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## BSPD detective arrested

Rojo accused of coercing females into compromising situations

### The charges

- Sexual performance by a child (first degree felony)
- Indecency with a child (third degree felony)
- Three counts of official oppression (class A misdemeanors)

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

A Big Spring Police Department detective is free on bond after his arrest on multiple charges, including indecency with a child and sexual performance by a child.

Detective Joel Derek Rojo was arrested Wednesday morning and charged with the above-mentioned offenses, along with three counts of official oppression. He has subsequently been freed on

bonds totaling \$90,000, according to an official at the Howard County Law Enforcement Center.

Rojo is charged with using his status as a police detective to induce three different females — on separate occasions between October 2014 and August 2015 — into “compromising and revealing positions,” according to a joint statement by 118<sup>th</sup> District Attorney Hardy L. Wilkerson and Howard County Attorney

Joshua Hamby. Two of his alleged victims were juveniles, with one being under the age of 14.

Wilkerson and Hamby convened a special session of the Howard County Grand Jury Monday, at which time the five indictments against Rojo were returned.

The indictments shed light on the exact nature of the charges:

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Joel Rojo

## They're the champs



Courtesy photo

Big Spring High School academic team members display some of the hardware they won at the District 2-4A academic meet. BSHS won the district title for the second year in a row.

## BSHS rolls to district academic title

Special to the Herald

For the second year in a row the Big Spring High School Academic team plowed through the district competition in route to the 2-4A District championship. The Steers finished the day with 554 sweepstakes points to Snyder's 375.

“Our students performed well in almost every competition” Co-Academic coordinator Jennifer Adams stated. “We also have several under classmen going to the Regional Meet next week, so that is exciting.”

For the 13th year in a row, the BSHS Speech & Debate Team brought home the District Speech championship. Students helping the cause include defending Lincoln-Douglas Debate State Champion Ethan Morelion, who made the first step in his title defense by bringing home the district championship in both LD Debate and Informative speaking. Amber Monks and Aliscia Brorman completed the clean sweep in Lincoln-Douglas Debate by placing second and third respectively. Brorman will also compete at Regionals in informative speaking while

Monks will be joined by Kelli Ruth in persuasive speaking. Senior Matthew Wood, placed first in poetry interpretation and will join Ruth in that event at Regionals. Not to be outdone, fellow Senior Lauren Kendall will compete in prose interpretation.

The Journalism team continued the dominance by placing first as a team. A clean sweep in feature writing by Alexess Sosa, Britney Tan and Trinady Joslyn highlighted the teams accomplishments. Sosa was near unstoppable, also placing first in

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## Burglaries result in 5 arrests

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

Five Big Spring residents were in jail this morning waiting for arraignment after Big Spring Police were able to recover stolen items from two businesses Wednesday.

Around 6:30 a.m. Wednesday morning, Big Spring police officers responded to a call of a stolen vehicle at K.O. Construction located at 704 W. Third St.

“It was reported that someone had burglarized K.O. Construction ... and had stolen property and one of their company vehicles,” stated Detective Sgt. Tony Everett in a news release. “The vehicle was equipped with G.P.S and with the help of company employees, officers were able to locate the vehicle and arrest the subject driving it.”

Adrian DeHoyos, 23, was arrested on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

“The stolen vehicle was a one ton truck with a flat bed and oilfield equipment was found to be missing from the truck,” Everett said. “Again with help from company employees, officers used the information from the G.P.S and located stolen property in the 1400 block of W 5th.”

The investigation led to a search warrant for a travel trailer located in the 1400 block of W. 5<sup>th</sup> St.

“While waiting for a search warrant, officers learned that A-1 Lock and Key at 812 W. 3rd had also been burglarized,” Everett stated. “Once the warrant was obtained officers found five subjects in

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McPherson



Leos



DeHoyos



Jackman

## Chase suspect surrenders to authorities

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

The man who allegedly led Big Spring police on a search and pursuit for several hours in the Kentwood Addition turned himself into police custody Thursday.

Derrick Todd Drake, 30, of Big Spring remains in the Howard

County Detention Center while he awaits arraignment on a warrant for evading arrest.

The incident occurred last Thursday around 8:40 a.m. when a Big Spring police officer was patrolling the area of

18th and Nolan. The officer noticed a black Jeep parked in the east alleyway of the 1600 block of S. Johnson, the release said.

When the officer approached the vehicle, two people, who were later identified as Drake and Victoria Diane Mendez, 24,

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Drake

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# Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **LLOYDELL ARMSEY IRONROPE**, 38, of 604 Drake Road was arrested on a warrants for assault by contact and failure to identify.
- **ADRIAN RICARDO DEHOYOS**, 24, of 1512 Sycamore Street was arrested on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and two charges of burglary of a building.
- **JON PATRICK MORRIS LEOS**, 19, of 2005 S Runnels Street was arrested on charges of two counts of burglary of a building.
- **DEVYN ELYSE JACKMAN**, 26, of 1212 E 17th was arrested on a warrants for driving with invalid license, defective stop lamp(s), seven counts of failure to appear, a warrant from another agency, and evading arrest/

- detention.
- **TOMI JO MCPHERSON**, 19, of 3017 S Mosslake Road was arrested on charges for two counts of burglary of a building and two warrants from other agencies.
- **TRYSTAN TAELOE CEVALLOS**, 27, of 205 Settles Street was arrested on warrants for evading arrest/detention and a warrant from another agency.
- **DERRICK TODD DRAKE**, 30, of 1902 Settles Street was arrested on a warrant for evading arrest/detention with vehicle or watercraft.
- **ANTHONY HAYES**, 51, of 602 Holbert Street was arrested on charges of tampering/fabricating physical evidence, resisting arrest search or transport, and possession of a controlled substance, greater than three grams but less than 28 grams.

# Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 79 inmates at the time of this report.
- **ROBERT MARVIN CARSON**, 48, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for MTRP/resisting arrest, search, or transportation.
- **TRYSTAN TAELOE CEVALLOS**, 27, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for bail jumping and failure to appear and a charge of evading arrest detention.
- **MIKEAL LADARREAN CHAVERA**, 19, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for bail jumping and failure to appear.
- **ADRIAN RICARDO DEHOYOS**, 24, was booked by the BSPD on charges of unauthorized use of a vehicle and two counts of burglary of a building.
- **DERRICK TODD DRAKE**,

- 30, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for evading arrest/detention with vehicle or watercraft.
- **QUENTIN R GASTON**, 18, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for violation of promise to appear.
- **ANTHONY RAY HAYES**, 51, was booked by the BSPD on charges of tampering/fabricating physical evidence, resisting arrest, search, or transport, and possession of a controlled substance, greater than three grams but less than 29 grams.
- **LLOYDELL ARMSEY IRONROPE**, 38, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for assault-physical contact and failure to identify.
- **DEVYN ELYSE JACKMAN**, 26, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for bail jumping and failure to appear, driving with invalid license, defective or no stop lamps, five counts of failure to appear, violation of promise to

- appear, and a charge of evading arrest detention.
- **CALVIN SIMS KERBY**, 36, was booked by the DPS on a warrant for theft of services, greater than \$20 but less than \$500.
- **JON PATRICK MORRIS LEOS**, 19, was booked by the BSPD on two charges of burglary of a building.
- **ARMANDO MARTINEZ**, 56, was booked by the RSO on charges of driving while intoxicated and driving with invalid license with previous conviction/suspension.
- **TOMI JO MCPHERSON**, 19, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for speeding- 10% or more above posted limit, expired registration, and charges of two counts of burglary of a building.
- **JOEL DEREK ROJO**, 34, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for sexual performance by a child less than fourteen years, indecency with a child - exposure, and three counts of official oppression.

# Support Groups

Healing Center.

