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Campaign to remove judge in rape case gains steam

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A fledgling campaign to recall the judge who sentenced a former Stanford University swimmer to six months in jail for sexually assaulting an unconscious woman gained momentum as three prominent political consultants joined the effort.

The Recall Judge Aaron Persky campaign on Friday said media consultant Joe Trippi, campaign strategist John Shallman and pollster Paul Maslin would help secure the signatures and votes required to remove the Santa Clara County jurist from the bench next year.

Trippi has worked for a number of Democratic presidential candidates,

while Maslin's clients include Gov. Jerry Brown and members of Congress. Shallman has worked for the president of the California Senate, who spearheaded passage of a law requiring colleges and universities to apply a "yes means yes" standard in sexual misconduct



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cases.

Persky was re-elected in an unopposed election Tuesday, five days after sentencing Brock Turner, 20, to six months in jail and three years' probation. The punishment for the Dayton, Ohio, native ignited intense outcry as too lenient.

Prosecutors had argued for Turner to spend six years in

prison for three felony convictions that could have sent him away for 14 years.

The judge said in court last week that he followed a recommendation from the county's probation department and cited Turner's clean criminal record and the effect the conviction will have on his life.

"I have daughters in college myself, and I find it deeply disturbing that a judge like Persky could let a campus predator like Turner off with barely a slap on the wrist," Shallman said. "Justice is supposed to be blind — not stupid."

A request to interview the judge wasn't returned Friday. A court

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White to take reins at BSHS

New principal Erin White, a Coahoma grad, to assume duties July 1

By LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

It will be a homecoming of sorts for Erin Stovall White when she officially takes over the job of Big Spring High School principal July 1.

White is a Coahoma High School graduate and will fill the vacancy left by the retirement of Mike Ritchey, another CHS grad. She has served as the assistant principal of Muleshoe

ISD for the past three years. "I grew up in Coahoma. My dad and brother live in Big Spring and my mom lives in Odessa," White said. "Really, when we moved to Muleshoe, we branched out and moved away from our family. We can't say a bad word about Muleshoe. It's been a great school, good place for our kids. My husband and I are both coaches and it was very hard to get home and see our family even on holidays."

"Muleshoe is real successful (in sports) therefore they played all through Christmas, every Thanksgiving and all through Spring Break, so we never really had any time to go home and see our family. Our kids missed their

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Once in a lifetime

HERALD photos/LYNDEL MOODY

Two Texas agave cactuses, also known as century plants, are in full bloom in front of a residence at 1701 Main St. The slow-growing plants live from 10 to 25 years before using all of their energy reserve to produce a flowering stalk that can grow 15 feet or more. The plant only flowers once and dies soon after. According to the owner of the house, the massive stalks grew to their current heights within a period of four to six weeks.



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Budget workshop highlights county agenda

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners will hold the latest in a series of budget workshops when they meet Monday afternoon.

The meeting will begin with the budget workshop at 3 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the county courthouse. At the conclusion of the workshop, commissioners will reconvene in the third floor courtroom to consider other agenda items.

Like their colleagues at the

city of Big Spring, area school districts and Howard College, county officials are looking at a potential drastic loss of taxable revenues, thanks in large part to the downturn in the oil economy.

Preliminary appraisal figures released by the tax appraisal office have painted a glum picture for this area's taxing entities, but few more so than the county — if those projections hold, the county will lose more than \$700 million in taxable valuations from last year.

To combat that expected shortfall, commissioners have already alerted county department heads they would have to trim their respective operational budget requests by at least 10 percent, and have met with most of those managers in recent weeks to make that goal a reality.

"They've met with just about all the department heads by now," County Auditor Jackie Olson said recently. "And all

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Obituaries

Linda Mae Reid



On Wednesday, June 8, 2016, a gentle wind blew across the land and gently took a hand. For on these winds, the angels called out the name of our Mom, Grandma and Sister - Linda Mae Reid.

Linda, 71, of Forney, Texas, passed away at Plano Presbyterian Hospital, with her family at her side.

Linda was the daughter of Jean and Jolette Rogers. She was born June 17, 1944, in Monahans, Texas. She was a 1962 graduate of Coahoma High School. Linda married her high school sweetheart, Billy Carl Reid, in 1964. After celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in 2014, Billy Carl passed away on March 30 of that same year.

Linda is survived by sons Eric Reid and daughter-in-law Latesha of Irving, Texas, Devin Reid and daughter-in-law Shauna of Lucas, Texas; and "Grandma's" grandchildren, Elise and Landon Reid of Lucas.

Other survivors include a sister, Jolene Rutledge and son-in-law Drexel of Burleson, Texas; a brother, Bobby Rogers and sister-in-law Melodye of Robson Ranch, Texas; her father-in-law, Carl Dale Reid of Coahoma; her brothers-in-law and their

wives, Phillip and Shyrlee Reid of Coahoma, Mike and Linda Reid of Coahoma, Donald and Delinda Reid of Coahoma, and Royce and Paula Reid of Liberty Hills, Texas; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Linda was preceded in death by her husband Billy Carl; son Kyle; mother Jean Rogers; and father Jolette Rogers.

Linda was a Wife, Mom, Grandma, Daughter, and Sister with a heart so true and tender. She devoted her life to those she loved—a life well spent. And now to God, Linda's journey is on angel's wings on a heavenly flight towards the light. We weep for her life that is gone but in God's love, "tis but the dawn".

Pallbearers are Jared Eaken of Keller, Texas; Richard Eaken of Keller; Bryan Pittman of Burleson; Stephen Rogers of Robson Ranch, Texas; Bobby Rogers of Robson Ranch and Drexel Rutledge of Burleson.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday, June 12, at New Hope Funeral Home and Memorial Gardens, 500 E. Highway 80 in Sunnyvale, Texas. Interment will be on Monday, June 13, at 11 a.m. at Dallas-Fort Worth National Veterans Cemetery, 2000 Mountain Creek Parkway in Dallas. If family and friends would like to go in procession to the cemetery, please meet at 10 a.m. at funeral home.

Paid obituary

Alen Dale Mince Sr.



Alen Dale Mince Sr., 54, of Monahans died June 3, 2016. No services are planned at this time.

Alen served in the United States Army.

Alen is survived by his life partner, Lynn Spires of Monahans; parents, Jesse and Deen Mince of Big Spring; sons, Alen Dale Mince Jr. of Arlington and Jesse Gaylon of Big Spring; sisters, Tammie Jones of Odessa and Lori Mince of

Big Spring; brothers, Jesse Mince of Odessa and Jace Mince of Dilley, Texas; one granddaughter; and several nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sun 6/12	Mon 6/13	Tue 6/14	Wed 6/15	Thu 6/16
94/71 Sunshine and clouds mixed. A stray shower or t-storm is possible. High 94F. Winds S at 10 to 20 mph.	98/71 Isolated t-storms. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.	101/73 Partly cloudy. Highs 99 to 103F and lows in the low 70s.	102/73 Mostly sunny. Highs 100 to 104F and lows in the low 70s.	101/72 T-storms developing in the afternoon. Highs 99 to 103F and lows in the low 70s.
Sunrise: 6:39 AM Sunset: 8:53 PM	Sunrise: 6:39 AM Sunset: 8:53 PM	Sunrise: 6:39 AM Sunset: 8:54 PM	Sunrise: 6:39 AM Sunset: 8:54 PM	Sunrise: 6:39 AM Sunset: 8:54 PM

Texas at a Glance



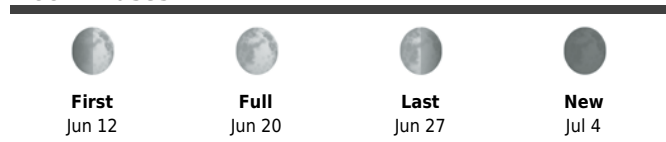
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	88	72	P Cloudy	Kingsville	93	76	Sunny
Amarillo	89	64	Cloudy	Livingston	88	74	M Cloudy
Austin	92	74	M Cloudy	Longview	87	72	P Cloudy
Beaumont	88	75	M Cloudy	Lubbock	87	68	M Cloudy
Brownsville	91	78	P Cloudy	Lufkin	88	71	Cloudy
Brownwood	90	70	P Cloudy	Midland	96	73	P Cloudy
Corpus Christi	88	78	P Cloudy	Raymondville	94	78	M Sunny
Corsicana	90	73	M Cloudy	Rosenberg	91	75	P Cloudy
Dallas	91	74	M Cloudy	San Antonio	94	77	Cloudy
Del Rio	95	76	Cloudy	San Marcos	92	73	Cloudy
El Paso	95	74	P Cloudy	Sulphur Springs	87	74	P Cloudy
Fort Stockton	94	71	M Cldy/Wind	Sweetwater	88	71	P Cloudy
Gainesville	87	71	P Cloudy	Tyler	87	72	P Cloudy
Greenville	87	73	P Cloudy	Weatherford	89	71	P Cloudy
Houston	91	75	M Cloudy	Wichita Falls	90	74	P Cloudy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	95	71	Sunny	Miami	88	76	P Cloudy
Boston	73	63	Cloudy	Minneapolis	92	65	P Cloudy
Chicago	93	64	P Cloudy	New York	86	72	P Cloudy
Dallas	91	74	M Cloudy	Phoenix	103	75	Sunny
Denver	94	63	Sunny	San Francisco	70	55	Cloudy
Houston	91	75	M Cloudy	Seattle	65	51	Cloudy
Los Angeles	71	60	Cloudy	Saint Louis	96	71	Sunny

Moon Phases



UV Index

Sun 6/12	Mon 6/13	Tue 6/14	Wed 6/15	Thu 6/16
11	11	11	11	11
Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme

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

Juan Angel Vasquez Gaitan Jr.



Juan Angel Vasquez Gaitan Jr. passed away peacefully at the age of 69 on Sunday, June 5, 2016 at his home in Middletown, Ohio. He had been battling liver cancer. He was preceded in death by his parents, Juan T and Cristina V. Gaitan Sr. and three brothers, Agustin V. Gaitan Sr., Antonio V. Gaitan, and Luis A.V. Gaitan, all of Big Spring.

He is survived by his three children, Chrisie Gaitan Collins and JV Gaitan Peterson of Lubbock and Juan Ruben

Gaitan of New Boston; and two sisters, Audelia V. Gaitan-Morales of Dallas and Elena V. Gaitan Gomez of San Antonio; as well as several nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Juan donated his body to the Department of Anatomy, US College of Medicine in Cincinnati, Ohio. After a three year study, his body will be cremated and buried at the college cemetery.

A special heartfelt thank you to his Middletown, Ohio, family: godsisters Cynthia and Natasha Carter; goddaughters Sonia and Cierra; and close friend Rick Smith.

Please donate to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements are under the direction of Spring Grove Cemetery & Arboretum in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Paid obituary

San Juanita Valle Olivas



Funeral Services for San Juanita Olivas of Big Spring has been set for 11 a.m. Saturday June 11, 2016, at Stanton Memorial Funeral Home and Chapel in Stanton. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Stanton. A rosary vigil will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, June 10, 2016, at Stanton Memorial Funeral Home.

Juanita was born to Amado Gutierrez Valle and Juanita

Gonzales Valle on June 12, 1956, in Pearsall, Texas, and passed away June 7, 2016. She was a resident of Big Spring, and a homemaker.

Juanita is preceded in death by her husband Jose Olivas Sr.

She is survived by her daughters, Valerie Olivas and Lisa Olivas, both of Big Spring; sons, Jose Olivas Jr. and wife Lark, and Eric Olivas and partner Ashley Mehan, all of Big Spring; sisters, Soila Cruz of Big Spring, and Gilda Castillo and Maria Caballero, both of Lubbock; brothers, Amado Valle Jr. and Julian Valle Sr., both of Big Spring; and one grandchild.

Betty Ann Cox



Betty Ann Cox, 77, of Big Spring was born to Ernest and Ethel Kennedy on April 7, 1939, and died on Friday, June 10, 2016.

Mrs. Cox worked at Dr. Warren's office as a dental assistant, and worked at Hall Air-cooled Engine before retiring in 2015.

She is survived by three daughters, Vickie Wallis and husband Steve; Debra Casey and husband Marvin, and Jeri Farmer and

husband Jerry; several grandchildren; several great grandchildren; and one brother, Rex Kennedy and wife Joyce.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Otho Jerold Cox Jr.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Tuesday at Myers and Smith Funeral Home. She will lie in state from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. beginning Sunday, June 12, 2016, through Tuesday, June 14, 2016. No other services are scheduled.

Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **JOHN STEVEN HARDIN**, 31, of 7661 Rufus Johnson Rd. in Fayetteville, N.C., was arrested on a charge of theft of property (less than \$100)/shop-lifting.
- **EDUARDO DIAZ**, 19, of 83 E. Byrne St. in Roswell, N.M., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **AMANDA SUE HUDGINS**, 29, of 1405 E. 14th St. was arrested on outstanding warrants.
- **JENNIE DEE NIX**, 56, of 817 Timothy Lane was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- **TERRY HOUSTON WILLIAMS**, 57, of 1100 Wood St. was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 900 block of North Lamesa Highway and the 1100 block of Mesa Avenue.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1400 block of Sycamore Street, the 700 block of West Interstate 20, and the 1900 block of Wasson Road.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of 6th and State streets and at the intersection of 18th and Benton streets.

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Support Groups

SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

MONDAY

• 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.

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

TUESDAY

• The Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group holds its meeting at the Big Spring

Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. on the second Tuesday of every 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 holds its weekly meeting from, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, meets from noon to 1 p.m.; there is also a new comers meeting from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles, a sup-

port group 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.

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WHITE

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grandparents.”
Education was not her first choice of career, White admitted, but while taking a few courses in college, she soon realized teaching was the right fit for her. Following her high school graduation, White attended Howard College for a year before heading to Texas Tech University to pursue a career in the medical/science field.

“My mom told me ever since I was little I was always going to be a teacher. I think that’s because I am bossy,” White quipped. “I just started taking education classes and I really just loved it and I knew that is what I am supposed to be doing.”

White graduated in the spring of 2005 with her bachelor’s degree, and by the fall began teaching fifth grade math at Colorado City ISD while coaching softball and track at the high school. Acting on the advice of her principal at the time, White went back to school to earn her master’s degree in education leadership at the University of the Texas Permian Basin which she received in 2007.

After taking a year’s break from school, White took time to get married and enjoyed her teaching career.

Then again acting on advice from her same principal, she went back to school to earn her counselor’s certification.

“She said if you want to be a principal, you really need to become a counselor first,” she said. “A counselor goes through some of the same things a principal deals with.”

She earned her counselor certification in one summer and by the fall was hired as the Colorado City High School as the high school counselor while retaining her coaching positions. The couple and their newborn baby moved to Muleshoe so Clay could accept the head basketball coach position in Muleshoe

“We loved Colorado City but my husband had a chance to be a head coach,” she said.

White was originally hired too as the elementary school counselor at Muleshoe ISD, but was quickly transferred to become the high school counselor, where she also put her successful softball coaching skills to use as the new head softball coach. She led her team to several successful seasons. By the second year at Muleshoe, she was hired as the assistant principal but she continued to serve as the head softball coach for the next two years.

This past year, White has overseen the district’s transportation division and continued as the assistant principal of the high school. She has also earned her superintendent’s certification through UTPB.

Working in a small school system, White said she has learned to wear many hats, and added her first challenge will be adjusting to how a larger system works.

“I think it’s going to be shocking how much more help I have, and learning to step aside and let other people help,” she said “I’m ready for that.”

Besides now living near her immediate family, White will have an extra shoulder to lean on for support during her transition to the new job. Her stepmother, Charlotte Stovall, is the Coahoma High School principal and long-time friend from her Colorado City ISD days. White’s husband, Clay, has also been hired to serve as the Big Spring High School football defensive coordinator and to teach Algebra I.

The couple, who already has two daughters, is expecting a third child in August, this time a son.

“Everybody here is sad,” White said. “We are excited to go, but when you leave a good place it’s always hard. It’s hard to leave your co-workers and new friends, but I’ve got three grandparents who are still alive in Big Spring and I’m getting to be back close to them and that’s irreplaceable.”

Take note

• Once again it is time to have the Flower Grove Reunion. The date has been set for Saturday July 2, 2016. Due to construction at Lamesa High School, the Reunion has been moved to the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 401 North 3rd Street in Lamesa. The Fellowship Hall is at the corner of 3rd St. and Austin Avenue.

Registration will begin at 10 a.m. and a catered meal will be served at 1 p.m.. The Flower Grove School started in 1922. It consolidated with the Klondike district in 1973. To attend contact: Brenda L. Walters, P.O. Box 1232, Lamesa, Texas 79331 or call 806-872-9318.

• Mutton Bustin’ and Shetland Bronc Riding are scheduled for each night of the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo, June 16, 17 & 18 in the Rodeo Bowl. Entry fee for Mutton Bustin’ is \$40. To register your child contact Diane Hofacket at 432-267-8041. Entry fee for Mini Broncs is \$50. To register your child, contact Shannon Crenshaw at 432-816-4531. Log onto bigspringrodeo.com for additional rodeo information about the 83rd annual event.

• The Big Spring High School Art Club will host an Art Camp, Monday through Friday, June 20-24, at the high school art room in the vocational building. The camp is for seven to 12 year olds and the cost \$100 per child. The class has a limit of 20 students per session.

Two sessions are available, 10 to 12 years old, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and seven to nine year olds, noon to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Andrea Phinney at anphinney@bsisd.esc18.net or call 432-264-3641 and leave a message.

• 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 com-

mittee 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 popsinpark2016@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.

• 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.

COUNTY

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of them have been able to meet the 10 percent goal.”

In other business, commissioners will consider:

• A presentation and request from US Army Special Operations Command

to conduct Training Exercise UWEX 17 in Howard County from March to June, 2017.

• Personnel considerations in closed session.

• A request from county indigent health care personnel to go out for bids on the department’s pharmacy contract.

• Discussion and possible

action on a contract laborer to resolve right-of-way issues.

• Routine financial and personnel matters.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

JUDGE

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spokesman has said Persky is barred from commenting because Turner is appealing his convictions of felony assault and attempted rape.

Meanwhile, a group of California lawmakers joined women’s rights advocates in urging the California agency that investigates complaints of judicial misconduct to take action against Persky.

