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21-year-old charged with murder

By **AMANDA ELSTON**
 Managing Editor

One man is dead and another is in custody after a Sunday shooting in the 1600 block of Sycamore. Pablo Saucedo-Estrada, 21, was taken into custody yesterday after allegedly shooting and killing Victor Saucedo, 41 at a local

residence. According to the Howard County Sheriff's jail report, Saucedo-Estrada has been charged with murder.

After Big Spring police officers were dispatched to 1603 Sycamore in reference to a disturbance, dispatch advised the officers that there

had been a shooting with one subject down, police officials said.

"Upon arrival, officers found a male subject being held down on the ground in the front yard of the residence and a subject in the living room of the home deceased from gunshot wounds

to the head," read a BSPD press release. "Two witnesses on scene advised the male being restrained had shot the victim and attempted to leave the residence and was stopped by two other males."

Justice of the Peace Connie Shaw pronounced Saucedo dead at the scene and an au-

topsy was ordered. At press time, it was unknown what caused the shooting. According to the BSPD, the suspect and the victim were not related.

"As of this release, it appears that the suspect and the victim were both staying at See **MURDER**, Page 3



Runners in the Run 2 Love 2 Run Valentine's-themed 5K race, held Saturday at Big Spring State Park, kick off from the starting line. Front and center is 16-year-old Cooper Miller (green shirt, bib no. 653), who eventually won the race with a time of 20 minutes, 21.62 seconds.

Run 2 Love 2 Run draws runners, walkers for Valentine's Day race

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

This past Saturday, nearly 100 runners and walkers tackled Big Spring's Scenic Mountain in a 5K race dedicated to love.

"We are having the Run 2 Love 2 Run," said event organizer Cherise Felty of Permian Basin Events. "It's a benefit race, a 5K, for CASA of West Texas, the Court Appointed Special Advocates for children."

The race, held in Big Spring State Park, went to the teenagers this year. The first runner to cross the finish line, completing the challenging hilly course in 20 minutes and 21.62 seconds, was 16-year-old Cooper Miller, outpacing second place Manuel Marquez, also 16, by about a min-

ute and 20 seconds. The first-place female runner was Austyn Montgomery, 14, with a time of 25 minutes and 17.75 seconds.

Felty said the winners and other participants, some who ran in Valentine's Day-themed costumes, received stuffed animals as prizes.

"We have prizes for the best Valentine's costume," she said. "We have some people who are racing as couples, and also different age groups, so we'll have prizes for age groups as well as male and female prizes, first second and third places. The stuffed animals are different sizes. The bigger animals are for the prizes, and then we have a smaller stuffed animal that's a participation prize. So everybody should get at least one."

The contest drew members of the 254 Club, Felty said.

"They are runners who have done a race in every county in Texas, or are working on that goal," she said. "Some have already accomplished it, some are still working on it."

Run 2 Love 2 Run kicks off the season for Permian Basin Events, a Big Spring company that organizes races throughout the year.

"We do this race, then we do Master of the Mountain, we do the Moonlight Runs, we do the kids' triathlon, and we do the Comanche Warrior Triathlon," Felty said, adding that the next race "Master the Mountain," will be April 22.

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Howard County Day at the Capitol coming fast

Last day to purchase tickets for a seat on the bus heading to Austin is Friday

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

Friday is the last day to purchase a ticket for a seat on the bus heading to Austin for Howard County Day at the State Capitol.

Howard County Day at the State Capitol occurs biennially when the state legislature is in session and is an opportunity for participants to visit their representatives and generally make their issues known.

This year, the day trip will occur on Thursday, Feb. 23.

Tickets are \$40 for a seat on the bus, which will leave from the east parking lot of Howard College's Dorothy Garrett Coliseum at 4 a.m. The estimated arrival time in Austin will be a little after 9 a.m.

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Gas prices trending upward nationally

Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have risen 1.1 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.08/g yesterday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 gas outlets in Texas. This compares with the national average that has increased 1.4 cents per gallon in the last week to \$2.27/g, according to gasoline price website GasBuddy.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices yesterday were 57.3 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 7.1 cents per gallon lower than a month ago. The national average has decreased 7.1 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 57.9 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

According to Gas-



Buddy historical data, gasoline prices on February 13 in Texas have ranged widely over the last five years: \$1.50/g in 2016, \$2.07/g in 2015, \$3.13/g in 2014, \$3.42/g in 2013 and \$3.43/g in 2012.

Areas near Texas and their current gas price climate:

- Midland Odessa- \$2.09/g, down 1.4 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.10/g.
- San Antonio- \$2.02/g, down 1.5 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.03/g.
- Austin- \$2.05/g, down 0.7 cents per

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Blood drive scheduled for Tuesday

Big Spring High School will be hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, Valentine's Day.

The drive will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the library. Those from the public who plan to donate must stop by the BSHS office before entering the library.

Walk-in blood donations are accepted but appointments are encouraged. To schedule an appointment, call Haley Lefever at 432-264-3641. Donors can also call 877-UBS-HERO.

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Obituaries

Robert W. "Bob" Brock



Robert W. "Bob" Brock, 83, of Big Spring went to be with his Lord and Savior Thursday, Feb. 9, 2017, at his residence, surrounded by his loving family.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2017, at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Dudley Mullins and the Rev. Mark Lindsey, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13, 2017, at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home.

He was born March 17, 1933, in Haskell, Texas, to Robert L. and Lamiza Brock, and married Joan Grand Jan. 2, 1953, in Portales, N.M.

Bob served in the United States Army with the 25th Armored Division from 1953 to 1955, serving in Korea. He moved to Big Spring in July of 1955 and worked for Tarbox and Gossett Ford Motor Company for 11 years, before purchasing the dealership in 1966. He operated Bob Brock Ford Motor Company, adding the Lincoln Mercury franchise in 1967 and the Nissan franchise in 1987, until selling the dealership in July 2012.

Bob was an avid pilot, a Dallas Cowboy fan, and loved following his grandchildren in their sporting activities. He enjoyed spending time at their home in Red River, N.M.

Bob had been a member of East Fourth Street Baptist Church for 62 years. He was also a member of the Texas Automobile Dealer Association and the National Automobile Dealer Association, where he won numerous awards through the years, includ-

ing the Distinguished Service Award. He also supported youth athletics through the years.