- FRIDAY**
- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- SATURDAY**
- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.
- SUNDAY**
- Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.
- 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

- 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

### Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 4/15	Sat 4/16	Sun 4/17	Mon 4/18	Tue 4/19
79/58 Partly cloudy skies with gusty winds. High 79F. Winds SSE at 25 to 35 mph. Winds could occasionally gust over 40 mph.	77/57 Showers and t-storms late. Potential for severe t-storms. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 50s.	73/48 Morning t-storms. Potential for heavy rainfall. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	70/51 T-storms developing in the afternoon. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 50s.	73/50 Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 50s.
Sunrise: 7:16 AM Sunset: 8:16 PM	Sunrise: 7:15 AM Sunset: 8:16 PM	Sunrise: 7:13 AM Sunset: 8:17 PM	Sunrise: 7:12 AM Sunset: 8:18 PM	Sunrise: 7:11 AM Sunset: 8:19 PM

### Texas at a Glance



### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	77	55	P Cloudy	Kingsville	87	61	Sunny
Amarillo	78	50	P Cloudy	Livingston	76	56	Cloudy
Austin	79	57	M Sunny	Longview	74	55	Cloudy
Beaumont	78	59	Cloudy	Lubbock	79	53	P Cloudy
Brownsville	80	63	P Cloudy	Lufkin	74	54	Cloudy
Brownwood	78	54	M Cloudy	Midland	84	60	Sunny
Corpus Christi	83	64	P Cloudy	Raymondville	84	63	Sunny
Corsicana	75	55	Cloudy	Rosenberg	81	60	M Cloudy
Dallas	76	56	Cloudy	San Antonio	84	57	P Cloudy
Del Rio	85	62	Cloudy	San Marcos	80	55	M Cloudy
El Paso	87	59	Sunny	Sulphur Springs	73	55	Cloudy
Fort Stockton	86	59	Sunny	Sweetwater	78	56	P Cloudy
Gainesville	70	54	Cloudy	Tyler	76	56	Rain
Greenville	73	54	Cloudy	Weatherford	75	54	Cloudy
Houston	82	60	Cloudy	Wichita Falls	75	56	Cloudy

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	64	50	Cloudy	Miami	83	72	P Cloudy
Boston	48	37	Sunny	Minneapolis	74	48	P Cloudy
Chicago	54	41	Sunny	New York	59	42	P Cloudy
Dallas	76	56	Cloudy	Phoenix	89	63	M Sunny
Denver	78	45	Sunny	San Francisco	61	49	P Cloudy
Houston	82	60	Cloudy	Seattle	59	45	M Cloudy
Los Angeles	75	53	M Cloudy	Saint Louis	72	51	Sunny

### Moon Phases



### UV Index

Fri 4/15	Sat 4/16	Sun 4/17	Mon 4/18	Tue 4/19
9	9	9	9	9
Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High

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

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

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# Take Note

• Photographs of area military personnel — currently on the job or veterans — going about their daily life are currently being sought by the July 3 Pops in the Park committee to be used in a military tribute during the event.

The candid photos will be used during the photographic military salute portion of the Independence Day celebration.

Any wishing to provide photographs for the tribute can e-mail digital copies in a jpeg format to [popsinthepark2016@yahoo.com](mailto:popsinthepark2016@yahoo.com). Submissions must be sent by June 15. Also, photographs can be dropped off at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, 215 West Third St. to be scanned in during normal business hours. The person must leave a name and contact number with each submission.

• Dora Roberts Community Center is hosting a clinic on May 2nd, 2016 at 100 Whipkey Drive for Big Spring and Howard County residents to learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic, serious condition with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. Screenings are affordable, convenient, and accessible for wheelchairs and those with trouble walking. Packages start at \$149, but consultants will work with you to create a package that is right for you based on your age and risk factors. Call 1-877-237-1287 for more information.

• The Howard County A&M Club is accepting applications from high school students who are graduating this May and have been accepted at Texas A&M University for the Fall 2016 semester. Students must be Howard county residents and will enroll for at least 12 hours. Application deadline is April 15. Application deadline for current A&M students is June 1.

More information and the application can be found of the club website: [www.westexags.com](http://www.westexags.com)

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

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

Cost is \$8 per person.

• The Howard County Fair needs people to cross stitch squares for the annual Quilt Fundraiser. Complete kits may be picked up from Cheryl Joy at the Heritage Museum, Tuesday through Saturday. For more information call Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674

### 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 ½ 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 fund-raisers and patient events. For more information, contact Dee Lindsey, Big Spring State Hospital Director of Community Relations, (432) 268-7535 or [danielle.lindsey@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:danielle.lindsey@dshs.state.tx.us)

• Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to sit with patients, make items for patients and help with office work. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7911 or 432-213-0150.

• 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.

• Crossroads Hospice needs volunteers for patient care. Contact Eva at 263-5300.

• 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.

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

• Food 2 Kids Big Spring Needs You! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

Sacking dates are as follows (please note the group starts at 5:30 p.m.) March 28 and 29.

Our sacking location has moved to the Lakeview High School gym located at 1107 NW 7th. To get there take Gregg Street north and turn left on Delaney which is the block just past the Salvation Army Store. Delaney turns into 7th Street, you will go over the railroad tracks and the school is on the left.

Currently we are distributing food at Goliad, Marcy and Moss Elementary Schools. If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

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

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too.

## CHAMPS

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editorial writing and second in ready writing. Tan also placed first in news writing and will be joined at Regionals by Kendrick Kennemur who placed third in headline writing.

Students advancing to regionals in testing events include sophomore Charlie Corea who will be competing in calculator applications, mathematics and number

sense. Corea will be joined in number sense by district champion Abby Bryan and team members Kaelob Stewart and Jordan Dunn; as well as mathematics district champion Josh Baker. Computer Applications was dominated by first place finisher Jacob Joslyn and second place finisher Dacia Wagner

Current Issues and events district champion Ashlan Armstrong will also compete in literary criticism. She is joined by Dylan Claude competing in Science and Gabriel Williams competing

in social studies at the Regional Tournament. Junior Seth Hamby rounded out the placings by bringing home the district championship in ready writing.

Along with the Speech and Journalism team awards, BSBS was the first place team in mathematics and number sense. Narrowly missing the first place team distinction were second place teams in science, social studies, and spelling.

Region 1-4A Regionals will be held at Texas Tech University in Lubbock on April 22 and 23.

## CHASE

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entered the vehicle and fled with Drake driving, according to information released by the Big Spring police department at the time.

The officer caught up with the vehicle flashing his lights and using his siren to attempt a traffic stop. Drake refused to pull over and continued to flee eventually

turning southbound on Birdwell from east FM 700 and continued past 25<sup>th</sup> St. down a dead end road. The chase led to a dirt road in the southwest portion of the Kentwood addition, police reported in a news release last week.

"During this pursuit the officer's patrol car, a 2013 Dodge Charger, caught fire and he was forced to discontinue pursuing. The officer was able to exit the vehicle without injury,"

the release stated.

Responding officers set a perimeter around the area and located the Jeep which had been abandoned and disabled just south of Merrily Dr. on B-bobs Trail.

After a multi-hour search in which the Kentwood Pre-K school was placed on lock down, police were able to locate Mendez hiding under bushes and debris by the efforts of a Department of Public Safety helicopter team.

Mendez was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center via ambulance at her request, the release said.

The request came as a precaution to a previous medical condition she has. She was later released from the hospital and arrested on a charge of evading arrest/detention.

Police called off the search for Drake and an arrest warrant was issued for him shortly after.

## ROJO

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• Sexual performance by a child — On or about June 4, 2015, Rojo is accused of inducing a child younger than 14 years of age into exhibiting her breasts.

• Indecency with a child — On or about June 4, 2015, Rojo is accused of causing a child under the age of 17 to expose her genitals.