Eleven Democratic state lawmakers asked the Commission on Judicial Performance to investigate and discipline the judge, alleging he may have engaged in misconduct in sentencing Turner.

The judge’s decision “confirms what women already knew: That rape culture blames us for being vulnerable when

crimes are committed against us, but treats the same factors — drinking, in particular — as reasons to be exceedingly lenient with rapists,” Assemblywoman Susan Talamantes Eggman of Stockton said.

The lawmakers also want District Attorney Jeff Rosen to ask an appeals court to overturn the sentence. But prosecutors have said they don’t think Persky’s decision can be appealed because it was “authorized by law and was made by applying the correct standards.”

Rosen also has said the judge should not lose his job because of the ruling.

Women’s group Ultra-Violet submitted more than 800,000 signatures to the commission’s San Francisco offices Friday in a symbolic effort for Persky’s removal. The group also has filed a formal misconduct com-

plaint.

The commission meets every six to eight weeks and usually decides whether to open an investigation within 60 days of receiving a complaint, agency attorney Victoria Henley said.

To trigger a recall election, campaign organizers need to collect signatures from 58,634 registered Santa Clara County voters. A majority vote would be required to remove the judge.

“His statements during the sentencing show that he does not understand sexual violence. He does not understand violence against women,” said Stanford law professor Michele Dauber, who launched the recall campaign. “And so we are going to recall him, and we’re going to replace him with someone who does.”

Lawyers who have appeared in Persky’s court

have called him a fair and respected judge. He has no record of judicial discipline and previously worked as a prosecutor responsible for keeping sexual predators locked up.

Several prospective jurors who opposed Persky’s decision refused to serve on a jury this week in an unrelated case he’s handling. They were dismissed after reporting their complaints.

Online records show Turner is expected to be released from jail after three months. County jail inmates serve 50 per-

cent of their sentences if they keep a clean disciplinary record. Turner is being segregated from the general jail population, which is standard for high-profile inmates who could be targets.

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Juan Moreno, 86, died Monday. Funeral services were today at 11:00 AM at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Betty Ann Cox, 77, died Friday. The family will receive friends from 7:00 PM until 9:00 PM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. She will lie in state from 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM beginning Sunday through Tuesday. No other services are scheduled.

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DAILY PRAYER

May we be motivated to bring Your dreams, hopes and desires for us to life, Lord. Amen.

Three days on the road

My 3-day interview trip to north and east Texas began by interviewing Eddie Trapp who lives in the small Delta County community of Charleston. He is a well-known teller of tales from the woods. He gave me a copy of his latest publication, **ON THE RIVER WITH E.T.** It has 100 stories in it and is the 12th book of 100 stories he has written. He told me how he catches wild hogs with his hands. Then I interviewed Anita Farcinade of Quitman who had a smoking pipe museum in California before starting her antique business in Texas. Among her treasures is a George Washington campaign pin. Rick Jackson of Sulphur Springs is part owner of a diamond mine in South Africa. His work experience includes being a hospital administrator, a chauffeur, a nightclub owner and inventor of ex-ray equipment. Lyndsay Palmer moved back to Sulphur Springs from her executive chef job in New York to open a small café back in her hometown. Clay Harrison, Assistant DA graduated with high honors from Baylor law



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school and decided to make his home in Sulphur Springs where he grew up. He is a musician, writer and fitness guru. While in the military he fought terrorists in Southeast Asia. Mark Maxwell, Sulphur Springs city manager, took me on a walking tour of Main Street, which has been turned into an area reminiscent of Key West, with shops, sidewalk restaurants and a festive atmosphere. Author Colleen Hoover has a bookshop on Main Street and had the author of **50 SHADES OF GRAY** come to her store for a book signing. Fans circled the block waiting to get her autograph. Sue Shaddix told me about growing up in nearby Como. That was the first day of the trip.

First interview the second day was with Shelley Cleaver of Jacksonville who told me about a civil war saying of “Swallow the Dog.” Some say it was the forerunner of our pledge of allegiance. Betty Marcontell of Rusk showed me around the Cherokee County Museum and told me about how prisoners built the railroad between Rusk and Palestine. Lurlene Bowden of Sardin told me about her latest cookbook, *Lone Star Lickskillet*. In Jacksonville, James Foster showed me the 1934 Rolls Royce he is restoring. Glenda Bludworth told me about the years she spent twirling a baton

in high school and college and ended up being the first person to coach the Derrick Dolls for the Houston Oilers. More than 600 girls attended the audition. Only 40 were chosen. “We wanted girls who were beyond answering questions with things like ‘world peace.’ They had to be sharp mentally as well as looking good and being able to move their bodies.” John Paul Young told me about coaching high school, college and pro football teams. I learned about the hobo cooking contest in Rusk and the Gopher Fest in Gallatin. Rusk Chamber Manager Tara Hood showed me concrete cabooses around town that people are painting and decorating. A real caboose from the Texas State Railroad is on display at the entrance to the city. The day ended with some wonderful stories from Ed Marcontell about growing up in the Big Thicket.

The third day began in Latex where I interviewed Clara Hinson who melts wine, whiskey and beer bottles in her kiln and makes serving trays and bowls with them. She also has a huge collection of cookie jars, most of them snowmen or Santa Clauses. Joe Haden of Crockett showed me some of the vehicles he has created to win Houston’s annual art car parade several times. I interviewed artist Bob Hallmark in Grapeland.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

“God’s love displayed by all”

To the Editor:

Recently, a tornado tore through our neighborhood, with lots of destruction. This is the bad thing. The good thing was the outpouring of love, friendship and concern for us.

We wish to thank everyone — our neighbors, who did so much to help us, our friends, who interrupted their lives to come out, and others.

I wish we could personally thank each person. I don’t know some of your names, but the show of God’s love was displayed by all.

Thank you so much.

A.H. and Mary Beth Yeager
Big Spring

Paid Parental Leave Act

To the Editor:

You may be surprised to know that, unlike many large employers in our country, the federal government does not offer a single day of paid parental leave to its employees. And the United States is one

of only three countries that doesn’t offer this benefit to its civil servants.

During the birth of my children, I was required to report to work. This placed a substantial burden on my wife and myself.

As the nation’s largest employer and a major contributor to the economy of Texas the federal government should provide **paid parental leave in order** to retain top employees, compete with the private sector and boost employee morale.

That is why I am calling on Texas members of Congress to support the Federal Employees Paid Parental Leave Act today. Give federal workers a benefit that many employers in the private sector have used successfully to improve morale and retain talented employees. From supporting our troops to protecting us from threats of all kinds, federal employees are working on America’s behalf. Let’s support them with policies that allow them to succeed.

John Tominovich
Midland, Texas

A lesson remembered

Sobering lessons sometimes occur when we are caught between the unforgiving jaws of reality. The “clamped down and locked position” is preferable, though, to jaws grinding away for the next bite of life.

In such situations, our prayers may hit the ceiling with a thud. At the thought of the next step—big time chewing—we are apt to seize the moment, ready to make a deposit into our memory bank of bitter experiences.

Though I hold three university degrees—as well as a smattering of “book-learning” in post-doctoral work—most important lessons have been learned in life’s laboratories, often unexpectedly. Yep, blind-sided.

Popping quickly to mind is an invitation extended some 50 years ago to serve as a judge for “Miss Fort Stockton” at the community’s annual water carnival. I was dumbstruck with giddiness, the kind with cotton candy sweetness.

“Hey, it’s an honor,” the inviter explained. “All you have to do is judge the queen contest. There’ll be two other judges, so you won’t take the heat for the decision.”

Feeling buttons straining and hatband shrinking, I accepted. Surely my “judgeship” appointment would be chronicled—albeit with small headlines—in area publications like Fort Stockton and Alpine. Maybe even the regional newspaper in Odessa.

Only half listening, I paid scant attention to the names of the other two judges. One was a longtime, deeply respected area ranch woman and the other, a “professional” from a distant place.

Maybe she was “professional” because she got a free plane ticket to Midland Air Field, albeit a coach fare. Also, a “high muckety-muck” from Fort Stockton chauffeured her in a brand new car provided by a local dealership. (The rancher and I got handshakes of thanks.)

During our instructions, we were told to rank each contestant, 1-10, in several categories, including personality, poise, evening gowns, and....

We two area judges took the assignment seriously. Neither of us ranked any candidates below “4’s” in any category, with most of ‘em getting “8’s” and “9’s”. The out-of-town “ringer,” however, took a different approach.

Word had it—and I can’t prove this—that she gave ALL candidates zeros in all categories, save one entry. Awarding 10s in all columns to ONE candidate meant this “Minnie Pearl look-alike” essentially named “Miss Fort Stockton.” Except for the winner and members of her family, others at the water carnival might have voted to tar and feather all three of us.

The visiting judge zoomed back to the airport in that same new car, considerably faster than on the inbound trip. I meandered, driving the hour back to Alpine, where I was a junior member of the Sul Ross faculty.

The lesson was well-learned. It was an experience I could have avoided. Failing to do so, I charged up to youth, arrogance

and basic ignorance. Never again have I accepted invitations to judge queens of any event, including peach and melon festivals and feather duster folderols. (Brownwood, the nearest town during my growing up years, once was the “feather duster capital of the world.” De Leon still hosts the peach and melon thing.)

When invited, I always had previous commitments.

So far, I’m a survivor.

There are far more serious votes cast in closed door sessions, few ever mistaken for carnivals or festivals. (Some of them have three rings, however.)

One such meeting more than 30 years ago involved the Board of Trustees of Howard Payne University. It was called to name a president in an era when such deliberations usually resulted in declarations of “unanimous votes.”

I was hired on a publicly-announced 16-13 vote, took the job and served a dozen years, receiving annual contract renewals.

Detailed discussions and prayers notwithstanding, the “American way”—and often the “Baptist way”—occur before unanimity is reached. Historically, unanimous votes are the result of follow-up votes cast after clear majorities are known.

For the third-weekend-in-July event, Fort Stockton has plenty of water this year. Comanche Springs runs strong. May all go well at the water carnival.

Just in case, I’ll whisper a prayer for the judges, trusting they are all local, handy for “tarring and feathering” if need be.

Oil activity report

New Locations:

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#1SH Clark Unit "24-13", drill horizontal, API #42-227-38785
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, EI: NA
6.50 miles southeast of Vealmoor
A-1105, Section 24, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9500 feet
643' FSL, 411' FWL of 426.57-acre lease
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#1RE Marchbanks Unit, re-completion, API #42-227-3048
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1.94 miles southwest of Sand Springs
A-1452, Section 6, Block 31, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey
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A-1306, Section 42, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey
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6 miles northeast of Big Spring
A-1306, Section 42, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,000 feet
640' FWL, 660' FNL of 80-acre lease
640' FWL, 1986' FNL of the survey

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5.50 miles northeast of Big Spring
A-1306, Section 42, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 8000 feet
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President's daughter gets her diploma

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama marked a big milestone Friday: His daughter Malia graduated from high school.

Outside of the media glare, the soon-to-be 18-year-old collected her diploma from the private Sidwell Friends School in Northwest Washington during an outdoor ceremony warmed by sunshine. Her father, mother and other relatives were on hand for the big moment. The White House barred media coverage.

Malia was 10 and longing for the puppy her father had promised when her family moved to the White House. She's grown up in the public eye ever since, getting and shedding braces, being taught how to drive by Secret Service agents and spending short stints away from her parents and sister.

Obama has said it hasn't been easy watching "one of my best friends" grow up so fast, in front of the world.

"I do a lot of commencement around this time of year, which I love doing, although my older daughter is graduating this week and I will not be able to handle that well," he told donors at a New York fundraiser earlier this week.

Obama has blamed his emotions for declining an invitation to deliver Sidwell's commencement address as then-

President Bill Clinton did in 1997 when his daughter, Chelsea, graduated from the same school. "I'm going to be sitting there with dark glasses, sobbing," he said in February.

Malia's younger sister, Sasha, who turned 15 on Friday, attends Sidwell, too. After Friday's graduation ceremony, the Obama family celebrated over lunch at Cafe Milano in Georgetown.

What's next for Malia? She's taking a year off before enrolling at Harvard in the fall of 2017.

The Obamas haven't disclosed Malia's plans for her "gap year," but delaying college could keep her close to her tight-knit family as it prepares for the end of Obama's presidency in January. The Obamas plan to stay in Washington for several years after he leaves office so Sasha can finish school at Sidwell.

Both parents often praise Malia and her sister for being normal, happy kids despite living lives that are anything but normal.

The Obama girls were the youngest kids to grow up at the White House since President John F. Kennedy's children, Caroline and John Jr., more than a half century ago. Obama has joked it comforts him to know that his girls are being watched over by "men with guns" — Secret Service agents.

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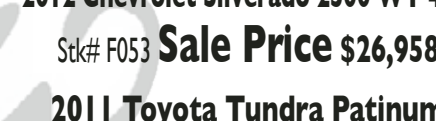
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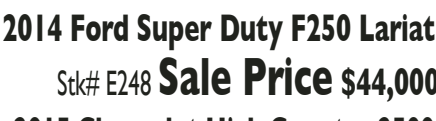
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Body of teen killed in '61 exhumed in AL

CENTREVILLE, Ala. (AP) — Crews have unearthed the remains of an unidentified hitchhiker in an effort to solve a mystery that's lingered in the minds of many in the Centreville community for more than a half century.

Driver James White gave the teenager a ride on the night of March 27, 1961. They only had a few minutes to talk before White's vehicle hit a wooden bridge rail on River Bend Road and plunged into the Cahaba River. The driver was able to escape, but the boy didn't.

During the days that followed, people from across the country came to the funeral home in Bibb County, wondering if the young man was their missing loved one. He was never identified, and eventually his body was buried in the Centreville Memorial Cemetery.

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children learned of the case and is hoping that the exhumation which occurred Thursday and subsequent DNA testing can now identify him.

Bibb County Deputy Coroner Scott Cox transported the remains to the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences lab in Montgomery.

They will be sent to a DNA lab at the University of North Texas, where samples will be uploaded to the national DNA database. A match could put authorities in touch with any relatives of the young man.

He was between 13- and 16-years-old and had a tattoo that read "R.Y. + Love."

He carried a bag of clothing too warm for the Alabama climate, a pack of Pall Mall cigarettes with a South Carolina tax stamp and a photograph of himself with a young woman. He had no identification.

Before the accident, the young man had told the driver that his parents had split up, and that he had a choice of moving to an orphanage or entering the service.

"To us, that's a good indicator that he had family," said Carol Schweitzer, senior forensic specialist for the Forensic Services Unit at the missing child center.

"We're hope that getting his story out there will be able to jar somebody's memory. Maybe he had siblings, cousins or someone who might recognize his story."

People from Bibb County, Tuscaloosa and Birmingham all contributed money to bury the teen, with a nice marble headstone and several funeral sprays. Jim Oakley, publisher of the Centreville Press at the time, was a pall bearer at the funeral, which was attended by 50 to 75 people, he said. Oakley covered the case since the night of the accident.

"I was up at the hospital for some reason and vividly remember all the hurry and scurry that was going on," he said. Oakley rushed to the river, which he said isn't high enough now for a car to be submerged, and watched as divers searched for the car and the body.

He later took a photo of the teen at the funeral home and had a friend, an artist for the *Birmingham Post-Herald*, make a sketch that was circulated in the area and across the country.

"If we'd had something like Facebook back then, this would have been over a long time ago," Oakley said. "We were just very limited as to how far we were able to spread the word. But people came to the funeral home from all over the country."

One couple visited whose son had been missing, he said. The man had a heart attack as soon as he saw the body.

"We just knew that was it, but it turned out that it was not it," Oakley said.

There was an older woman, however, who may have known the young man. Oakley was friends with the owners of the funeral home, who called him one morning when she arrived.

"I just saw her looking at the casket, but I didn't talk to her," Oakley said. "They called me again this afternoon and said she was back. I just hung around in the office and she left again. The next day at 10 a.m. they called and said she was back for a third time. We thought 'This has got to be her'."

OIL

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15.80 miles northwest of Garden City
A-919, Section 2, Block 36, T-3-S, T&P RR Co. survey
890' FWL, 1075' FSL of the survey
Latitude 031.93121396, Longitude -101.7381149
Total Depth: 8620 feet. PBDT: 8620 feet. Logs: Gamma Ray
Daily Potential: 1,059 Bbls 40.8 gravity oil w/ 1,818 BWPD
Flowing. GOR: 904
Spud: 9-30-15. Completed: 4-07-16. Pay: NA
9-5/8" @ 7958 feet w/ 875 sx.
MS tool @ 4650 feet w/ 1,655 sx.
5-1/2" @ 17,940 feet w/ 2,055 sx.

#1H Halfmann "36-1", API #42-173-37153
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2712' GR
7.10 miles southwest of Garden City
A-1024, Section 36, Block 35, T-4-S, T&P RR Co. survey
2280' FSL, 380' FEL of the survey
Latitude 031.78131, Longitude -101.55241
Total Depth: 7990 feet. PBDT: NA. Logs: Gamma Ray (MWD)
Daily Potential: 120 Bbls 41.0 gravity oil w/ 20 BWPD
Pumping. GOR: 1750
Spud: 5-05-15. Completed: 8-13-15. Pay: NA
9-5/8" @ 7466 feet w/ 705 sx.; MS tool @ 3539 feet w/ 610 sx.
5-1/2" @ 15,988 feet w/ 2,175 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7985 feet
Perfs: 8266-15,901

#207H Cole Ranch "35", API #42-173-36816
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2709' GR
11 miles southwest of Garden City
A-1102, Section 40, Block 35, T-4-S, T&P RR Co. survey
325' FNL, 1000' FEL of the survey
Latitude 031.7630817, Longitude -101.6018610
Total Depth: 8526 feet. PBDT: NA. Logs: Gamma Ray (MWD)
Daily Potential: 1,065 Bbls 43.0 gravity oil w/ 1,311 BWPD
Pumping. GOR: 1960
Spud: 2-11-15. Completed: 8-26-15. Pay: NA
9-5/8" @ 3937 feet w/ 1,060 sx.
5-1/2" @ 18,670 feet w/ 2,485 sxs.; 2-7/8" @ 8619 feet
Perfs: 8771-18,495

#0705 Matthew "A", API #42-173-37259
Garden City, S. (Wolfcamp) Field, new well, El: 2578' GR
16.40 miles southwest of Big Spring

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Public Announcement

Informational Meeting A Recreational Use Attainability Analysis is being carried out on Beals Creek (1412B), which is located in Howard and Mitchell Counties.