Survivors include his wife, Joan Brock; one son, Rondel Brock and wife Sherry; and one daughter, Kim Weeks, all of Big Spring; six grandchildren, Jason Brock and wife Jayci, Brock Gee and wife Melanie, Lance Brock and wife Brittany, Blake Gee and wife Andrea, Courtney Bravo and husband Roger, and Rachel Gee and wife Dani Belle Gee; 16 great-grandchildren, Covy and Finley Brock, Alex, Kai, and Kase Gee, Riley, Reid, and Audrey Brock, Lexie, Brylee, Kenyon, and LeAndra Gee, Mila Bravo, Yzabele, and Jisele Olivarez, and Kingston Gee; one sister, June Bowen of Lubbock; and one brother, Jimmy Don Brock and wife Barbara of Amarillo.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert L. and Lamiza Brock; three brothers, Lonnie Brock, Ben Brock, and Mabry Brock; one sister, Lela Pettit; two nephews, Ronnie Brock and Don Harris; and one niece, Janna Toney.

Pallbearers will be Jason Brock, Brock Gee, Blake Gee, Lance Brock, Roger Bravo, Craig Brock, Lane Brock, and Jim Harris. Honorary pallbearers will be all former employees of Bob Brock Ford.

The family suggests memorials to the Alzheimer's Association, Greater West Texas Chapter, 4400 N. Big Spring St., Suite C-32, Midland, Texas, 79705; the American Heart Association, 10900 B Stonelake Blvd., Suite 320, Austin, Texas, 78759; or to the Wounded Warrior Project, P. O. Box 758541, Topeka, Kan., 66675.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences may be made at: www.npwelch.com.

Paid obituary

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **JEFFERY LAMONT KING**, 42, of 5110 W. FM 818 was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **FRANK GARZA JR.**, 44, of 807 Rosemont was arrested on a

charge of public intoxication.

- **DAVID LANCE KILGORE**, 46, of 2729 E. 25th St. was arrested on charges of public intoxication and possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 800 block of West Interstate 20, the 600 block

of West Interstate 20, and the 1100 block of West Interstate 20.

- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 3700 block of North Midway Road, and the 1600 block of Stadium.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1700 block of Settles Street and the 1200 block of East 11th Place.

Sheriff

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

- **JEFFERY LAMONT KING**, 42, of 5110 W. FM 818 was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **FRANK GARZA JR.**, 44, of 807 Rosemont was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **HOLLY RENAE BARRERA**, 27, was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **STACY GENE CLAUNCH**, 43, was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **COURTNEY RAE DUGAN**, 32, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for bail jumping/failure to appear.
- **PABLO SAUCEDO ESTRADA**, 21, was booked by BSPD on a charge of murder.
- **HENRY TREVINO FRANCO JR.**, 25, was booked by DPS on charges of possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.), and unlawfully carrying a weapon.
- **FRANK GARZA JR.**, 44, was

booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- **DAVID LANCE KILGORE**, 46, was booked by HCSO on charges of public intoxication and possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).
- **JEFFERY LAMONT KING**, 42, was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JULIANA MARIE MARTINEZ**, 31, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for bail jumping/failure to appear.
- **TORY MARTINEZ**, 22, was booked by BSPD on warrants for no driver's license, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and violation of promise to appear.
- **KARISSA RICQUEL MITCHELL**, 31, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for terroristic threat.
- **AUGUSTINE RIVERA**, 27, was booked by BSPD on a charge

of driving while intoxicated.

- **MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ**, 17, was booked by BSPD on a charge of theft of property (\$2,500 to \$30,000).
- **LISA MARIE SALAZAR**, 49, was booked by BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.), and possession of a controlled substance (1 to 4 grams).
- **ELISEO SANCHEZ JR.**, 42, was booked by DPS on a charge of violation of a bond or protective order.
- **NORMAN JEREMIAH SCAGGS**, 30, was booked by BSPD on warrants for failure to appear/assault (family or household member) and failure to appear/criminal trespassing.
- **YVETTE YVONE SOLIZ**, 31, was booked by DPS on a warrant for tampering with government records.

Take Note

• A free beginner's genealogy class will be offered Sunday, Feb. 26, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Borden County Event Center in Gail. Those attending should bring materials for taking notes and a laptop; wifi will be available for research. Also, bring information about births, deaths, and wedding dates of your parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, if known. Contact Lisa Mahler at bordencohistory@gmail.com to reserve a seat or to ask a question.

• Parkplace Retirement Living, will hold a Valentine's Dance Friday, Feb. 17, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Big Spring Senior Center, 100 Whipkey Dr. There is no charge to attend and the dance is open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

• The Howard County Fair needs volunteers to cross stitch squares for the annual quilt fundraiser. The theme for this year's quilt is "It's a Jungle Out There." You can pick up a square from Cheryl Joy at the Heritage Museum during regular hours Tuesday through Saturday. Call Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674 for more information.

• The late Greg Bodin had his first "Photographic Exhibit" at the Heritage Museum a couple of years ago. In his memory, the museum is offering a last look at his talent. His photographs are on sale one last time through the end of this week only. All sales proceeds will go to his wife, Toni Bodin during this one week exhibit to help with the expenses.

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center will be recognizing Heart Health month with the Healthy Heart, Healthy You event at Hotel Settles. The event is

February 16 and tickets are \$20 per person or \$250 for a reserved table of 10. There will be a free health fair from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. To purchase tickets stop by Scenic Mountain Medical Center or call Amanda Duforat at 432-268-4699.

• 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.

Meetings

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

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

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

• Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Jimmy Ruth at 271-2176.

Don Nichols

Don Nichols, 84, of Big Spring died Sunday, Feb. 12, 2017, at Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez State Veteran's Home. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Weather

Today: Colder. Rain and isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 40s. North winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tonight: Rain and isolated thunderstorms. Near steady temperature in the upper 30s. North winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday: Cloudy. Rain likely in the morning, Then a chance of rain in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 40s. North winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 70 percent.

Tuesday night: Mostly cloudy in the evening then clearing. Lows in the lower 30s. North winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday: Not as cool. Sunny. Highs in the mid 50s. North winds around 10 mph.

Wednesday night: Clear. Lows in the mid 30s.

Thursday: Sunny. Highs in the lower 60s.

Thursday night: Clear. Lows in the upper 30s.

Friday: Sunny. Highs in the lower 70s.

Friday night: Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 40s.

Saturday: Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s.

Saturday night: Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 40s.

Sunday: Mostly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 60s.