• Official oppression — On three occasions between June 2014 and August 2015, Rojo, "acting under the color of his employment as a public servant," is accused of sexually harassing

females by requesting to take photographs of a sexual nature.

If convicted of the first-degree felony offense of sexual performance of a child charge, Rojo could be sentenced to between five and 99 years — or life — in prison. Official oppression is a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by up to a year in county jail, while indecency with a child is a third degree felony, punishable by up to 10 years in state prison.

Rojo's arrest came following a months-long investigation by the Texas Rangers at the behest of BSPD Chief Chad Williams.

The investigation was launched in August

2015, according to information released by the department.

"On (Aug. 20, 2015), during the afternoon hours, Chief Williams was contacted by an individual informing of allegations of possible misconduct by Joel Rojo," the BSPD statement reads. "The allegations were of such a serious concern, a preliminary investigation was immediately conducted at the request of Chief Williams by his administrative staff."

Rojo was placed on paid administrative leave the following day. Also that day, BSPD provided Texas Rangers with all information collected during the de-

partment's initial investigation.

During the course of a BSPD internal investigation into the matter, information surfaced in October 2015 regarding a second, similar accusation of misconduct by Rojo. A third allegation against the detective came to light soon afterward, BSPD noted.

Rojo has remained on administrative leave while the investigations continue.

BSPD officials declined any further comment on the matter.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at [reporter@bigspringherald.com](mailto:reporter@bigspringherald.com)

## FIVE

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the travel trailer along with stolen property from the businesses."

Based on evidence found, Everett said, Dehoyos had help from Tomi Joe McPherson, 19, and Jon Patrick Leos, 19, in both



Cevallos

the alleged burglaries. The two were arrested at the scene of travel trailer on two counts of burglary of a building.

"Two females, who were detained (at the scene), attempted to flee from the officers on foot," Everett said. "Both were caught and both had local traffic warrants."

Devyn Elyse Jackman, 26, was arrested on a charge of evading arrest/detention and on warrants for driving while license invalid, defective stop lamp and

seven counts of failure to appear.

Trystan Taelor Cevallos, 27, was arrested on a charge of evading arrest/detention and on a warrant from another agency.

A fifth subject at the travel trailer was not charged, Everett stated.

At his arraignment on Wednesday for the charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, Dehoyos' bond was set at \$2,500, but he was awaiting arrangement this morning at the county jail for the two charges of burglary of a building, according to Big Spring police officials.

"All property from the businesses was recovered with the exception of a pipe threader," he said. "It is described as a Ridgid brand with tri-pop, orange, and gray in color."

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## Bill Clinton's crime bill ambivalence

**B**ill Clinton wants you to know three things about the 1994 crime bill: He is proud of it, he is sorry about it, and it wasn't his fault. In any case, he says, his wife had nothing to do with it.

The former president's position on the 22-year-old Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act is newly relevant now that Hillary Clinton, who enthusiastically supported the bill as first lady, is running for president as a criminal justice reformer. Depending on your sympathies, her husband's take is either nuanced or incoherent.

Speaking in Philadelphia last week, Bill Clinton was repeatedly interrupted by Black Lives Matter protesters who blame him for contributing to the “mass incarceration” he and his wife now decry. He defended the crime bill as an appropriate response to violence that disproportionately hurt African Americans.

“Because of that bill,” Clinton said, “we had a 25-year low in crime [and] a 33-year low in the murder rate.” While it's true that violent crime began a long decline in the early 1990s, crime rates started falling before the 1994 bill took effect, and there is little evidence that the elements of the bill Clinton touts played an important role

in the continuation of that downward trend.

Last week, for example, Clinton bragged about providing \$10 billion in grants that helped put 100,000 or so additional police officers on the streets. In 2014, “Washington Post” fact checker Glenn Kessler gave Clinton's claims about that program's impact “three Pinocchios,” saying it “was not the primary or even secondary factor in the dramatic reduction in crime during the 1990s.”

What about the crime bill's ban on so-called assault weapons, which expired in 2004? That year, a report commissioned by the Justice Department concluded that “we cannot clearly credit the ban with any of the nation's recent drop in gun violence.”

Clinton also mentioned the 1993 Brady Bill, which required background checks for people who buy firearms from federally licensed dealers. According to research by Duke University criminologist Philip Cook, a gun control supporter, that requirement “made no discernible difference” in gun homicide rates.

Clinton did not cite incarceration as a factor in falling crime, because he was bending over backward to distance himself from that aspect of the 1994 bill. He said the bill's punitive provisions, which included new mandatory minimum sentences and subsidies for state prison construction that were contingent on passage of “truth in sentencing” laws (which limit or abolish parole), were forced

on him by Republicans.

According to Clinton, Vice President Joseph Biden, then chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee and the crime bill's main sponsor, told him, “You can't pass this bill, and the Republicans will kill it, if you don't put more sentencing in.” Yet as first lady, Hillary Clinton cited tougher sentencing rules as one of the bill's main advantages, and after it passed, the administration bragged about making prison terms longer.

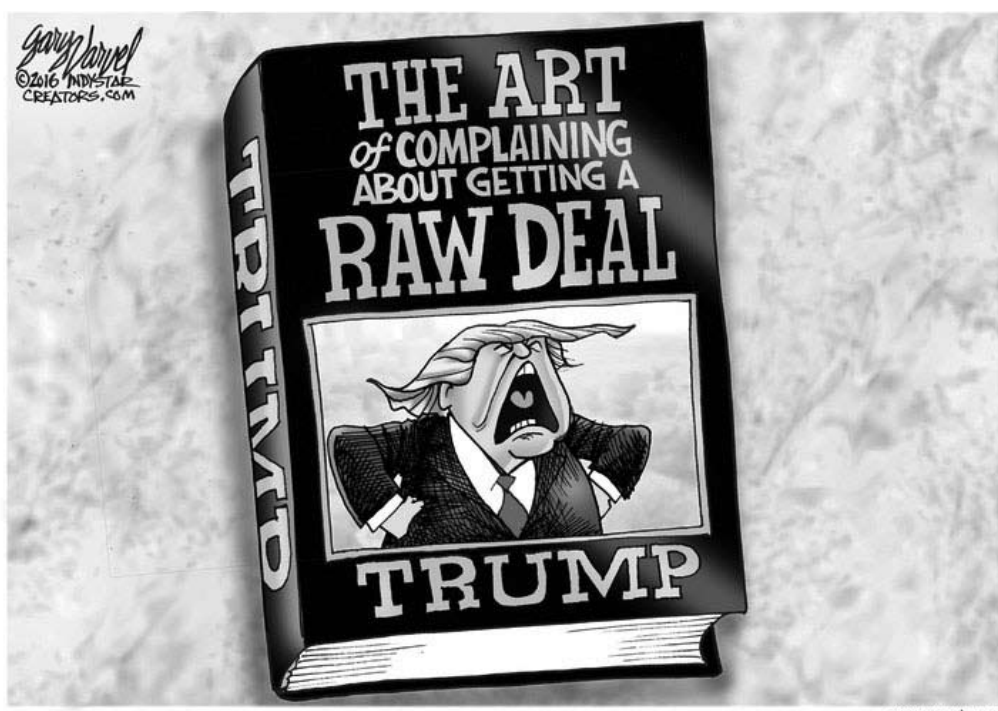
It seems likely that increased imprisonment did help reduce crime, if only by incapacitating people inclined to commit it. But the effectiveness of that policy depends on locking up the right people for the right amount of time, and Clinton now concedes that the sentences he supported as president went too far.

“I signed a bill that made the problem worse, and I want to admit it,” he said during another visit to Philadelphia in 2015. “In that bill, there were longer sentences, and most of these people are in prison under state law, but the federal law set a trend. And that was overdone; we were wrong about that.”

