Spud: 10-27-15. Completed: 11-25-15. Pay: NA 9-5/8" @ 2764 feet w/ 925 sx. 5-1/2" @ 9859 feet w/ 1,255 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 9168 feet Perfs: 6150-9442 6150-9442: Frac w/ slick water and proppant 9530-9536: Frac w/ slick water and proppant 9724-9732: Frac w/ slick water and proppant
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Encana Oil & Gas, Inc. 370 17th Street, Suite 1700 Denver, CO 80202-0000 (720) 876-3926	#0503N Brunson "5", API #42-173-37149 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, EI: 2549' GR 13.13 miles northwest of Garden City A-314, Section 5, Block 35, T-3-S, T&P RR Co. survey 953' FSL, 2245' FWL of the survey Total Depth: 10,660 feet. PBSD: 10,660 feet. Logs: Gamma Ray (MWD) Daily Potential: 63 Bbls 41.0 gravity oil w/ 208 BWPD Pumping. GOR: 365 Spud: 4-17-15. Completed: 6-28-15. Pay: NA 8-5/8" 2 4890 feet w/ 1,100 sx. 5-1/2" @ 10,660 feet w/ 1,220 sx.; 6-1/2" @ 9160 feet Perfs: 7745-10,192
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# Serbia: Two hostages killed in airstrikes

BELGRADE, Serbia (AP) — Two Serbian embassy staffers held hostage since November died in Friday's U.S. airstrikes on an Islamic State camp in western Libya that killed dozens, Serbian officials said Saturday.

Prime Minister Aleksandar Vucic said there was no doubt that Sladjana Stankovic, a communications officer, and Jovica Stepic, a driver, were killed in the American bombing. They were snatched in November after their diplomatic convoy, including the ambassador, came under fire near the coastal Libyan city of Sabratha.

Speaking at a news conference in Belgrade earlier, Serbian Foreign Minister Ivica Dacic said information about the deaths was given to Serbia by foreign officials but had not been confirmed by the Libyan government.

"We got the information, including photos, which clearly show that this is most probably true," Dacic said.

American F-15E fighter-bombers on Friday struck an Islamic State training camp in rural Libya near the Tunisian border, killing dozens, probably including an IS operative considered responsible for deadly attacks in Tunisia last year, U.S. and local officials said.

Dacic said Serbia had known where the hostages were and had been working to get them back, adding that Libyan troops were considering an operation to free them.

"I believe we had been close to the solution for them to be freed. Unfortunately, as a consequence of the attack against ISIS in Libya, the two of them lost their lives," Dacic said. "We will seek official explanation from both Libya and the United States about the available facts and the selection of targets."

He said, according to the information received by the Serbian security services, a criminal group believed to be linked to IS had demanded ransom for the hostages, who they were holding at the site that was bombed.

"On the other hand, the American administration said it was an (ISIS) training camp," Dacic said. "This is information that has to be checked."

He did not specify the amount of ransom demanded of the families, saying only it was "impossible to pay."

A Libyan armed group calling itself the Special Deterrent Forces announced on Facebook that the two bodies had been delivered to Tripoli's Matiga Airport.

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# Garden City upset by Eula, 38-32

By DREW WILLIAMS  
Sports Editor

After being knocked out three years in a row by the Garden City Ladykats (26-3), the Eula Lady Pirates (23-8) were finally able to pull the upset Friday night in Roscoe.

The game started slow and with pressuring defenses from both sides. Garden City played in their usual full-court press, and Eula placed an emphasis on swarming any entry passes into the paint.

With time winding down in the first quarter, it was just a 6-6 score. Ladykats guard Ashlyn Hoover made a 3-pointer with 50 seconds remaining, and guard Hope Halfmann followed with one of her own to get their team in front 12-6. With two seconds left on the clock, Lady Pirates guard Caylee Smith made a layup to get Eula within four heading into the second.

Both teams struggled mightily on the offensive end in the second quarter. Only two shots were made from the floor in total, but Garden City outscored Eula 8-4 in the quarter thanks to six free throws and took a 20-12 lead into the locker room.

The charity stripe was not kind to the Ladykats though, and it played a large role in the outcome. In the first half, guard Ashlyn Koenning was 4-for-4 from the line, but the rest of the team combined to go 5-for-13.

The third quarter saw the Lady Pirates come storming back, and two minutes into the fourth they got within six at 30-24. Halfmann then drove into the paint for an easy layup to seemingly get momentum back on the side of the Ladykats, but Lady Pirates guard Destiny Carson silenced the Garden City crowd with an immediate 3-pointer that got the Eula fans roaring.

With the score at 32-27, Eula followed Carson's shot with a switch from their zone scheme into a full-court man press, and Carson got a steal and a fast break opportunity. She was fouled on a layup attempt, and made 1-of-2 to get Eula within four for the first time since the end of the first quarter.

The next Garden City possession, guard Alicia Gutierrez drove to the basket and was fouled. She missed both free throws, and the rebound went to the Lady Pirates. Carson hit another three, and



Herald photo/Drew Williams

Garden City guard Hope Halfmann shoots a layup in 38-32 loss to Eula Friday night.

the body language from both teams and crowds showed where the momentum had gone with Garden City's lead down to just one.

Garden City would miss their next shot in the paint, and Eula guard Megan Scott got fouled in transition after the rebound. She made both free throws to give Eula their first lead since being up 2-0 to start the game.

Down 33-32, Garden City turned it over on an entry pass inside with 1:50 left, and with no shot clock in high school basketball, Eula played "keep away" for 40 seconds until the Ladykats were forced to foul Carson just to stop the clock. She made the front end of a one-and-one to put the Lady Pirates up two, but missed the second.

Halfmann retrieved

the rebound for the Ladykats and dribbled the length of the floor, only to have the ball stripped away on a drive to the basket that had the Garden City fans booing the referees for the lack of a foul call. Carson was fouled again with 34 seconds left, but missed the free throw.

The next possession Halfmann again took the ball straight to the basket, getting fouled

on the way. Down 34-32, she missed both free throws, forcing the Ladykats to foul on the rebound. Eula guard Caylee Smith sunk both free throws to make it a two-possession game at 36-32.

With 17 seconds left, Koenning was fouled on an offensive rebounding attempt and had a one-and-one opportunity at

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# Hawks dominated as errors loom large again



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Hawks left fielder Cameron Williams swings at a pitch in Friday's 17-4 loss.

By DREW WILLIAMS  
Sports Editor

It's hard to win any baseball game with more errors than hits, and the Howard College Hawks (4-6) found out Friday that it's even harder against a nationally ranked team.

The Hawks lost 17-4 to the McLennan Community College Highlanders (11-1). The defensive struggles continued for Howard as they committed six errors that led to nine unearned runs.

"I don't even know what to say, I've never seen anything like it," Howard head coach Britt Smith told KBYG radio. "College athletes can't play catch."

He added that against a team as good as the Highlanders, you can't win with that many mistakes.

"McLennan's way too good to give them extra outs. That's two more innings

worth of outs that we gave them," he said.

But the offense would have had a hard time keeping up even without the errors by the defense. The Hawks went 4-for-25 at the plate, with the top five in the order combining to go 1-for-13. Three of their four runs came on a fifth inning home run by catcher Robbie Lammons after a single and a walk.

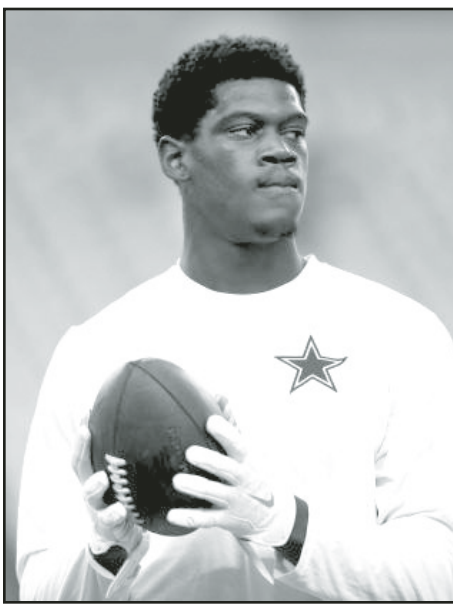
"Our talent level is not where it's been. The people who haven't seen us yet are trying to compare us to what we've been and we're not there. This recruiting class was not one of our better ones as far as depth and just over talent," Smith said. "And that's our fault completely, but we've got to just continue to fight through it and continue to play and find a chance to win."

More information on the three game series will appear in Monday's Herald.

# Gregory suspended

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Randy Gregory, the Dallas defensive end who failed a marijuana test at the NFL combine last year and slid to the second round in the draft, will miss the first four games next season for violating the league's substance abuse policy.

The NFL announced the suspension Friday, saying Gregory will be eligible for offseason workouts and preseason practices and games.



AP photo

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# Mavs lose, set record for 3s

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — It didn't take Brandon Jennings long to have a positive impact.

Three days after coming to the Orlando Magic in a trade with Detroit, the veteran guard scored 18 points and had four assists in a 110-104 overtime victory over the Dallas Mavericks on Friday night.

"I picked my spots when I was open, made my shots and then found guys when they were open," said Jennings, who played the entire overtime period.

Victor Oladipo, who had 17 points and a career-high 14 rebounds, hit the 3-pointer that put Orlando ahead for

good in overtime.

"We did a great job of fighting through adversity tonight," Oladipo said. "We were very resilient. I think that showed in the fourth quarter. We've had a lot of games like that this season and everybody's demeanor was just the way you want it. Nobody panicked. We felt like we could win the game and we did."

The Mavericks came back from an early 21-point deficit to lead by as many as 14 and broke a franchise record with 19 3-pointers, but still lost for the fifth time in six games.

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# Rockets win, get back to .500 after crazy trade deadline

By JOSE M. ROMERO

The Associated Press

PHOENIX (AP) — The Houston Rockets were in disarray going into the All-Star break. They had high expectations but had dropped three straight and fallen below .500. Interim coach J.B. Bickerstaff labeled them a “broken team.”

That feeling seemed to dissipate Friday night. James Harden had 27 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists and Houston got a convincing 116-100 win over the free-falling Phoenix Suns in the first game after the break for both teams.

The Rockets moved back to .500 at 28-28 and are still in position for a playoff spot.

“We’ve got an opportunity in the second half to make a push,” Harden said. “That’s one of (26) left. A good start.”

Houston had 16 steals in the game and attempted 56 free throws, tying a season high with 35 makes.

“We didn’t give up on the defensive end of the floor. We kept competing, and then the shots started falling,” Bickerstaff said. “We talked about it before the game. We talked about the place that our guys are in right now. We feel like we’re in a really good place.”

Trevor Ariza added 25 points and six rebounds, and Patrick Beverley had 18 points and six rebounds for the Rockets. The Suns have lost 10 straight, their longest losing streak of the season, and 25 of their last 27.

Houston led by 25 points in the third quarter after taking control in the first half. The Rockets had lost three straight games by double figures heading into the break.

Mirza Teletovic had a season-high 25 points and added eight rebounds for Phoenix a day after the Suns traded Markieff Morris to Washington.

Jon Leuer started at forward in place of Morris and scored seven of his 16 points and blocked two shots in the first quarter to help the Suns take a 24-21 lead into the second. Teletovic hit two 3-pointers in the opening 12 minutes.