Presenters Katherine Lavelle - Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
John Baker - Texas AgriLife Research-Extension, Texas A&M University.

Time Thursday, June 16, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Location Colorado City Civic Center
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Purpose

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For additional information, please contact Katherine Lavelle (512-239-6011) or John Baker 386-414-1236.

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Firms unveil phone that knows its way around a room

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A Lenovo smartphone unveiled Thursday will be clever enough to grasp your physical surroundings — such as the room's size and the presence of other people — and potentially transform how we interact with e-commerce, education and gaming.

Today's smartphones track location through GPS and cell towers, but that does little more than tell apps where you are. Tapping Google's 3-year-old Project Tango, the new Phab2 Pro phone will use software and sensors to track motions and map building interiors, including the location of doors and windows.

That's a crucial step in the promising new frontier in "augmented reality," or the digital projection of lifelike images and data into a real-life environment.

If Tango fulfills its promise, furniture shoppers will be able use the Phab2 Pro to download digital models of couches, chairs and coffee tables to see how they would look in their actual living rooms. Kids studying the Mesozoic Era would be able to place a virtual Tyrannosaurus or Velociraptor in their home or classroom — and even take selfies with one.

The technology would even know when to display information about an artist or a scene depicted in a painting as you stroll through a museum.

Tango will be able to create internal maps of homes and offices on the fly. Google won't need to build a mapping database ahead of time, as it does with existing services like Google Maps and Street View. Nonetheless, Tango could raise fresh concerns about privacy if controls aren't stringent enough to prevent the on-the-fly maps from being shared with unauthorized apps or heisted by hackers.

Lenovo says the Phab2 Pro will sell for \$500 when it begins shipping in the U.S. in August. The device is expected to be available throughout the world by mid-September, in advance

of Apple's anticipated release of the iPhone 7.

In another effort to put a new twist on smartphones, Lenovo also previewed the newest models in its Moto line, which it bought from Google two years ago.

The Moto Z and Moto Z Force will both let people snap on additional equipment called "Mods" to the back of the phones. The initial Mods include a speaker to amplify music, a projector for displaying photos and video from the phone and a power pack that provides 22 hours of additional battery. The phones will be available exclusively in the U.S. through Verizon this summer before a global release in the fall.

The new phones are coming out as phone sales are slowing.

People have been holding off on upgrades, partly because they haven't gotten excited about the types of technological advances hitting the market during the past few years. Phones offering intriguing new technology such as Tango could help spur more sales.

But Tango's room-mapping technology is probably still too abstract to gain mass appeal right away, says Ramon Llamas, an analyst at the IDC research group.

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News in brief

The world watched as Ali's goodbye created memorable moments

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — As Muhammad Ali's youngest son rode in his father's funeral procession through the streets of the city he adored, he noticed scores of children lining the route, pumping their fists, shouting "Ali! Ali!"

Asaad Amin Ali figured the children in attendance couldn't possibly yet understand what they were experiencing Friday as Louisville and the world paid their respects to The Greatest.

"It's not explainable, it was amazing," said Asaad Amin Ali. "We looked out of the car and see people dancing and cheering and you also see people crying. (The children) are going to remember that for the rest of their lives."

"The outpouring of love ... it's inspiration. We saw how much he affected the world."

Ali's made one final journey through Louisville, his hometown, then was laid to rest in a cemetery he chose more than a decade ago. The burial was followed by a star-studded memorial service where the boxing great was eulogized as a brash and wildly charismatic breaker of racial barriers.

'The Voice' singer Christina Grimmie dies after shooting

A gunman opened fire at a Florida concert venue as singer Christina Grimmie signed autographs for fans after a show, killing the onetime star of "The Voice" before shooting and killing himself, officials said Saturday.

A publicist for Grimmie, Heather Walsh, said in an email early Saturday that "we can confirm that Christina has passed and went home to be with the Lord." The Orlando Police Department also confirmed on its official Twitter page that Grimmie had died.

Grimmie, a New Jersey native, finished third during season six of NBC's "The Voice" in 2014, competing on the team of Maroon 5 star Adam Levine. She began amassing a following on YouTube as a teenager, gripping online viewers with her powerful renditions of hit songs. Her videos on YouTube have garnered millions of views.

Police said in a news release that the 22-year-old singer had performed with the band Before You Exit at The Plaza Live in Orlando. The concert ended around 10 p.m., and Grimmie was shot as she signed autographs for fans at a merchandise table.

Western-backed forces encircle key town in northern Syria

BEIRUT (AP) — Kurdish-led fighters completed their encirclement Friday of a key town held by the Islamic State group in northern Syria, part of a Western-backed offensive that could see a major strategic victory over the militants.

The advance on Manbij, near the Turkish border,

coincided with a Syrian army offensive supported by Russian airstrikes that brought troops closer to the city of Raqqa, the IS extremists' de facto capital.

Two years after their blitz across the Euphrates River valley, the IS militants are coming under increasing pressure on territory they control in Syria and Iraq, as well as on a stronghold in chaotic Libya.

In another battleground of Syria's civil war, minimal food deliveries finally reached the Damascus suburb of Daraya, which has been besieged and blockaded by government forces for nearly four years, but opposition activists said heavy bombardment held up the aid's distribution.

The surrounding of Manbij by the Syria Democratic Forces followed the capture of dozens of nearby villages and farms near the Turkish border by the predominantly Kurdish group.

Air France pilots join embarrassing train, garbage strikes

PARIS (AP) — About a quarter of Air France pilots are striking to demand better working conditions — the latest challenge to travelers and France's image as it hosts Europe's biggest sporting event.

Up to a fifth of flights are canceled Saturday, Air France said, both domestic and international. Among those affected were flights carrying spectators to cities holding European Championship soccer tournament matches.

Unions plan to keep up the strike through Tuesday, demanding better pay and more flight hours.

French train drivers have also been on strike for days, and garbage collectors, too.

They're striking for different reasons, but it's all part of a nationwide discontent as the government tries to change laws regulating working hours and layoffs.

GOP insiders pressure Trump to steer clear of controversy

NEW YORK (AP) — Weary Republicans are looking for assurances that Donald Trump can maintain the discipline needed to stay on message as he prepares for a bruising general election run-up against Hillary Clinton.

Trump's conciliatory, teleprompter-guided victory speech Tuesday appeared to stave off — at least for the time being — a near-revolt over his racially divisive attacks against the American-born judge of Mexican heritage hearing the case against his now-defunct Trump University.

As he kicked off his general election campaign Friday, a thorny question has arisen: How does the party keep Trump in check?

"A primary campaign against 16 opponents is very different and combative in a different way than a general election against a well-organized,

well-funded Clinton machine," said Rep. Chris Collins, who has been helping to coordinate Trump's outreach to Congress.

Collins said he understood there would be lingering questions about Trump after the distracting episode, but said the speech was part of what he sees as a "total pivot" by the candidate.

Ethics conviction removes Alabama House speaker from office

OPELIKA, Ala. (AP) — Alabama House Speaker Mike Hubbard's conviction on ethics charges automatically removes him from office and could mean years in prison for the powerful Republican.

Friday night, a jury found the one-time GOP star guilty of 12 counts of public corruption for using the influence and prestige of his political stature to benefit his companies and clients. He faces up to 20 years in prison for each count.

The jury, which arrived at the verdict after nearly seven hours of deliberation, acquitted Hubbard on 11 other counts.

The conviction comes amid a season of scandal that has engulfed Republicans at the helm of Alabama's legislative, judicial and executive branches of government. Chief Justice Roy Moore faces possible ouster from office over accusations that he violated canons of judicial ethics during the fight over same-sex marriage. And Gov. Robert Bentley has faced calls for his impeachment after a sex-tinged scandal involving a former top aide.

"We hope this verdict tonight restores some of the confidence in the people of the state of Alabama that public officials at all levels in the state of Alabama will be held accountable for their actions, especially those that would betray the public trust," said W. Van Davis, the acting attorney general in the case.

Bangladesh detains 1,600 in drive against Islamist radicals

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP) — Authorities have rounded up about 1,600 criminal suspects, including a few dozen believed to be Islamist radicals, in a nationwide crackdown aimed at halting a wave of brutal attacks on minorities and activists in Bangladesh, police said Saturday.

The attacks — including two Hindus in the last week — have alarmed the international community and raised questions about whether Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's secular government can maintain security for minorities in the Sunni Muslim-majority country.

Police and paramilitary soldiers fanned out across the country Thursday night, raiding suspected militant hideouts and detaining about 1,600 people by Friday night, police said.

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out background noise, helping the wearer focus on what they want to hear. Plus, phone calls and music can now be streamed wirelessly directly into the devices. And smartphones can control hearing aids at the touch of an app, allowing wearers to easily personalize their hearing experience and discreetly adjust to different environments.

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News in brief

Shooting disrupts operations at Dallas Love Field

DALLAS (AP) — It doesn't take much to disrupt a major airport these days, with travel increasing and federal security screeners straining to keep up.

On Friday, a domestic disturbance at Dallas Love Field spun wildly out of control and ended with a police officer firing several shots at a man outside the terminal.

It was over in minutes, but the repercussions lasted hours.

When the shots rang out, some frightened travelers at the nearby security checkpoint rushed past screeners and toward the safety of the terminal. The Transportation Security Administration then ordered the terminal evacuated. Hundreds of passengers needed to be screened again, along with people showing up for afternoon flights, creating a massive line at the checkpoint.

Departing flights were stopped for a time. At least eight inbound flights operated by Southwest Airlines and one by Virgin America were diverted to other airports from El Paso to St. Louis, according to the tracking service flightaware.com.

Richard Bloom, an aviation-security expert at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, said the terrorism threat makes law enforcement officers at airports more security-conscious, but they are trained to handle many other situations.

That training varies widely, he said — some departments give lectures, but the better approach is to practice in role-playing simulations. Whether in an airport or anywhere else, domestic disturbances are among the most dangerous situations for police because they may be dealing with enraged and irrational people.

State cancels June STAAR tests and retests for grades 5-8

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Ongoing reporting issues with a testing vendor is prompting the state's top education official to waive any consequences for fifth- and eighth-grade students relating to technical problems with the standardized tests they took.

In a statement issued Friday, Education Commissioner Mike Morath said those students who didn't perform satisfactorily on the March and May 2016 will not have to retake the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness. He also said he is canceling the June STAAR testing date for fifth- and eighth-graders.

Students must pass the STAAR to advance to middle school and high school. Morath said local districts will have to make their own judgments on student promotion or retention.

New Jersey-based Educational Testing Services is administering the exam after winning a \$280 million contract.

Senators push for wilderness within New Mexico monument

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Almost a half-million acres in southern New Mexico were designated as a national monument two years ago.

Now, members of the state's congressional delegation are pushing for portions of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks area to be set aside as wilderness.

While praised by environmentalists, the effort is reigniting the concerns of local law enforcement about their ability to access the area to fight crime.

The legislation introduced by Sens. Tom Udall and Martin Heinrich, both Democrats, would set aside more than 376 square miles — or nearly half of the monument — as wilderness.

The senators say the legislation strikes the right balance between border security and conservation.

"Management changes south of the monument will create additional flexibility for the Border Patrol and improve security at our nation's southern border," Heinrich said in a statement.

The Southwestern Border Sheriffs' Coalition — which represents more than two dozen local sheriff's offices from Texas to California — is reviewing the latest proposal.

Sheriffs along the U.S.-Mexico border say the influence of Mexican drug cartels, human smuggling and illegal immigration are all apparent. They're concerned about jurisdictional issues that prevent them from investigating local crimes that happen within the boundaries of national parks, monuments and federal forests.

Without concurrent jurisdiction, areas can fall prey to smugglers, said Donald Reay, executive director of the Texas Border Sheriff's Coalition, which is part of the larger sheriffs' group. He pointed to problems at Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument in Arizona and Big Bend National Park in Texas.

Court documents indicate Baylor seeking to settle lawsuit

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Baylor University and former football coach Art Briles want to quickly settle a federal civil rights lawsuit filed by a woman who says the Baptist school was indifferent to her complaints that she was raped by a player, according to court documents.

Jasmin Hernandez sued the Waco, Texas, school in March amid the school's investigation into how it mishandled cases of assault. The Associated Press generally doesn't identify sexual assault victims but Hernandez has spoken publicly to draw attention to the case.

The settlement efforts were revealed in a motion filed Thursday by Baylor lawyers that asks a judge

for an extra 30 days to formally respond to Hernandez's lawsuit.

"The primary reason for this request is to provide the parties with an opportunity to explore early resolution of this matter while minimizing the cost and burden of litigation," the motion said. "Defendant believes that the interests of justice will be served by extending the response date by 30 days."

Baylor attorneys said Hernandez agreed to the delay. Her attorney, Alex Zalkin, and Baylor officials did not immediately respond to requests for comment Friday.

Also Friday, the school released a list of 105 recommendations for change from Pepper Hamilton, including personal and institutional apologies to victims, and ensuring that reporting and investigation allegations involving student-athletes are handled the same as incidents across campus.

"Student safety demands our commitment and concentration," Baylor interim President David Garland said in a statement.

US rig count rises 6 this week to 414, 2nd week of gains

HOUSTON (AP) — The number of rigs exploring for oil and natural gas in the U.S. rose by six this week to 414, the second consecutive week the count has increased after a slide that lasted months and pushed the count to record-low levels amid collapsed energy prices.

A year ago, 859 rigs were active. Houston oilfield services company Baker Hughes Inc. said Friday 328 rigs sought oil and 85 explored for natural gas. One was listed as miscellaneous.

Among major oil- and gas-producing states, North Dakota and Texas each gained two rigs and Alaska, Ohio, Oklahoma and Utah each gained one.

Pennsylvania declined by one rig. Arkansas, California, Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, West Virginia and Wyoming were unchanged.

The U.S. rig count peaked at 4,530 in 1981.

NTSB: 3rd landing attempt waved off by pilot in Texas crash

HOUSTON (AP) — The pilot of a plane that crashed near a Houston airport halted a third attempt to land just before it plummeted to the ground, killing all three inside, the National Transportation Safety Board said Friday.

It's unclear whether the pilot made a distress call just before the crash that happened shortly after 1 p.m. Thursday near Hobby Airport, NTSB investigator Tom Latson said, and that initial information

indicates the female pilot didn't make any other calls to air traffic controllers after she waved off the third landing attempt. He described the crash as a "violent impact."

"During this (third) approach, the pilot decided they would make a go-around themselves without direction and announced they were going around and began climbing out to the north," he said, adding that pilots are allowed to wave off an approach if they are not comfortable with it.

Audio posted on the website liveatc.net showed that the female pilot was told at least twice to turn around and make another attempt to land. She was also told that she was she's flying too high and has to turn around to land at Hobby Airport.

About 12 minutes before the crash, the pilot is told to turn back around to make another landing attempt by an air traffic controller. "I'm so sorry for the confusion," the pilot responds.

After a second unsuccessful attempt to land about five minutes later, the pilot is told her plane is too high and she'll have to try a third landing attempt.

"We'll come back around and we got it this time," an air traffic controller said.

Teen runaway indicted on murder charge in Texas killing

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A 17-year-old runaway from Texas' foster care system has been indicted on a capital murder charge in the death of a University of Texas freshman who disappeared as she walked toward her dorm in April.

The Travis County grand jury indictment, released Friday, accuses Meechaiel Criner of robbing, kidnapping, strangling and sexually assaulting Haruka Weiser of Portland, Oregon. Criner faces up to life in prison if convicted, but isn't eligible for the death penalty because he's under 18.

He is being held in the Travis County jail. His attorney, Ariel Payan, says Criner is "adjusting" but isolated from other inmates. He said Criner will likely be arraigned in court July 8 and will plead not guilty.

"I'm happy to move on so we can get started," Payan said of the indictment.

Criner was in the custody of state Child Protective Services before being reported as a runaway March 24.

Weiser, 18, was last seen leaving a campus drama building around 9:30 p.m. on April 3, and her body was found two days later in Waller Creek near the campus alumni center and the massive football stadium — an area that typically hums with activity day and night.

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History in the making

Warriors within one game of greatest season ever

CLEVELAND (AP) — Golden State has now won 88 games this season, when factoring in the regular season and the playoffs. That's another NBA record to add to its collection, one more than the Chicago Bulls totaled in their 1995-96 season.

It's unclear if the Warriors even noticed.

The next win is the only one that really matters to them.

They're now on the brink of back-to-back championships, and their first opportunity to close out their record-setting season in the only acceptable manner is set for Monday night on their home floor at Oracle Arena. The Warriors earned that right by coming into Cleveland and beating the Cavaliers 108-97 in Game 4 on Friday night, a win that gave Golden State a commanding 3-1 lead in the series.

"It's going to be our biggest game of the year, obviously," two-time reigning NBA MVP Stephen Curry said. "We always talk about just because we're going home doesn't mean you



Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry celebrates a basket against the Cleveland Cavaliers during the second half of Game 4 of basketball's NBA Finals in Cleveland.

AP Photo/Tony Dejak

can relax or take things for granted. You work all regular season to have home-court advantage, and this is a great opportunity for us, and we need to play with a sense of urgency and a sense of aggression."

In other words, exactly as they did in Game 4.

The Warriors seemed to have grown tired of questions about their star backcourt's ineffectiveness. Golden State set an NBA Finals record with 17 3-pointers on Friday night, outscoring the Cavaliers by 33 points from beyond the arc. Curry, who

didn't have as much as a 20-point game in any of the first three matchups in this series, had 38. Klay Thompson had 25, many of them coming at the biggest points in the game.

Here's an oddity: The Warriors shot 47 percent from 3-point range,

36 percent from 2-point range. Weird, but it was good enough. The Larry O'Brien Trophy will be flying cross-country to Oakland on Saturday, and Golden State will have a chance to mussy it up with joyous fingerprints and champagne baths on Monday night.

"If you don't get up for that, there's something wrong with you," Thompson said. "We can't wait to get to Oracle on Monday. I've been fortunate to play there for five years and we really do have the best fans in the league. They probably won't have ever seemed as excited before as when we get to Monday."