Clinton was in a less apologetic mood last week. Perhaps he was tired of overheated criticism that exaggerates his role in the explosive growth of the U.S. prison population, a trend that began a decade before he took office and occurred mainly at the state level. But if Clinton wants less blame, he should stop taking so much credit.



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## DAILY PRAYER

With You, Lord, in mind we can come up with awesome new ideas.

Amen

## Sanders and the Snapchat liberals

**I**f the polls hold, scoring tickets to “Hamilton” will be as good as it's going to get for Bernie Sanders in New York. But let us first linger in Wisconsin, where Democrats and independents gave Sanders what looked like a decisive win.

It seems that 15 percent of Sanders' Wisconsin supporters voted only for Bernie, leaving the rest of the ballot blank. By contrast, only 4 percent of Hillary Clinton voters skipped the down-ballot races.

It happens that one of the down-ballot races was for Wisconsin Supreme Court justice. The progressive, JoAnne Kloppenburg, had a good chance of toppling Rebecca Bradley, a right-wing appointee of Gov. Scott Walker's. But Kloppenburg lost, in part because of the laziness of Snapchat liberals.

Snapchat is a messaging app that makes photos and videos disappear after they are viewed. Its logo is a ghost. Snapshot liberals are similarly ephemeral. They regard their job as exulting in the hero of the moment. Once the job is done, they vanish.

(An interesting wrinkle is that 10 percent of Sanders' voters checked the box for Bradley. This suggests that a good chunk of his win came not from fans but from conservatives seeking

to frustrate the Clinton candidacy.)

Anyhow, three days later, a Wisconsin circuit court judge struck down an anti-union law backed by Walker. The law ended unions' right to require that private-sector workers benefiting from their negotiations pay dues or an equivalent sum.

The ruling was hailed as a “victory for unions,” but that victory will almost certainly be short-lived because the matter now heads to a divided state Supreme Court. As a Supreme Court justice, Kloppenburg could have helped save it.

Sanders can't directly take the rap for this. He, in fact, had endorsed Kloppenburg.

But the Sanders campaign rests on contempt for a Democratic establishment that backs people like Kloppenburg. It sees even the normal give-and-take of governing as thinly veiled corruption. Liberals involved in the necessary horse trading are dismissed as sullied beyond repair.

TV comedy news reinforces this cartoonish view of what governing entails. The entertainers deliver earnest but simple-minded sermons on how all but a chosen few folks in Washington are corrupt hypocrites. (I find their bleeped-out F-words so funny. Don't you?)

Snapchat liberals tend to buy into the “great man” theory of history. So if change comes from electing a white knight on a white horse, why bother with the down-ballot races?

Hence the irritating pro-Sanders poster: “Finally a reason to vote.”

Oh? Weren't there reasons to vote all these years as tea party activists stocked Congress with crazy people? Wasn't giving President Obama a Congress he could work with a reason to vote? (The liberal savior in 2008, Obama saw his own Snapchat fan base evaporate come the midterms.)

When asked whether he'd raise money for other Democrats if he were to win the nomination, Sanders replied, “We'll see.”

Bernie doesn't do windows and toilets. That's for establishment Democrats.

The difference between the pitchfork right and the Snapchat left is this: The right marches to the polls to vote the other side out. The left waits for saintly inspiration. If the rallies are euphoric and the Packers aren't playing the Bears, they will deign to participate. Then they're gone in a poof of righteous smoke.

It is a crashing irony that many liberals who condemn voter suppression by the right practice voter suppression on themselves. The liberal version doesn't involve onerous ID requirements at the polls. It comes in the deadening message that few candidates are good enough to merit a vote.

And that's why progressive America routinely punches below its weight on the national stage.



## COLORING PICTURE



## Jokes and Riddles

Q: How is ice skating like playing music?

A: If you don't "C" sharp, "you'll "B" flat."

Q: What is the hardest thing about learning to ice skate?

A: The ground.

## It's a Sweep

Everyone knows that when a figure skating competition begins, only three skaters will be standing at the top of the medal podium when it is over. In international competitions, usually these three skaters are competing for different countries. However, on a rare occasion, the three are competing for the same country and a medal sweep occurs.

When three skaters competing for the same country place first, second and third in a competition,

they are known to sweep the medals. As you might imagine, medal sweeps don't happen too often at international events. The United States has never swept the medals in any event in figure skating at the Winter Games and has only done it a few times in singles competition at the World Championships.

The last time a U.S. medal sweep occurred at the World Championships was in 1991. In the ladies singles, Kristi Yamaguchi won the gold, Tonya Harding won the silver and Nancy Kerrigan won the bronze.



## Name That Jump

Each of the following is a jump performed in figure skating. Fill in the blanks to name that jump.

- 1) L \_ \_ \_ P
- 2) A \_ \_ E L
- 3) S \_ \_ L C \_ \_ \_ W
- 4) \_ \_ U T \_ \_
- 5) T \_ \_ E \_ \_ O O \_ \_
- 6) F \_ \_ \_ P
- 7) \_ \_ L U \_ \_ Z

Answers: 1) Loop, 2) Axel, 3) Salchow, 4) Lutz, 5) Toe loop, 6) Flip, 7) Flutz, a term used to describe a poorly performed lutz



## Fact or Fiction?



## Ice Skate Challenge

At the start of the New Year, people often make resolutions like getting into shape. There are hundreds of ways to be more active from taking walks to going ice skating. Here are some questions about ice skates. How many can you answer correctly?

- 1) Ice skates consist of boots with blades that have toe picks on the front. Fact or Fiction?
- 2) Toe picks help figure skaters glide across the ice. Fact or Fiction?
- 3) Hockey skates also have toe picks. Fact or Fiction?
- 4) The blades are attached to the boots with nails. Fact or Fiction?
- 5) The blades used in ice dancing are one inch higher than those used in singles and pairs competitive figure skating. Fact or Fiction?
- 6) Ice skaters use soakers to protect the blades from dirt when they are off the ice. Fact or Fiction?
- 7) Ice skaters use plastic guards to protect the blades from rust when they are off the ice. Fact or Fiction?
- 8) Ice skate boots should be stiff to protect the ankles from injury. Fact or Fiction?
- 9) Ice skaters must break in their boots. Fact or Fiction?
- 10) Most figure skaters have their ice skates fitted by a professional. Fact or Fiction?

Answers: 1) Fact, 2) Fiction, toe picks help skaters jump, 3) Fiction, 4) Fiction, the blades are screwed to the boots, 5) Fiction, the blades are one inch lower so ice dancers can perform complex footwork and stay close together, 6) Fiction, ice skaters use soakers to absorb condensation and protect the blades from rust and plastic guards to protect the blades from dirt and debris when they are off the ice, 7) Fact, 8) Fact, 9) Fact, 10) Fact

## What Rhymes with Spin?

List 10 words that rhyme with "spin."

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_ 8. \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_ 10. \_\_\_\_\_



Some answers: bin, chin, fin, gin, grin, in, kin, pin, sin, shin, tin, win

### Coahoma at .500 in district after loss to Sonora

By DREW WILLIAMS  
Sports Editor

The Coahoma Bulldogs have beaten every team in their district so far this season. The problem? They've also lost to every team in their district.

The Bulldogs (11-9, 3-3) fell to the Sonora Broncos (5-9-1, 3-3) 11-3 Wednesday, giving them a win and a loss against each team in a district that also includes Reagan County and Colorado City. The game started on Tuesday, but play stopped with rain coming down and the Broncos up 6-3 in the fourth inning, which is where the game picked up Wednesday.

"We put ourselves behind the eight ball a little bit yesterday," Coahoma head coach Bryan Jacobs said. "I wasn't disappointed in our performance today. I thought we struck the ball pretty well. I thought we pitched pretty well. We were just a little too far behind and put ourselves in too big of a hole to climb our way out."