The Rockets broke out in the second quarter, taking a 37-36 lead on Dwight Howard’s dunk off a lob from Harden with 4:34 left. Houston went on an 11-0 run to go up 56-41, with Ariza and Beverley hitting 3-point-



Photo: Rick Scuteri, AP  
**Houston Rockets center Dwight Howard draws the foul on Phoenix Suns guard Sonny Weems (10) in the second quarter during an NBA basketball game, Friday, Feb. 19, 2016, in Phoenix.**

ers and Harden making three free throws.

“Their players just took over,” Suns interim coach Earl Watson said. “They went into the break (with) coaches questioning their attitude. They responded against us.”

The Rockets built on their lead in the third quarter, outscoring the Suns 15-4 over the first 4 minutes. Suns rookie Devin Booker drew his first career technical foul during the stretch and struggled through a 3-for-11 shooting night against an aggressive defense.

Houston has won seven of the last eight meetings between the two teams.

#### HOWARD HAS SOME FUN

Howard, still a Rocket after the trade deadline passed, was playful during the game. Kept from checking in by official Justin VanDyne during a first-quarter stoppage, he

smiled and feigned a kick to the backside of VanDyne, who was looking the other way. Later, Howard shouted two Suns players’ names while frantically waving his arms as they tried to inbound the ball.

#### ‘HUMP’ DAY

Newly acquired big man Kris Humphries made the most of his Suns debut a day after arriving in the Morris deal from Washington. Aside from some solid defense on Howard, Humphries finished with 18 points and 12 rebounds, becoming the 13th Suns player to have a double-double in his debut. He got extended minutes because of center Tyson Chandler’s shoulder injury. “I’ve always been kind of a hustle player, rebound, defend, run the floor, and I can bring that to this team and just play hard and do whatever the coaches ask me to do,” Humphries said.

#### TIP-INS

Rockets: F Terrence Jones did not play due to a concussion. F Sam Dekker was assigned to Rio Grande Valley of the D-League on Friday. ... The Rockets’ starters outscored the Suns’ first five 88-47.

Suns: Chandler grabbed his right shoulder and winced in pain after a collision with 6:32 left in the second quarter. He left with what was later announced as a sprain and did not return. ... C-F DeJuan Blair, also picked up in the trade with the Wizards, was inactive. ... G Ronnie Price was active for the first time since toe surgery on Jan. 15 and played 23 minutes. He didn’t score and was called for a technical foul. ... C Alex Len did not play due to a right ankle sprain.

#### UP NEXT

Rockets: At Utah on Tuesday night. Suns: Host San Antonio on Sunday.

## Mavs

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“It’s a long game and you’ve got outlast a team like this and we were unable to do it,” said Dallas coach Rick Carlisle. “Frankly the group we have is not doing a good job finishing games.”

They didn’t start this one very well either, missing their first eight shots. Nik Vucevic scored seven points on an early 11-0 Magic run, and two straight baskets by Jennings gave Orlando a 31-10 lead late in the first quarter before the Mavericks shot their way back in it.

Dallas had the 21-point lead erased before halftime, connecting on nine 3-pointers in a 38-point second quarter.

Deron Williams scored 25 points for Dallas and Chandler Parsons added 24, and the pair combined to make 11 of 16 3-pointers. Williams’ record-setter with 9.3 seconds left in overtime was Dallas’ only 3-pointer in more than 14 minutes.

Charlie Villanueva tied the franchise

record with 9:25 remaining in the fourth quarter, hitting the Mavericks’ 18th 3-pointer of the game.

Vucevic led the Magic with 21 points and 12 rebounds.

Evan Fournier’s layup with 12.2 seconds left in regulation tied it for the Magic, and Dirk Nowitzki missed a jumper just before the buzzer to send the 98-all game into overtime.

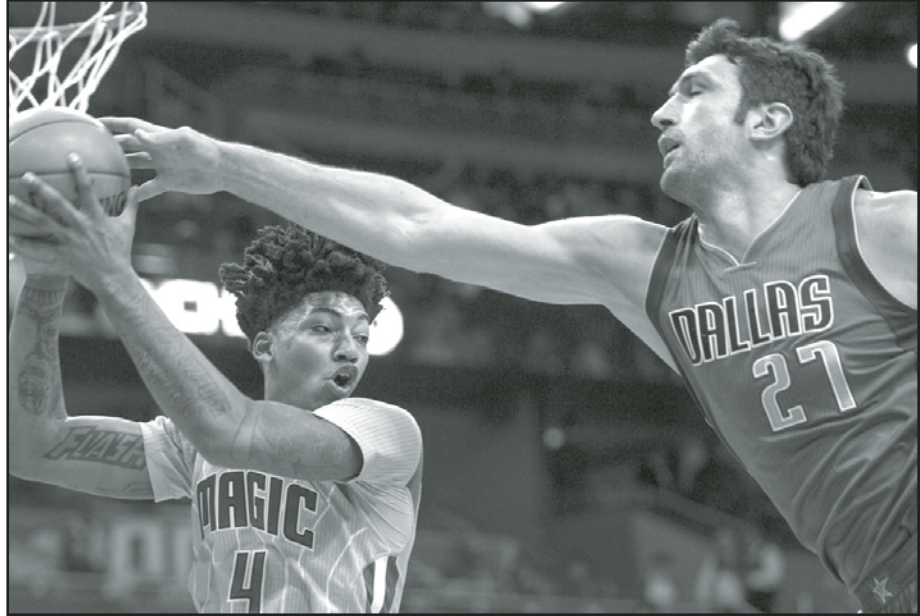
Oladipo, Aaron Gordon and Jennings scored the final nine points for the Magic.

Jennings and Ersan Ilyasova were playing in their first game with Orlando, having been acquired in a Tuesday trade that sent forward Tobias Harris to Detroit.

#### TIP-INS

Mavericks: G Devin Harris missed his 10th straight game with a sprained toe. ... The loss was the Mavericks’ first in Orlando since 2006.

Magic: The 10-man rotation included two players in their first game with Orlando (Ilyasova and Jennings) and one (C.J. Watson) who played for the first time since Nov. 9 due to a left calf injury.



AP photo  
**Orlando Magic guard Elfrid Payton (4) pulls a rebound down against Dallas Mavericks center Zaza Pachulia (27) during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Friday, Feb. 19, 2016, in Orlando, Fla.**

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## Ladykats

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the line to get it back to a one possession game. She missed the first free throw, and with 15 seconds left, Garden City had to foul again. They made both free throws, and with the lead at 38-32, the Ladykats knew it was over as tears from the players and hand-covered faces in the Garden City crowd were contrasted with jubilation from the Lady Pirates and erupting Eula fans.

The final Garden City possession was an unsuccessful one, and the buzzer sounded for a 38-32 Eula victory on the heels of a

14-0 run to end the game. Excluding Koenning, the Ladykats were 6-for-19 from the free throw line and were outscored 26-12 in the second half.

The Eula defense was a force inside. They swarmed the post throughout and were content to give Garden City open shots on the outside as a consequence. The Ladykats struggled from the outside, but even with the increased emphasis on inside defending, Garden City still found room to get to the basket. The closing speed of Eula's defense created tough shots, but the Ladykats got opportunities at the free throw line because of it. They just couldn't take advan-

tage of the free ones.

"We did foul them a bunch, and luckily they didn't make their free throws like they usually do," Eula head coach Will Corley said.

Corley said his team wasn't phased by being big underdogs coming into the game.

"We played a lot of good teams throughout the year, and all of them were close and we had a chance to win them," he said. "And we didn't win them all, but we had that experience of being there, and we just kept telling them over and over, 'You've got to fight through it,' and I'm just really proud of them. They did a super job all night long."



Herald photo/Drew Williams

Ladykats guard Kortney Halfmann fires a 3-pointer.

## Gregory

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The former Nebraska star acknowledged his struggles with marijuana after the Cowboys got him with the 60th pick when he had been projected as a top 10 selection. Besides the failed drug test, he canceled pre-draft meetings with some teams.

Gregory spoke frankly early last season about not wanting to let down Cowboys owner Jerry Jones and said he had several conversations with his outspoken boss on the topic.

The Cowboys have been trying to bolster their pass rush since letting franchise sacks leader DeMarcus Ware go in a salary cap move after the 2013 season. Dallas drafted defensive ends in the second round of the next two drafts, starting with DeMarcus Lawrence in 2014.

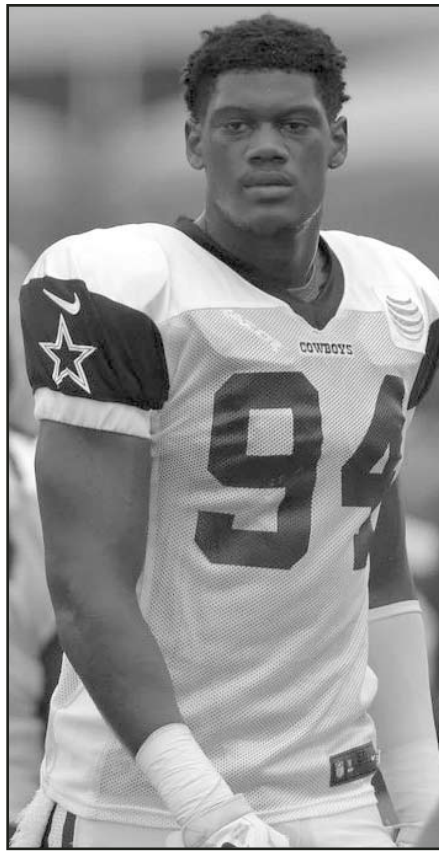
The move for Gregory was seen as a low-risk pick since he had been

projected as a top-10 talent before the combine. Like Lawrence as a rookie a year earlier, Gregory struggled with injuries and ended up without a sack in 12 games. He missed four games with a sprained right ankle.

Dallas is hoping Gregory follows a path similar to Lawrence, who was strong in the playoffs after missing half of his rookie year when he broke his right foot in training camp.

In his second year, Lawrence led the Cowboys with eight sacks and was by far their best pass rusher late in the season after troubled free agent pickup Greg Hardy faded following a strong start.

It will be the second straight year a key part



AP photo

Randy Gregory

of the Dallas pass rush will miss the first four games on a suspension. Hardy was sidelined to start last season because of his role in a domestic violence case that kept him out of all but one game in 2014.

## Former Dallas Star set to trade Olympic gold for business venture

By JOHN WAWROW

AP Hockey Writer

Ed Belfour is preparing to give up his Olympic gold medal for an opportunity to go into business with his son.

The medal the Hockey Hall of Fame goalie won representing Canada at the 2002 Salt Lake City Games is one of 66 pieces of personal NHL memorabilia Belfour has put up for auction. The objective is to raise enough seed money for Belfour and his 26-year-old son, Dayn, to go forward with their plan to open Belfour Distilleries.

"It's definitely hard to part ways with some of this stuff I've kept since high school," Belfour said by phone from his home outside of Dallas this week.

"But I have the memories and I'll never forget them," he added. "This is a chance to get together with my son and start a business, the next chapter of our lives, and hopefully turn it into a world-class distillery where our bourbon is known all over the world."

The Belfours have spent the past two years researching bourbons and whiskeys and establishing a business plan. They hope to have the distillery open within the year.

The auction is being held online and conducted by Quebec-based Classic Auctions, which specializes in selling hockey memorabilia. Bids can be submitted through Tuesday night.