It's hard to win an NBA title, harder still to go back-to-back. Only six franchises in league history have pulled that trick off, Golden State now in line to be the seventh.

On paper years from now, it'll seem like it was easy. They've only made it look that way.

It'll eventually be forgotten that this team spent half a season without head coach Steve Kerr because of back trouble, that Curry got hurt twice in the playoffs, that the Warriors trailed Oklahoma City 3-1 in the Western Conference finals and were essentially left for dead in that series.

Only 10 teams in NBA

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Lee's 2 home runs lead M's past Rangers 7-5

SEATTLE (AP) — Dae-Ho Lee handed out silver-colored necklaces from his native South Korea before Friday night's game against the Texas Rangers.

After Lee hit two home runs, including a three-run blast off Rangers starter Derek Holland, to lead the Seattle Mariners to a 7-5 victory, everyone on the team may be wearing the necklaces starting Saturday.

"He brings in a Korean gift about every two to three weeks," manager Scott Servais said. "Sunglasses, then he went with some other USB thing from Korea. Today, these showed up. You see all our guys wearing them. Dae-Ho had it on today. Don't know exactly what it is but if he hits two home runs every time I wear it I'll be good with it."

"He adds a lot of character and personality to our club."

Hisashi Iwakuma (5-5) allowed three runs — all solo home runs — over seven innings for Seattle. Steve Cishek earned a fourth save, his 14th.

Lee gave the Mariners the early lead with a solo shot off Holland (5-5) in the second inning. Ian Desmond tied the game 1-1 in the third with a line drive home run off the out-of-town score-

board in left field.

A leadoff walk to Robinson Cano and single by Nelson Cruz set the stage for Lee's second blast. He crushed a slider from Holland to center field to give the Mariners a 4-1 lead. Lee's four RBIs matched a career-high.

Kyle Seager followed with a solo home run to right.

"I think everyone on the team is going to be wearing one tomorrow," Seager said of the necklace.

It was the first time this season Seattle hit back-to-back home runs and served as the first extra-base hit allowed by Holland to a left-handed batter this season. Over his last 33 starts, Seager and Cano are the only left-handed hitters to homer off Holland.

"I made a mistake on Dae-Ho Lee, and these guys are paid to do what they did," Holland said. "Seager, he got a hold of me on that one, hats off to him. I made the pitch I thought I needed to do and he turned on it and got the home run. It just wasn't my night. I made a couple bad pitches and they cost me."

Holland allowed five runs and five hits with two walks and three strikeouts over five innings.



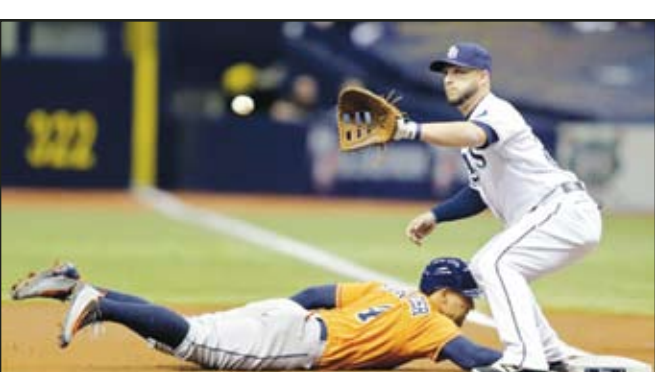
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Seattle Mariners' Dae-Ho Lee, center, celebrates with Robinson Cano, left and Nelson Cruz, right, after hitting a three-run home run off Texas Rangers' Derek Holland during fourth inning of a baseball game Friday, June 10, 2016, in Seattle.

After retiring 10 straight batters, Ryan Rua and Mitch Moreland homered off Iwakuma in the seventh inning to narrow the gap to 5-3.

Iwakuma allowed seven hits with a walk and three strikeouts.

"Really nice job by Kuma tonight," Servais said. "Outstanding effort. He went right after them. He pitched well against them 5-6 days ago and to come back again today and do it against a really hot club was great."



AP Photo/Chris O'Meara

Houston Astros' George Springer dives back ahead of the throw on a pick-off attempt during the first inning of a baseball game Friday in St. Petersburg, Fla.

McCullers struggles early, offense sputters in Astros' loss

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — It was a night of missed opportunities for the Houston Astros, beginning with Lance McCullers' early struggles against his hometown team.

The young right-hander yielded four runs in the first two innings against the Tampa Bay Rays, and the Astros' inability to take advantage of numerous opportunities offensively sealed a 4-3 loss Friday night.

"Same script. Every time I get hurt it's in the first inning or the

second inning," McCullers said. "I threw well after the second. I was aggressive ... but four runs is pretty tough to come back from with their staff and bullpen."

Steve Pearce had a two-run double in the first inning, and Logan Forsythe and Brad Miller drove in runs with two-out hits in the second to give Matt Andriese (5-0) an early lead.

Houston rallied with three runs in the sixth, two on Jason Castro's homer that chased Andriese. The Astros, however, twice failed to

score with the bases loaded and stranded 11 runners overall in a bid to overcome the rough beginning for McCullers.

"It's been an issue for him and he's trying to address it; you can't ease your way into a game," Astros manager A.J. Hinch said. "Both innings centered around a walk, and they came around to beat him with two out."

McCullers, who grew up in Tampa, allowed four runs and

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'Mr. Hockey' equal parts sharpshooter, brawler

JIM LITKE
AP Sports Columnist

Gordie Howe was equal parts sharpshooter and street fighter, and remarkably durable to boot. But nobody dominates a rough-and-tumble game for parts of five decades without knowing when to pick his spots. For all that, even "Mr. Hockey" had no say in the timing of his passing.

Howe's death at age 88 was announced by his family Friday morning, even as the attention of the sporting world was riveted on Louisville, Kentucky, where the funeral of Muhammad Ali was taking place. The parallels between the two men are con-

siderable: each brought unusual skills to a tradition-laden sport and over the course of a career, transformed it forever; by the time they walked away, both could fairly lay claim to the moniker, "The Greatest."

Yet there is little doubt who cast the longer shadow.

Not to worry, because Howe will get his due, eventually, if only because Wayne Gretzky, himself dubbed "The Great One" and likely the only real contender for Howe's spot at the top of the game, said without hesitation upon learning of his death, "To me, he's the greatest hockey player who

ever played."

In the same ESPN interview a moment later, Gretzky struggled to pile on even more superlatives. There were many to choose from. Four-time Stanley Cup winner, six-time MVP, 23-time All-Star, record holder for games and seasons played.

Even "revolutionary" would work, because Howe practically guaranteed the NHL-rival World Hockey Association its brief existence by coming out of retirement to play six years with his sons, Mark and Marty, with the Houston Aeros and New England Whalers. He even returned to the NHL at age 52 to put in a season with the NHL-expansion Hartford Whalers.

Gretzky knew all those things and could recite them by heart. He grew up idolizing Howe and benefited from the rule changes he prompted to open up play. But all he could muster finally, was, "It hit me like a punch to the gut."

Now that was something Howe knew plenty about.

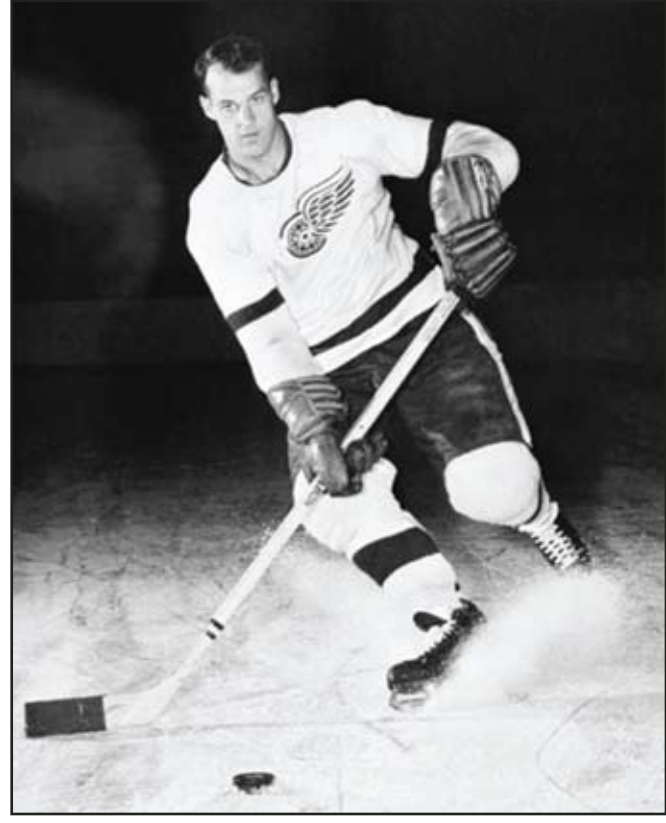
He grew up in Saskatchewan as one of nine kids, started playing organized hockey at 8 and dropped out of high school during the Depression to work and help the family out.

At 16, he left that hard-scrabble past behind, determined to make his way in hockey. Two years later, in 1946, he made his NHL debut with the Detroit Red Wings.

The brawling side of his game was nothing new. Fighting in hockey was part of the job description back then, and few players relished the opportunity to mix it up more. It became such an integral part of his game that after just a few years in the league, sports writers came up with the term "Gordie Howe hat trick" to describe a performance in which a player scored a goal, assisted on another and got swept up in at least one fight. The difference between him and all the other brawlers is that Howe found plenty of time to put the puck in the net besides.

He dropped the gloves less frequently as he got older, but he never let go of his hard-earned reputation as a guy you don't mess with.

For years, he'd engaged in a long-running battle with tough-guy Toronto defenseman Bob Baun. Late in their NHL careers, the two got caught up in a contentious game and Howe finally tired of the shoves, elbows and cross-checks that were



AP Photo/File

FILE - This is a 1956 file photo showing Detroit Red Wings hockey player Gordie Howe. Gordie Howe, the hockey great who set scoring records that stood for decades, has died. He was 88. Son Murray Howe confirmed the death Friday, June 10, 2016, texting to The Associated Press: "Mr Hockey left peacefully, beautifully, and with no regrets."

Baun's stock in trade. Instead of dropping the gloves, Howe waited until the two were skating side by side behind the net after an off-side call. Baun was closer to the boards and as he turned to skate up the rink, Howe leaned in and shouldered him into the glass. The four stitches

it took to close the cut on Baun's face were just another calling card left by "Mr. Hockey."

Howe was good with his fists, but he used his hands to greater effect when they were stuck deep inside a pair of hockey gloves. He was

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AP Photo/File

East Carolina gets first super regional win in program history against Tech

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Travis Watkins hit two home runs and had six RBIs and East Carolina beat Texas Tech 8-6 on Friday night for the Pirates' first super regional victory.

Watkins, who hit three home runs in the regular season, has four in the last three games. His grand slam in the fifth gave East Carolina a 5-2 lead and his two-run shot in the sixth made it 8-3.

Evan Kruczynski (8-1) struck out six and allowed three earned runs in 5 2/3 innings. East Carolina (38-21-1) freshman Matt Bridges struck out six

in 2 2/3 innings to pick up his second save.

Texas Tech left fielder Tyler Neslony had a three-run homer in the seventh to pull to 8-6. But Bridges struck out two of four batters in the eighth and two of three in the ninth.

Davis Martin (9-1) took the loss for Texas Tech (45-18) after giving up six earned runs in 4 1/3 innings.

Game 2 is Saturday. The series winner will advance to the College World Series in Omaha, Nebraska.

TCU beats Texas A&M 8-2 in super regional opener

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Luken Baker hit his fifth home run in nine games, Jared Janczak went a career-best 7 2/3 innings, and TCU beat Texas A&M 8-2 in the opening game of the College Station Super Regional on Friday night.

Baker gave TCU a 5-2 lead with his third-inning homer. He scored again in the fifth, advancing from second on a wild pitch, and Ryan Merrill's

double later in the inning scored two more.

The Horned Frogs (46-15) held on to move one win from a third straight College World Series berth. The No. 4 seed Aggies (48-15) were eliminated by TCU in last season's super regional.

TCU took the early lead, scoring two in the top of the first. Texas A&M answered with Michael Barash's two-run double in the bottom of the frame.

Janczak (7-3) kept the Aggies scoreless for the rest of his outing, allowing six hits in earning the victory.

Big leaguers remember draft experiences 'like Christmas Day'

By DENNIS WASZAK Jr.
AP Sports Writer

SECAUCUS, N.J. (AP) — Jim Abbott vividly remembers sitting nervously at home in Flint, Michigan, the tension broken only by one life-changing phone call.

On the other side of the line were the Angels, announcing to the left-handed pitcher that they had selected him with the eighth overall pick in the 1988 baseball draft.

"It's like Christmas Day, times 100," a smiling Abbott recalled Thursday night. "You know Santa Claus is coming, but you're not sure when he's coming."

Abbott was one of several former major leaguers in attendance serving as team representatives at MLB Network studios, the site of this year's

Major League Baseball draft.

"I knew the Angels were interested in drafting me, but the anticipation and, ultimately, the confirmation, were endless," said Abbott, who pitched for four teams over 10 seasons and threw a no-hitter for the Yankees in 1993 despite being born without a right hand. "And then, it happens and you're just so happy and it feels like the end of your prep career and the beginning of a whole new chapter. The Angels seemed so far away and so foreign from where I grew up in Michigan."

"It was phenomenal."

The draft has become a prime-time event, with Commissioner Rob Manfred announcing the names of each first-rounder in front of a live studio audience that includes many big

leaguers whose draft-day experiences consisted of only a phone call or listening on the internet.

Major League Baseball conducted its draft, which started in 1965, primarily by conference call with each of its teams until 2007, when it was televised for the first time. It still might not be the spectacle the NFL or NBA drafts are, but media exposure has increased in the last few years. And the players who see it now wish they had gotten a chance to shake hands with the commissioner and slip on their new team's cap and jersey.

"It makes me realize that I got screwed," said a laughing Ben Sheets, the No. 10 overall pick by Milwaukee in 1999. "I mean, it definitely wasn't

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NCAA football transfers into Big 12

Oklahoma — Geno Lewis, wr, from Penn State. 90 receptions for 1,181 yards and eight touchdowns.

Kansas State — Cedric Dozier, db, from California. Started 16 games as a freshman and sophomore, but fell off to 11 tackles in 11 games last season.












Oklahoma State — Barry Sanders, rb, from Stanford: 672 yards rushing and five touchdowns.

TCU — John Diarse, wr, from LSU: 28 receptions for 412 yards and three touchdowns.

West Virginia — Maurice Fleming, db, from Iowa: 31 tackles and six pass break-ups.

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Cowboys' McFadden claims financial planner mishandled \$15M

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Dallas Cowboys running back Darren McFadden has sued his longtime business manager, saying he misappropriated and mishandled money throughout his NFL career, including \$3 million lost in a bitcoin business venture.

The \$15 million lawsuit was filed Tuesday against Michael Vick of Mabelvale, Arkansas, and 10 unknown others named only as "Doe." Vick, who is not the former NFL player, told The Associated Press on Thursday he hadn't seen the lawsuit and declined to comment immediately.

McFadden's lawsuit said that two days after his 2008 debut with the Oakland Raiders, Vick used fraudulent documents to gain power of attorney, and later fabricated fictitious financial records to hide what he was doing. The former University of Arkansas

sas running back said he discovered the fraud when Vick tried to sell him a building allegedly bought with McFadden's own funds.

"Rather than securing for Plaintiff a lifetime of financial security as Defendant Vick promised Plaintiff, Defendant Vick covertly used Plaintiff's income as his personal slush fund to subsidize his own lifestyle and expenses and to invest in his own projects," the lawsuit said.

The lawsuit, filed in federal court in Little Rock, also said McFadden revoked Vick's power of attorney last month.

Vick allegedly told McFadden that in order to safeguard his money, Vick needed to be "further empowered" to help the player avoid the "financial disasters that tend to flow from unsound spending habits, poor management, or speculative financial advice," the lawsuit said.



AP photo

McFadden gave Vick power of attorney on Aug. 10, 2008.

McFadden, who was the fourth pick of the 2008 NFL draft, had a \$60 million, six-year contract with the Raiders at that time.

The two-time Heisman Trophy runner-up joined

the Cowboys prior to the 2015 season after seven disappointing years in Oakland, where he averaged just over 600 yards per season, with a high of 1,157 in 2010. His Dallas deal was reported to be worth up to \$5.9 million over two years.

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seven hits in six innings. He walked four and struck out seven in his sixth start since returning from a six-week stint on the disabled list because of soreness in his pitching shoulder.

He couldn't explain the reason he struggled early.

"If I knew that I would fix it," McCullers said.

Andriese repeatedly worked out of potential jams to join Matt Moore, James Shields and Jeff Niemann as the only Tampa Bay pitchers to begin a season 5-0 or better. The right-hander yielded three runs and eight hits in 5 1-3 innings, turning over a 4-3 lead to relievers Erasmo Ramirez, Xavier Cedeno and Alex Colome, who earned his 18th save by working out a bases-loaded, one-out jam in the ninth.

Houston had nine baserunners (five sin-

gles, four walks) and two hits with men in scoring position in the first four innings, yet trailed 4-0 after Pearce, Forsythe and got Tampa Bay off to its fast start.

George Springer was thrown out trying to score from second base on Jose Altuve's single in the first, and the Astros left the bases loaded after Marwin Gonzalez, Altuve and Colby Rasmus singled with two outs in the third.

Carlos Correa (sprained left ankle) was out of the lineup as expected, however Hinch said the 21-year-old could play this weekend. Correa, who's day-to-day, was hurt in Thursday's game at Texas.

McCullers has made two career starts against Tampa Bay, both at Tropicana Field, where he yielded four runs over six innings of a loss last July. The 22-year-old played in high school at Tampa Jesuit, which is about 20 miles northeast of the Rays' stadium.

Von Miller's contract talks with Broncos on hold for now

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — So much for Von Miller's prediction of peaceful contract talks this offseason.

An impasse in negotiations has uncorked the startling possibility that the Super Bowl MVP could sit out the 2016 season.

It's a remote possibility, to be sure, one that could harm his popularity and marketability that have skyrocketed since he wrecked the Carolina Panthers' coronation at the Super Bowl.

But it's an option should the sides fail to reach an agreement on a long-term contract over the next six weeks.