AP/National Weather Service reports for Borden, Scurry, Martin, Howard, and Mitchell counties, including the cities of Gail, Snyder, Stanton, Big Spring, and Colorado City.

Support Groups

MONDAY

• 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

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

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

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

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

• A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will start Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship located in the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

THURSDAY

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

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GOP must decide what to do with health law taxes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans love cutting taxes, especially if they were authored by a president named Barack Obama. But as they push their wobbly effort to erase his health care overhaul, they're divided over whether to repeal the levies the law imposed to finance its expanded coverage for millions of Americans.

It's a trillion-dollar dilemma — actually closer to \$1.1 trillion. That's the 10-year price tag the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office puts on revenue the government would lose if the law's taxes on wealthy people, the insurance and pharmaceutical industries and others were eliminated.

Republicans and President Donald Trump have been edging away from their promise to quickly eliminate Obama's entire law. Still, annulling its taxes would be a partial victory and is irresistible for many GOP lawmakers and the conservative voters at the core of their support.

"We should do full repeal," said Rep. Jim Jordan, R-Ohio, a leading House conservative. "And full repeal

means not taking the taxes" from people.

Yet voiding those levies erases a mammoth war chest Republicans would love to have — and may well need — as they try replacing Obama's law. It's a major rift GOP leaders face as they try crafting a health care package that can pass Congress.

"These are sources of revenue you just can't discount," said Rep. Patrick Meehan, R-Pa., a member of the Tuesday Group of GOP pragmatists. He said the money could help "create a soft landing and coverage for those who currently rely on Obamacare."

Republicans know they'll need tons of cash, whatever they devise. The figure is currently unknown.

"Whatever we do in replacement is going to cost some money, and is there a way to generate money if we ditch all the Obamacare tax revenues or not? That's where we haven't achieved consensus," said No. 2 Senate GOP leader John Cornyn of Texas, who supports erasing the levies.

Killing the taxes leads Republicans to other tough de-

isions.

If the taxes are repealed and Republicans need money for their replacement plan, do they pay for it with higher federal deficits? Do they deeply cut Medicaid, which provides health care for low-income people, or carve savings from Medicare, which serves the elderly? Might they raise other taxes, something that's been anathema to the GOP for decades?

"There's going to be a temptation for policymakers to take the easy way out" and simply let deficits rise, said Maya MacGuineas, president of the bipartisan Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget. She said for Republicans promising for decades to improve the nation's fiscal health, that choice "is going to look hypocritical."

The GOP has different options for preserving revenues, like phasing in repeals of taxes or eliminating some while retaining others. Participants say Obama's taxes on medical device makers and on insurance and pharmaceutical companies seem among the likeliest to go.

Still, with solid Democratic

opposition a certainty, GOP leaders such as House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., face pressure to find a tax sweet spot without enraging part of their party or threatening the entire effort.

Last summer, Ryan offered a campaign proposal with scant detail to replace Obama's law with tax credits, expanded health savings accounts and other steps. It would repeal all of the statute's tax increases.

It also proposed new taxes on the part of employer-provided health insurance that exceeds an unspecified level. The blueprint says it would affect "only the most generous plans."

Such coverage is currently not taxed, and supporters say the idea would prod companies and workers away from overly costly insurance. Its fate is uncertain.

Besides financing their replacement programs, Republicans will need additional billions to deliver on their pledge to not abruptly halt coverage for the 20 million people receiving it under Obama's law. That means covering them during a tran-

sition period of perhaps two years or more until new GOP programs begin.

The health insurance industry has warned it will need billions in federal payments that companies currently receive to continue during that transition. The money subsidizes out-of-pocket costs like deductibles and copays for millions of lower-earning customers.

Last year, a federal judge agreed with House Republicans that Obama's law didn't authorize that spending. If the Trump administration and congressional Republicans declare victory and halt those payments, that could force companies to boost rates or abandon markets.

That's an outcome Republicans want to avoid, so Congress may be asked to provide some of that money.

"We could be asked to take a very, very tough vote to stabilize the insurance market," said Rep. Michael Burgess, R-Texas, who heads a House health subcommittee.

"They're in a hell of a bind," said Joseph Antos, health policy expert at the conservative American Enterprise Institute.

California dam water level drops after massive evacuation

OROVILLE, Calif. (AP) — Water levels dropped Monday at California's Lake Oroville, stopping water from spilling over a massive dam's potentially hazardous emergency spillway after authorities ordered the evacuation of nearly 200,000 people from towns lying below the lake.

California Department of Water Resources

officials are waiting for the light of dawn to inspect an erosion scar on the spillway at the Oroville Dam, the nation's largest.

The evacuations for people living below the lake were ordered Sunday after authorities warned that failure of the emergency spillway could send a 30-foot wall of water into the communities.

The lake that also serves as a reservoir has swelled significantly in recent weeks because California has been hit by a series of storms that have dumped rain and snow across the state, particularly in northern California where the lake lies about 150 miles northeast of San Francisco.

The threat appeared to ease somewhat Monday,

which officials saying water flows into the lake stood at about 45,000 cubic feet per second with outflows at 100,000 cubic feet per second.

Lake Oroville is one of California's largest man-made lakes and had water levels so high on Saturday that its emergency spillway was used for the first time since it was built nearly 50 years ago.

Sunday afternoon's evacuation order came after engineers spotted a hole on the concrete lip of the secondary spillway for the 770-foot-tall Oroville Dam and told authorities that it could fail within the hour.

The sudden evacuation panicked residents, who scrambled to get their belongings into

cars and then grew angry as they sat in bumper-to-bumper traffic hours after the evacuation order was given.

Kaysi and Greg Levias packed everything they could into their car from their Yuba City apartment and piled everything they were leaving behind as high as possible before leaving the city they

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Run 2 Love 2 Run was sponsored by Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, Big Spring Health Food Store, H-E-

B grocery, Back in Motion Chiropractic, My Favorite Place massage therapy, Border States Electric, YMCA of Big Spring. Dr. Amy Reese DDS, Adrian Calvio State Farm, Texas

Sports Supply, The Convention and Visitors Bureau of Big Spring, and Star Dodge.

"We have a bunch of wonderful sponsors," Felty said. "We're so thankful for them and

all of our volunteers." For more information visit www.permianbasinevents.com

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 432-263-7331 ext. 232.

MURDER

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the residence but are not the owners," the BSPD release stated. "It is unknown what caused the shooting but the suspect became angry, went into a bedroom, returned with a .22 caliber rifle and fired two shots at the victim."