Belfour's items include a jersey he wore in helping the Dallas Stars beat Buffalo in six games to win the 1999 Stanley Cup title. There are also game-worn masks, autographed jerseys and sticks, and the 13-inch replica of the Vezina Trophy Belfour won in 1993.

The prize of the lot is the Olympic medal, touted by Classic Auctions as being the first 2002 men's hockey gold medal to be placed up for auction. As of Friday, the medal has attracted a high bid of \$25,901.

The medal comes in a box that includes the signatures of IOC President Jacques Rogge and former U.S. presidential candidate Mitt Romney, who was President of the Salt Lake City Olympic committee.

The medal means plenty to Belfour even though he never saw game action as Canada's third-stringer behind Martin Brodeur and Curtis Joseph. It was a team that beat the United States 5-2 and win Canada its first men's hockey gold medal in 50 years.

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# Duncan beats Kobe in final meeting of future HOFers

By **JOE RESNICK**

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Tony Parker scored 25 points in the San Antonio Spurs' 119-113 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers on Friday night in the final matchup between Kobe Bryant and longtime Western Conference adversary Tim Duncan.

Bryant is retiring at season's end with the Lakers way out of the playoff picture at 11-45. Bryant and Duncan have each led their clubs to five NBA titles and have at least one league MVP award to their credit — in addition to MVP of the Finals and All-Star game MVP.

Bryant had 25 points in 29 minutes, and Duncan finished with 12 points and 13 rebounds to help San Antonio complete a four-game season sweep. The Spurs (46-9) are three games behind defending champion Golden State in the race for the league's best record.

Spurs scoring leader and first-time All-Star Kawhi Leonard missed his second straight game because of tightness in his left calf.

The Spurs, whose six-game winning streak ended Thursday night with a 105-86 loss to the Clippers, led 60-49 at half-time after scoring a season-low 34 first-half points against the Clips.

The Lakers trailed by as many as 15 before slicing it to 101-94 on a four-point play by Lou Williams with 5:44 remaining. Bryant reported back in before the free throw, then hit an 11-footer a minute later to pull Los Angeles within four. But the Lakers got no closer.

Bryant, who is retiring at season's end, played his 61st regular-season game against the Spurs. The NBA's third leading career scorer, averaged 23.6 points, 4.2 assists, 5.3 rebounds and was 42.6 percent from the

field. Bryant's highest-scoring game against San Antonio was 44 points on Feb. 14, 2003, in a 103-95 Lakers loss.

**TIP-INS**

Spurs: Duncan, who turns 40 on April 25, needs four blocked shots to become the fifth player in NBA history with at least 3,000. That list includes Hakeem Olajuwon, Dikembe Mutombo, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Mark Eaton — all of whom were at least 7 feet tall. Duncan is 6-11. ... The Spurs need three more road victories to extend their NBA-record streak of consecutive winning seasons on the road to 19. ... San Antonio is 27-1 against teams with losing records and 19-7 against everyone else. ... The Spurs are 11-0 this season in the second game of back-to-back sets, and 21-1 in Game 2 going back to Dec. 26, 2014. The only blemish was a 110-99 loss at Golden State. ... The Spurs finished .545 percent from the field, and are 25-0 when shooting .50 percent or better. ... San Antonio is 5-1 since Manu Ginobili left the lineup with a groin injury.

**UP NEXT:**

Spurs: At Phoenix on Sunday.  
Lakers: At Chicago on Sunday.

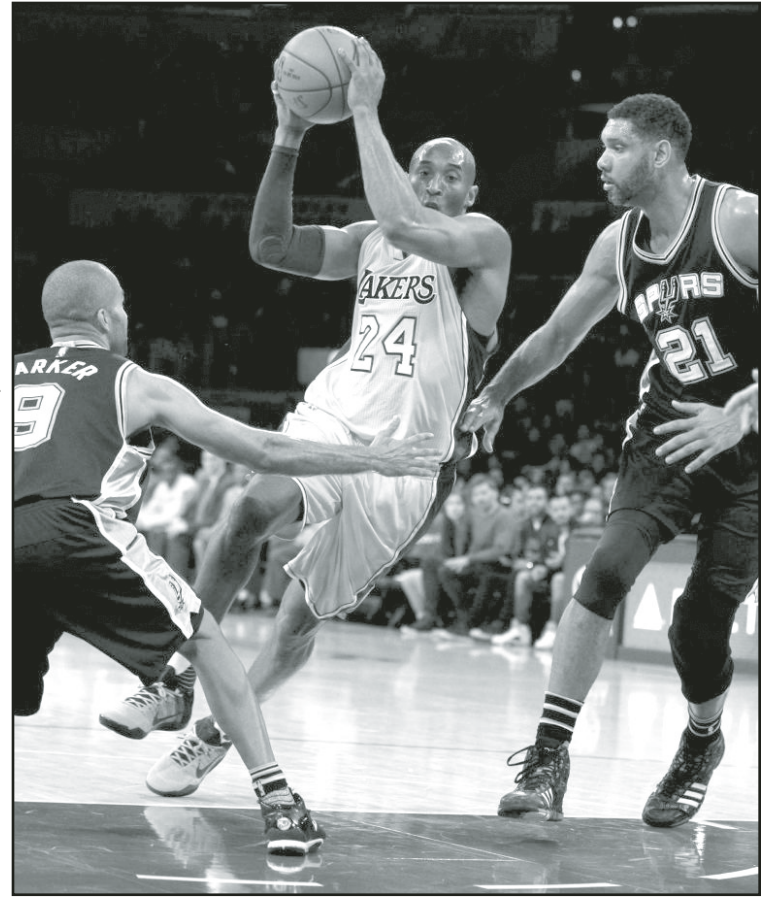


Photo: Alex Gallardo, AP

Los Angeles Lakers forward Kobe Bryant (24) drives the lane against San Antonio Spurs guard Tony Parker (9) and center Tim Duncan (21) during the first half of an NBA basketball game in Los Angeles, Friday, Feb. 19, 2016. It was the final game between Duncan and Bryant, who is retiring at the end of the season.

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The World Race is hosted by Adventures in Missions and is for people ages 21 - 35. Young adults take on the ultimate adventure that "challenges world views and wrecks participants' lives, calling them out of their comfort zones and into lives of real faith, discipleship and community" according to the Adventures Fact Sheet.

The participants, while living out of a backpack, will typically trade in the marketplaces, teach English and practical skills, befriend people caught in modern-day slavery and partner with local ministries to strengthen local church bodies around the world.

In order for Pittman to be able to participate in the race, she must raise a total of \$16,961 to be 100 percent funded for her trip. This will cover her field expenses for the entire 11 months as well as the training camp

she will attend in June.

Pittman has come up with some traditional ways to fundraise such as shirts, mason jars to collect change at businesses and a garage sale. She also came up with the unique idea of adopting herself out for a day.

"The total comes out to about \$50 a day for the 330 day trip. I will be carrying a little calendar with me throughout the entire race. When I open that calendar and see that you sponsored me that day, I will get that little extra boost I will need and will encourage me with all of the prayer and support that this is giving me," said Pittman. "This is not just a mission trip, but an intensive discipleship program designed to launch my generation into our specific kingdom calling."

Pittman must reach \$5,000 by May 13 and \$10,000 by July in order to go on the trip. She will leave in August, but must continue to fundraise on the mission trip and earn the remaining balance by November.

"It's a little scary, asking people to invest in me and sponsor me to do this. I don't want to put anyone out, but I really want to be able to go and help other people and be a missionary," she said. "This is just such a neat opportunity and I can only imagine what is in store for me and the people I am going to meet along the way. I hope I can touch their lives in a special way and help bring them closer to the missionaries working with them and to Christ."

In order to go on the race, Pittman will be taking a year off of school and says that her parents have been very

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**Top right: Bailey with her parents at Texas Tech University.**

**Right: Bailey preparing for her adventure with Adventure Missions and the World Race.**

**Bottom right: Bailey promoting herself for the World Race.**

**Bottom left: Bailey tries out her new tent which will be her home for 11 months.**

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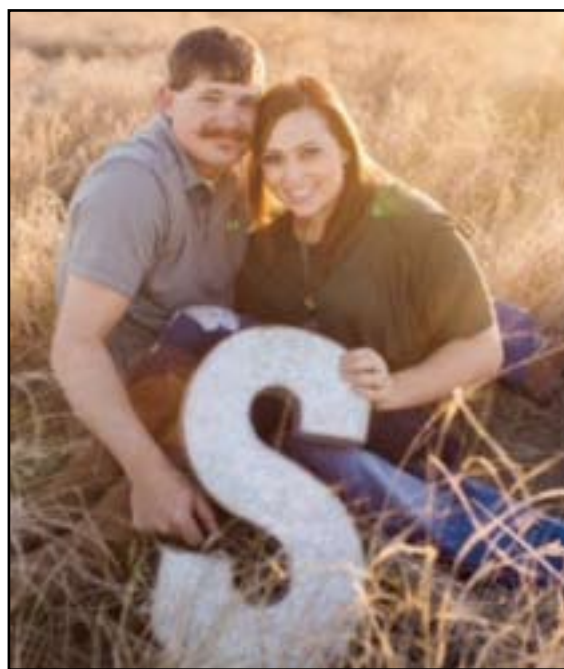
Jerry D. Byrne Jr., of Pecos, Texas and Robin Byrne of Wichita Falls, Texas along with A.J. Stanley and Sherie Stanley, both of Big Spring, are proud to announce the engagement of their children; Rachel Rhea Byrne of San Angelo and Clinton Jay Stanley of Big Spring.

Rachel is a 2007 graduate of Rockwall High School and a

2012 graduate of UTPB. She is now employed by Precision Directional Services.

Clinton is a 2006 graduate of Forsan High School and a 2010 graduate of Tarleton State University. He is currently employed by Tucker Midstream.

The couple will exchange vows on April 16, 2016 in Big Spring, Texas.



## Menus

### Big Spring ISD

#### Monday

Breakfast: Cinnamon Toast Crunch or Cocoa Puffs cereal, string cheese, apples, assorted fruit juice and milk; Lunch: steak fingers, roll, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, strawberries, fresh fruit bowl and milk.

#### Tuesday

Breakfast: maple pancakes, grapes, assorted fruit juice and milk; Lunch: Tex-Mex stack, baby carrots, garden salad, fruit cocktail and milk.

#### Wednesday

sausage roll, applesauce cup, assorted fruit juice and milk; Lunch: ham and cheese casserole, roll, brown rice, broccoli, twisted applesauce, fresh fruit bowl, chocolate crackers and milk.

#### Thursday

Breakfast: baked cheese stick, banana, assorted fruit juice and milk; Lunch: cheese enchilada, spanish rice, pinto beans, garden salad, mandarin oranges and milk.

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## Weddings

## Ryan - Cauley held double ring ceremony Nov. 7, 2015

Emily Sue Ryan of El Campo and Grayson Marshall Cauley of Midland, were married Nov. 7, 2015, at Hyatt Lost Pines, outside of Bastrop, Texas. Vincent Loftis, of Midland Bible Church, officiated the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Gerald "Jerry" and Ellen Ryan of El Campo. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Arledge of Victoria, and the late Mr. and Mrs. S. Pat Ryan of El Campo.