Miller has repeatedly said he

wants to be a Bronco for life, but the sides aren't talking after Miller's camp declined to accept Denver's offer by Tuesday night's deadline set by the team.

Miller has skipped the Broncos offseason program, but he joined his teammates for their White House tour Monday and told reporters there had been progress in contract talks between his agent, Joby Branion, and the Broncos.

Thirty-six hours later, Denver shifted its focus to re-signing Emmanuel Sanders and Brandon Marshall.

Miller is expected to rejoin his teammates Sunday night

when they collect their rings for winning Super Bowl 50, where Miller's two sack-strips of Cam Newton led to both of Denver's touchdowns in its 24-10 win.

Brock Osweiler, who skipped the visit with President Barack Obama because he was attending OTAs with his new team, the Houston Texans, won't attend the ring ceremony, Texans spokeswoman Amy Palcic said Thursday.

Osweiler's departure for a four-year, \$72 million deal, followed by the drafting of Paxton Lynch, gave general manager John Elway the flexibility to pay Miller "quarterback" money.



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Messi impresses Chicago in 5-0 win

CHICAGO (AP) — One, two and finally three — contained quite neatly in a span of 19 minutes. A dazzling display for Lionel Messi on a warm Friday night.

Once Argentina put the monster in the game, it was all over for Panama.

Messi scored three second-half goals in his return from a back injury, and Argentina clinched a spot in the knockout round of the Copa America Centenario with a 5-0 victory over an overwhelmed Pan-

ama team.

“Happy, happy to be back, to be able to play after resting for some time,” Messi said.

Messi replaced Augusto Fernandez in the 61st minute, drawing a big ovation from a sea of No. 10 Argentina jerseys and the familiar colors of Barcelona, his club team. A few minutes later, the five-time FIFA Player of the Year got right back to work.

First, Roderick Miller’s clearing attempt for Panama went right to Messi,

who took a couple dribbles and then beat Jaime Penedo on the ground to the goaltender’s right side. Then Messi sent a curling free kick from about 24 yards into the top left corner of the goal in the 78th minute, making it 3-0 and drawing gasps from the crowd of 53,885 at the home of the NFL’s Chicago Bears.

A left-footed chip past Penedo on the goaltender’s right side finished off Messi’s fourth international hat trick.



AP photo

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ambidextrous, a rare skill in any game, and he maximized that advantage by playing with a straight stick long after most players switched to curved blades to add some wicked spin to their shots. That way, Howe could park himself in the slot or behind the net, get control of the puck and force defensesmen and goalies to gamble on which side he’d choose.

There won’t be another like him anytime soon. Today’s NHL is selling speed and sizzle, and de-emphasizing fisticuffs is part of the mission statement. The last thing the league is likely to tolerate going forward is one of its marquee stars brawling his way up the ice.

But that was Howe’s genius. He could play the game any way it called for, forcefully or with finesse. It’s why former Red Wing Kris Draper could say about him, sincerely as you please, “I just know anytime I got an opportunity to shake his hand or take one of his flying elbows, it was a huge thrill to be able to do that.”

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this nice. This is a nice setup they’ve got going here. It’s a nice idea, and it’s a big moment for a couple of kids who are here.”

Two prospects were in attendance Thursday night: upstate New York pitcher Ian Anderson, taken third overall by Atlanta, and Georgia high school outfielder Will Benson, who went 14th to Cleveland. While the draft isn’t as heavily attended by would-be picks, in large part because the college season is still going on, it’s a much bigger production than it once was.

Harold Baines was the No. 1 overall pick in 1977 by the Chicago White Sox, and he recalled owner Bill Veeck and general manager Roland He-

mond coming to his home in Maryland to sign him.

“I didn’t get a phone call, but the night before (the draft), they told me they thought they might take me No. 1,” the six-time All-Star recalled. “I was naive back then and I didn’t have an agent or anything like that. They told me to find a lawyer for tomorrow, and I found a lawyer and we signed a contract the next day.”

Signability plays a large role in where players are drafted. Some teams will bypass top-ranked players in order to draft someone they deem to be easy signees. Teams get a feel for whether they’ll be able to sign certain players in the weeks and days leading up to the draft.

“Teams were asking, ‘Would you sign for this? Would you sign for that?’” recalled former pitcher Jeff Francis, drafted ninth overall by Colorado in

2002. “Having said yes to all of those questions, I had an idea, so I knew when to listen (on the internet). When I heard my name called, there was some celebration and some tears on the part of my parents.”

B.J. Surhoff, the No. 1 overall pick by Milwaukee in 1985, was at the draft last year and was impressed then by how different the experience is for players now.

“I was 99.99 percent sure that I was going where I was going,” he said. “There was none of this, though. There was no cellphone, no internet, obviously. It was really a very uneventful day. It was more worried about moving on and getting started.”

Sheets remembered having no idea what team would draft him out of Northeast Louisiana University, now called Louisiana-Monroe. The right-hander was considered one of

the best college arms in the draft in 1999, and he ended up winning 94 games and was a four-time All-Star.

“It was streaming live on the computer, like the audio,” Sheets said. “I kind of didn’t expect where I went, but it was obviously a blessing for me to even get drafted.”

This year’s draft continued with rounds 3-10 on Friday and finishes Saturday with rounds 11-40 — all via conference calls and streamed online, like the “old days.” California high school outfielder Mickey Moniak was this year’s No. 1 pick by Philadelphia on Thursday night.

“It’s such a special day for these guys,” Baines said. “Especially for their families, who put in a lot of work taking them to Little League and Pony League. And now, they’re fortunate enough, hopefully, to see their sons get drafted.”

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history have rallied from 3-1 down, and the Warriors just doing it has to remind the Cavaliers that it’s possible.

Problem is, the Warriors just doing it also has reminded them that it’s possible. Friday night, they left Quicken Loans Arena for what they hope was the final time this season talking about playing with the appropriate fear and respect that teams can carry into any closeout game.

“I’ve already told our guys Game 5 will be the hardest game of the series,” Kerr said. “Every closeout

game is difficult, but when you’re at home, for a strange reason it’s even more difficult. You’ve got, you know, everybody in your ear, you’ve got friends, you’ve got family who want to come to the game and want to discuss everything.

“We have to understand that this series is not over. We came in and did what we wanted to do getting the split, but Game 5 will be extremely difficult.”

True, for a lot of reasons.

Foremost among them, the Cavaliers — who know no team has escaped a 3-1 hole ever in an NBA Finals — still have LeBron James.

His second ring in 2013 with Miami came when the Heat needed to win two elimination games in the fi-

nals to oust the San Antonio Spurs in what became a dramatic seven-game matchup, highlighted by Ray Allen’s overtime-forcing 3-pointer with 5.2 seconds left in Game 6.

The chips are obviously stacked a lot higher against James this time.

“We’ve already got to take a flight home back anyways, so we might as well come home with a win and play on our home floor again,” James said, not long after Cavs coach Tyronn Lue offered similar sentiments. “Being a confident bunch, we feel like the

chips have been stacked up against us all year anyway.”

Never more so than right now.

Either way, the ending of this series will be historic.

Either Cleveland does something no team has done, or Golden State will repeat and be poised to become a dynasty.

“It’s probably going to be even more intense on Monday,” Curry said. “So we’re prepared for it, and it’s going to be a fun night.”

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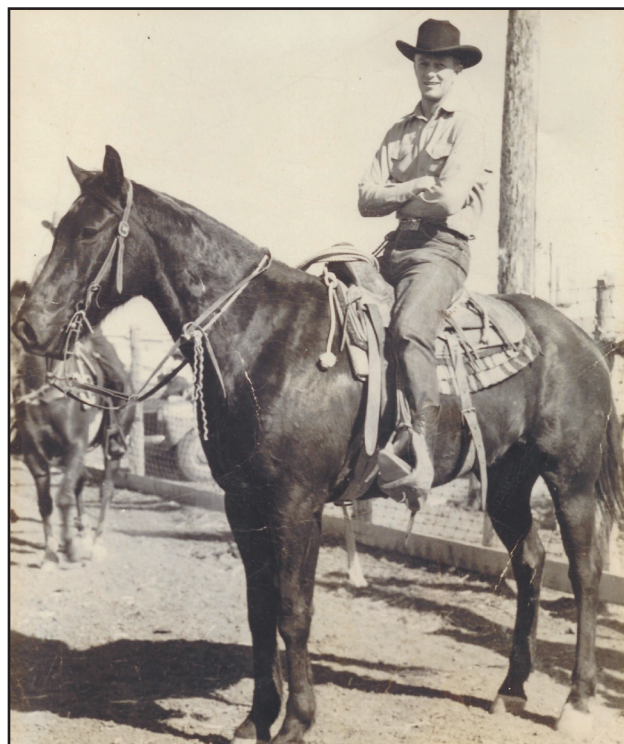
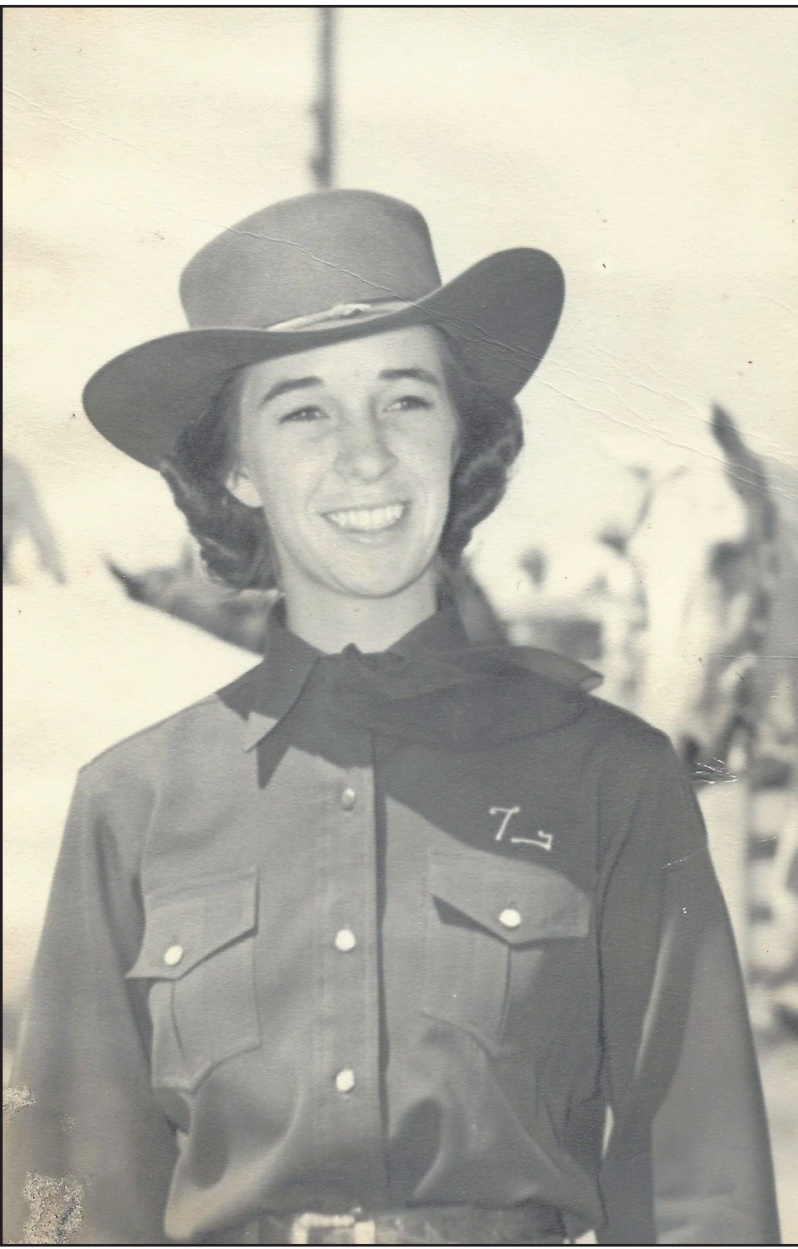
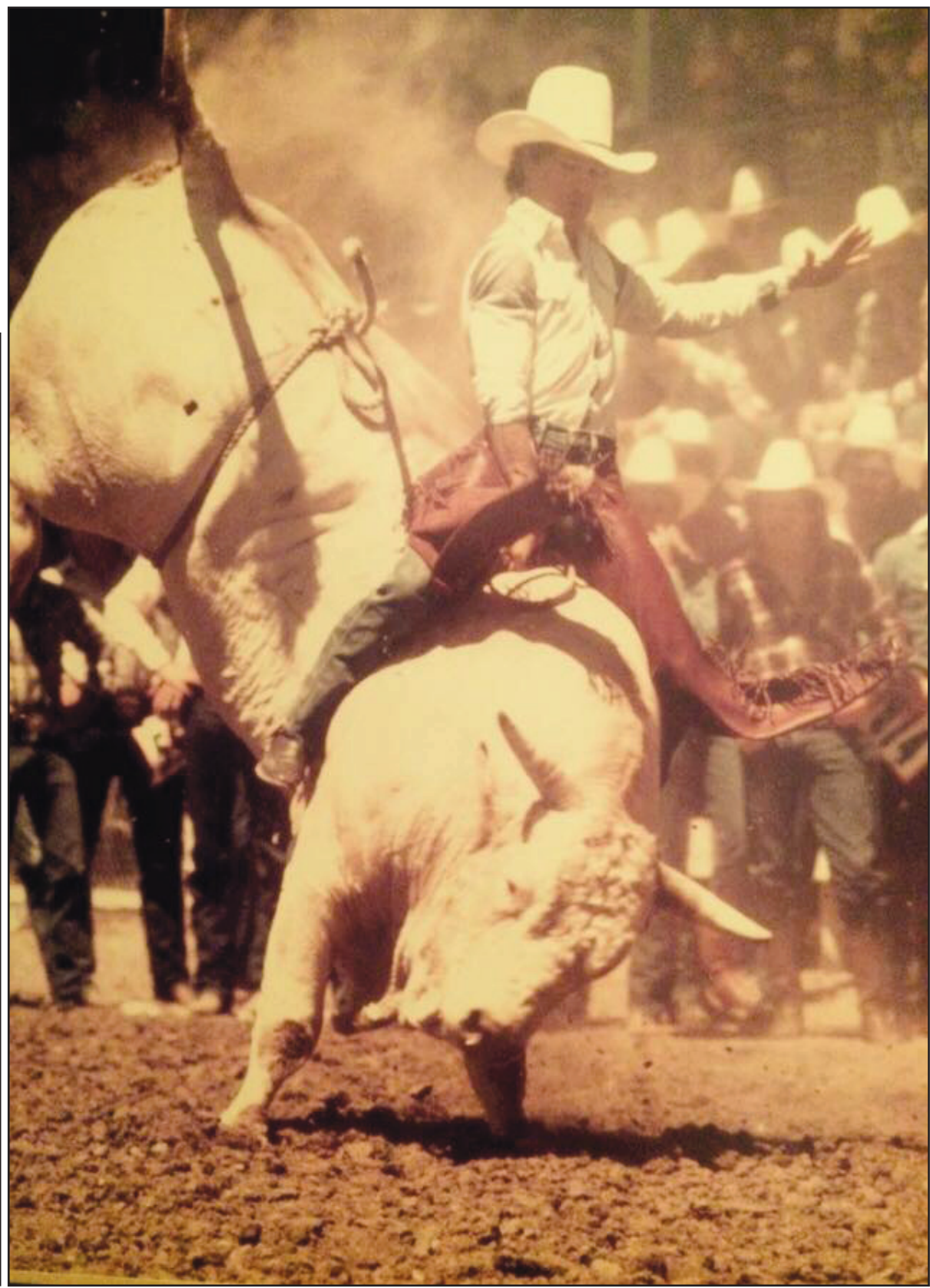
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Clockwise from top: Western swing star Jody Nix; bull rider Wacey Wayne Cathey; rodeo star Glenn "Ace" Berry and granddaughter; cowboy and rodeo star William Lane "Sonny" Edwards; and "Texas Glamour Girls" Annabelle Edwards (bottom left corner) and Mary Nell Edwards.

By **ROGER CLINE**

Staff Writer

The stars at night are big and bright... West Texans have a lot to be proud of; not the least, our cowboy and cowgirl heritage. The Heritage Museum of Big Spring will take some time to recognize some of that legacy by inducting six people into its Cowboy and Cowgirl Hall of Fame at the "Legends and Legacies" soiree Saturday night. The event, the museum's only annual fundraiser, honors working ranch hands, rodeo stars, and western entertainers. Tickets are \$50 and the event kicks off at 7 p.m. Here are a few pictures of this year's inductees. For more information call the museum at 432-267-8255.



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Campaign to remove judge in Stanford rape case gains steam



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Stanford law professor Michele Dauber speaks at a rally before activists delivered over one million signatures to the California Commission on Judicial Performance calling for the removal of Judge Aaron Persky from the bench Friday, June 10, 2016, in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A fledgling campaign to recall the judge who sentenced a former Stanford University swimmer to six months in jail for sexually assaulting an unconscious woman gained momentum Friday as three prominent political consultants joined the effort.

The Recall Judge Aaron Persky campaign said media consultant Joe Trippi, campaign strategist John Shallman and pollster Paul Maslin would help secure the signatures and votes required to remove the Santa Clara County jurist from the bench next year.

Trippi has worked for a number of Democratic presidential candidates, while Maslin's clients include Gov. Jerry Brown and members of Congress. Shallman has worked for the president of the California Senate, who spearheaded passage of a law requiring colleges and universities to apply a "yes means yes" standard in sexual misconduct cases.

Persky was re-elected in an unopposed election Tuesday, five days after sentencing Brock Turner, 20, to six months in jail and three years' probation. The punishment for the Dayton, Ohio, native ignited intense outcry as too lenient.

Prosecutors had argued for Turner to spend six years in prison for three felony convictions that could have sent him away for 14 years. The judge

said in court last week that he followed a recommendation from the county's probation department and cited Turner's clean criminal record and the effect the conviction will have on his life.

"I have daughters in college myself, and I find it deeply disturbing that a judge like Persky could let a campus predator like Turner off with barely a slap on the wrist," Shallman said. "Justice is supposed to be blind — not stupid."

A court spokesman has said Persky is barred from commenting because Turner is appealing his convictions of felony assault and attempted rape.

Meanwhile, a group of California lawmakers joined women's rights advocates in urging the California agency that investigates complaints of judicial misconduct to take action against Persky.