Saucedo-Estrada is now being held in the Big Spring detention center and is awaiting arraignment.

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David Mack "Cheese" Garcia, 2, died Wednesday. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Debra Purser, 64, died Thursday. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Hillcrest Baptist Church.

Don Nichols, 84, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

AUSTIN

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Once at the Capitol, planned activities include:

- 10 a.m. — Resolution proclaiming Howard County Day at the Capitol will be read in the House of Representatives chamber.
- Noon — Group photo in the Capitol rotunda.

• 12:15 p.m. — Big Spring High School singing group Rhapsody performs in the rotunda.

• 1 p.m. — Lunch at Opie's, a barbecue restaurant in Spicewood. The lunch is not included in the ticket cost.

The bus is expected to arrive back in Big Spring around 7 p.m.

Teresa Darden, executive assistant with the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation (EDC) — the organization

sponsoring the trip — said area residents planning to attend are asked to register ahead of time, whether they will be taking the bus or a private vehicle.

For more information on Howard County Day at the Capitol, call Big Spring EDC at 264-6032 or Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641

PRICE

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gallon from last week's \$2.06/g.

"The era of falling gasoline prices will likely be coming to an end soon at a gas station near you," said Patrick DeHaan, se-

nior petroleum analyst for GasBuddy.com. "Not to say declines are completely dwone, but over the next few weeks we'll likely see more times when stations are raising their prices then dropping them, thanks to gasoline demand that will soon begin recovering and crude oil imports

that will soon reflect OPEC's lower output. The national average typically rises 35-65 cents from its low price, usually in February, through Memorial Day, and there's no reason to believe the same won't happen this year, so buckle up," he said.

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Baylor women top TCU following 1st Big 12 loss



AP photo
Baylor's Alexis Prince (12) drives against TCU's Jada Butts (15), Kianna Ray (25) and Alix (23) during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game, Sunday, Feb., 12, 2017, in Fort Worth, Texas.

By **SCHUYLER DIXON**

AP Sports Writer
FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Alexis Prince wasn't thinking so much about having six days to stew over the first loss for the Baylor women in almost three months.

The fifth-year senior considered it a chance for extra practice time with the postseason not too far away.

Prince scored 19 points to go with 10 rebounds and six assists, and the No. 2 Lady Bears bounced back from their first Big 12 defeat with a 91-73 victory against TCU on Sunday.

Playing almost a week after a loss to 11th-ranked Texas that ended a 54-game home winning streak, Baylor (24-2, 13-1 Big 12) kept a distance after a sluggish first quarter in front of a crowd heavy on green and gold in Fort Worth, about 100 miles north of the Waco campus.

"We needed the practice," said Prince, who matched her season high in assists with perhaps her most complete game of the season. "We had played a lot of games back to back and I feel like the practice helped us get back to learning the basics and doing what we needed to do."

Freshman Natalie Chou, in her first game near her high school in the Dallas suburb of Plano, had 14 points, including 3-pointers to start and finish a 22-5 run that covered the first and second quarters and turned a two-point deficit into a 30-15 lead.

AJ Alix scored 21 points for the Horned Frogs (12-12, 4-9), whose first conference winning streak ended at two games with their 22nd consecutive loss to Baylor. The past 10 have been since TCU joined its former Southwest Conference opponent in the Big 12.

"It wasn't necessarily the best luck that you get to play them after a loss,"

TCU coach Raegan Pebley said. "But it is what it is. We want to beat teams at their best. We'll continue to get better and I know we got better from this game and definitely from the preparation."

Nina Davis had nine rebounds to give her 1,004 for her career, becoming the sixth Baylor player to reach 1,000. Davis, who scored 14 points, is the fifth player in school history with at least 2,000 points and 1,000 rebounds. Davis also had four steals.

Alexis Jones scored 10 points with eight rebounds and seven assists as the Lady Bears out-rebounded the Horned Frogs 55-30, including 23-6 on offensive boards.

TCU, the second-best 3-point shooting team in the Big 12 behind Baylor, missed its first 10 from long range and finished 4 of 24, matching season lows for makes and percentage (17 percent).

Baylor: The Lady Bears were more ragged than they probably expected trying to answer the loss to the Longhorns that ended a 21-game winning streak. That was a distant second nationally to UConn's record streak. A rematch with Texas looms in a week.

TCU: The Horned Frogs will have to wait at least another year for their first winning record in Big 12 play. And Pebley is in danger of seeing a regression in her league record over her three seasons. The Horned Frogs were 9-9 in her debut and 8-10 last season.

Chou played just three minutes of the past two games while going scoreless, but coach Kim Mulkey brought her off the bench early and stuck with her. Chou ended up a point and a minute shy of her career highs while making 4 of 7 from beyond arc. She had four 3-pointers total in the first 13 conference games. "That's what she went in there for," Mulkey said. "Natalie can hit those shots."

Steers baseball season kicking off



Photo by Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Big Spring Steer Edward Aguilar throws a runner out at first base during Saturday's scrimmage against Lamesa.

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**

Sports Editor

Going into the second scrimmage of the year, the Big Spring Steers baseball team looked to make some big plays against Lamesa on Saturday.

Even though there was not an official scorebook, or any-

one keeping score for that matter, it was clearly evident that the Steers have improved from last year. Some highlights of the scrimmage included Brett Berringer hitting a three-run bomb and the Steers showing a great showcase of pitching by committee.

"For me as a coach, one thing

I brag about my kids is they're willing to work and learn," said Big Spring head baseball coach Daniel Carrillo. "Our main goal is just to get better every day, and the rest will take of itself"

The Steers will scrimmage Permian at home on Tuesday, Feb. 14 at 4pm.

Knicks beat Spurs 94-90 to salvage finale of homestand

By **BRIAN MAHONEY**

AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Latrell Sprewell was back in the building and so were many other former Knicks.

Then the current team pulled out a defensive performance from its past.

Carmelo Anthony scored 25 points and New York salvaged the finale of a tumultuous five-game homestand by beating the San Antonio Spurs 94-90 on Sunday.

Two nights after yielding 131 points in a dismal defensive performance, the Knicks limited the Spurs to 36 percent shooting and didn't let them reach 70 points until fewer than 8 minutes remained.

"That's great to watch. That's the right way to play basketball," Knicks coach Jeff Hornacek said.

Sprewell returned for the first time since Dec. 29, 2004, sitting next to James Dolan two days after the Madison Square Garden chairman banned former player Charles Oakley from the building following his arrest for an altercation with security guards at a game Wednesday.