The groom is the son of Dr. Richard and Deede Cauley of Big Spring. He is the grandson of Dorothy Jean Hinckley and her late husband, Dr. (Rev) De L. Hinckley, Jr. of Moore, Okla., as well as the late Dr. and Mrs. Marshall Quentin Cauley of Big Spring.

The bride wore an original dress from Pronovias with a bodice of draped tulle and a sweetheart neckline. The skirt had tulle frills and nylon ribbons. Her waistline was accented with a sewn in applique, encrusted with crystals that tapered down in the back. Her bouquet was a custom European hand tied bouquet of white and pale light pink peonies and ivory hydrangea. The handle was finished with double faced satin ribbon.

Crystal Chapman of Midland attended as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Lacticia Ryan of El Campo, sister-in-law of the bride, Lauren Mach of Pampa and Ericka Cerny of El Campo, future sister-in-law of the bride. Tim Worley of Big Spring served as best man. Groomsmen were Jacob Castle of Big Spring, Ryan Wegman of Dallas, and Mark Sheedy of Austin.

Asher Cauley, son of the groom, served as ring bearer and Raylee Ryan, niece of the bride, served as flower girl.

Ushers were Jack Ryan and Samuel Ryan, brothers of the bride, both of El Campo.

A reception was held following the ceremony at the Hyatt Lost Pines Grand Ballroom. Guests dined on a buffet of prime

rib, roasted chicken, wild rice, gourmet four cheese macaroni, green beans and two salads. Dancing followed.

The bride is a 2008 graduate of El Campo High School and a 2012 graduate of Texas Tech University with a bachelor of business administration degree in Business Management. She was employed by her family's business, Milamore Inc. in El Campo until her wedding and will complete her teacher certification in Midland.

The groom is a 2004 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 2012 graduate of Texas Tech University with a bachelor of business administration degree majoring in Business Management. He is employed as a Surface Landman with Crownquest Operating of Midland.

Following wedding travel to Maui, Hawaii, the couple has made their home in Midland.



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supportive of her wishing to share the Word. "I want to make sure that everyone has a chance to know God, accept Jesus Christ and be saved before they die," said Pittman. "I have been feeling a strong pull to do this and share God's Word."

Pittman credits Coach Campbell, a Big Spring High School trainer with introducing her to the program when he shared with her that his daughter had attended a World Race.

"They have been so helpful. His daughter has been trying to help me by giving me advice on fundraising and tips for while I am traveling."

The 11 countries that Bailey will be visiting are Lesotho, Swaziland, South Africa, Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Jamaica, Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

There are many ways that people can help Pittman to accomplish her fundraising so that she can go on this year's World Race. According to Pittman, the first on the list is to pray.

"Please pray. I ask that you support my team and me in prayer," said Pittman. "We will need God's guidance throughout every step of this missionary journey and prayers that we may work through and within us."

Second is monthly giving. People can sign up to donate monthly using Dynapay at [www.adventures.org/dynapay](http://www.adventures.org/dynapay) (and you can still pick a day of the month to adopt Bailey).

There is the option of a one time donation using Dynapay as well.

Another way to help is by donating gear that she will need for her trip around the world.

"I created a blog post titled 'Gear Shower' with a



**Bailey Pittman**

list of everything I am planning to buy and with links included," said Pittman.

Pittman's blog is located at [baileypittman.the-worldrace.org](http://baileypittman.the-worldrace.org). The blog is updated with what Bailey has accomplished, what she still has left to do and how things are going in general.

For more information on Bailey and the World Race, visit her blog or email her directly at [bailey.pittman@ttu.edu](mailto:bailey.pittman@ttu.edu).

**Tech toys abound at New York Toy Fair**

NEW YORK (AP) – From a preschool toy designed to teach pre-coding skills to a hands-on molecule-building set for older kids that works with an app, technology abounded at this year's Toy Fair.

The annual showcase of upcoming toys held recently in New York included a slew of tech-related products from the titans of the toy industry and tiny startups, all looking to attract increasingly tech-savvy kids.

Here are the highlights. Some of the toys are educational, while others are just kind of cool. All of them are set to go on sale this fall unless otherwise specified.

**CODE-A-PILLAR (Fisher-Price, \$50)**

Even preschoolers can learn the basics of coding. That's the idea behind this toy, which is aimed at kids ages 3 to 6.

The Code-a-Pillar is made up of different colored sections connected by USB plugs. The sections perform different commands such as go straight, turn right or make various sound effects.

Kids "program" the toy by connecting the various sections in a particular order. While the toy doesn't teach an actual coding language, it does try to impart some of the same critical thinking and problem solving skills that coding does.

A starter kit includes eight sections, but expansion packs featuring additional commands will be sold separately.

**THINGMAKER 3D PRINTER (Mattel, \$300)**

Created through a partnership with Autodesk Inc., a 3D design software company, kids use an app to design items such as action figures and jewelry.

They can choose the colors and shapes they want, then send their design to the ThingMaker to print. The app shows them what

their finished product will look like and also gives an estimated print time.

The ThingMaker hits stores this fall, but can be preordered through Amazon. Pricing for the spools of plastic used in the printer has yet to be determined.

**HAPPY ATOMS AND CODEGAMER SCIENCE KITS (Thames & Kosmos, \$150 for CodeGamer)**

These kits teach science by combining hands-on and app-based activities.

Happy Atoms, for kids ages 8 and up, involves building molecules with wooden atoms that connect with magnets. The atoms become "happy" when they pick up the appropriate number of electrons through the formation of molecules. The molecules can then be scanned into the app, which gives the kids information about the substance they just made.

Pricing for Happy Atoms has yet to be determined.

Meanwhile, CodeGamer, ages 10 and up, connects physical and digital play to teach coding skills. Kids solve video game puzzles by both programing the game on a tablet and by physically modifying a Bluetooth-connected controller.

**MAKERBLOKS (\$200)**

These circuit builder sets are specifically designed for young children. The blocks, which look a lot like dominos, connect with magnets and are easy for little hands to manipulate.

The company offers three sets of 26 blocks, each with a separate theme: music, circuitry and spy. There's a tablet app to go with each set, which tells a story, prompting the kids to build certain kinds of circuits.

MakerBlocs, designed for kids 6 and up, launches this summer and will be sold through the company's website, though talks with

retailers are under way.

**AIR HOGS CONNECT: MISSION DRONE (Spin Master, \$150)**

This toy, designed for kids ages 10 and up, combines a handful of the hottest trends, including drones, app-based gaming and augmented reality.

Players place the quad-copter drone on a mat that "sees" it and places a digital version of it within an augmented reality video game played on a smartphone or tablet. The player flies the physical drone as part of the game and the digital drone on the smartphone or tablet screen mirrors its movements.

**CHIP (WowWee, \$200)**

CHiP is was one of several products at Toy Fair controlled by a wristband worn by the user. The connection allows the little robot dog to follow his owner around, play soccer and do other tricks. The more it's played with, the more tricks are unlocked.

Sensors allow CHIP, designed for kids ages 8 and up, to zoom around while avoiding obstacles. And when he gets tired, the little pup will automatically retire to his charging bed for more juice.

**SELFIEMIC (Moose Toys, \$25)**

This toy lets kids create and share their own pop music videos. It's basically a selfie stick with a microphone on one end. It comes with an earpiece and works with a smartphone app.

Kids sing into the microphone, while the smartphone app plays the music and the smartphone's camera films them singing and places them into the music video.

There are optional sound and video effects and the videos, which don't need to be stored on the phone and take up space, can be shared.

**Star Wars blitz continues at Walt Disney World**

ORLANDO, Florida (AP) – Disney's Hollywood Studios in Florida is about to be invaded by Jedis and stormtroopers.

Officials at Walt Disney World Resort said Friday that the movie-themed park will have a stormtrooper procession and a "Star Wars" stage show starting in April.

The stormtroopers' march will take place at different times during the day. The stage show will feature actors playing "Star Wars" characters like Kylo Ren,

Chewbacca and Darth Vader.

Starting in the summer, the park will end the day with fireworks and projection show called "Star Wars: A Galactic Spectacular."

The shows are the latest "Star Wars" blitz to hit Disney's Hollywood Studios.

Last December, the park opened a courtyard filled with all things "Star Wars," a video game center and movie theater showing abridged versions of "Star Wars" movies.

The Life section of the Big Spring Herald celebrates life, marriage, good deeds and all things heart-warming. Do you have a story or know of someone who's story should be told? If so, contact the Life Editor at 263-7331 ext 232 or email [life@big-springherald.com](mailto:life@big-springherald.com)

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**Friday**

Breakfast: french toast, orange smiles, assorted fruit juice and milk; Lunch: pizza dippers, celery sticks, cream cheese, lettuce/tomato topping, potato rounds, peaches and milk.

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**Monday**

Breakfast: breakfast strudel and cheese stick; Lunch: chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, savory green beans, roll and strawberry cup.

**Tuesday**

Breakfast: mini pancakes and yogurt; Lunch: meat and cheese tostadas, spanish rice, salsa, garden salad, refried beans and applesauce.

**Wednesday**

Breakfast: sausage Kolache and yogurt; Lunch: chicken spaghetti, breadstick, garden salad, vegetable medley and apple slices.

**Thursday**

Breakfast: breakfast burrito; Lunch: Frito pie, baby carrots, seasoned corn, salsa, orange smiles and cookies.

**Friday**

Breakfast: french toast dippers with sun butter; Lunch: chicken strips/fish sticks, Texas toast, zesty cucumbers, sweet potato fries and sliced peaches.

**Big Spring Senior Center**

**Monday**

Chicken enchilada casserole, mexican rice, avocado salad, tropical fruit and milk.

**Tuesday**

Philly steak sandwich with green peppers and onions, peas and mushrooms, tossed salad, cake and milk.

**Wednesday**

Chicken tenders, corn with red and green peppers, green beans, oatmeal raisin cookies, peaches and pineapples and milk.

**Thursday**

Chili with beans and rice, cheesy zucchini casserole, brownie, cornbread and milk.

**Friday**

Chicken fried steak, oven browned potatoes, mixed vegetables, rice krispy bar, rolls and milk.

**University of Arkansas at Little Rock Dean's List**

Little Rock – Students whose academic performances have been superior at the end of each semester are recognized with the following qualifications have been met:

At least nine credit hours with a grade of A, B, C or "credit."

At least a 3.5 grade point average for the semester.

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# Profit or patriotism? What is driving fight between US, Apple

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Apple Inc. and the U.S. government are making their cases before anyone steps into a courtroom over a judge's order forcing Apple to help the FBI hack into an iPhone in a terrorism case.

Their legal arguments are expected to pit digital privacy rights against national security interests, and could affect millions of cellphone users.

Apple has until next Friday to protest in court the decision by a U.S. magistrate judge in California, according to a person familiar with the case who spoke on condition of anonymity to describe ongoing, private legal discussions.

It wasn't immediately clear why Apple was given more time. The publicly available court docket wasn't immediately updated to reflect the new schedule.

Meanwhile, the public relations campaigns are already under way.

Is Apple adequately cooperating with federal agents investigating last year's deadly attack in San Bernardino, California? Is this simply a dispute to recover information from an iPhone used by the gunman, or a broader fight affecting the privacy rights of citizens who use Apple's flagship product? Is this about profits or patriotism?