Eleven Democratic state lawmakers asked the Commission on Judicial Performance to investigate and discipline the judge, alleging he may have engaged in misconduct in sentencing Turner.

The lawmakers also want District Attorney Jeff Rosen to ask an appeals court to overturn the sentence. But prosecutors have said they don't think Persky's decision can be appealed because it was "authorized by law and was made by applying the correct standards."

Rosen also has said the judge should not lose his job because of the ruling.

Gawker files for bankruptcy to sell itself to Ziff Davis

NEW YORK (AP) — Gawker Media is filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection and putting itself up for sale, strained by a jury's verdict that it must pay \$140 million to pro wrestler Hulk Hogan in an invasion-of-privacy lawsuit.

The filing by the 14-year-old website follows the revelation in May that Silicon Valley billionaire Peter Thiel bankrolled Hogan's lawsuit as what he called a "deterrent" to Gawker's no-holds-barred and sometimes gonzo style of journalism. Thiel's secret role sparked anxiety over the possibility that more wealthy individuals might cow publications by covertly funding lawsuits against them.

Gawker says it plans to sell itself to publishing company Ziff Davis, although other bidders could emerge during the bankruptcy court auction. The sale will help it fund its appeal against the Hogan judgment in a Florida state court.

"We have been forced by this litigation to give up our longstanding independence," Gawker founder Nick Denton said in a statement. "With stronger backing and disentangled from litigation, (Gawker writers) can perform their vital work on more platforms and in different forms."

The move also allows Gawker's web sites to keep operating normally, the company says.

Gawker filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection about three months after Hogan won a lawsuit against the online gossip and news publisher.

The New York publisher said in the filing that it has as much as \$500 million in debt and up to \$100 million in assets.

Hogan sued Gawker after it posted a video of him having sex with a wife. Gawker said the footage was newsworthy information about a public fig-

ure, and protected by the First Amendment. Hogan still won a judgment for \$115 million in compensatory damages plus an added \$25.1 million in punitive damages.

Only afterward did Thiel's part in funding Hogan's lawsuit become clear.

Thiel, who co-founded PayPal and was an early investor in Facebook, has been a frequent target of Gawker writers, who have written unflattering pieces about his political beliefs and utopian goals. One 2007 post outed Thiel as gay. A Gawker-owned site, Valleywag, ran a number of stories skewering Facebook, which provided a big chunk of Thiel's estimated \$2.7 billion fortune.

A spokesman for Thiel said he had no comment on Friday.

Media analyst Dean Starkman, a fellow at the Center for Media, Data and Society at the Central European University in Budapest, said the bankruptcy was an "ominous development" for journalism. "You don't want billionaires to be any final arbiter of press fairness — that's just not democracy," he said. "While many of us disagreed with Gawker's news judgment in this case, and many are ambivalent about Gawker itself, the issue here was a bil-

lionaire's use and potential abuse of the legal process to drain a journalism outlet's resources."

In the filing, Hogan, whose real name is Terry Bollea, was listed as Gawker's biggest creditor. One of his lawyers, David Houston, said in a statement that the wrestler and his legal team intend to pursue the judgment award and hold Gawker "accountable."

Gawker's Denton said in a statement that Ziff Davis' e-commerce, licensing and video assets would be a good fit with Gawker's websites, which include tech site Gizmodo, sports site Deadspin, video-game site Kotaku, celebrity and women-focused site Jezebel, news and gossip site Gawker, car-site Jalopnik and self-help site Lifehacker.



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Legal fight for American Indian girl continues

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Lawyers for a foster family who had to give up a 6-year-old girl with Native American heritage returned to court Friday in the latest legal effort to return the girl to California.

Lexi, who is 1/64th Choctaw, was removed from her foster home north of Los Angeles earlier this year and placed with distant relatives in Utah under a decades-old federal law designed to keep Native American families together.

An attorney for Lexi's former foster parents asked a state appeals court to reverse a lower court ruling that ordered the family to surrender the girl.

The lower court made "fundamental legal errors" and failed to take into account the girl's bond with her foster parents and siblings, said attorney Lori Alvino McGill.

A representative for Lexi didn't deny the close relationship, but argued it was the right decision to reconnect Lexi with her tribal roots.

"She's doing well. She's adjusting," attorney Christopher Blake told a three-judge panel, which has up to 60 days to decide.

The appellate court also heard from a lawyer for Lexi's biological father, who asked the judges to take his point of view into consideration. Two of the judges balked. "His conduct is reprehensible," said presiding Justice Paul Turner, adding that Lexi's father made "bad choices" by not caring for her. The mother of the Utah family that Lexi is living with declined to comment Friday, saying she's bound by court orders not to discuss the case.

The Associated Press isn't naming the woman to protect the girl's identity.

The case is one of dozens brought by foster families since the Indian Child Welfare Act was passed in the late 1970s. Lawmakers found that Native American families were broken up at disproportionately high rates, and that cultural ignorance and biases within the child welfare system were largely to blame. Lexi was 17 months old when she was removed from the custody of her mother, who had drug-abuse problems. Her father has a criminal history, according to court records. Although foster care is supposed to be temporary, Rusty and Summer Page want to adopt Lexi and for years have fought efforts under the federal act to place the girl with relatives of her father, who is part Choctaw.

The Pages have said the law is outdated and misapplied, but their repeated appeals have failed. Lower courts found the Pages had not proven Lexi would suffer emotional harm by the transfer and, in March, the California Supreme Court refused to intervene.

While some other tribes use a blood quantum to determine eligibility, the Choctaw Nation is among a handful of tribes that determines eligibility for membership by tracing a person's lineage to a member of an original roll of tribal members.

Lexi is now living in Utah with relatives of her father who are not Native Americans.

Dozens of supporters turned out for the latest court hearing, waving banners that read: "Let Lexi Speak" and "Bring Lexi Home."



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Roger's Reviews: *The Conjuring 2*



Roger Cline
HERALD staff writer

The things I put up with for you, gentle readers.

I just got out of *The Conjuring 2*, which continues the story of real-life paranormal investigators Lorraine and Ed Warren. The showing I saw started at 10:15 and spanned the witching hour, and now I'm sitting at home alone in my dark house. Yes, every light is on and music is blasting.

Where the original 2013 flick had the Warrens (who famously investigated the Amityville haunting) looking into a haunted farmhouse, this installment of the "Conjuring" franchise focuses on strange occurrences in the Hodgson family's row house in London. The action centers around the youngest daughter Janet (Madison Wolfe) as she struggles against a spooky presence (Bob Adrian). Single mom Peggy (Frances O'Connor) tries to keep her family—Janet and her sister and two brothers—safe. Despite vowing to lay off the ghost hunting for a bit after Lorraine (Vera Farmiga) has a spooky vision foretelling Ed's (Patrick Wilson) death at the hands of a demonic nun (Bonnie Aarons), the couple is recruited by the Catholic Church to check out the Hodgsons' claims.

The movie does a good job of using setting, props, and a whole lot of creepy sound to build a spooky vibe. Of particular note in this regard are a creepy blanket tent stuttering Billy Hodgson has built in the flat, a creepy zoetrope featuring the "Crooked Man" of nursery-rhyme fame, and a creepy flooded basement. Oh, and the creepy subsonic vibrations engineered to keep audiences on the edges of their seats.

There are a lot of surprise shock scares. That type

of horror isn't my favorite, but I jumped several times throughout the movie.

The Warrens really seem to have their stuff together in this film. Ed is fearless; his confrontation with the spook possessing Janet bespeaks a quiet confidence. Lorraine comes off as more fearful, but willing to explore her visions for clues to what is going on and how to end it. Once they are on the scene, the mood shifts from hopeless to hopeful.

Of course, there's some bad in this movie, but not as much as I feared there would be. About the worst I can say about it is that the relationships between the Warrens and the children in the film are over-the-top cheese. Both the investigators relate to Janet by relating their very clichéd early paranormal experiences (under-the-bed creature and angel. I'll let you guess who got which one).

Also, Ed compares the haunting to a bully at the children's school, saying the kids must stand up for each other against the spirit like they would stand up to a big kid on the playground. Only this big kid seems to be a supernatural horror from beyond the grave.

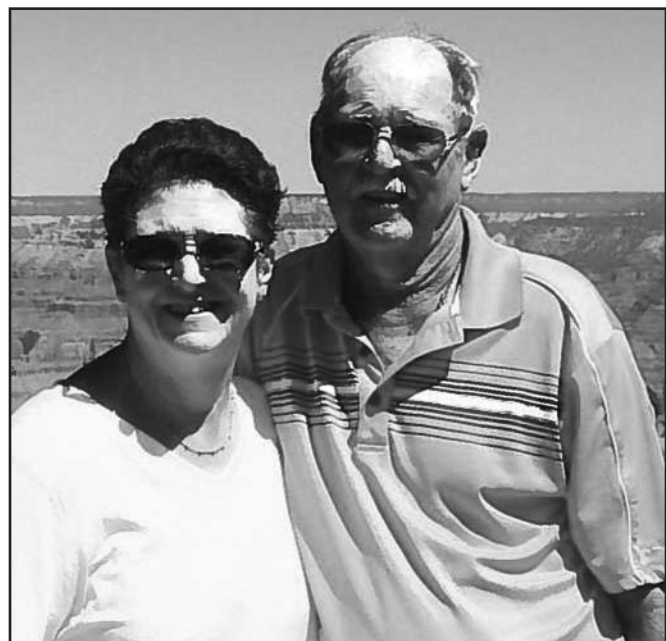
In all, I must say that I went in expecting to hate this movie, but was reasonably surprised by how much I enjoyed it. 7.5 stars out of 10.

Director: James Wan
Writer: Carey Hayes, Chad Hayes, James Wan, David Johnson
Production companies: New Line Cinema, The Safran Company, RatPac-Dune Entertainment
Rated R; 134 minutes; Horror; June 10, 2016

Roger watched this movie at Big Spring's own Cinemark Cinema 4, located in the Spring Town Plaza at 1801 E. FM 700. For more information about the theater, visit www.cinemark.com and enter the ZIP code 79720.



Foresyths celebrate 40 years of marriage



Courtesy photo
Special to the Herald

Big Spring's Jimmy and Deanna Foresyth celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary June 4 with a 13-day tour of seven national parks in six states.

The couple was married June 4, 1976 at the home of the bride's mother, Marjorie Morris, in Big Spring.

Jimmy retired in 2000 from Howard County Road and Bridge, where he was a formeman in the sign department.

Deanna, a former contract specialist with the federal prison, also retired in 2000.

The couple have three sons, Richard Foresyth and wife Linda of Selma, Texas; Davis Foresyth and wife Denise of San Angelo; and Paul Foresyth and wife Amanda of Odessa; and seven grandchildren.

Senior Center's weekly menu

The Big Spring Senior Center offers meals Monday through Friday at noon. The menu is subject to change due to food availability. For reservations call 267-1628.

MONDAY:

Barbecue chicken, potato salad, fried okra, banana pudding, milk

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Crispy beef tacos, lettuce/tomato/cheese, rice and beans, berries with yogurt, taco sauce, milk

WEDNESDAY:

Pork roast, sweet potato casserole, cauliflower, cookies, bread, milk

THURSDAY:

Chicken salad, pasta salad, fruit salad, cherry tomatoes, banana muffin, crackers, milk

FRIDAY:

Catfish with tartar sauce, corn casserole, French fries, coleslaw, chocolate cake, milk



Stuteville turns 90

Courtesy photo
James "Pete" Stuteville of Big Spring celebrated his 90th birthday May 28. Stuteville, shown here second from the left with his children Tony Stuteville of Big Spring; Julia Gardner of Willow Park, Texas; and Joyce Munday of Fort Worth; was born in Big Spring on May 17, 1926, to the late Mary Edwards Stuteville and Luther Calvin Stuteville. Drafted into the Army at age 18, he later worked as a milkman for the Borden Milk Company, and retired as a milk distributor in 1993.

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Stocks tumble on oil price news

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. stocks were skidding Friday as a drop in oil prices took energy companies sharply lower. Banks were falling again as bond yields continued to shrink. The losses wiped out most of the market's gains from earlier this week.

KEEPING SCORE: The Dow Jones industrial average sank 105 points, or 0.6 percent, to 17,879 as of 12:45 p.m. Eastern time. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 17 points, or 0.8 percent, to 2,098. The Nasdaq composite tumbled 51 points, or 1 percent, to 4,907. The S&P 500 reached an 11-month high this week and so did oil prices, but investors remain cautious as they look to a Federal Reserve meeting next

week and Britain's referendum on its membership in the European Union on June 23.

ENERGY: U.S. crude shed \$1.33, or 2.6 percent, to \$49.23 a barrel in New York. Brent crude, the benchmark for international oil prices, fell \$1.28, or 2.5 percent, to \$50.56 a barrel in London. Gasoline, heating oil and natural gas prices also sank.

ConocoPhillips gave up \$1.50, or 3.2 percent, to \$45.07 and oilfield services company Schlumberger shed \$1.42, or 1.8 percent, to \$78.54. Chevron fell 98 cents, or 1 percent, to \$101.83.

BANKS STUMBLE: As they did Thursday, banks fell along with bond yields. Lower bond yields drive down interest rates on mort-

gages and other kinds of loans, and that makes them less profitable for banks. Citigroup sank \$1.29, or 2.9 percent, to \$43.72 and JPMorgan Chase lost \$1.01, or 1.6 percent, to \$63.74. Bank of America fell 38 cents, or 2.7 percent, to \$13.81.

Bond prices rose further and the yield on the 10-year U.S. Treasury note sank to 1.65 percent from 1.69 percent.

The drop in bond yields sent phone companies higher, as those stocks' high dividend yields are comparable to bonds. Verizon Communications rose 72 cents, or 1.4 percent, to \$52.67, and phone companies were the only S&P 500 sector to trade higher Friday afternoon.

DRUG PRICE DOUBTS: Drug com-

pany stocks fell further. Mylan lost \$1.39, or 3 percent, to \$44.37 after Wells Fargo analyst David Maris said it might come under scrutiny from regulators because it's made some "exceptionally large price increases" on its drugs this year. Maris added that the price changes might also indicate some of Mylan's other products aren't selling as well as it hoped.

A number of drug companies have seen their stocks tumble in recent months as regulators questioned their patterns of raising prices and other business practices. Endo International, which has plunged more than 70 percent this year, fell \$1.11, or

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Stay safe in the workplace

June is National Safety Month, an annual observance to educate people and businesses on the importance of safety in the workplace, at home and on the road. As part of Better Business Bureau's mission, BBB encourages and supports best practices by educating consumers, employees and businesses.

Safety should be the most important part of the workplace as it protects the well-being of employees and it can increase productivity and lower production days lost due to work-related injuries. In 2014, nearly 13,000 American workers are injured a day as a result of workplace accidents, according to the National Safety Council. More than 3 million injuries or illnesses in the workplace occurred, and nearly half of these injuries required time off work.

Industries most affected by injuries included construction, transportation and warehousing and agriculture. In fact, motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of work-related deaths. Statewide workplace injuries were estimated to have cost more than \$1 billion in lost productivity in 2014, according to the Texas Workforce Commission.

To help prevent accidents in the workplace, Better Business Bureau serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin offers the following tips for businesses, workers and consumers:

- Install a workplace safety program. A successful safety program depends on spotting hazards early, evaluating their risk and removing or controlling them before harm is done. It is just as important for a business office or a retail store to have a safety program in place as it is for a construction site or warehouse.

- Ensure workplace is "accident free." Slips, trips and falls are one of the leading causes of workplace accidents. Most falls in the workplace are caused by wet floors or icy walkways, according to the U.S. Department of Labor. Make sure wet floors are clearly marked and take steps to prevent walkways from icing over. Also, if you're an employee or customer at a retail store, be careful when lifting or walking around with heavy objects. Be aware of your surroundings to avoid running into table displays and knocking over shelves or racks that could cause serious injury.

- Set up measures to avoid workplace violence. While no one expects violence in the workplace, it does happen. On-the-job shootings and attacks come from coworkers and outsiders, like robbers. As business owners or managers, it's important to carefully review security procedures for your business, storefront, employees and customers. Decide if you need security guards. And set up avenues to resolve workplace disputes before they escalate.

- Make sure equipment and infrastructure is in good condition. The main workplace safety and health law in the U.S. is the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, which requires all private-sector employees to provide a safe workplace, free of hazards, to their employees. According to the National Safety Council, 25 percent of injuries occur when people get struck, caught or crushed in collapsing structure, equipment or other heavy objects. BBB recommends businesses store heavy objects close to the floor and wear the proper personal protective equipment. Always be aware of moving equipment in your work area.

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Christina M. Rodriguez, 624 State Street, Big Spring
Linda Eva Rodriguez, 2519 Gunter Circle, Big Spring
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Veronica Romero, 103 Becker Road, Big Spring
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Kendra D. Tatum, 412 S. Moss Lake Rd., Big Spring
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RickyLynnWaltenbaugh, 538 Westover Road Apt. #133, Big Spring
Tamara Ruth Whitt, 3706 Connley, Big Spring
Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd. Apt. #28, Big Spring
Marriage Licenses
Sangwook Kang, 34, and Seonghi Kim, 33, both of Big Spring.
Scott Stromberg, 55, and Michelle Maria Garcia, See **RECORDS**, Page 5C

RECORDS

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37, both of Big Spring. Michael David Wyrick, 50, and Leslie Anne Martin, 48, both of Big Spring. Kevin L. Bonner, 56, and Ma Wawe Ysao Cisneros, 36, both of Big Spring. Christopher Michael Raabe, 20, and Summer Dnae Wright, 19, both of Abilene.