Coahoma's biggest issue in the loss was contact. Sonora pitcher Caleb Galvan struck out 13 Bulldogs and held Coahoma to just five hits in 25 at-bats.

"Their pitcher did a great job and he's one of the best in the district. He really changes it up and mixes it up well and I was just glad to see us hit quite a few balls hard today. A little bit here or there and those are line drives instead of popups," Jacobs said.

He continued, "I really like what some of our kids are doing at the plate, but we're still striking out too much and still failing to put the ball in play on a regular basis. And it's not a good formula for us because it seems like every time we get something going, there's a strikeout looming. And we have to overcome that."

Sonora's ability to put the bat on the ball was a big reason they were able to break through with 11 runs. The Broncos didn't always square up the bat with the ball, but the contact alone resulted in many bloop singles that were able to start and extend rallies.

"When there's a ball in play, you always have a chance. Whether it's looking for a second baseman to make an error or flipping the ball over the shortstop's head, or cheap hits. We did have good contact hits today, but we didn't have any cheap hits because we're either hitting the ball hard or we're striking out. It seems like there's no middle



HERALD photo/Drew Williams

Fletcher Mashburn, left, and Alex Biddison, right, sprint toward shallow center field before Zach Holmes, center, makes the catch for the out in the top of the fifth inning against Sonora Wednesday.

ground," Jacobs said.

Coahoma pitcher Zach Taylor started the game on Tuesday before Alex Biddison took over, but Taylor took the mound again when the game resumed on Wednesday. In total, Taylor finished with five innings pitched, giving up five earned runs on 10 hits while striking out six. Biddison pitched two innings, giving up two earned runs on four hits.

At the plate, Coahoma's five hits came from Braden Pearson, Logan Franklin, Jon Bermea, Zach Clark, and Andrew Martinez. Franklin and Bermea also finished with an RBI each.

Coahoma's next matchup will play a big role in

whether they can put a run together to take the district championship. They'll play Reagan County (9-5-1, 4-1) on Saturday, who beat the Bulldogs 9-0 the first time they played on March 22, but saw the Bulldogs bounce back for a 5-4 win on April 5.

"We're kind of in an interesting spot right now with our destiny in our own hands. We can go out and play well this week and win the district, or we can fail to compete and wind up facing Jim Ned, which is not a good place to be," Jacobs said.

First pitch on Saturday will be at 11 a.m. in Big Lake.

### What a night!

Golden State wins 73, Kobe scores 60 in finale

By TIM REYNOLDS

AP Basketball Writer

The stars did not disappoint.

And the most-celebrated closing night in NBA regular-season history not only lived up to expectations, it might have exceeded them with a pair of performances that will be talked about for years to come.

Golden State became the first team to win 73 games in a season, Warriors guard Stephen Curry scored 46 points and topped the 400 3-pointer mark to cap what will almost certainly be his second straight MVP campaign. Kobe Bryant's career with the Los Angeles Lakers ended in

most surprising fashion — a 60-point game, the first time he's gotten to that plateau since 2009.

"I think this has been an amazing day for sports fans, basketball fans in particular," Bryant said as he wore his Lakers' uniform about an hour after the game, not quite willing to take it off for the final time. "It's been a great day with them setting such an unbelievable record — you think about that, 73 wins, that's ridiculous. And then obviously what happened here tonight, it's been a great night in basketball history."

The Warriors beat the Memphis Grizzlies 125-104, finishing the season

73-9 and breaking the 72-10 mark that was put together by Jordan and the Chicago Bulls and lasted 20 years as the NBA's all-time single-season standard. Steve Kerr played for that Bulls team, and was the one who went on to coach these Warriors to a level not even that club could reach.

Jordan congratulated the Warriors in a statement released after the game. He also said, "The Warriors have been a lot of fun to watch and I look forward to seeing what they do in the playoffs."

Curry made 10 3's to get to 402 for the season, officially wrapped up the NBA scoring title, and sent a message to the rest of the league going into the postseason — that the Warriors are far from satisfied, with Curry saying he was happy that all the team needs to worry about now is getting 16 post-season wins.

Somehow, the Warriors' 73-win record — "the new Golden Standard," the team called it — almost seemed overshadowed.

"Nobody really cares about the 73 wins it was all about Kobe today," Indiana guard C.J. Watson wrote on Twitter.

That's how impressive Bryant's last game was. "There's no way I could possibly imagine this happening," Bryant said.

Bryant scored 60 points and took 50 shots, the most of any game in his career — a total that came with the blessing

### Star Athlete of the Week

James Davison  
Howard College



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Coming in as underdogs in last weekend's four-game series against New Mexico Junior College, Hawks team captain James Davison said he felt a winning streak coming. They didn't sweep the series, but the Hawks took an impressive three out

of four from the second-place team in the conference. Davison, batting out of the leadoff spot in all four games, delivered by going 7-for-13 with two home runs, two triples, a double, 10 RBIs and five runs scored in the series.

of teammates who just wanted him to score as much as possible one final time.

"Felt good to be able to do that," Bryant said, "one last time."

And when it ended, the basketball world was buzzing.

"4-13 should go down in the archives as #MambaDay," longtime NBA sharpshooter Mike Miller tweeted. "@Kobe Bryant thanks for the memories. It was amazing to be able to compete against u!"

Added Heat forward Chris Bosh: "73 wins and one dude shooting 50 shots in one game on the same night. Has that ever happened before?" Bosh ended that tweet

with the hashtag "awesome."

Fans who had to resort to the secondary resale markets paid more than \$1,000 for tickets just to get a seat to see the Warriors chase history or Bryant play one final time.

Odds are, none of them left thinking they made a mistake.

"Whoever paid those crazy ... prices for those tickets y'all got y'all money's worth tonight," Lakers guard Jordan Clarkson tweeted.

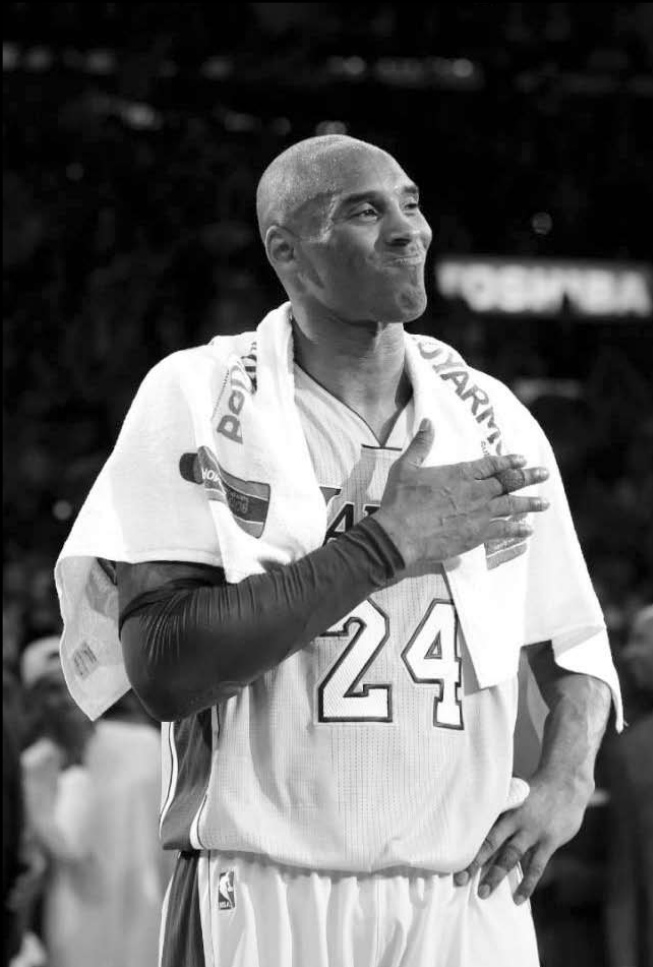
"The team held itself to a high standard throughout the season, playing with purpose every night and captivating fans around the world with its free-flow-

ing style, spectacular shooting and flair for the dramatic," Silver said. "Kudos to the entire Warriors organization."