The former players, including Larry Johnson, Bernard King,

Vin Baker, Kenny Walker and Herb Williams, visited the team along with Dolan in the locker room after the game.

First, the Knicks of today showed fans they can win with defensive grit, too.

"They want us to compete. I understand that," Anthony said.

"Win, lose or draw they want us to go out there and compete on a nightly basis and if we'd have lost this game today, this would have been a game where I can say

we competed and the effort was there and everything was there."

Anthony provided offense when the Knicks needed it clinging to a two-point lead, making consecutive baskets to make it 92-86 with 33 seconds remaining. Kawhi Leonard had 36 points for the Spurs (41-13), who had their two-game win streak snapped and failed in their first attempt to secure what would have been an NBA-record 20th consecutive winning season.

"The object is to put

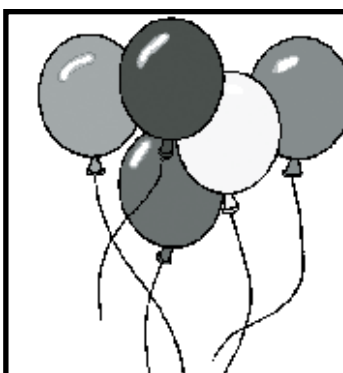
the ball in that orange ring," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "That's what we are all trying to do. Play a little D at the other end. But that orange ring, that ball's got to go in there. Thirty-six percent from the field and 20 from 3, whatever it was, that's not going to get it done on the road."

The Spurs signed veteran center Joel Anthony for the remainder of the season following the expiration of his second 10-day contract.



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New York Knicks forward Lance Thomas (42) stays with San Antonio Spurs forward Kawhi Leonard (2) in the first half of an NBA basketball game at Madison Square Garden in New York.



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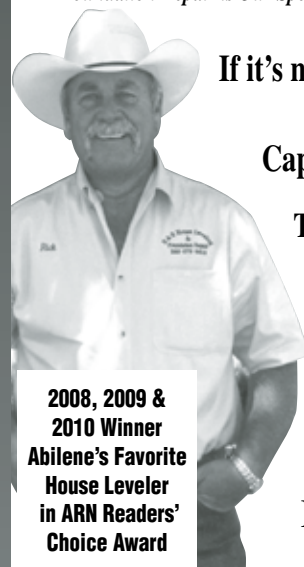


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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Energy management is just as crucial to production as time management. Be careful not to put too much into draining emotional tones, such as worry, resentment and frustration. Practice the fine art of "dropping it."

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You approach a challenge with the humility of a student, devoted

to duplicating what seems to work for others, observing patterns, honing your senses and sharpening your skills. This is why you'll be successful.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The truth has a certain feel to it today -- liberation laced in laughter. You'll bond with the honest one who can make you laugh or who laughs along with you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your goals will be forwarded in increments. Once a week is good, but once a day is better. How can you incorporate your interests into more of a daily pattern?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Today you'll notice that there's something about the other person that makes you feel so much more comfortable in yourself. This person will invest his or her curiosity, admiration and charm in you.

VRIGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Thinking in the classic terms of "success" is a sure way to limit your joy today. Get out there and start making

Tomorrow's Horoscope

some mischief or mistakes to prevent things from getting dreadfully boring or, worse, gloomy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're in a position to choose whom you want to work with and spend time around. The most responsible person will be the least defensive. The joyful people don't just say positive things; they smile with their eyes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Overblown expectations will be the norm today for most people. Because the bad won't be so bad and neither will the good be so good, anyone who refuses to anticipate or assume will most likely be quite satisfied with the outcome.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There are some who seek seriousness to feed a craving to feel that life is profound and tragically beautiful. You won't be able to relate today, as your need is for play, intellectual challenge and levity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). In your quest for something real, you've

been given a lot of reasons, excuses, sales pitches, theories and diversions. You'll know the truth today by the way it rings in your ears. Pounce on it. Live by it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Helen Keller, stricken deaf and blind from illness in infancy, insisted that even darkness and silence have their wonders. The far less extreme inconveniences of the day have hidden gems inside them.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). As much as you hope to strike upon a golden moment and seize the opportunity in it, the fact of the matter is that every moment is golden when you're willing to see it that way.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 13). Among your more obvious and easily understood gifts are a few talents that are harder to define, but they are nonetheless real; this isn't something to doubt, only to explore. What you can give is sorely needed in this world. This year, as your inter-

ests broaden, your good luck will double. Taurus and Libra will give your heart wings. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 20, 33, 29 and 50.

VALENTINE STRATEGIES FOR VENUS IN ARIES: If you're expecting a day that's rich in hearts, flowers and traditional sentiments of love, you may get that, but it won't be the only thing you'll get. The love goddess is marching down warrior's lane this Valentine's Day, and she's far too feisty to settle for simple sweetness. If this transit had a theme song, it would be Pat Benatar's "Love Is a Battlefield." If you're planning a date, gift or card to commemorate tomorrow's day of hearts, you'd be wise to honor the complicated implications of the cosmic energy. Don't be afraid to agree to disagree. Conflicting ways and views don't have to ruin the fun. In fact, conflict can be the very source of fun to those who know how to disagree respectfully, playfully and with loving intent.

Also, this is a time to keep communication real. Sentiments that are too idealistic, flowery and phony will fall flat. It's a good time to avoid hyperbole. Though Valentine's Day is prime for shining a flattering light on one another, true love is fully seeing and accepting one another for the flawed humans we are.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: International pop star Robbie Williams is a top-selling British artist who has broken records with the number of concert tickets he's sold and awards he's won. Aquarius is the sign of popularity and also of philanthropy. Williams has raised and given hundreds of thousands of dollars to benefit charities that help ill and disadvantaged children.

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Shocking Kiss

Dear Annie: My husband and I went out with another couple for New Year's Eve, "Bob" and "Sheryl." Bob is a longtime friend and has been seeing Sheryl for the past year. Here's the issue: After the clock struck midnight and everyone was sharing well-wishes and kisses and hugs, Sheryl decided to put her tongue down my husband's throat and plant an extensive kiss on him, all while Bob and I were right there! Granted, there definitely was alcohol involved, but I don't lose my faculties and forget whom I came with when I drink.