District Court Filings

Lori Speck vs. Raul Garcia III, divorce
Discover Bank vs. Betty Barnett, contract-consumer/commercial debt
Maria Flores vs. Fernando Flores, divorce
Ashlee Love vs. Robert Hooper, protective order

County Court Judgments

(Note: The State of Texas is listed as prosecutor for all listed county court judgments)

Defendant: Patrick Rios
Offense: Possession of a controlled substance 3 to 28 grams
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$342 court costs, 75 days in jail
Date: May 23, 2016

Defendant: Donald Cervantes
Offense: Theft of property \$500 to \$1,500
Sentence: \$500 fine, 1 year in jail. Probated 24 months
Date: May 31, 2016

Defendant: Michael A. Trombley
Offense: Driving while intoxicated (second offense)
Sentence: Revocation of probation and imposition of sentence: \$750 fine, \$462 court costs, 76 days

in jail
Date: May 2, 2016
Defendant: Lorenzo Torres Ramirez
Offense: Theft of property \$500 to \$1,500
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$342 court costs, 75 days in jail
Date: May 24, 2016

Defendant: Josephine Torres
Offense: Theft of property \$50 to \$500
Sentence: \$500 fine, 180 days in jail. Probated 12 months
Date: May 31, 2016

Defendant: Matthew E. Sturgill
Offense: Possession of marijuana less than 2 oz.
Sentence: \$500 fine, 180 days in jail. Probated 12 months
Date: May 26, 2016

Defendant: Joseph Ray Olivas
Offense: Possession of marijuana less than 2 oz.
Sentence: \$500 fine, 180 days in jail. Probated 12 months
Date: May 26, 2016

Defendant: Michael A. Carrillo
Offense: Possession of marijuana less than 2 oz.
Sentence: \$500 fine, 180 days in jail. Probated 12 months
Date: May 26, 2016

Defendant: Ricardo Miguel Carlos
Offense: Evading arrest or detention
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$287 court costs, 40 days in jail
Date: May 20, 2016

Defendant: Frank Chazaretta
Offense: Theft of service \$500 to \$1,500
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$337 court costs, 30 days in jail

Date: May 20, 2016
Defendant: Cecil A. Carson
Offense: Possession of marijuana less than 2 oz.
Sentence: 12 months probation/deferred adjudication
Date: May 26, 2016

Defendant: Shawn M Garcia
Offense: Possession of marijuana less than 2 oz.
Sentence: 12 months probation/deferred adjudication
Date: May 26, 2016

Defendant: Dameon I. Nieto
Offense: Possession of marijuana less than 2 oz.
Sentence: \$500 fine, 180 days in jail. Probated 12 months
Date: May 26, 2016

Defendant: Chance Filker Cooke
Offense: Evading arrest or detention
Sentence: \$2,000 fine, 1 year in jail. Probated 24 months
Date: May 24, 2016

Defendant: Spencer Ransom
Offense: Failure to ID fugitive/give false info
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$287 court costs, 20 days in jail
Date: June 6, 2016

Defendant: Joshua E. Hays
Offense: Criminal trespassing
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$287 court costs, 20 days in jail
Date: June 6, 2016

Defendant: Weldon M. Gibbs
Offense: Possession of marijuana less than 2 oz.
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$347 court costs, 40 days in jail
Date: June 6, 2016

Defendant: Brian M. Garza
Offense: Failure to ID fugitive/give false or fictitious info
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$287 court costs, 40 days in jail
Date: May 20, 2016

Defendant: Ricky Ricardo Lopez
Offense: Driving with a suspended license with previous conviction or suspension, without financial responsibility
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$342 court costs, 30 days in jail
Date: May 20, 2016

Defendant: Kyler Canady
Offense: Possession of marijuana less than 2 oz.
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$352 court costs, 30 days in jail
Date: May 20, 2016

Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Sergio Sanchez
Grantee: Hugo Prisciliano Eugenio
Property: part of NE/4, Sec. 19. Blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P Railroad Co. Survey
Date: May 17, 2016

Grantor: Robert Glenn Smith
Grantee: Israel and Maria Angelica Verastegui
Property: Sec. 26, Blk. 33, T-1-N, T&P Railroad Co. Survey
Date: May 31, 2016

Grantor: Brenda Parton
Grantee: George W. Poage Jr. aka Bud Poage, and Nancy Poage
Property: a tract in NE/4, Sec. 45, Blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P Railroad Co. Survey
Date: May 5, 2016

Grantor: Jimmy Sherrod
Grantee: Jose Chavez and Maria de Lourdes

Chavez
Property: Lot 8, Blk. 6, Stanford Park Addition
Date: May 25, 2016

Grantor: Floretta Parrish
Grantee: Lyly Hoang Pham
Property: Lot 10, Blk. 21, College Park Estates
Date: May 25, 2016

Grantor: Foxwest Properties L.L.C.
Grantee: Valeria Mata
Property: Lot 12, Blk. 11, Washington Place Addition
Date: April 27, 2016

Grantor: John Wright aka John D. Wright, and Mechelle Wright
Grantee: Steve Lane
Property: Lot 2, Blk. 6, Muir Heights Addition
Date: May 26, 2016

Grantor: Lee Harris Management L.L.C.
Grantee: Max Alley Investments L.L.C.
Property: Lots 7, 8, 9, and 10, and S/2 of Lot 11, Blk. 38, Old Town of Big Spring
Date: May 26, 2016

Grantor: Roberto Martinez
Grantee: Ernesto Rodriguez Acosta
Property: Lots 5 and 6, Blk. 10, Jones Valley Addition
Date: May 23, 2016

Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Liens

Grantor: Tina Garza fka Tina Renteria
Grantee: Cynthia and Larry Garcia
Property: Tract 1: part of Sec 1, Blk. 33, T-1-N, T&P Railroad Co. Survey. Tract 2: part of Sec. 30, Blk. 33, T-1-N Railroad Co. Survey.
Date: March 15, 2016

Grantor: Thomas Haden
Grantee: Daniel Gonzales

Property: Lot 2, Blk. 28, Cole and Strayhorn Addition
Date: March 27, 2016

Grantor: Don Baker
Grantee: Dany Som
Property: Lots 8 and 9, Blk. 39, College Heights Addition
Date: June 1, 2016

Grantor: Alvin F. Best, Jo Bart Best, John H. Best, and Valrae Best Sides fka Valrae Best
Grantee: Eric Barber
Property: Lots 1 and 2, Blk. 5, Saunders Addition
Date: May 27, 2016

Grantor: Robert J. and Laura A. Carlsen
Grantee: Alba L. Arzate and Jesus J. Pallares
Property: 0.5-acre tract in NE/4, Sec. 1, Blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P Railroad Co. Survey
Date: May 31, 2016

Grantor: Larry Dan Kerr
Grantee: Jacqueline D. Starr
Property: Lot 9, Denton Subdivision in SW/4, Sec. 44, Blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P Railroad Co. Survey

Grantor: Darrell and Glenda Hendrickson
Grantee: Tony Castillo and Ivan Christian Moses Castillo
Property: Lot 5, Blk 17, North Park Hill Addition

Grantor: Davie Matthew Jones
Grantee: Manuel Scott Purvis
Property: Lots 14 and 15, Blk. 6, Settles Heights Addition

Grantor: John C. Dobbs and Shawna J. Adams Dobbs, aka Shawna J. Dobbs
Grantee: Trevor Starr
Property: Lot 2, Blk. 5, Clawson Subdivision in Coahoma

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News in brief

US budget deficit shrank in May

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal government's budget deficit shrank sharply in May because of a calendar quirk. But even with latest improvement, the deficit for the first eight months of this budget year is larger than last year.

The Treasury Department said Friday that the deficit last month totaled \$52.5 billion, down from a deficit of \$84.1 billion in May 2015. However, much of the result reflected nearly \$40 billion in May benefits that were paid in April because May 1 fell on a Sunday.

For the first eight months of this budget year, the deficit totals \$407.1 billion, an 11 percent increase over the \$366.8 billion deficit recorded for the same period last year.

The Congressional Budget Office is forecasting that this year's deficit will end up being 21.9 percent higher than last year.

Last year's deficit dropped to \$439 billion, the smallest deficit in eight years. It's a significant improvement from the first four years of the Obama administration when the deficits topped \$1 trillion annually, reflecting the impact of a deep recession on government tax revenues and various efforts the government was making to jump-start economic growth and stabilize the nation's banking system.

But CBO projects that deficits will keep growing over the next decade and will once again top \$1 trillion annually beginning in 2022. Much of the increase in deficits will reflect higher costs for Social Security and Medicare as millions of baby boomers retire.

So far this budget year, which began on Oct. 1, government receipts total \$2.14 trillion, an increase of 1.7 percent over the same eight months last year. Government outlays total \$2.55 trillion, an increase of 3.1 percent over the same period a year ago.

Gawker Media files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection

NEW YORK (AP) — Gawker Media has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, about three months after pro wrestler Hulk Hogan won a \$140 million lawsuit against the online gossip and news publisher.

The New York company says in the filing that it has as much as \$500 million in debt and up to \$100 million in assets.

Hogan sued Gawker after it posted a video of him having sex with a friend's wife. Hogan was awarded \$115 million in compensatory damages plus an added \$25.1 million in punitive damages.

It was later revealed that billionaire tech investor Peter Thiel had been secretly funding Hogan's lawsuit.

Tesla denies safety problems with Model S suspensions

DETROIT (AP) — Electric car maker Tesla Motors is denying allegations that there are safety problems with its vehicle suspensions.

The Palo Alto, California, company says one of its cars had an abnormal amount of rust on a suspension part, a problem it hasn't seen in any other car.

On Thursday, the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said it asked for information from owners and Tesla about Model S suspension failures. The agency has not opened a formal investigation.

Tesla said in a statement Friday that the Model S with the rust had over 70,000 miles on it and was caked in dirt when picked up for service. The company says it has given the agency all relevant information.

NHTSA says it's also concerned that Tesla has asked owners to sign nondisclosure agreements about safety issues. The agency says such agreements could prevent owners from reporting problems to the government.

But Tesla also denied that. The company says it has asked customers to sign a "Goodwill Agreement" when it agrees to fix a problem that wasn't the fault of the car. Those agreements make sure that repairing the car is not used against the company in court, Tesla said. "This agreement never comes close to mentioning NHTSA or the government and has nothing to do with trying to stop someone from communicating with NHTSA," Tesla's statement said.

Shares of Tesla Motors Inc. fell \$6.89, or 3 percent, to \$222.47 in midday trading Friday. Tesla shares are down more than 11 percent over the past year.

Aerospace firm unveils solar-powered aircraft

CALVERTON, N.Y. (AP) — A solar-powered aircraft that can be flown with or without a human on board has been unveiled at a New York site that once made military fighter jets.

A pilot flew in the Luminati Aerospace prototype for 20 minutes Friday at the former Calverton defense plant on Long Island.

The facility was once used by defense contractor Northrop Grumman. Now Luminati plans to develop its unmanned aerial vehicle there.

The company plans to create a fleet of unmanned aircraft that can provide worldwide hot spots for places without internet service. It says the drones also could be used for intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance.

It hopes to start manufacturing by the end of the year.

STOCKS

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6.2 percent, to \$16.89.

CONSUMER WOES: Consumer stocks also fell, with some of the sharpest losses going to big names. Amazon declined \$9.95, or 1.4 percent, to \$717.70 and Netflix slid \$2.93, or 3 percent, to \$94.16.

OUCH-FITTERS: Retailer Urban Outfitters slumped after it said sales at established stores are continuing to fall in the second quarter so far. Those sales are considered an important measurement of retailer performance. The company's stock slid \$1.64, or 5.9 percent, to \$26.29.

BLOOD TEST: Global Blood Therapeutics

climbed after it reported positive results from an early clinical study of its most advanced drug, a potential treatment for sickle cell disease. The company's stock gained \$4.07, or 18.4 percent, to \$26.22.

CHEMICAL DEAL: Westlake Chemical Corp. said it will buy Axiall for \$33 per share, or \$2.33 billion. The agreement ends a take-

over dispute that had lasted all year, and it will make one of the largest producers of chlorine, plastics and other chemicals. Axiall jumped \$6.68, or 25.9 percent, to \$32.49 and Westlake rose \$1.51, or 3.4 percent, to \$46.57.

BLOCK BOUNCES: Tax preparer H&R Block posted a bigger profit and more revenue than analysts expected, send-

ing its stock up \$2.58, or 12 percent, to \$24.12.

TOSSING AND TURNING: Mattress Firm, the bedding maker behind Serta, Sealy, and other brands, reported a bigger loss and less revenue than expected and cut its estimates for the year. Its stock dropped \$4.33, or 12.9 percent, to \$29.25.

OVERSEAS: Germany's DAX fell 2.5 per-

cent and the CAC 40 in France slumped 2.2 percent. Britain's FTSE 100 lost 1.9 percent. Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 index lost 0.4 percent while South Korea's KOSPI dipped 0.3 percent. Hong Kong's Hang Seng shed 1.2 percent.

CURRENCIES: The dollar rose to 107.06 yen from 106.83 yen late Thursday. The euro fell to \$1.1281 from \$1.1331.

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Date/Time: Thursday, June 23, 2016, at 2:00 p.m., for the following:

1. RFP # 16-017 Municipal Auditorium Roof Repair RFB

Proposals are to be opened and read aloud in the City Council Chambers at 307 East 4th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, with award to be made at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Big Spring City Council. Proposal information and specifications may be obtained from the Office of the Purchasing Agent, 1380 Airpark Drive East, Bldg. #19, Big Spring, Texas 79720. All

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proposals must be marked with the date of the proposals and a general description of the proposal item(s).

The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any or all formalities.

#9069 June 12, 2016

Public Notice

Glasscock County ISD is accepting proposals for the purchase of property and casualty insurance, cafeteria supplies, cafeteria perishables and milk, janitorial supplies, copy paper, diesel fuel, unleaded gasoline, propane, lubricants, vehicle maintenance supplies and liability insurance. Specifications are available in the superintendent's office of the Glasscock County ISD located in Garden City, Texas. A copy of the specifications may be examined from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday in the Administration Building located at 308 West Chambers, Garden City, Texas.

For more information call the superintendent's office at 432-354-2230 or write to P O Box 9, Garden City, Texas 79739. For technical information on the proposals call Tom Weeaks, Superintendent, or Tony Gomez, maintenance director, or ReeAnn McKinnon, cafeteria director, at 432-354-2230. Proposals must be received by 12:00 p.m. on July 7, 2016. Glasscock County ISD reserves the right to accept, reject, or postpone any or all proposals. The district will consider each proposal's advantages to the district and will act in a manner that the board considers most advantageous to the district. All applicable laws, rules, and regulations take precedence.

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CAUSE NO. 1791 IN THE 118TH DISTRICT COURT OF GLASSCOCK COUNTY, TEXAS

TO: **ESTATE OF B.T. Howle, and the Unknown Heirs of B. T. Howle, and Unknown Claimants to Land** Defendant- GREETING

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 am on the Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after the date this citation was issued, a default judgment may be taken against you."

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday July 11, 2016 before the **Honorable Judge Yeats, 118th District Court of Glasscock County**, at the Courthouse in said County in Garden City, Texas. Said

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Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 24 day of May, 2016 in the above entitled cause.
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Declaration of ownership. *Lots 13-15, Block 22, Original Townsite of Garden City, Glasscock County, Texas* as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Garden City, Texas this 27 day of May, 2016.

Attorney for Plaintiff or Plaintiffs:
Zach P. Patton
3800 E. 42nd Street, Suite 409
Odessa, Texas 79762-5982

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Respondent Greeting: The Original Petition and Notice of Hearing of Jason Woodruff, Petitioner, has been filed in the 118th District Court of Howard County, Texas, on the 7th day of June, 2016 against Leslie Marie Smithwick, Respondent, numbered 51226 and styled in the interest of M.E.W., A Child.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree.

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By: Jury Padron, Deputy

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Retrograde Prep Time

Call your specific talent into play in preparation for this Neptune retrograde.

HOLIDAY MATHIS

If you don't know what your specific talent is,

consider this an invitation to investigate. Chances are, your friends know.

Start there. "Nature arms each man with some faculty which enables him to do easily some feat impossible to any other."

-- Ralph Waldo Emerson
ARIES (March 21-April 19). What's the objective? Call it out, and then direct your power there at least three times today and for 50 minutes at a time.

This will be a magic quick-start recipe for you, especially if done before sunset.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Helping those in need isn't optional to you, as there is something inside that simply must commit to the task. Fur-

thermore, as far as your family is concerned you're a regular superhero.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). For modern humans, the pains of life are emotional and existential as often as they are physical. For you there will be a wonderful mix -- just enough stimuli to spur you to a romantic, brilliant, existential idea.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It is usually experience, and not genetics, that makes a person ruthless. A kind-hearted person makes the ruthless nervous, as they will find the kindness beautiful and therefore threatening.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your idea is still hovering between the realms of here and not here. You can sense it on the other side of a membrane, wondering about you as much as you are wondering about it.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Is your dream improbable? So what? So are you. That this iteration of you came to be at

all was against the odds, beyond your comprehension. Considering how very lucky you've been, you might want to push that a little further.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Do you know the depth of what you have loved? Few can claim that knowledge, but if you strive for it even a little this day, you'll be richer for the reach.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There's an impulsiveness to the day. You have many friends, and you should call on one who is particularly knowledgeable before you make the move you are contemplating.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You want to help: Carry the groceries; hear out the problem; connect the people who should know one another. Whatever the deal, you want to contribute. You're versatile. You'll find a way.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your fortune will follow this dictum: Stacks and stacks of near-

misses and then suddenly a hit. How wonderful it will feel, this victory you will so diligently earned!
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You know what you have to do if you're going to walk your talk: Wean yourself off the distraction that's been taking so much of your attention and giving so little back to you.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The dramas on television are exciting and rapid-fire representations of lives that no one lives. Contrastingly, real life has minimal plot and extraordinary beauty, which you'll enjoy today.
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 12). What is love? It's beyond explanation, so don't even try. But one feature is that love gives more than it takes. You'll feel enlarged by everything you deliver in love, and others will be bigger for everything they give in the same spirit. You'll slip into a happy financial zone in July. September brings domestic improvement. Aries and Gemini

adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 22, 13, 39 and 1.
FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Did you ever notice how the best actors can convey deep and complicated emotions with incredible restraint and subtlety? A glance is a tell. A smoldering look flickers across the face for a nanosecond, but it lands in the back of our animal brains and the animal in us knows what it means. Attention flows to certain things and doesn't flow to others, and the trail of that attention is a journey and a story.
This is the small, intense power that's packed into this week. It's one pinch of hot chili powder that changes the dish. It's a spark that lights up the brush. It's the smoldering look that changes everything for generations. Neptune goes retrograde and will remain as such until mid-November. The introspection

and insight implied with this transit will be more useful to those inclined to search the deeper recesses of the soul. In the weeks to come, the clueless will gain clues. The oblivious will tune in. The self-aware will gain even more knowledge and wisdom.
CELEBRITY PROFILES: Among the most impactful personal diaries written in this world, "The Diary of a Young Girl" chronicles the days of Anne Frank, who lost her life in a concentration camp during World War II. To the end, Frank believed in the inherent goodness of people, even as evil and prejudice was all around her. A Gemini with Mercury and Jupiter in Gemini as well, even death couldn't keep Frank from communicating her story.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: Yesterday, a store clerk complimented my ear cuffs, then had the gall to ask whether anyone had told me that I was too old to wear them. I was floored! Too old for earrings, no matter what kind?