Not long after Silver released his statement, the NBA put out its schedule for the first round that starts Saturday. The confetti that flew in Oakland was swept up, the champagne that was sprayed on Bryant after his finale had long dried.

The night was over.

The playoffs await for the Warriors, but not Bryant. His career is done, and his last act on the floor at Staples Center was a two-word farewell to Lakers fans: "Mamba out."



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To think or not to think: that is the HOLIDAY question, MATHIS as Mercury and Jupiter align auspiciously, combining the logic of body and mind with a kind of felicitous, nonsensical lunar enthusiasm. If you're the type to over-think your way into trouble, focus an intention on the greater good and that's what will be unthinkingly achieved.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Certain people who know the facts all too well are likely to exaggerate and distort them for their own entertainment. If you take it too seriously, it's confusing. If you don't, it's fun.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You strive to leave the world better than you found it, preferably with many smiles in your wake. Your commitment to add good cheer wherever you go will be the side project that becomes a main

part of your legacy. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Your leisure time is too precious to spend on entertainment you're not that into. Your work time is the same: Just because you're getting paid doesn't mean you should settle for being less than totally excited.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You are quite vigilant about showing up where you're expected. Don't go soft when it comes to your own schedule! You have one hour to spend on your favorite activity. Plan it; then support and protect the plan.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You're not expecting anyone else to bring you to life, and yet you cannot deny that being around certain people just makes you feel better, more vibrant and more joyful. Bump up the frequency of this with a few invitations.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll be working on something uncomfortably exciting today. Are you really qualified? No! There is no way for you to be qualified except by

**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

taking it on now. That's what makes it a bold adventure.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's your curious attitude that opens the world to you. You never have to worry where this is going next. Being genuinely interested in one thing will immediately link you to the next thing. Trust your intelligence.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The great skill that trumps all the other skills right now is listening. When you do that well, you give yourself a distinct advantage, standing out in a sea of self-involved individuals.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Discussing and accounting for your time will be a key component of this day. It will be useful to keep a log of your activities, especially if those activities involve reading. A thorough approach will produce a rich opportunity.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It happens every so often that you find yourself in a predicament you don't quite understand. You've

achieved many years of wisdom and yet maybe you're still too young for this one. At least it's helping you to ask better questions.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Impatience and laziness are the evils to combat now, as they will lead to far worse sins. Any tendency in this direction needs to be rooted out and replaced with compassion and usefulness.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Maybe you were going for a certain prize in the beginning, and it's still very important to you that you get this, but the joy of achievement is the true treasure you'll take away from the experience. You'll slow down and savor it.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (April 14). This year's theme is the cultivation of wisdom. Kindness draws people to you and they stick around to help you build something beautiful in May and June. Love relationships intensify in August. You'll work closely with a mentor in October and solve a financial dilemma. One

goal will turn into a journey through Libra and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 50, 2, 11 and 18.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I'm a Gemini with a new baby, and I'm having trouble keeping up with life lately. Everything is a mess in the house; I'm so tired, and I don't get nearly the help I was hoping to get from others in my family (I'm not naming names). I guess I expected that I would naturally take to this change. Even though I am crazy in love with my son, I can tell already that nothing will ever be the same and the new way seems a bit chaotic. Any advice?"

Gemini like you are wonderful at improvisation and that's a skill you're going to use constantly in parenting. What Gemini sometimes doesn't do as naturally is planning ahead. The out-of-control feeling in regards to domestic rhythms and the mess you describe can be handled by creating systems that you can follow so you're not

having to make it up every day, which requires a lot of energy and can be exhausting. Put the chores you used to do as needed (like laundry, dishes, picking up, bills, etc.) on a daily schedule and consider hiring someone to help you with them if you can. Your sleep and health are a top priority not only to your own health but also to your baby's experience.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Abigail Breslin will star as Baby in the television musical re-imagining of the 1987 film "Dirty Dancing." The ray of light formerly known as "Little Miss Sunshine" was born when the sun, Mars and Saturn were all in the sign of the warrior spirit. This much Aries energy in a chart spells one thing: fearlessness. Her Pisces moon is a boon, too, favoring artistry and empathy.

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**Annie's Mailbox**

**Dear Annie:** I am a middle school student, and I signed up for drama at the beginning of the semester. I've been working really hard at it.

The problem is, I failed one of my classes (out of seven). Because of that, I am not allowed to participate in drama. I have a speaking role with 17 lines and I don't think they can replace me in such a short time.

This really upsets me, especially because in the high school I'll be attending, you only need to pass four classes to participate in drama. What's worse is that they didn't give me or my parents any warning about how close I was to failing. I did know that I wasn't doing well in that class, and I was trying to bring up my grade. But I have anxiety issues and get panic attacks when I try to talk to teachers or people of authority (even my mom).

My parents emailed the school with a complaint, but I was wondering what you think

I should do. -- Was Ready for Showtime in New Hampshire

**Dear New Hampshire:** We wish we could help you, but schools routinely penalize students by prohibiting them from doing special activities if they fail a required class. (It happens to football players and other athletes, too.) Such consequences are how schools hold students accountable.

You can try talking to the drama teacher to see if he or she would intervene on your behalf, and you also can talk to the teacher who gave you the failing grade, explaining that you were working hard to improve and didn't realize this would happen. If you have anxiety about talking to authority figures, try imagining that you are in a play and this is what your character does. It's good practice. You also can ask your parents to speak to these teachers directly, instead of leaving messages.

But if this is the policy of the school, there isn't much you can do. Consider it a learning experience, and keep it in mind for high school, when you can try out for drama and be motivated to put your grades first. We know you'll do better.

**Dear Annie:** I am writing in response to the letter signed, "Is This Normal," whose girlfriend bounces her 10-year-old son on her lap for 30 minutes.

Your response was not strong enough. This is child abuse. This mother should immediately be reported to the Department for Children and Family Services in their local community. The entire

family can then receive the help they need, and this child can be protected. The report can be anonymous and can be done by calling the Department directly or by notifying the local police.

Please tell "Normal" to take the steps to protect this child from further abuse, and also to protect his young sister from having to watch her brother be abused on a daily basis. -- Social Worker

**Dear Social Worker:** Many readers suggested that this mother is a child molester. Perhaps so. But we think she is simply misguided and has gotten into a bad situation that she doesn't recognize or

know how to fix. Whatever the case, we agree that the situation must be dealt with immediately.

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ANSWERS

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

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	7	1				2		
		3				7	9	
7				5			6	
	3	4				2	8	
	8			1				3
		7	5			6		
			9			5	1	
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By Steve Becker

**Pomp and Circumstance**

East declarer.

East-West vulnerable.

<b>NORTH</b>			
♦	Q 8		
♥	Q 6 4		
♠	K Q 10 8 3		
♣	Q 10 5		
<b>WEST</b>			
♠	A 5 4		
♥	A J 9 7 3		
♠	J 6 2		
♣	7		
<b>EAST</b>			
♠	K J 7 2		
♥	8		
♠	5 4		
♣	9 8 6 4 3 2		

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

**Perhaps Hegel was right** when he said one learns from experience that one does not always learn from experience.

Consider the present deal from a rubber-bridge game. South was in three notrump, and West led his fourth-best heart. Declarer took the first trick with the ten, then returned a low heart, winning with dummy's queen after West followed with the nine.

South next cashed the A-K-Q of diamonds, but, unfortunately, the

jack did not fall. As a result, declarer finished down one, losing three spades, a heart and a diamond.