I, in turn, stated that she had crossed the line, gathered our things and left. She attempted to say she was sorry upon our departure; however, I just couldn't stay the rest of the evening

knowing she did this to our friendship. My husband had no idea what was happening and felt he didn't encourage this behavior. He had been seated by me the entire evening.

So now none of us has spoken about it and things are just awkward when we run into them in public. I'm so sad that our friendship with Bob can be no more, because he remains with Sheryl. How should we move past this transgression? Or is it just avoidance from here on out? -- Betrayed in PA

Dear Betrayed: Wait it out and let this situation resolve itself. Be polite when you run into Bob and Sheryl, and don't go around bad-mouthing her. I have a hunch that if Sheryl is kissing married men in front of Bob, by next New Year's Eve she'll be out of the picture.

Dear Annie: I think you left out options for "Safe Driver," the woman who said texting should be OK when stopped at a light and whose husband thinks it is never OK to text while in the driver's seat. She asked you to give your opinion. I have to say that although sitting at a light in a running car doesn't take a lot of attention and your advice seemed to be written by a lawyer, I understood your picking the husband's side. What I don't understand is that apparently her husband is in the car when she does this. So aren't

they in a partnership? Can't he look out for incoming disasters or for the light to change while she texts? And why can't he ever just text for her? It doesn't seem as if this needs to be a question of who's right. Rather, it's a question of how to help these folks get along and be safe. I do agree that pulling over is reasonable, but with these other alternatives, why bother? And if her husband isn't in the car, she is an adult and knows the legal risk she is running. -- Bea in Maine

Dear Bea: Having Hubby do the texting

on her behalf is a great, easy solution when he's in the car. When he's not, I still strongly advocate that "Safe Driver" not touch the phone. Yes, she is an adult and knows the legal risk she is running. But she's not just making a decision for herself. She's also making a decision that will affect the safety of everyone else on the road around her.

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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.

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Contract Bridge
Famous Hand

By Steve Becker

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ J 4
♥ Q 7 5 2
♦ A K Q 8 4 2
♣ 6
WEST
♠ K 10 5
♥ 10 9 8
♦ 6
♣ K 10 9 5 4 2
EAST
♠ 6
♥ A K 4
♦ J 10 7 5 3
♣ Q J 8 7
SOUTH
♠ A Q 9 8 7 3 2
♥ J 6 3
♦ 9
♣ A 3
The bidding:
North East South West
1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass
2♦ Pass 4♣
Opening lead — ten of hearts.

induce kibitzers to stand up and cheer.
Take this deal from a national championship. South was in four spades, and West led a heart. East took his A-K and returned a heart, won by declarer with the jack. South played the ace of clubs, ruffed a club and cashed the ace of diamonds. Next came the jack of spades, which lost to West's king. When West returned a club, declarer ruffed and easily took the rest of the tricks.
What did South do that was extraordinary? On the face of it, nothing. He had to lose two hearts and a spade — and he lost them. Yet, upon closer study, South did something really good, and if he hadn't done it, he would have gone down. He made the key play of cashing the ace of diamonds before taking the trump finesse.

Those who consistently perform well at the highest levels of the game certainly are deserving of the reputations they have earned. But the chances are that if you watched a top expert play, you would not be greatly impressed.
The fact is that an expert seldom does anything sensational. His most valuable trait is that he rarely makes a mistake. The ability to play one session after another without erring is his stock in trade, but it does not

And what did this accomplish? To see the difference, let's say that after South ruffed a club at trick five, he had next led the jack of spades, losing to the king.
West would then have returned a diamond, and the contract would have been lost. South would have been unable to lead from dummy without losing a second trump trick to West's ten, and he would have gone down one. Giant oaks from tiny acorns grow.

Tomorrow: Eliminating the luck element.
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"HE'LL BE SOMETHING WHEN HE GROWS UP."

"NOT 'WHEN'... 'IF'?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

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"I think Daddy would like one of those cards with money in them."

HAGAR

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"MAY I BUY YOU A DRINK?"

"NO WAY!"

"I GUESS SHE DOESN'T DRINK..."

BLONDIE

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"WHY ARE YOU TAKING SO LONG TO FINISH THAT REPORT?"

"IT'S CONFUSING, BOSS... I CAN'T SEE HOW TO MAKE THE NUMBERS WORK."

"BUMSTEAD, EITHER MAKE THEM WORK RIGHT NOW OR LOOK FOR ANOTHER CAREER!!"

"ACTUALLY, I CAN SEE MUCH CLEARER NOW!"

BC

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SLAP SLIPPA SLAP SLAP SLAP SLIPPITY SLAP

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A SPECIES NO DOUBT DESTINED FOR EXTINCTION.

WIZARD OF ID

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"WIZ, THIS WEATHER IS GETTING ME DOWN. THINK YOU CAN CONJURE UP A BIT OF SPRING?"

"ALAKA-ZOWAH!"

"HMM...NOTHING. SORRY, HON."

"HORF"

AGNES

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"BOB'S GOING TO GIVE YOU A CARD TOMORROW...JUST TAKE IT AND BE NICE."

"NO. I DO NOT WANT OR NEED HIS PREDATORIAL ADVANCES!"

"FINE... GO AHEAD AND HURT HIS FEELINGS. HE'S A DECENT GUY. HE DOESN'T DESERVE THAT."

"HEY! HE KNEW LOVE WAS A WICKED GAME WHEN HE BELLIED UP TO THE TABLE OF LIFE!"

HI AND LOIS

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"I CAN'T GO TO SCHOOL. I'VE GOT THE MEASLES!"

"DITTO!"

"WHY DID YOU USE A PERMANENT MARKER?"

"I WANTED IT TO LAST SO I COULD STAY HOME ALL WEEK."

THE OTHER COAST

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"MY FOLKS PUT ME IN A BOARDING KENNEL WHILE THEY WERE ON VACATION."

"THAT'S NO FUN."

"ACTUALLY, IT WASN'T THAT BAD AT ALL."

"BUT I SURE WON'T LET THEM KNOW THAT."

"YOU'VE GOT THEM ON A GUILT TRIP?"

"I FIGURE I'LL GET AT LEAST TWO WEEKS OF TREATS."

SNUFFY SMITH

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"...SO GIVE US A CALL AS WE ASK TODAY'S QUESTION..."

"TOMORROW IS VALENTINE'S DAY-- IS ROMANCE DEAD?"

"NO, BUT I MIGHT AS WELL BE IF I DON'T GIT TO TH' STORE 'FORE IT CLOSES !!"