The Justice Department asked the judge to order Apple to create

sophisticated software that the FBI could load onto the phone to bypass a self-destruct feature that erases all data after 10 consecutive, unsuccessful attempts to guess the unlocking passcode. Prosecutors said Apple could help the FBI "but has declined to provide that assistance voluntarily," and they said Apple could perform the task easily.

That point is crucial because the government can't compel a company's help in some cases if doing so would be unreasonably burdensome, even though the U.S. would almost certainly pay Apple for the work.

Apple CEO Tim Cook distanced the company from the suggestion that it was protecting the privacy of an extremist. "The FBI asked us for help in the days following the attack, and we have worked hard to support the government's efforts to solve this horrible crime," Cook said.

Cook also said the FBI's latest demand went beyond previous requests for help: "The U.S. government has asked us for something we simply do not have, and something we consider too dangerous to create," Cook said. "They have asked us to build a backdoor to the iPhone."

The term "backdoor," describing a behind-the-scenes method that hackers use to gain unauthorized access, has for years colored the

discussion of how the government can obtain protected information or eavesdrop on encrypted communications from criminals or terrorists.

The government is stressing that it wants help to unlock only the work-issued iPhone used by Syed Farooq, who along with his wife killed 14 people in December.

But Apple says helping the U.S. bypass its encryption locks on Farooq's iPhone would threaten the privacy of all its customers.

"While the government may argue that its use would be limited to this case, there is no way to guarantee such control," Cook said, adding: "Ultimately, we fear that this demand would undermine the very freedoms and liberty our government is meant to protect."

FBI Director James Comey has been slow to criticize U.S. technology executives over such concerns, describing them as "good people" who share the bureau's



commitment to public safety.

But in recent months, he suggested companies have the technical capability to help the FBI but don't have a business interest.

"Lots of good people have designed their systems and their devices so that judges' orders cannot be complied with, for reasons that I understand," Comey told the Senate Judiciary Committee. "I'm not questioning their motivations. The question we have to ask is, should they change their business model?"

# Beware of IRS scams at tax time

As tax time approaches, Better Business Bureau serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin is warning taxpayers of an IRS phone scam that circulates during filing season. BBB regularly receives reports from people who allege they have received calls from scammers impersonating IRS agents.

Although this scam isn't new, the IRS recently published a warning about this phone scam, stating the agency has seen a surge in reports of threatening phone calls by criminals impersonating IRS agents.

IRS impersonators make threats of arrest, deportation and license revocation if they don't receive immediate payment. The scammers then instruct the taxpayer to put money on a prepaid debit card or send payment via wire transfer.

According to the IRS, the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) has received reports since October 2013 that more than 5,000 victims have collectively paid over \$26.5 million as a result of this scam.

The IRS scam is currently trending on the BBB Scam Tracker, an online service that allows consumers to see types of scams being reported throughout the U.S. and read details of the scam. Consumers can view scams by state, by type of scam and dollar amount lost. Consumers can also use BBB Scam Tracker to report scam calls and offers they receive.

BBB offers this advice to avoid getting scammed:

- Look out for "spoofing". Part of scammers tactics include spoofing, which happens when the caller masks their own number and causes the number of a well-known service, like the IRS, to appear on caller ID. Also, the caller might give a badge number and know the last four digits of your Social Security number.

- Write down details. If you do get a call and are unsure, write down the phone number and name of the caller.

- Protect your personal information. Don't provide any account number or other financial information over the phone.

- Know your rights. The IRS doesn't request for prepaid debit cards or wire transfer payments, and will not ask for a credit card number over the phone. The IRS contacts taxpayers by mail.

- Don't be bullied. Never trust callers who use threats and hostility to push you into doing what they want. Be skeptical of what a caller claims he or she can do if you refuse to meet their demand.

- Hang up and report it. If you're unsure if the call is real, contact the IRS directly at 1-800-829-1040 or go to irs.gov. You can also file a complaint with your local BBB, or the TIGTA online or at 800-366-4484.

For more consumer information, BBB Business Reviews or to file a complaint, visit your local Better Business Bureau online at [bbb.org/central-texas](http://bbb.org/central-texas).

Heather Massey is the Regional Director for the Permian Basin office of Better Business Bureau serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin. Heather is available for media interviews and speaking engagements. You can reach her by phone: (432) 741-2592 or email: [hmassey@permianbasin.bbb.org](mailto:hmassey@permianbasin.bbb.org).



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Discover Bank vs. Shane Allen, contract – consumer/commercial/debt  
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### Marriage Licenses

Travis J. Bennett, 36, of Coahoma and Katrina Rios, 30, of Big Spring  
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Matthew David Deming, 23, and Callie Jillene Cothran, 25, both of Odessa

### Judgments

The State of Texas vs. Saundra Jo Garrard, possession of a dangerous drug. \$100 fine, court costs and 60 days in jail.  
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# Saudis halt \$4B in deals over Iran dispute

BEIRUT (AP) — Saudi Arabia announced on Friday it is halting deals worth \$4 billion aimed at equipping and supporting Lebanese security forces in retaliation for the tiny country's siding with Iran amid the Sunni kingdom's spat with the Shiite power.

The surprise announcement, carried by the state-run Saudi Press Agency, comes as deeply divided Lebanon struggles to handle the fallout from neighboring Syria's raging civil war. The Lebanese prime minister said his government "deeply regretted" the Saudi decision adding that this is a sovereign matter for the kingdom.

"We did not want the matter to reach what contradicts that nature of historic relations between Lebanon and the country of the two shrines

(Saudi Arabia)," read a statement released by Prime Minister Tammam Salam's office. "We are keen on keeping the relations brotherly and friendly."

One deal involves a four-year, \$3 billion Saudi pledge to buy French arms for the Lebanese military, which already has seen the Mediterranean country receive modern anti-tank guided Milan missiles last year. The other involves a \$1 billion support deal for the Lebanese police.

The decision came after Lebanese Foreign Minister Gibran Bassil declined to support Saudi resolutions against Iran during two meetings of Arab and Muslim foreign ministers. Bassil is the president of the right-wing Christian Free Patriotic Movement, which is one of the strongest allies of the

Iran-backed militant Hezbollah group in Lebanon.

Saudi Arabia long has been suspicious of Iran, which also supports Syria's embattled President Bashar Assad. Relations took a turn for the worse at the start of the year, when Saudi Arabia executed a prominent Shiite cleric and protesters stormed Saudi diplomatic posts in Iran. That prompted Riyadh to cut diplomatic relations with Tehran.

The Saudi news agency statement said the kingdom halted the deals because of Lebanon's "non-condemnation of the blatant attacks against the Saudi Embassy in Tehran and its Consulate-General in Mashhad, which are contrary to international law and diplomatic norms."

"Saudi Arabia considers these positions as regrettable and unjustified," the report

said. The Lebanese decision is "inconsistent with the fraternal relations between the two countries and they are not taking into account their interests."

Hezbollah said in a statement that the Saudi decision "did not surprise anyone," adding that Saudi Arabia is passing through a financial crisis because of the war in Yemen and the fall of oil prices.

But Samir Geagea, who heads the Christian Lebanese Forces party, blamed Hezbollah for the country's loss of billions of dollars "for attacking" Saudi Arabia. He called on the Lebanese Cabinet to meet over the issue.

The Saudi decision likely will be a painful one for the Lebanese army.

The army is generally seen as a unifying force in Leba-

non and draws its ranks from all of the country's sects. However, it's widely viewed as being much weaker than Hezbollah.

Historically, the Lebanese army has been equipped by the United States and France. The Saudi pledge by the late King Abdullah, announced in December 2013, was described at the time as the largest-ever single grant to the Lebanese armed forces.

Also at play since that time is the dramatic drop in world crude oil prices. Once over \$100 a barrel, crude now sells at around \$30, putting tremendous strain on Saudi Arabia, which has been burning through billions of its reserves. This week, ratings agency Standard & Poor's downgraded the kingdom's credit rating due to low oil prices.

## Stocks edge mostly lower

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks are inching lower Friday as the price of oil retreats, pulling energy companies down. Tech stocks are edging higher following a strong report from chipmaking equipment company Applied Materials, but retail stocks are sliding further after a disappointing report from department store operator Nordstrom.

**KEEPING SCORE:** The Dow Jones industrial average lost 62 points, or 0.4 percent, to 16,351 as of 12:25 p.m. Eastern time. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was down 4 points, or 0.2 percent, at 1,913. The Nasdaq composite picked up 13 points, or 0.3 percent, to 4,500 as tech stocks inched higher.

After big jumps on Tuesday and Wednesday, the S&P 500 is on pace for its best week of the 2016. The Nasdaq, which has plunged 10 percent this year, is on pace for its best week since July.

**ENERGY:** Benchmark U.S. crude sank \$1.3, or 4.4 percent, to \$29.42 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. It had climbed 17 percent over the last week as investors hoped for a deal that would limit oil production. Brent crude, a benchmark for international oils, was down \$1.37, or 4 percent, to \$32.91 a barrel in London.

That sent oil and gas stocks tumbling. Southwestern Energy dropped \$1.32, or 15.5 percent, to \$7.17 and Murphy Oil fell \$1.59, or 7 percent, to \$21.01.

**TECH RISES:** Chipmaking equipment company Applied Materials climbed after it reported stronger-than-expected profit and sales. Its stock climbed \$1.60, or 9.3 percent, to \$18.77.

Yahoo rose 76 cents, or 2.6 percent, to \$30.18 after the Internet company said it has created a committee of independent directors and hired advisers as part of an effort to redefine itself. Big shareholders are pushing Yahoo to sell its main Internet business. The company eliminated 15 percent of its staff earlier this month.

**SHOPPING AROUND:** Retailers struggled again after holiday-season results from department store operator Nordstrom disappointed Wall Street. The company said its sales were weaker than it expected and its profits were hurt because it had to match discounts offered by competitors.

Nordstrom gave up \$3.34, or 6.3 percent, to \$9.38 while Macy's fell \$1.11, or 2.7 percent, to \$39.46. Retail stocks also stumbled Thursday after Wal-Mart reported weak quarterly sales and cut its forecasts for the year.

## News in brief

### US consumer prices show signs of acceleration in January

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. consumer prices were unchanged in January, as the rising costs of housing and health care were largely offset by cheaper oil.

But the annual pace of inflation showed signs of acceleration. The Labor Department said Friday that prices have risen 1.4 percent over the past 12 months, compared to a year ago when annual inflation was close to zero. Consumer prices climbed at the fastest annual rate since October 2014.

Core inflation, which excludes volatile energy and food costs, rose 0.3 percent in January. Over the past 12 months, this category closely watched by the Federal Reserve has climbed 2.2 percent.

The rising tempo for inflation follows a Fed decision in December to raise a key short-term interest rate for the first time in nearly a decade. But the turmoil in the stock and bond markets after the Fed rate hike suggested to many investors that inflation might barely budge amid a slowing global economy.

Jennifer Lee, a senior economist at BMO Capital Markets, said that January's report on consumer prices affirms the Fed's decision and raises the potential for further rate increases later this year.

"In a way, this justifies the December rate hike and keeps the Fed at the rate hike table," she said.

The combination of a strong dollar and cheaper oil has suppressed inflation across much of the economy.