The outcome seems very normal, since South played the hand pretty much the same way most other declarers would have played it. But the fact is that South was decidedly out of order when he staked everything exclusively on a favorable diamond division. Granting that the diamond suit would from previous experience — seem the natural suit to attack at trick three, declarer's correct play at that point was the eight of spades!

After scoring the first two hearts, he was gazing at eight sure tricks, and should have been looking for the best way to acquire a ninth. The spade lead would do exactly that, guaranteeing that after the defenders' ace, king and jack were forced out, South's ten would inevitably become trick number nine.

No distribution of the opposing cards can prevent this from happening if a spade is led at trick three, regardless of how much it goes against the grain to make such a play. It is true that declarer might fail to make four notrump by not playing diamonds first, but that is a very minor consideration where assuring a game is concerned.

Tomorrow: Two double-dummy problems.

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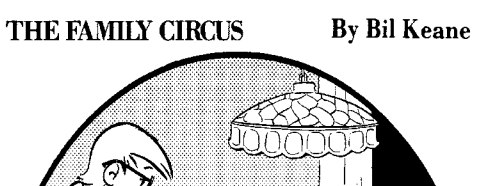
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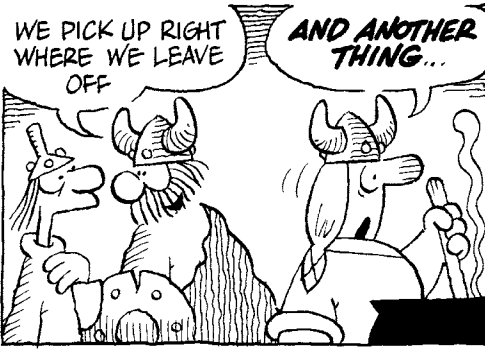


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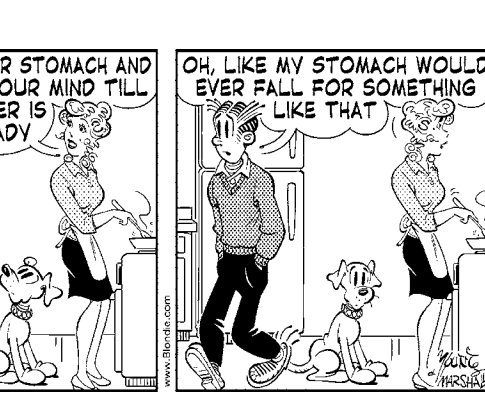
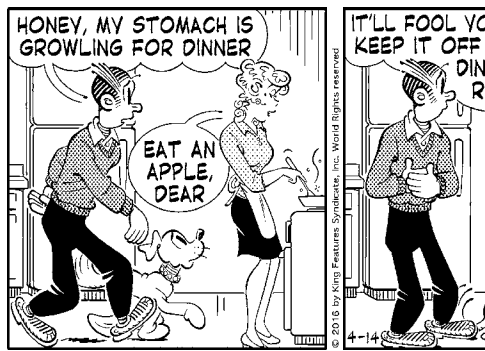


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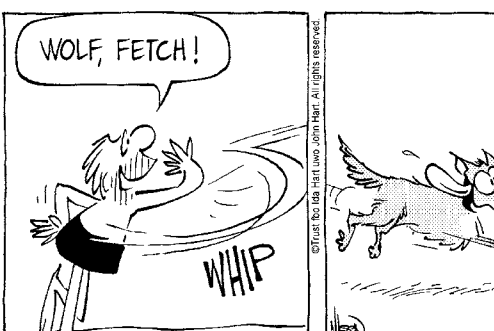
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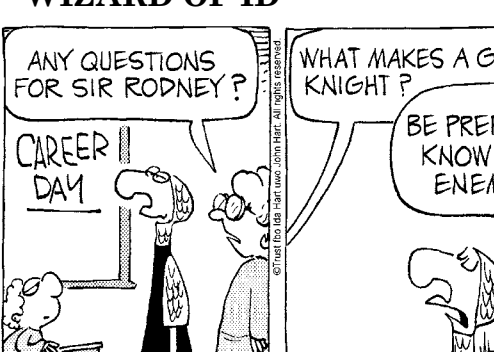
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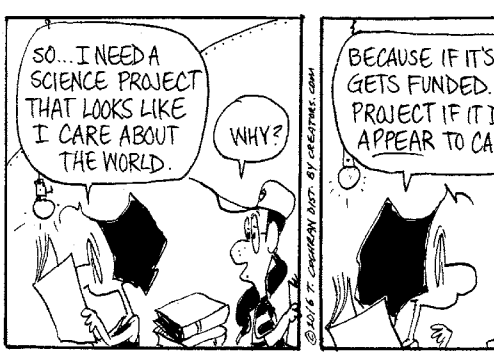
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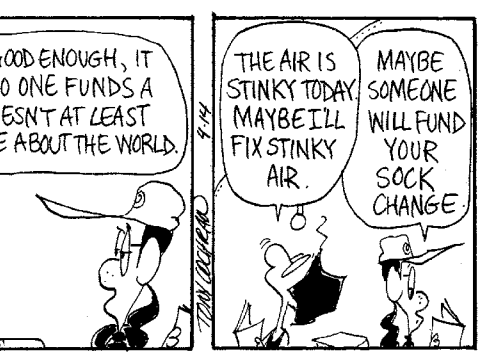
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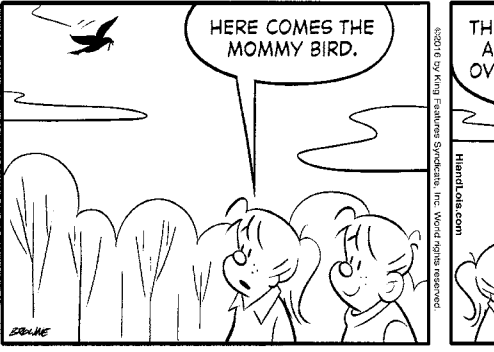
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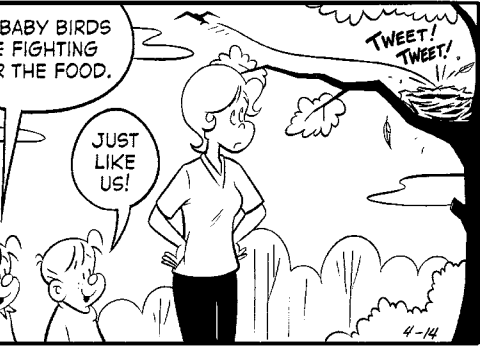
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### SOMEONE FELL OFF THE CLIFF YESTERDAY



## This Date In History

Today is Thursday, April 14, the 105th day of 2016. There are 261 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On April 14, 1865, President Abraham Lincoln was shot and mortally wounded by John Wilkes Booth during a performance of "Our American Cousin" at Ford's Theater in Washington.

On this date:

In 1775, the first American society for the abolition of slavery was formed in Philadelphia.

In 1828, the first edition of Noah Webster's "American Dictionary of the English Language" was published.

In 1912, the British liner RMS Titanic collided with an iceberg in the North Atlantic at 11:40 p.m. ship's time and began sinking. (The ship went under two hours and 40 minutes later with the loss of 1,514 lives.)

In 1935, the "Black Sunday" dust storm descended upon the central Plains, turning a sunny afternoon into total darkness.

In 1939, the John Steinbeck novel "The Grapes of Wrath" was first published by Viking Press.

In 1949, the "Wilhelmstrasse

Trial" in Nuremberg ended with 19 former Nazi Foreign Office officials sentenced by an American tribunal to prison terms ranging from four to 25 years.

In 1956, Ampex Corp. demonstrated the first practical videotape recorder at the National Association of Radio and Television Broadcasters Convention in Chicago.