BEEETLE BAILEY

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"ROAR"

"WHY DO YOU EAT HOT CHILI BEFORE YOU CHEW ME OUT?"

"IT HELPS PUT THE HEAT ON!"

This Date In History

Today is Monday, Feb. 13, the 44th day of 2017. There are 321 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Feb. 13, 1967, the Beatles' double A-sided single "Strawberry Fields Forever" and "Penny Lane" was released in the United States by Capitol Records.

On this date:
In 1542, the fifth wife of England's King Henry VIII, Catherine Howard, was executed for adultery.
In 1741, Andrew Bradford of Pennsylvania published the first American magazine. "The American Magazine, or A Monthly View of the Political State of the British Colonies" lasted three issues.
In 1861, Abraham Lincoln was officially declared winner of the 1860 presidential election as electors cast their ballots.
In 1914, the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, also known as ASCAP, was founded in New York.
In 1920, the League of Nations recognized the perpetual neutrality of Switzerland.
In 1935, a jury in Flemington, New Jersey, found Bruno Richard Hauptmann guilty of first-degree murder in the kidnap-slaying of Charles A. Lindbergh Jr., the son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh. (Hauptmann was later executed.)

In 1945, during World War II, Allied planes began bombing the German city of Dresden. The Soviets captured Budapest, Hungary, from the Germans.

In 1960, France exploded its first atomic bomb in the Sahara Desert.

In 1972, the 11th Winter Olympics ended in Sapporo, Japan.

In 1980, the 13th Winter Olympics opened in Lake Placid, New York.

In 1988, the 15th Winter Olympics opened in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

In 1991, during Operation Desert Storm, allied warplanes destroyed an underground shelter in Baghdad that had been identified as a military command center; Iraqi officials said 500 civilians were killed.

Ten years ago: Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney officially entered the 2008 presidential race in Michigan, the place of his birth. With Democrats in control, House members debated Iraq in an emotional and historic faceoff over a war that Speaker Nancy Pelosi condemned as a commitment with "no end in sight."

Five years ago: President Barack Obama unveiled a record \$3.8 trillion election-year budget plan, calling for stimulus-style spending on roads and schools and tax hikes on the wealthy to help pay the costs. Washington Gov. Christine Gregoire (GREG'-wahr) signed a measure making her state the seventh to legalize same-sex marriage.

One year ago: Justice Antonin Scalia (AN'-toh-nih-n skuh-LEE'-uh), the influential conservative and most provocative member of the Supreme Court, was found dead at a private residence in the Big Bend area of West Texas; he was 79. During a Republican presidential debate that evening in Greenville, South Carolina, the candidates, with the exception of Jeb Bush, insisted that President Barack Obama step aside and let his successor nominate Justice Scalia's replacement.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

TOOL BOX by Gail Grabowski
Edited by Stanley Newman
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Violin container
 - 5 Discontinue
 - 10 Karate stroke
 - 14 Acme
 - 15 White as a sheet
 - 16 "That's funny!"
 - 17 Expressway exit
 - 18 War horse
 - 19 Surrounded by
 - 20 Precision marching group
 - 22 Chauffeured cars, for short
 - 23 Lubricated
 - 24 Be defeated
 - 25 With no commercials
 - 28 Exceptionally good
 - 30 Wept
 - 31 Has the lead role
 - 33 Skirt's sewed border
 - 35 Grasp in one's hand
 - 36 Bit of fire
 - 37 Tiresome person
 - 38 Night before a holiday
 - 39 Tour leader
 - 40 Phone book listings
 - 41 Physical exertion
 - 43 West Point students
 - 44 Mine extractions
 - 45 Direct words at
 - 47 Casual short-sleeved shirts
 - 49 Was able to anticipate
 - 53 Racetrack postings
- DOWN**
- 1 Six of clubs, for instance
 - 2 On __ with (equal to)
 - 3 "Half" prefix for final
 - 4 Examined closely
 - 5 Royal palace
 - 6 Lauder of makeup
 - 7 In the lead
 - 8 Appear to be
 - 9 Finish up
 - 10 Lounging chair
 - 11 Stress strongly
 - 12 Cleveland's state
 - 13 Writing tablets
 - 21 Wasn't honest
 - 22 Cuts off, as branches
 - 24 Branches
 - 25 Feel sore
 - 26 Steered a vehicle
 - 27 Office document holder
 - 28 Identical
 - 29 French cap
 - 31 Narrow cut
 - 32 Little bit
 - 34 Untidiness
 - 36 Collies' coats
 - 37 Signs of impending trouble
 - 39 Departs
 - 40 Western alliance: Abbr.
 - 42 Tops with icing
 - 43 Rides a bike
 - 45 Glossy fabric
 - 46 Not sleeping
 - 47 Vatican leader
 - 48 Aroma
 - 49 One-person performance
 - 50 Slanted typeface: Abbr.
 - 51 Back of the neck
 - 52 Delighted
 - 54 Restaurant bill

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Nearly 200,000 remain under evacuation near California dam

OROVILLE, Calif. (AP) — Nearly 200,000 people remained under evacuation orders Monday as California authorities try to fix erosion of the emergency spillway at the nation's tallest dam that could unleash uncontrolled flood waters if it fails.

About 150 miles northeast of San Francisco, Lake Oroville — one of California's largest man-made lakes — had water levels so high that an emergency spillway was used Saturday for the first time in almost 50 years.

The evacuation was ordered Sunday afternoon after engineers spotted a hole on the concrete lip of the secondary spillway for the 770-foot-tall Oroville Dam and told authorities that it could fail within the hour.

"I'm just shocked," said Greg Levias, who was evacuating with his wife, Kaysi, two boys and a dog.

What they couldn't fit in their trunk they piled as high as they could in their downstairs Yuba City apartment and joined the line of traffic attempting to leave the city where they had moved just three weeks ago.



AP photo

Kendra Curieo waits in traffic to evacuate Marysville, Calif., Sunday, Feb. 12, 2017. Thousands of residents of Marysville and other Northern California communities were told to leave their homes Sunday evening as an emergency spillway of the Oroville Dam could fail at any time unleashing flood waters from Lake Oroville, according to officials from the California Department of Water Resources.

Embattled national security adviser's fate uncertain

WASHINGTON (AP) — Embattled national security adviser Michael Flynn's fate as one of President Donald Trump's senior aides is uncertain following reports that he discussed U.S. sanctions with a Russian envoy before Trump's inauguration.