Gasoline prices at the pump have dropped 24 percent over the past year to a national average of \$1.72 a gallon. At the same time, economic growth struggles worldwide have pushed up the value of the dollar, making foreign imports cheaper. But the rate of gasoline prices declining slowed in January, weakening its downward pull on inflation.

### Government says it will go after hoverboard makers, sellers

NEW YORK (AP) — The government is cracking down on hoverboards.

In a letter to manufacturers, importers and retail-

ers, U.S. regulators said they will seize or recall any of the of the two-wheeled, self-balancing scooters, which were a huge hit this holiday season, if they fail to meet federal safety standards.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission in a letter issued Thursday noted 52 reports of fires that users say were caused by hoverboards in 24 states. Those fires led to \$2 million in property damage, including destruction of two homes and an automobile. It said many of those incidents would not have happened if the hoverboards met existing standards.

Concerns that lithium ion batteries inside the hoverboards could spark a fire have led to bans by several airlines and college campuses.

### Safety advocate asks gov't to reopen Jeep fire investigation

DETROIT (AP) — An auto safety advocate is calling on the government to reopen an investigation of rear-crash fires in older Jeep SUVs after finding at least 11 more deaths since the vehicles were recalled.

The deaths show that the recall repair — installing a trailer hitch to protect gas tanks in low-speed crashes — hasn't been effective, said Clarence Ditlow, head of the nonprofit Center for Auto Safety.

He is calling on the government to investigate, saying the Jeeps are unsafe and a remedy should be developed that saves lives.

"As far as Fiat Chrysler is concerned, Jeeps can continue to crash and burn until they are all off the road," Ditlow wrote in a letter to Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx dated Thursday.

It's been almost three years since Fiat Chrysler, which makes Jeeps, began recalling 1.56 million SUVs with plastic gas tanks that are mounted behind the rear axle and can rupture in a crash, spilling gasoline.

Ditlow said he found a total of 19 fire deaths in older Jeeps in a fatal accident database maintained by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Eleven were in Jeeps that had been recalled, with eight more in SUVs not included in the recall, he said.

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court costs and 20 days in jail.

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# Grand Canyon officials face discipline after report on abuse

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) – The top two officials at Grand Canyon National Park are among those facing disciplinary action following a federal report that found they violated policies on reporting and investigating allegations of sexual harassment in the park's river district.

The National Park Service's Intermountain Region director, Sue Masica, declined Thursday to say what specific actions would be taken against Superintendent Dave Uberuaga, and his deputy Diane Chalfant. The possibilities, in general, range from a warning letter, a reprimand, and suspension to termination, she said.

"You kind of have to match the severity of the action by the individual with the previous records to what's appropriate for the particular circumstance," she said. "I'll be looking at all of that."

A complaint filed in 2014 by 13 former and current Grand Canyon employees prompted an investigation by the U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of Inspector General. The complaint alleged a 15-year pattern of abuse in the river district on rafting trips led by the Park Service.

Members of Arizona's congressional delegation said they were outraged and called for swift action.

The report focused on allegations lodged against four male NPS employees who pressured female co-workers for sex, touched them inappropriately,

made lewd comments and retaliated when they were rejected. It also found that disciplinary actions were inconsistent when it came to sexual harassment and that the Grand Canyon's chain of command failed to properly investigate or report allegations of misconduct, "a violation of Interior Department policy."

Masica said Uberuaga and Chalfant are responsible for complying with that policy. She set a May 1 deadline for disciplinary action against them, but the results likely won't be revealed publicly because they are considered personnel matters, she said.

A boatman who propositioned women for sex remains employed at Grand Canyon but is restricted from participating on river trips. Masica said he would be disciplined as well. Two other boatmen resigned in 2006 and 2013 after serving suspensions for sexual harassment. A supervisor who grabbed the crotch of a contract employee retired in 2015, according to the report.

Michelle Kearney, a former Grand Canyon river district ranger who signed on to the 2014 complaint, said she's pleased that the Park Service is "holding people accountable for this behavior."

Other reforms outlined by Masica include third-party reviews of a string of past disciplinary actions to ensure consistency and of a 2013 report by the Equal Employment Opportunity office that looked into similar sexual harassment com-

plaints.

Masica vowed to develop comprehensive training programs, to apologize personally to those who filed the 2014 complaint and to separate the patrol functions of the river district from the support services for rafting trips. Grand Canyon National Park manages 280 miles of the Colorado River, providing emergency and medical services as well as guiding researchers, politicians and students on a dozen river trips per year.

Masica set deadlines within 2016 for the reforms, many of which she'll lead in implementing. She said the reforms hopefully would set a new tone and direction for the Grand Canyon, one of the nation's busiest national parks with more than 5 million visitors a year. Meanwhile, she said she'll push a message of zero tolerance for sexual harassment and hostile work environments.

"While dismayed at the work environment described in the report, I am committed to working to change the situation and keep similar situations from happening again," she wrote in response to the report. "The employees of Grand Canyon National Park deserve nothing less than that."

Kearney praised the reforms as robust and healthy. She suggested that the Park Service seek help from the U.S. Justice Department's Office of Violence Against Women for resources in developing training programs.

# Teen seeks Boy Scouts' top honor with gay community project

CHICAGO (AP) – David Fite had already earned the 21 Boy Scout merit badges needed to earn the coveted rank of Eagle. But he still had to complete a community service project.

Now 16, he'd always been a gung-ho scout, dutiful, polite and committed. But he'd also been disappointed with the organization's longstanding ban on openly gay scouts and leaders, so much so that he'd considered quitting. "I knew it wasn't right," said Fite, who has many family friends who are gay or lesbian – some of them honorary "aunts" and "uncles" who've given him money for camp and other scouting projects over the years.

Instead of leaving his beloved Troop 115, the usually quiet teen decided to make some noise, writing letters and speaking out with other scouts and adults who also opposed the bans. And he knew his Eagle project was his best chance to make a statement. Though the Boy Scouts lifted the ban on openly gay scouts in 2013, the ban on gay leaders remained when laid out his proposal early last year: community service projects in Chicago's main gay and lesbian neighborhood.

It's what a Boy Scout does, he said – stands up for his family and his community.

"In my mind, I knew I was doing the right thing," he said.

His plan had two parts. First, he, family mem-

bers, including his mother, Jennifer Fite, and grandparents, and a group of volunteers and students at Chicago's Nettelhorst School would decorate around the school for the nearby Gay Pride Parade in June 2015. Then he and his mom would host a meal and dance party and distribute backpacks, transit cards and other gifts for young people who gather regularly for support and socializing at the Center on Halsted, which serves Chicago's lesbian, gay, transgender and bisexual residents. Some are homeless or "couch surfing" with friends because their families have kicked them out.

It was shortly after Fite completed his Eagle project that the Boy Scouts lifted their ban on openly gay leaders, too. These changes have not been without controversy. Several religious denominations, including Mormon and Southern Baptist, collectively sponsor close to half of all Scout units. In response to the changes in policies on openly gay scouts and leaders, some churches have considered creating their own scouting organization. Boy Scout officials in states such as Utah also say they've had trouble raising funds since the bans were lifted.

For Fite, part of his Eagle project's purpose was to show the gay community "that not everybody in the Boy Scouts is like that."

In September, he made his final project presenta-

tion to the local Scout council, detailing what he had done and showing photos. He entered the session nervously, but emerged smiling broadly: He won final approval. He received his Eagle award at a ceremony at a Roman Catholic Mass last month, "and said earning the award on his own terms felt important."

"I'm also proud of the Boy Scout organization for making this change and being the change that other people want to see in the world," he said. "I think it says that if you fight hard enough, you can change anything."

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# Fashion Week: Gaga walks in Marc Jacobs to close out NYFW

NEW YORK (AP) — The Associated Press is all over New York Fashion Week, from the runway designs to the celebrity-filled front rows. Here are some recent highlights:

## MARC JACOBS GETS A LITTLE HELP FROM GAGA

It would have been a pretty fine Marc Jacobs fashion show by virtue of the clothes alone, but the designer who closes out New York Fashion Week every season had something else up his very voluminous sleeves.

Wedged into his lineup of models Thursday evening was none other than Lady Gaga, unheralded and apparently little noticed as she put on the blankest of model expressions and strutted the runway in platform boots, a huge black coat with green-tinted fur sleeves, and a big bow at the neck in pastel green, with matching purse.

With heavy black makeup on her eyes and lips, and platinum blonde hair in finger waves, Gaga blended in exceedingly well. There was no applause or audible sign of recognition from the crowd in the cavernous Park Avenue Armory.

As for the show itself, it had an austere, Victorian or Gothic feel — with no music on the soundtrack, just the sounds of bells pealing — and featured mostly long, grand coats and gowns in black or dark hues, with occasional pops of color. While some of the garments seemed perfect for, say, a stroll in a 19th-century London park, others had a more otherworldly feel, such as a huge, feathery concoction worn by model-of-the-moment Kendall Jenner.

And the shiny, laced-up, very high platform boots added a comic-book feel to the proceedings.

Jacobs, who rarely does much explaining of his shows, did include a note in his program referring to Keiji

Haino, a Japanese musician who uses a concept of “ma,” described as “the haunted spaces between the notes” — which may have explained the soundtrack.

Among the front-row guests was Vogue editor Anna Wintour, who wore a Jacobs-designed Hillary Clinton 2016 T-shirt. (The designer himself also wore one of the sequined tees.)

Also there: actresses Juliette Lewis, Christina Ricci, Sandra Bernhard and Debi Mazar, among others.

“Is that her? The blonde?” Bernhard asked about Lady Gaga after the show. “OK, I honestly didn’t know it. She is unrecognizable! She’s a chameleon. But yeah, she looked great now that I know for sure it was her.”

Bernhard’s verdict on the clothes: “Really great. It was romantic and out there and it was just inspiring.”

— Jocelyn Noveck and Nicole Evatt

## RALPH LAUREN TURNS TO ROCK

Parading impeccable models down the runway in taupe cashmere and men’s ties may not sound all that new, but that’s where Ralph Lauren went for fall, until he took a turn to rock ‘n’ roll.

There were “cool rocker” coats and jackets of blue and black in equal parts pirate and Sgt. Pepper. Large ruffles were abundant along the fronts of white blouses — and slightly smaller ones for a curious winged effect on a backless black jumpsuit.

There was requisite fringe in black, and rocker pants as well.

Ralph Lauren using the term “cool rocker” is just plain cute. So was a brown tweed patchwork coat that had large, highly useful pockets sewn on. It was worn with a wide leather belt over a cashmere dress and mocha suede boots.

Other standouts: velvet embroidery

on a black suede dress, some of that rocker fringe on a black suede motorcycle jacket and an unusual liquid gold fabric for a long, free-flowing pleated skirt paired with a black belt and cropped black top to expose a sliver of midriff. The same gold fabric was used for a couple of fitted evening dresses.

Forget rock. Disco anyone?  
— Leanne Italie

## BACK TO SUITS AT CALVIN KLEIN

After a season focusing on the slip dress, Francisco Costa brought the Calvin Klein label back to basics: Suits.

“It’s a very exciting season because I decided to play with suits and tailoring, which is a staple of the house,” Costa said in a backstage interview. “Suits are an expression of urbanism, I think. We haven’t seen much out there. And bringing it back I think is great.”

Costa showed a lot of suits in black wool, some in pinstripe — very classic-looking except for the ubiquitous straps and suspenders hanging from many of them, intended for style rather than function.

