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**Former Big Spring mayor, community leader dies**

**By LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer

Former Big Spring mayor and community leader Wade Choate died on Thursday.

Choate was mayor of Big Spring from 1972 to 1980 during a critical time of the area's local economy.

"Wade really fought for the city to keep Webb Air Force Base," said Gary Fuqua, former long-time Big Spring city manager. "He made several trips to Washington D.C. to fight to keep the Air Force Base and after we lost the base, he worked very hard to rebuild the our economy."

Fuqua recalled that for years after Choate stepped away from the city council, council members would still seek out his advice on matters.

Choate's roots not only went deep within the community, but reached back to the foundation of Howard County. He was born on Aug. 19, 1932. and was a great grandson of W. T. and Mary Roberts, who were among the first permanent settlers in Howard County. He graduated from Coahoma High School in 1950. He would go on to attend Draughton's Business College in Abilene, Texas, Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, and Howard College. He also served in the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1955.

Choate was elected as district clerk at the age of 23 and was later appointed by District Judges Charlie Sullivan and Ralph Caton to serve as the county auditor. He was elected the city commissioners from 1970 to 1971 and was voted Mayor



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**Prospectors Club makes plans for show**

**By ROGER CLINE**  
 Staff Writer

Some beautiful things come out of the earth, and the Big Spring Prospectors Club enjoys working with, and creating works of art out of some of those things. The club will hold its 48th Annual Gem and Mineral Show March 4 and 5 at the Howard County Fair Barn, to show and sell some of their art.

"We have a lot of activity going on," said Lola Lamb, the club's secretary/treasurer. "We have a working demonstration, a girl showing how to make glass beads. We have the spinning wheel for the kids and the grownups too. We have a silent auction, which goes on for an hour and if your bid wins you get that rock, and then it starts over again. We have a door prize every hour on the hour. Besides all the displays. We have displays from our neighboring clubs in Midland and Lubbock, and then of course our own local club members

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**Gov. for a Day Seliger stops by**



**State Senator Kel Seliger takes a selfie with two Big Spring High School students at his first stop on his "Governor for a Day" event across District 31. Seliger stopped by Big Spring High School Friday morning for breakfast as part of the tradition honoring the president pro tempore of the Texas Senate.**

**Local veterans help to beautify historic spring**

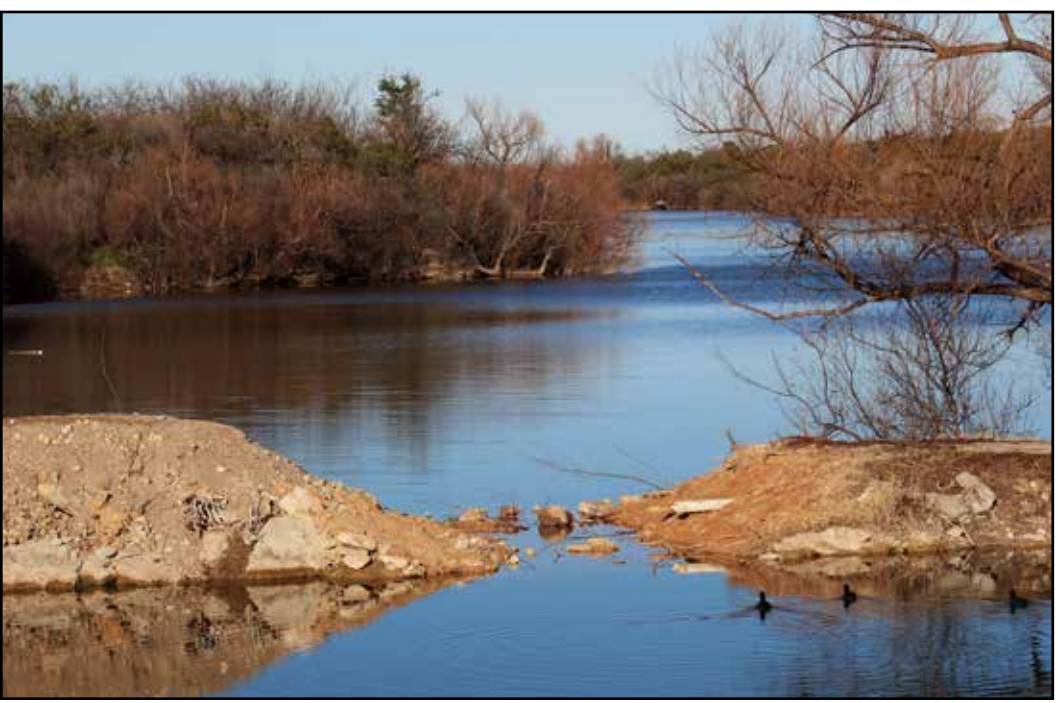
**By SANDRENA KONING**  
 Staff Writer

Local veterans will be aiding in an effort to recreate an environment that once flourished around the historic spring, located at Comanche Trail Park.

Kent Ivey, an avid outdoorsmen and community volunteer, was struck with the project idea to not only plant local and native plants around the spring, which is currently being renovated, but to include VA veterans in on the process. Ivey met with Burr Williams, master naturalist on the Big Spring Renovation Project, in order to locate native plants from the local area. Together the two are working in conjunction with Kelly Cook, lead landscape architect, the Veterans Administration, the city of Big Spring, and Texas Parks and Wildlife.