A top White House official sidestepped repeated chances Sunday to publicly defend him. The president, who spent the weekend at his private club in Florida, has yet to comment on Flynn's status. Nor has Vice President Mike Pence, who previously denied that Flynn had discussed sanctions with Sergey Kislyak, the Russian ambassador to the U.S.

Pence and Flynn spoke twice on Friday, according to an administration official.

Trump has told associates he is troubled by the situation, but he has not said whether he plans to ask Flynn to step down, according to a person who spoke with him recently. Flynn was a loyal Trump supporter during the campaign, but he is viewed skeptically by some in the administration's national security circles, in part because of his ties to Russia.

Trudeau visits Trump in crucial meeting for Canada

OTTAWA, Ontario (AP) — Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and U.S. President Donald Trump will participate in a roundtable discussion about women in the work force Monday, an early sign of cooperation as Trudeau seeks to have good relations so Canada is not targeted in trade talks.

In his first face-to-face meeting with the new U.S. president, Trudeau will also meet with Trump to talk about trade and participate in a working lunch.

A White House official and a senior Canadian government official said the two countries plan to launch a new task force called the United States Canada Council for the Advancement of Women Business Leaders-Female Entrepreneurs. The officials agreed to confirm the move only if they were not quoted by name because they were not authorized to make the information public.

Ivanka Trump, the president's daughter who has been an advocate for policies benefiting working women, was involved in recruiting participants and setting the agenda for the roundtable. Female executives from the United States and Canada are expected to participate.

Trudeau's close cooperation with Trump and the first daughter could ease some worries among Canadians that the U.S. president will enact protectionist measures that could hurt the Canadian economy. It could also alleviate some fears that Trump will be as combative with Trudeau as he has been with the leaders of Mexico and Australia.

Desperate immigrants risk perilous winter trek to Canada

TORONTO (AP) — After he was denied asylum in the U.S., Seidu Mohammed's fear of being deported to his native Ghana, where he believes he'd be killed or jailed, became so great that he set out in brutal winter conditions to cross illegally into Canada.

Mohammed and his friend lost all their fingers to frostbite after a 10-hour trek across fields of waist-high snow in sub-zero temperatures. Despite their injuries, the two men say they now feel safe. They're part of a small but growing number of immigrants risking the northern border crossing.

"God blessed Canada with good people," said Mohammed, 24. "I see the difference between Canada and the United States."

In Manitoba, which borders Minnesota and North Dakota, groups that specialize in helping refugees say the pace of arrivals has quickened since Donald Trump became president and banned travel from seven majority-Muslim countries. Refugees who spoke with The Associated Press cited Trump's order and anti-Muslim campaign rhetoric as the main reasons for going north.

Trump moves spark Iraqi anger, calls against future alliance

BAGHDAD (AP) — Reverberations from President Donald Trump's travel ban and other stances are threatening to undermine future U.S.-Iraqi security cooperation, rattling a key alliance that over the past two years has slowly beaten back the Islamic State group.

Iraq's prime minister, Haider al-Abadi, has sought to contain any backlash from public anger sparked by Trump's executive order banning Iraqis from traveling to the U.S. Also breeding resentment and suspicion are Trump's repeated statements that the Americans should have taken Iraq's oil and his hard line against Iran, a close ally of al-Abadi's government.

Al-Abadi and Trump spoke Thursday night for the first time since Trump's inauguration. The U.S. leader, who has pledged a stronger fight against IS militants, promised increased help for Iraq against terrorism, and al-Abadi asked him to remove Iraq from the travel ban, according to an Iraqi official who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the telephone call.

Iraqi anger at Washington comes at a crucial juncture in a long and often contentious relationship. U.S.-backed Iraqi forces are about to launch an assault aimed at retaking the western half of Mosul that is still under Islamic State control. If Mosul is completely secured, it largely would break

the extremist group's "caliphate" in the country.

However, Iraqi and U.S. officials have said maintaining security in a post-IS Iraq will be just as difficult — preventing a resurgence of the militants and containing political divisions among Iraq's Shiites, Sunnis and Kurds. Both countries have talked of keeping some U.S. troops long term to back Iraq's security forces in that task, a recognition that complete American withdrawal at the end of 2011 was a mistake.

Hamas names top militant as new leader in Gaza

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — A senior Hamas official says a top member of the group's armed wing has been chosen as its new leader in the Gaza Strip.

Yehiyeh Sinwar, a senior commander who was freed by Israel in a 2011 prisoner swap, is considered one of the most hard-line figures in the Islamic militant group.

The Hamas official, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was discussing the group's secretive election process, confirmed the appointment. Sinwar replaces Ismail Haniyeh, who was prime minister of Hamas' government in Gaza after the militant group overran the territory in 2007.

Since his release by Israel, Sinwar has built up his power in the secretive military wing and is believed to have ordered the execution of a top rival last year in a power struggle.

AP image of Turkish assassin wins World Press Photo award

AMSTERDAM (AP) — Associated Press photographer Burhan Ozbilici won the 2017 World Press Photo competition Monday for his image of a gun-wielding off-duty Turkish policeman standing over the body of Russia's ambassador, whom he had just fatally shot.

Ozbilici's image was part of a series titled "An Assassination in Turkey" that also won the Spot News — Stories category. The photos were captured in the moments before and after policeman Mevlut Mert Altintas drew a handgun and shot Ambassador Andrei Karlov at a photo exhibition in Ankara on Dec. 19.

In the winning photo, the gunman, wearing a suit and tie, stands defiantly, pistol in his right hand pointed at the ground and with his left hand raised, his index finger pointing upward. His mouth is wide open as he shouts angrily. The ambassador's body lies on the floor just behind Altintas. Another image in the series showed the ambassador before the shooting, with Altintas standing behind him.



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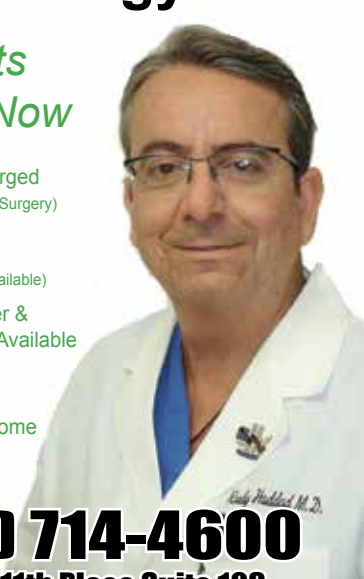
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