But Costa needed some softness, too, and so he went for dresses that were — intentionally, of course — falling apart somewhat.

“For soft we have deconstructivism around the dresses,” he said, “so that she (the woman) isn’t so suited — she has another side, which is an undone side, which is great.” And finally, he went for some faux fur, in collars. “I love the idea of fur! We’ve never done fur, so to play with faux fur was fun.”

Calvin Klein often brings in a celebrity-filled front row. Watching the show on Thursday were model Kendall Jenner and actresses Margot Robbie and Zoe Kravitz.

Kravitz especially liked the faux fur.

“Very simple, very sexy, good for winter,” she said. “There were a pair of gloves that I definitely want.”

— Nicole Evatt and Jocelyn Noveck

## GAS MASKS WITH A FASHIONABLE TWIST

While most New York Fashion Week shows focus on clothes, emerging Chinese designer Chi Zhang had a whole different spin.

Zhang, who has collaborated with Marvel Comics, showed off bold colorful designs including fashionable gas masks.

“My main focus is China, but here is a good opportunity for me,” Zhang said backstage, referring to the U.S.. As for the fashionable gas masks, he says they’re doing well. He also incorporates gas mask designs in his clothes. He started to sell them six years ago, two years before pollution became a big problem in China.

“Everybody thought I was crazy,” he said. “Now, it’s becoming true.”

Zhang was among five emerging Chinese designers that JD.com, China’s largest online direct sales company, showcased for its first runway show during New York Fashion Week.

The Beijing-based company highlighted the creations Wednesday night at a space near the Hudson River.

“These designers are all very talented and have unique expressions and styles,” says Lijun Xin, president of JD.com’s apparel and home furnishing business. The clothes are priced \$100 to \$300, JD executives say.

Just like the Milan show, the designer roster was chosen in collaboration with the Milan-based Europe Design Center.

# London Fashion Week kicks off 5 days of shows; sun peeks out

LONDON (AP) — The catwalks are prepped, the models have jetted in — and even the fickle British weather cooperated for once as London Fashion Week kicked off.

The sun came out Friday (briefly at least) as the fashion brigade arrived in the British capital for five days of parties and runway shows featuring the latest designs from labels including Burberry, Vivienne Westwood, Topshop Unique and Erdem.

One of this week’s most anticipated displays is from Alexander McQueen, which is moving its show from Paris to London — the hometown of the brand’s late designer — for the first time in over a decade on Sunday. The switch is a major feather in London’s cap as it competes with Paris, Milan and New York for fashion’s finest shows.

Also returning to the bi-annual event is heritage leather goods brand Mulberry, which is unveiling its first collection under new creative director Johnny Coca.

Here are some of the highlights from Day 1:

## FIZZY FUN AT FYODOR GOLAN

Minimalists, look away now. Fyodor Golan doesn’t do understated, and its Friday show was a riot of bright neons, clashing shiny fabrics, comically giant frills and prints inspired by themes as diverse as Coca-Cola and the Renaissance.

The design duo sent models strutting down the catwalk in satin coats and dresses printed with blown-up, classic Coca-Cola ads, while others wore pieces featuring Botticelli’s “The Birth of Venus.”

Among the outfits: Neon purple patterned tights worn with silver brogues, huge pink dots on an olive velvet dress, and oversized gold frills adorning a pair of jeans.

Wearable everyday attire is not really the brief here: It’s fun and humorous, and an excellent testament to London’s eclectic fashion scene.

## BORA AKSU DOES LITTLE BLACK RIDING HOOD

For the new season, Turkish-born designer Bora Aksu stuck to his signature romantic, folksy look but injected the clothes with a much darker, gothic vibe.

Held in a historic church with a theatrical black-and-white checkerboard floor, Aksu’s show featured frilly hoods and lots of crochet and lace in black, burgundy and plum.

Models wore familiar Aksu silhouettes including high-neck blouses with flouncy sleeves and box-pleat skirts and some sugary pink thrown in. The demure look, however, was toughened up with knee-high lace-up boots, leather elbow gloves and smoldering eye makeup. Voluminous fur coats and trims and a flash of bare shoulder here and there added grown-up appeal.

## ANTI-FUR PROTESTERS STEAL THE SHOW

Fashion weeks always attract a colorful cast of characters — and on Friday several almost-nude, gas mask-wearing activists stole the limelight from the big fashion houses even before the shows started.

The models, who wore barely more than “fur is toxic” signs despite London’s February chill, were protesting the use of fur clothing and fur accessories on the streets outside the main show venue in London’s buzzing Soho district.

Security guards tried to move them away, but that didn’t stop the protesters from attracting a huge crowd of photographers and curious bystanders.

## PAUL COSTELLOE BRINGS BACK THE BABYDOLL

Thigh high leggings, leather elbow gloves and black ankle boots set the tone for Paul Costelloe’s catwalk show, which featured the return of his trademark babydoll dresses.

He showed his usual playful touch, easily mixing old and new, shaping some models with dresses designed with exterior corsets, and using sheer organza with lace to dramatic effect. Some outfits played with tartan patterns, others used jacquards. Long elegant gowns with red and black brocade gave some ensembles a classic touch, while others — like black harem pants paired with a sheer flowery top — were there to shock and surprise.

He’s still masterful at giving new shapes to coats and dresses made in London with the most traditional of fabrics. The result is something fresh, but clearly top quality and built to last.

# White House to tackle chronic absenteeism in schools

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House is hoping that caring mentors will help stop students from skipping school.

The Obama administration announced plans Friday to connect more than 1 million students who miss major amounts of school time with mentors in hopes of turning that around.

Officials say that as many as 7.5 million children miss a month or more of school each year, putting them at risk of falling behind and dropping out. Pairing mentors with some of those students can stop children from risking their futures, said Broderick Johnson, chairman of the My Brother’s Keeper Task Force.

Part of the My Brother’s Keeper program, the Success Mentors Initiative will launch in 10 cities: Austin, Boston, Columbus, Denver, Miami-Dade, New York City, Philadelphia, Providence, San Antonio and Seattle.

“Missing school means missing out on the only chance of success that most children have,” Boston Mayor Marty Walsh said.

The MBK Success Mentors Initiative, a partnership between the Department of Education and Johns Hopkins University, will pair trained adults with children to meet with them three times a week. It will start with 250,000 students sixth through ninth grade in school districts with low incomes and high absenteeism levels and expand to kindergarten through 12th grade in five years. Chronic absenteeism is defined by the adminis-

tration as missing at least 10 percent, or about 18 days, of days in a school year.

“By the time you get to high school and you’ve missed a month of school, you’re on the track to dropping out,” said Robert Balfanz of Johns Hopkins University’s Everyone Graduates

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#8974 February 21 & 28, 2016

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#8975 February 21 - March 2, 2016

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NOTICE  
Request for Proposals  
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Construction/Manager-  
Agent (At Risk)  
319 Runnels, Big Spring,  
Texas 79720  
CONTRACT NO. WTC100-1

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that West Texas Centers will accept proposals for a "construction/manager-agent(at risk)" to provide consultation or administrative services during the design and remodeling phases and to manage multiple contracts with various construction prime contractors for general remodeling of the building located at 3205 S. Hwy. 87, Big Spring, Texas. This procurement is a one-step process.

The "construction/manager-agent(at risk)" is the sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, or other legal entity that assumes risk for construction, rehabilitation, alternation, or repair of a facility at the contracted price as a general contractor and provides consultation during and after the design of the facility.

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Bids should be itemized to every extent possible and include expected completion

Public Notice

Sealed bids will be received by West Texas Centers until **5:00 p.m. Thursday, March 3, 2016**. Bids will be opened at **10:00 A.M. Friday, March 4, 2016** at West Texas Centers, 319 Runnels, Big Spring, Texas. Bid awards will be awarded within 45 days of bid opening.

**Each bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope, addressed to West Texas Centers, 319 Runnels, Big Spring, Texas and marked "Procurement of Construction/Manager-Agent(at Risk)- Contract No. WTC100-1," on the outside of the envelope. Proposals may be mailed to: Debbie Moses, 319 Runnels, Room 202, Big Spring, Texas 79720 or delivered to that address.**

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Jerri L. Hocker Estate of F. Adrian Randle, Deceased C/O Walter L. Shipman, Attorney at Law P.O. Box 3452 605 W. Gore Blvd, Suite 10D Lawton, OK 73502-3452

All persons having claims against this estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated: February 18, 2016

Walter L. Shipman, Attorney at Law By: Walter L. Shipman P.O. Box 3452 605 W. Gore Blvd, Suite 10D Lawton, OK 73502-3452 (580) 280-4727 (telephone) (580) 280-4727 (facsimile) Attorney for Jerri L. Hocker, Independent Executor State Bar No. 18269900

#8976 February 21, 2016

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker  
Double Trouble

West dealer.  
East-West vulnerable.  
NORTH  
♦K  
♥Q 7 4 3 2  
♦9 3 2  
♠10 8 7 4  
WEST  
♦J 10 6 4  
♥10 6  
♦AK 8  
♠A 9 5 3  
EAST  
♠9 8 5 3 2  
♥9  
♦7 4  
♣K Q J 6 2  
SOUTH  
♦AQ 7  
♥AK J 8 5  
♦QJ 10 6 5  
♣—

The bidding:  
West North East South  
Pass Pass Pass 1♥  
Dble 3♥ 3♠ 4♦  
Dble 4♥ Pass Pass

Opening lead — jack of spades.  
The main reason why some players win more national and world championships than others is, without question, superior skills. But on occasion, luck — in the form of being in the right place at the right time — can play an important role.  
Here's a good example of how the luck factor works. Bob Hamman, one of the world's best, was playing in the 1983 Life Master Pairs, and on

the first of two deals opened the bidding with two notrump. The next player doubled, everybody passed, and although the defenders could have taken the first six tricks with a different opening lead, Hamman wound up making nine tricks for a score of 890 points.  
On the second deal, the one shown, Hamman held the South hand and got to four hearts doubled. Offhand, it might seem that West doubled once or twice too often, but be that as it may, he exercised his constitutional right to free speech and followed this by leading the jack of spades.  
It did not take Hamman long to teach West a lesson. He won the jack with dummy's king, cashed the A-K of trumps and A-Q of spades, discarding two diamonds from dummy, and then led the five of diamonds toward dummy's singleton nine. West compounded his previous felonies by following low, and the outcome was that Hamman made the doubled contract with three overtricks to score another 890 points!  
One important principle that emerges is that if your opponents are trying for a slam (which is what Hamman's four-diamond bid suggested), it's poor policy to double them when they stop at a mere game.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.  
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Answer to previous puzzle

STUB	SUMS	JEEP
WORMS	ABEL	OPAL
ADDON	COROLLARY	
YOU CAN HAVE IT		
POET	PELE	
ALL JUST	ABIDING	
BLOOP	CLAD	FLU
FORT	OPRAH	STAT
AYE	STAY	SPECS
BDALTON	WINFREY	
SLUR	FINI	
NOT ALL	TANCE	
JALAPENOS	CROON	
OPEC	NERO	HATED
BRAY	SWAN	LENS

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ANSWERS

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

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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

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Tomorrow's Horoscope



Lunar Tension Mounts

Tension mounts as the playful Leo moon Mathis swells toward

tomorrow's full status in Virgo. The evening is nuanced by complications having to do with the moon and Mars. This aspect warns against letting emotions override reason. Take a breath and walk away before letting hasty judgments, impulsive reactions and hot feelings interfere.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). When in doubt, keep it brief in every way. Take the short route; use the short words. Cut it off at the first break. You'll be doing yourself a huge favor. It's when things drag on and on that they get complicated.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). When you gave up that thing that was so hard (and so necessary) for you to give up, you earned karma points while making room in your life for something wonderful to drop in.