In 1965, the state of Kansas hanged Richard Hickock and Perry Smith for the 1959 murders of Herbert Clutter, his wife, Bonnie, and two of their children, Nancy and Kenyon.

In 1975, Academy Award-winning actor Fredric March, 77, died in Los Angeles.

In 1981, the first test flight of America's first operational space shuttle, the Columbia, ended successfully with a landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

In 1986, Americans got word of a U.S. air raid on Libya (because of the time difference, it was the early morning of April 15 where the attack occurred.) French feminist author Simone de Beauvoir died in Paris at age 78.

In 1995, Oscar-winning actor-singer Burl Ives died in Anacortes, Washington, at age 85.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush rebuffed recommendations from a growing number of retired generals that

he replace Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, saying, "He has my full support."

Five years ago: Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi rolled defiantly through the streets of Tripoli the same day NATO air strikes shook the city. North Korean confirmed it was holding an American who was detained in November 2010, reportedly for proselytizing. (Eddie Jun was freed in May 2011.) ABC canceled two of its longtime soap operas, "One Life to Live" and "All My Children."

Thought for Today:  
"I am a man of fixed and unbending principles, the first of which is to be flexible at all times."  
Everett Dirksen  
American politician  
(1896-1969).

Answer to previous puzzle

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## Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Vise, essentially
  - 6 Is irate
  - 11 Mined matter
  - 14 Guy's voice in *Up*
  - 15 Alternatives to the Surface
  - 16 Sleep lab letters
  - 17 Frisking
  - 19 Fall back slowly
  - 20 Saunalike
  - 21 NL West team
  - 22 Gunk
  - 23 Kindergarten trip destinations
  - 27 Two-pronged
  - 31 Guys
  - 32 Blows off steam
  - 33 Disreputable
  - 36 DC VIP
  - 37 With 38 Across, placing in opposition
  - 38 See 37 Across
  - 42 "Dig in!"
  - 43 Surpassed
  - 44 Muscle trouble
  - 47 Prefix for "gold"
  - 48 "Phooey!"
  - 49 Garden store purchase
  - 53 Tankard filler
  - 54 DC-based alliance
  - 55 Irritate
  - 60 *World Factbook* compiler
  - 61 Saving
  - 63 Double curve
  - 64 Take \_\_\_ (try)
  - 65 Water, essentially
  - 66 Every other hurricane

- DOWN**
- 1 Stadium souvenirs
  - 2 Exam for some college srs.
  - 3 Initial stake
  - 4 It means "beyond"
  - 5 Prettify
  - 6 Small fruit
  - 7 Software
  - 8 Some Polynesians
  - 9 Buzz's birth name
  - 10 IRS ID
  - 11 Crater Lake state
  - 67 Bounds' partner
  - 68 Settings
  - 12 Start the computer again
  - 13 Adom in relief
  - 18 Scientist on *Dancing with the Stars*
  - 24 Tough guy
  - 25 Splendid
  - 26 More slapstick
  - 27 Salsa, for instance
  - 28 Starter like mono-
  - 29 Sternward
  - 30 Most recent
  - 34 Home of the Heat
  - 35 St. Catherines, —
  - 36 PD rank
  - 38 Sleek, for short
  - 39 New Deal org.
  - 40 Ready to proceed
  - 41 Six-pt. plays
  - 43 Shelter + bench locale
  - 44 Garage slots
  - 45 Elegance
  - 46 Laid back
  - 47 Hercule's creator
  - 50 See 62 Down
  - 51 Shelter + food locale
  - 52 Bricks that snap together
  - 56 UBER alternative
  - 57 Ninny
  - 58 Stow cargo
  - 59 Dots on smileys
  - 61 Crony
  - 62 With 50 Down, frustration exclamation

## FIVE OF A KIND by Carolyn Stewart

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# Academic Star Student of the Week

## Jayton Schreiner • Forsan High School

Senior Jayton Schreiner is a true asset to Forsan High School. During the course of his high school career, Jayton has taken and excelled in the highest level of classes offered at Forsan High

School. He is a respected member of the state award winning band, a valuable member of One Act Play, and a regional qualifier on the UIL Science team. In addition, Jayton is a member of

National Honor Society. He enjoys hanging out with friends in his spare time and plans to attend South Plains College in the fall. Jayton is the son of Steve and Michelle Schreiner.



## Congratulations, Jayton!

## Parent's Corner

*Let the past stay behind us*

Let's talk about yesterday, today and tomorrow. This gets a bit confusing, so stay with me. We often get caught up in "living in yesterday"; allowing our minds to dwell in our activities and achievements of the past, and not moving on to the greener pastures of tomorrow.

Will Rogers once said that we shouldn't let yesterday use up too much of today and he was exactly right.

Whether yesterday was good or bad, it shouldn't dominate our today. Albert Einstein is quoted as saying: learn from yesterday, live for today, and hope for tomorrow. We know that yesterday will shape our today and our tomorrow, but it shouldn't dominate our thoughts.

Just as Babe Ruth once said, "Yesterday's home runs don't win today's games!" And there is the old quote that says today's mighty oak is just a nut that held its ground. We are different today than we were yesterday, and hopefully we learned something yesterday that will be of benefit today; and hopefully we are wiser today than we were yesterday.

But when we discover that we are not as wise as we think we are then we will find that we have just become a little bit wiser. Robert H. Schuller once said, "The dream of yesterday is the hope of today and the reality of tomorrow, for today's accomplishments are yesterday's impossibilities." Lou Holtz said, "If what you did yesterday still looks big to you, you haven't done much today."

We must realize that we cannot accomplish

the tasks of today using yesterday tools and yesterday's concepts. We must educate ourselves in what no one knew yesterday, and prepare ourselves for what no one yet knows. Everyday provides new opportunities that allow us to build on past successes or and to put yesterday's failures behind us. We are fully aware that the success of yesterday is not efficient for today or tomorrow, and we realize that learning and innovation go hand in hand.

I heard a story that brings this into perspective. This could have easily happened in West Texas. It seems that Bubba bought a horse from a farmer for \$100. The farmer agreed to deliver the horse the next day but when he came to make the delivery he said, 'Sorry Bubba, but I have some bad news, the horse died.' Bubba replied, 'Well, then just give me my money back.' The farmer said, 'Can't do that. I've already spent it'. Bubba said, 'Ok, just bring me the dead horse.' The farmer asked, 'What ya gonna do with him?' Bubba said, 'I'm going to raffle him off.' The farmer said, 'You can't raffle off a dead horse!' Bubba said, 'Sure I can, just watch me. I just won't tell anybody he's dead.'

A month later, the farmer met up with Bubba and asked, 'What happened with that dead horse?' Bubba said, 'I raffled him off. I sold 500 tickets at two dollars apiece and made a profit of \$998.00! The farmer said, 'Didn't anyone complain?' Bubba said, 'Just the guy who won so I gave him his two dollars back.' I guess the moral to this story is that Bubba may sit back and bask in yesterday's glory, or seek employment in government work. Of course it could be that he already has!

*Darrell Ryan is the director of school safety for Big Spring Independent School District.*

## World Bank pledges \$2.5 billion for teenage girls' education

WASHINGTON (AP) — The World Bank on Wednesday pledged \$2.5 billion to educate and empower adolescent girls in low-income countries as a way to improve their well-being and fight poverty.

Speaking at the spring meetings of the World Bank Group and the International Monetary Fund, World Bank President Jim Yong Kim said that enabling girls to attend school helps them delay marriage; have fewer, healthier and better educated chil-

dren; get better jobs and earn money.

The funds will be allocated by 2020 and 75 percent of the money will go mostly to countries in Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia.

"Unleashing the full economic potentials of half the population can drive the growth and prosperity of nations," Kim said. "Investing in girls and women is not only the right thing to do for them as individuals. It's also the smart thing to do for economies."

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