I'm over 60, in great shape and regularly pegged for younger. But even if I were covered in wrinkles, I would be shocked to be told that certain jewelry was inappropriate because it was "too young" for someone my age. These particular earrings are not showy. They are delicate gold with small diamonds and extend from the lobe upward to the midpoint of my ear.

I've never heard of someone being too old for a particular style of earring. What do you think? -- Aging Gracefully Cookie

Dear Cookie: We think the store clerk was rude. There are styles that older women might choose not to wear because they highlight one's age (mini-skirts, for example) and cause others to think they are trying too hard. But it usually applies to clothing, not jewelry. This type of ear cuff (also called a climber, because it climbs up the ear) is perfectly fine for any age. But there may be some younger folks who object to seeing something they consider "trendy" on someone over 40. The good news is, when you are 90, those same younger folks will think you are amazingly cool. We say, wear whatever jewelry you like and stop worrying about what other people think.

Dear Annie: "Not-So-Happy Birthday" complained that her husband's family continually asks whether they have changed their minds about not having children. And then the husband invited the entire family (including young kids) to his wife's 30th birthday party. The wife was upset that the relatives paid too much attention to their children while she was opening her gifts. I think she and her husband have made the right decision not to have kids. She's much too self-engrossed to be a good mother. Kids are demanding.

"Not" doesn't need to discuss having kids with

her in-laws. Whenever the topic comes up, she should just tell them that the subject is closed and divert their attention to something else of interest. But I don't believe there is any reason for the in-laws to apologize for their behavior during her birthday party. This is what parents do -- they watch their kids, and everything else is secondary. I have two children. The youngest had only one child by choice and the other, now 50, never expressed a desire for kids, though she loves her niece very much. I tried not to interfere in my children's choices regarding children, as I believe that is their personal business, not mine. -- Contented Enough

Dear Mother: You sound like a wise woman. We happen to be quite fond of children, but the

decision to be a parent is intensely personal, and solely between the spouses. People with kids assume childless-by-choice couples will regret their decision down the road, but that's often not the case. Regardless, no one is entitled to pressure them. (Unless you're royalty, in which case, having children comes with the job.)

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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.

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

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Newsday Crossword SATURDAY STUMPER by Frank Longo Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS**
1 Head holders
5 Head holder
10 Uses a service late in the day
14 Bird, for all the '80s
15 Mayo cousin
16 "The world's great age begins ___": Shelley
17 Revelation accompanier
18 Dimples, e.g.
19 Name meaning "life-giver"
20 High-school team sponsor, often
22 Present opener
23 *Musica mitico*
24 One way to hop
26 Do the trick
27 Prominent poverty proponent
30 Remedial courses
31 Ophthalmic
32 Criminal
38 Sweepings
39 Police graduation ritual
40 It may be based on shells
44 Stop-gap solution?
45 Rodeo Drive retailer
46 With 55 Across, class with lots of books
47 31 Across aperture
48 City near Edison's lab
53 Get chafed
54 Sites for some vertebrae
55 See 46 Across
56 Its solo riders must be 18+
57 Turns black, in a way
- DOWN**
1 Impresario offerings
2 Clear above
3 Knight's quest in a Poe poem
4 SpongeBob pal Patrick
5 Also-ran to Rooster for a Best Actor Oscar
6 Artificiality
7 Big name in animal preservation
8 What an advertiser might pick up
9 Favorites list
10 Pick up for less
11 1952 presidential election predictor
12 Revered Russian reformer
13 They're often seen on *Game of Thrones*
21 Letterhead letters
25 Disincentive for fence-sitting
26 Jazz (up)
27 What hyperdrive occurs in
28 "Inverted bell" apparel
29 Apple component
31 What boxers are expected to learn
33 Land on the Indian Ocean
34 "Props, dude!"
35 Descriptor for many prefixes and suffixes
36 It may mean "Good dog!"
37 Explanation
40 Start dating, say
41 Certain Looney Tunes shout of approval
42 Symbol "created" by Forrest Gump
43 X2 Defenders, for instance
44 Chance introduction
46 Antiquated
49 Evinces delight
50 Day ___
51 Lead-in to joule
52 Major buyer of missile defense systems

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7	3	2	1	4	8	9	6	5
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1	4	9	6	5	3	7	8	2
9	8	1	2	3	7	5	4	6
6	7	4	9	8	5	2	1	3
5	2	3	4	6	1	8	7	9
4	5	6	8	1	2	3	9	7
2	1	7	3	9	4	6	5	8
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Answer to previous puzzle

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Search for the missing queen

North dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 10 9 7 3
♥ A 5 2
♦ A J 7
♣ Q 7 4

WEST
♠ Q 2
♥ Q 9 7
♦ 9 8 6
♣ J 10 9 5 3

EAST
♠ J 4
♥ 8 6 4 3
♦ K 5 3 2
♣ A K 8

SOUTH
♠ A K 8 6 5
♥ K J 10
♦ Q 10 4
♣ 6 2

The bidding:
North East South West
Pass Pass 1♠ Pass
3♠ Pass 4♣

Opening lead — jack of clubs.
A recurring problem for declarer is to decide which way to finesse for a queen when the finesse can be taken in either direction.
The solution is rarely a matter of pure guesswork. There are nearly always clues that point to a winning solution. The clues come from the bidding or from the plays that precede the moment of decision. In some cases, the finesse can be taken with absolute assurance that it will win; in others, there is only a proba-

bility that it will win.
South's problem in today's hand is to guess which way to take the heart finesse. After he ruffs the third round of clubs, he cashes the A-K of trumps and, after the spades luckily divide 2-2, takes a diamond finesse, losing to the king. East returns a diamond to dummy's jack, and South must now decide how to play the hearts.
First, as a matter of good technique, he cashes the ace of diamonds to learn more about the adverse distribution. After both opponents follow suit, all South knows about their distribution is that they each had two spades and also at least three clubs and three diamonds. This doesn't help much, so South starts looking for further enlightenment.
When he considers the high cards each opponent has shown up with, he encounters a significant clue. To this point, East has turned up with the A-K of clubs, jack of spades and king of diamonds.
East is therefore very unlikely to have the queen of hearts, since he almost surely would not have passed originally with 13 high-card points. Accordingly, declarer places the queen of hearts with West, takes the appropriate finesse and so makes the contract.

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'Ali! Ali!': The world says goodbye to The Greatest



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LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Louisville and the rest of the world said goodbye to The Greatest on Friday, showering affection on Muhammad Ali during a fist-pumping funeral procession through the streets of his hometown, followed by a star-studded memorial service where he was saluted as a brash and outspoken breaker of racial barriers.

An estimated 100,000 people holding signs and chanting, "Ali! Ali!" lined the streets as a hearse carrying his cherry-red casket made its way past his childhood home to Louisville's Cave Hill Cemetery, where a private graveside service was held for the three-time heavyweight champion of the world.

"He stood up for himself and for us, even when it wasn't popular," said Ashia Powell, waiting at a railing for the funeral procession to pass by on an interstate highway below.

The memorial service was held at a sports arena packed with celebrities, athletes and politicians, including former President Bill Clinton, comedian Billy Crystal, Sen. Orrin Hatch, director Spike Lee, former NFL great Jim Brown, Arnold Schwarzenegger, soccer star David Beckham, Whoopi Goldberg and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

Kevin Cosby, pastor of a Louisville church, told the crowd of up to 15,000 people at the KFC Yum! Center that the boxing great "dared to affirm the power and capacity of African-Americans" and infused them with a "sense of somebodiness."

He likened Ali to such racial trailblazers as Jesse Owens, Rosa Parks and Jackie Robinson.

"Before James Brown said, 'I'm black and I'm proud,' Muhammad Ali said, 'I'm black and I'm pretty,'" Cosby said. "Blacks and pretty were an oxymoron."

Rabbi Michael Lerner, a political activist and editor of the Jewish magazine Tikkun,

brought the crowd to its feet four times with a fiery speech in which he referred to Ali's refusal to be drafted during the Vietnam War — a stand that cost him his boxing title.

"Ali stood up to immoral war, risked fame to speak truth to power. The way to honor him is to be like him today," Lerner said, railing against anti-Muslim bigotry, drone attacks, the gap between rich and poor, and racist policing.

Ali, the most magnetic and controversial athlete of the 20th century, died last Friday at 74 after a long battle with Parkinson's disease.

The casket, draped with an Islamic tapestry, was loaded into a hearse outside a funeral home. The pallbearers included former boxers Mike Tyson and Lennox Lewis and actor Will Smith, who played Ali in the movies. Ali's nine children, his widow, two of his ex-wives and other family members accompanied the body to the cemetery.

The 19-mile drive took Ali's body past the little pink house where he grew up and the museum that bears his name. At one point, the procession went along Muhammad Ali Boulevard.

As the long line of black limousines rolled past, fans chanted like spectators at one of his fights, pumped their fists, stood on cars, held up cellphones and signs, ran alongside the hearse and reached out to touch it. They tossed so many flowers onto the windshield that the driver had to push some of them aside to see the road.

Others fell silent and looked on reverently as the champ went by.

"I've been crying all week," said Mike Stallings, of Louisville, who brought his two young sons to bid farewell to the sports legend who grew up as Cassius Clay. "As big as he was he never looked down on people. He always mingled among the crowds."

Ali chose the cemetery as his final resting place a decade ago. Its 130,000 graves represent a who's who of Kentucky, includ-

ing Kentucky Fried Chicken founder Colonel Harland Sanders. Family spokesman Bob Gunnell said he will have a simple headstone, inscribed only "Ali," in keeping with Islamic tradition.

A traditional Muslim funeral service was held Thursday, with an estimated 6,000 admirers arriving from all over the world.

Ali himself decided years ago that his funeral would be open to ordinary fans, not just VIPs. As a result, thousands of free tickets to Friday's memorial were made available and were snatched up within an hour.

President Barack Obama was unable to make the trip because of his daughter Malia's high school graduation. But White House adviser Valerie Jarrett read a letter from the president at the service in which Obama said Ali helped give him the audacity to think he could one day be president.

"Muhammad Ali was America. Brash. Defiant. Pioneering. Never tired. Always game to test the odds. He was our most basic freedoms: religion, speech, spirit," Obama said.

Ali's widow, Lonnie, in her first public remarks since his death, took the stage in an oversized hat that shielded her eyes.

"Muhammad indicated that when the end came for him, he wanted to use his life and his death as a teaching moment. He wanted to remind people who are suffering that he had seen the face of injustice," she said. "He never became bitter enough to quit or engage in violence."

Rumors that Donald Trump would attend were quashed Friday morning when Gunnell said the Republican presidential candidate called Ali's widow to say he was unable to make it.

People gathered early in the day outside Ali's boyhood home, which was decorated with balloons, flags, flowers and posters. Fans took photos of themselves in front of the house. Some people staked out their places nearby with lawn chairs.

Muhammad Ali exhibit opens in venue of 'Thrilla in Manila'

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Filipino fans remembering boxing legend Muhammad Ali gathered near the site of his epic "Thrilla in Manila" fight with Joe Frazier for an art and photo tribute Friday.

The display near Araneta Coliseum at Ali Mall was launched hours before Ali's burial in the United States. Ali died June 3 at age 74.

Outside the coliseum, a cutout picture of Ali stands in a boxing ring. Fans crowded around a screen playing videos of the 1975 match that put the Philippines on the map. At the mall, memorabilia including boxing gloves with Ali's autograph, an original souvenir program and a gold commemorative coin also are on display.

The Oct. 1, 1975, heavyweight championship, one of the greatest boxing matches in history, was won by Ali on a technical knockout at the jam-packed coliseum in Manila's suburban Quezon city and was watched by a worldwide audience.

Some facts about the fight:

— It was the third fight between Ali and Frazier, his most bitter rival. The boxers had split the first two bouts, neither of which compared to the grueling rubber match. Ali retained the title when Frazier, who could not see, was kept by trainer Eddie Futch from answering the bell for the 15th round. When it was over, a physically and emotionally drained Ali said, "It was the closest thing to death."

— Then-Philippine dictator Ferdinand Marcos reportedly wanted to hold the bout in the Manila metropolis to deflect international and domestic attention from political restiveness and growing Muslim and communist insurgencies after placing the entire Philippines under martial rule three years earlier.

— Ali's preparations were upset before the fight when he introduced his mistress as his wife to Marcos and his wife, Imelda. Ali's wife, Belinda Ali, saw the introduction on television, flew to Manila and engaged Ali in a prolonged shouting match in his hotel.

— Sports commentator Ronnie Nathanielz, assigned by Marcos to act as government liaison to Ali, said that one day a Muslim religious man carrying a cane limped into Ali's hotel suite. After talking to the man for about 15 minutes, Ali wrote the man a \$25,000 check. "Champ, you don't even know that man and you gave him \$25,000," Nathanielz recalled saying. He said Ali replied: "He is a religious man, he won't cheat me. And even if he cheats me, God will take care of him."

— Why the Ali Mall? After the fight, the arena owner, Jorge Araneta, was so ecstatic he told Ali he would build a mall and name it after him. Ali was delighted and came back the next year for the mall's grand opening.

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US airlines to start scheduled flights to Cuba

HAVANA (AP) — Six airlines won permission Friday to resume scheduled commercial air service from the U.S. to Cuba for the first time in more than five decades, another milestone in President Barack Obama's campaign to normalize relations between Cold War foes.

The airlines — American, Frontier, JetBlue, Silver Airways, Southwest and Sun Country — were approved by the Department of Transportation for a total of 155 roundtrip flights per week. They'll fly from five U.S. cities to nine cities in Cuba other than Havana. U.S. law still prohibits tourist travel to Cuba, but a dozen other categories of travel are permitted, including family visits, official business, journalist visits, professional meetings and educational and religious activities. The Obama administration has eased rules to the point where travelers are now free to design their own "people-to-people" cultural exchanges with little oversight.

Most of the airline service is expected to begin this fall and early winter, the department said.

Approval is still required by the

Cuban government, but some carriers say they plan to start selling tickets within the next few days while they wait for signoffs from Cuba.

More than a year ago, Obama announced it was time to "begin a new journey" with the communist country. "Today we are delivering on his promise," said Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx.

As it considers opening routes to Havana, the department's selection process has been complicated because airlines have requested far more routes than are available under the U.S. agreement with Cuba. A decision on Havana routes is expected later this summer.

The routes approved Friday were not contested because there was less interest among U.S. airlines in flying to Cuban locations other than Havana. The routes include service from Miami, Chicago, Philadelphia, Minneapolis and Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The Cuban destinations are Camaguey, Cayo Coco, Cayo Largo, Cienfuegos, Holguin, Manzanillo, Matanzas, Santa Clara and Santiago de Cuba.

Obama marks milestone with daughter's high school graduation

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama marked a big milestone Friday: His daughter Malia graduated from high school.

Outside of the media glare, the soon-to-be 18-year-old collected her diploma from the private Sidwell Friends School in Northwest Washington during an outdoor ceremony warmed by sunshine. Her father, mother and other relatives were on hand for the big moment. The White House barred media coverage.

Malia was 10 and longing for the puppy her father had promised when her family moved to the White House. She's grown up in the public eye ever since, getting and shedding braces, being taught how to drive by Secret Service agents and spending short stints away from her parents and sister.

Obama has said it hasn't been easy watching "one of my best friends" grow up so fast, in front of the world.

"I do a lot of commencements around this time of year, which I love doing, although my older daughter is graduating this week and I will not be able to handle that well," he told donors at a New York fundraiser earlier this week.

Obama has blamed his emotions for declining an invitation to deliver Sidwell's commencement address as then-President Bill Clinton did in 1997 when his daughter, Chelsea, graduated from the same school. "I'm going to be sitting there with dark glasses, sobbing," he said in February.

Malia's younger sister, Sasha, who turned 15 on Friday, attends Sidwell, too. After Friday's graduation ceremony, the Obama family celebrated over lunch at Cafe Milano in Georgetown.

What's next for Malia? She's taking a year off before enrolling at Harvard in the fall of 2017.

The Obamas haven't disclosed Malia's plans for her "gap year," but delaying college could keep her close to her tight-knit family as it prepares for the end of Obama's presidency in January. The Obamas plan to stay in Washington for several years after he

leaves office so Sasha can finish school at Sidwell.

Both parents often praise Malia and her sister for being normal, happy kids despite living lives that are anything but normal.

The Obama girls were the youngest kids to grow up at the White House since President John F. Kennedy's children, Caroline and John Jr., more than a half century ago. Obama has joked it comforts him to know that his girls are being watched over by "men with guns" — Secret Service agents.

Malia has traveled to Europe, Africa, Asia, South America and the Caribbean with her parents, and taken a school trip to Mexico. She's met celebrities and high-powered people, including two popes.

Michelle Obama has said her daughter wants to be a filmmaker. Malia has had summer internships on the New York set of HBO's "Girls" and in Los Angeles on a CBS sci-fi drama, since canceled, that starred Halle Berry. The experiences allowed her to sample life on her own, though not outside the reach of her Secret Service protectors.

Three months into White House life, Malia got the long-awaited puppy: Bo, a Portuguese water dog that was less likely than other breeds to aggravate her allergies. Obama had promised his kids a dog after the November 2008 election.

The pre-teen whose swing set still sits just outside the Oval Office now turns heads when she's spotted around town — including driving her car.

At school, Malia played soccer and tennis, the flute and piano. In a house with 132 rooms, she and her sister did not share one. Both girls get themselves up early every day to get ready for school, the first lady has said. They make their own beds and handle their laundry.

Braces appeared when Malia was 12. Secret Service agents taught her how to drive.

Malia turns 18 on July 4, in time to cast her first vote for president — and for her father's successor.

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