**GEMINI** (May 21-

June 21). Some days it's like you have an "on/off," button but today your main control is a volume knob that incrementally changes the intensity of your experience. You'll move seamlessly and suddenly find yourself living out loud.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Your best is good enough. Believe it. If you cast doubt on yourself or your work, you'll only make the other person feel uncomfortable. So stand strong and stand tall in what you believe, even if it feels like a ruse. You'll get used to it.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). It may seem like the sickness and the cure are one and the same today. If you can figure out what benefit you are getting from the thing that sometimes pains you, you'll recuperate quickly.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The first step to taking back your power is realizing that you had it in the first place. Track it down and grab it back. Don't blame anyone or make an excuse. You are aware now; that's what matters.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There is much that seems out of your control that is actually well within it. In order to see your whole range of options, make the assumption that you can change what's going on around you today.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's the little things -- but it's also the big things, which you can't get to if you're obsessing over, bogged down in or endlessly dealing with the little things. Some details are built to be blown off.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Some say love hurts; others say it's the only thing that doesn't hurt. You'll form your own opinion and then probably change it half way through the day because you've never known love to be just one way.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You probably sense that you are getting too rigid about the plan. You're not a robot, you know! Break the routine by incorporating indeterminacy into this. Some decisions are best made with a coin toss

or dice throw. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Life could be greatly enhanced were you to make upgrades to something you use in your regular routine. This will be worth the trouble and expense but if you do it today or tomorrow, there won't be much of either!

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Not everyone needs a perfectly put-together plan. In fact, most won't follow even the best-laid one. Determine and commit to the three steps that are most pertinent to your success.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Feb. 21). It's all lining up for the win. Your resources will come together with little effort from you. You'll get a cheerleader when you need one in March and a challenger when you need one in April. Improvements to the home dynamic in June lead to more love and exciting joint ventures. Travel in July. Aries and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 23, 39, 24 and 14.

**FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:**

The first full week of the Pisces solar journey will be thick with dreamy ribbons of swirling fog that give everything the heightened, musical, harp-plucked feel of Imagination Land. Why even try to come back down to reality when the main action seems to be taking place in the ether? The feelings, tone and many specific details of our daydreams will transfer into real life soon enough. Why not revel in the chance to dance in the dream of how things are and could be for as long as humanly possible? It all swells toward the full Virgo moon on Monday, which is among the best times of the year for inspired brainstorming and brilliantly laid plans. This is where outrageous desire and practical detail intersect to weave extraordinary creations. The energy is best focused on your more pressing needs and problems. What's the one thing in your life that, if changed, would have a domino affect on all of the other parts?

It should be noted that the full moon's

augmentation of imaginative powers and creativity could also be taken in a dark direction, and that's why it's so important to get focused on the positive. Steer clear of the wormhole with the potential to spiral worry and fear into full-blown, wide-spread panic. A little mental discipline is all it takes to keep on the sunny side.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** She grew up in the public eye. Through her books and social media platforms, Jennifer Love Hewitt has kept the bond between herself and her fans going strong, sharing the developments of her life, including dating, marriage and motherhood. This intuitive Pisces was born when Jupiter was in Leo, the sign of the consummate entertainer, indicating that the more she's in the public eye, the luckier she gets.

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Annie's Mailbox

**Dear Annie:** My 26-year-old daughter has been married to a wonderful, hard-working man for three years. They have a beautiful child and a nice home. The problem is my son-in-law's mother.

This woman has disliked my daughter from day one, and for no discernible reason. My daughter and her husband tried talking things out with her, but she always returns to her passive-aggressive ways. I try to stay out of it, but it is so hard to watch this woman bring my daughter to tears and try to split this otherwise lovely family apart. Worse, she has most of the other in-laws on her bandwagon.

I understand my son-in-law is caught between a rock and a hard place, but he never stands behind his wife. Whenever the two of them are around his parents, he throws my daughter under the bus. We love our son-in-law, but cannot stand to see our daughter and grandchild treated with such disrespect. It is causing a great deal of strain on this new family.

Is there any polite way to deal with this problem without overstepping? --

Concerned Mother  
**Dear Mother:** We know how hard this must be for you to watch, but the problem belongs to your daughter, and she must find a way to deal with it. The best thing you can do is offer a sympathetic ear without passing judgment or telling your daughter how to handle her in-laws. But do suggest that she and her husband talk to a professional for guidance. A counselor will help your daughter develop better techniques to deal with this difficult woman, and also make your son-in-law understand the need to stand up to his parents in defense of his wife. The in-laws will never treat her better if he doesn't insist on it.

**Dear Annie:** I work in an office at a library, and one of my co-workers is continuously babbling and singing loudly. This is distracting and annoying to most of us. "Dwayne" doesn't sit that close to me, but I can still hear him all of the time.

Since Dwayne is pretty well-liked by everyone, we're all uncomfortable asking him to stop the constant noise. Can you think of a nice and/or anonymous way

to let him know he is distracting us? -- Driving Us Nuts  
**Dear Driving:** Some people who constantly hum or babble do so because it is soothing. In many cases, they can't help themselves or don't realize they are doing it. We suspect Dwayne is unaware that he is constantly making noises, and certainly has no idea that you are all so annoyed.

Any of you could mention to Dwayne that he seems to sing to himself all day long, and when said in a kind and gentle manner, this is neither insulting nor offensive. However, there is a strong likelihood that Dwayne will continue to hum and babble, because it is an unconscious behavior. He might try to curtail it, but you would have to constantly remind him, and that doesn't appear to be something you are willing to do. Instead, we recommend you invest in a pair of earbuds and either listen to your own music or use them to block out Dwayne's humming.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please email

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| <b>48</b> Destined                          |   |   |   |
| <b>50</b> Well-groomed                      |   |   |   |
| <b>54</b> Slipped away                      |   |   |   |
| <b>56</b> Theoretical trials                |   |   |   |

# Virgin Galactic to roll out new space tourism rocket plane

MOJAVE, Calif. (AP) – Virgin Galactic will roll out a new version of its SpaceShipTwo space tourism rocket Friday as it prepares to return to flight testing for the first time since a 2014 accident destroyed the original, killed one of its pilots and set back the nascent industry.

The space line founded by Sir Richard Branson will unveil the craft at California's Mojave Air & Space Port, where it was assembled.

SpaceShipTwo is designed to be flown by a crew of two and carry up to six passengers on a high-speed suborbital flight to the fringes of space. At an altitude above 62 miles, passengers will experience a few minutes of weightlessness and see the Earth below.

After years of development, Virgin Galactic appeared to be nearing the goal of turning ordinary civilians into astronauts when the first SpaceShipTwo broke apart on Oct. 31, 2014, during its fourth rocket-powered flight. Wreckage fell to the Mojave Desert floor.

"When we had the accident, for about 24 hours we were wondering whether it was worth continuing, whether we should call it a day," Branson told The Associated Press. He said engineers, astronauts and members of the public helped convince him that space travel is too important to give up on.

The crash investigation found that co-pilot Michael Alsbury prematurely unlocked the so-

called feathering system that is intended to slow and stabilize the craft as it re-enters the atmosphere. Alsbury was killed, but pilot Peter Siebold, although seriously injured, parachuted to safety.

The "feathers" – a term derived from the design of a badminton shuttlecock – are tail structures that extend rearward from each wingtip. They are designed to swivel upward at an angle to create drag, preventing a buildup of speed and heat, and then rotate back down to normal flying position as the craft descends into the thickening atmosphere.

A National Transportation Safety Board investigation found that Scaled Composites, a company that was developing SpaceShipTwo with Virgin Galactic and was responsible for its test program, should have had systems to compensate for human error. The NTSB chairman, Christopher Hart, said it wasn't a matter of shortcuts but of not considering a crew member would make the mistake that occurred.

Virgin Galactic subsequently assumed full responsibility to complete the test program.

The company stressed in a statement Thursday its commitment to testing from the level of individual parts on up to the complete craft.

"Our team's job is to plan out not just the obvious tests but also the strange and inventive ones, to conduct those tests, and to use the data from those tests

to re-examine everything about our vehicle to ensure we can take the next step forward," it said.

The company did not project a timeline for actually carrying space tourists, noting that "our new vehicle will remain on the ground for a while after her unveiling, as we run her through full-vehicle tests of her electrical systems and all of her moving parts."

SpaceShipTwo is the successor to SpaceShipOne, the winged rocket plane that won the \$10 million Ansari X Prize in 2004 by demonstrating a reusable spacecraft capable of carrying three people could make two flights within two weeks to at an altitude of least 62 miles.

The prize announced in 1996 was intended to spur the development of private manned spaceflight in the same way the Orteig Prize offered in 1919 fostered trans-Atlantic aviation. Charles Lindbergh won that prize with his nonstop flight from New York to Paris in 1927.

Like SpaceShipOne, SpaceShipTwo is carried aloft beneath the wing of a mother ship – a special jet aircraft that releases it at an altitude of about 45,000 feet. After gliding for a few moments, SpaceShipTwo's pilots ignite the rocket engine to send the craft hurtling toward space.

After reaching the top of its suborbital trajectory, the spacecraft begins falling back toward Earth and glides to a landing on a runway.

# Polish museum exhibits US artist Frank Stella's synagogues

WARSAW, Poland (AP) – An exhibition is opening in Warsaw of abstract works by prominent American painter Frank Stella that were inspired by painted wooden synagogues that once existed across Poland but were destroyed by the Nazis during World War II.

"Frank Stella and the Synagogues of Historic Poland" opens Friday at the POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews and will run through June 20.

Museum officials say it is the first time that Stella's geometrical and highly abstract works have been shown alongside the sources that inspired him – architectural drawings and documentary photos of synagogues taken before the war – as well as models and drawings of his own that he used to create his large-scale constructions.

The works are from his Polish Village series produced in the 1970s. He embarked on that project after he was inspired by a 1959 book by Polish architects Maria and Kazimierz Piechotka entitled "Wooden Synagogues." The exhibition also features photographs of the synagogues by Szymon Zajczyk, a Jewish photographer and art historian who was killed in the Holocaust.

Poland was once home to Europe's largest Jewish community, a vibrant community that numbered nearly 3.5 million people before the war. Most were killed in the Holocaust, with many traces of their culture also destroyed.

Museum director Dariusz Stola said his institution is an appropriate venue for the works because one of its key exhibits is a spectacular, full-scale recreation of a 17th-century painted synagogue, the kind that inspired Stella's creations.

The museum is holding two days of events starting Thursday celebrating the 79-year-old New York-based artist, who traveled to Warsaw for the opening.

Stella has worked as an artist for more than 60 years. His works are on display in museums and galleries across the world, including the Museum of Modern Art in New York.



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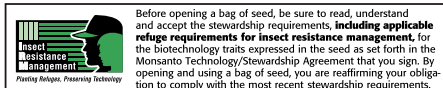
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