"I approached the Veteran's Administration about becoming a volunteer there and met with Ms. Williams, the volunteer coordinator," Ivey said. "Then I started thinking about what to do. I have these veterans that are residents in the dorms

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**Pictured above is the historic spring located in Comanche Trail Park. Kent Ivey, along with Burr Williams and a group of local veterans, plan to plant local and native plants around the spring, which is currently being renovated.**

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## Obituaries

## Wade Choate



Wade Choate, former Mayor of Big Spring, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 23, 2017, in Midland at the age of 84.

He was a long time resident of Big Spring, where he was born on Aug. 19, 1932, to Vera Francis Wade and John Harold Choate. He married Toni Barron Choate on Jan. 17, 1959, in Big Spring and she predeceased him on March 3, 2012. He was a great-grandson of

W.T. and Mary Roberts, who were among the first permanent settlers in Howard County in 1877 near Moss Springs, where they established a 12-section ranch.

Family visitation will be 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, March 3, 2017, at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring, Texas. Services will be on Saturday, March 4 at 2 p.m. at St Mary's Episcopal Church in Big Spring, Texas. Services will be conducted by his cousin's wife, the Rev. Katie Churchwell of St Petersburg, Fla.

Wade graduated from Coahoma High School and Howard College, and attended Southern Methodist University where he was a member of the Mustang Band. He served the Big Spring community as District Clerk, County Auditor, Howard County School Board, President of the Big Spring YMCA, youth leader for Youth and Government for 16 years, and March of Dimes, The Heritage Museum of Big Spring, VP and longtime member of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, West Side Community Center, United Way, and Boy Scouts of America. He also served on the Colorado River Municipal Water District. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Wade was selected as the Rotary Club Outstanding Man of the Year in 1974, and the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce "Man of the Year" in 1980. He served as Mayor Pro-Tem and Mayor during his 10 years of service on the Big Spring City Council. During that time, Webb Air Force Base was closed and Choate was one of many who were instrumental in acquiring the Webb AFB properties for the City of Big Spring, along with the McMahan/Wrinkle Air Park.

Wade was elected as District Clerk at the age of 23 years, and was later appointed by District Judges Charlie Sullivan and Ralph Caton to serve as County Auditor. He served as General Manager of Webb AFB Federal Credit Union and Citizens Fed-

eral Credit Union for 16 years. He was appointed by President Gerald Ford to the National Association of Credit Unions, Washington, D.C.; and at the same time was appointed by Governor Preston Smith to the Texas State Board of Credit Unions, Austin, Texas. He then became an Independent Landman. Wade worked in the oil and gas business for 35 years and earned the status of Certified Petroleum Landman. He and his wife moved to Midland in 2005 to expand and grow their business.

He is survived by his son, Kyle Wade Choate of Midland and partner David Vasquez; son-in-law, Kyle Cook of Breckenridge; two grandchildren, Ragan Outlaw and husband Justin Outlaw of Greenwood, and Justin Darden of Stanton; great grandchildren, Hunter Wade Outlaw, Kade Westley Outlaw, Brannon Dae Darden, and Bryleigh Darden; and brother-in-law, Jerry Barron of Seabrook, Texas. He is survived by many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his wife; daughter Melody Ann Cook; his parents; and one brother, John Harold Choate Jr.

He was a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church of Big Spring.

Wade will be remembered as a loving dad and grandfather and best known to family as Poppy. His friends will remember him as a kind, thoughtful and loving man who was always there to help others and wanted to make you feel welcomed and loved. He was a great teacher to many while working at the Credit Union and those he taught to become Landmen in the oil and gas business.

Pallbearers: Todd Gibson of Midland, Judge Robert H. Moore III, Henry DelaRosa, and Todd Darden, all of Big Spring; and Henry DelaRosa Jr. and Adrain DelaRosa of Austin.

Honorary Pallbearers: Jimmy Taylor, Bruce Griffith, Drew Mouton, Clyde McMahan Jr, and Jerry Grimes, all of Big Spring; Bill Eiland, Harry Spannaus, Jamie Small, and Fred Wetendorf, all of Midland; Gary Griffin of Buffalo Gap, Texas; and Ben Bancroft of Hot Springs, Ark.

The family suggests memorials to The Heritage Museum of Big Spring, 510 Scurry St., Big Spring, Texas, 79720; or Home Hospice of Midland, 200 W. Illinois, Suite 190, Midland, 79701, or your favorite charity.

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

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## Leah Gail Hale



Leah Gail Hale, 80, of Big Spring, went to be with her Lord and Savior Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2017. Memorial services will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, 2017, at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Walter McCall officiating.

She was born Aug. 12, 1936, in Big Spring, Texas, to Henry and Mattie May Neill. She married

Jim Hale Sept. 9, 1950, and he preceded her in death Sept. 5, 2003.

Mrs. Hale was a hard worker and, in her younger years, helped support her family by hoeing cotton with her children every summer. She held various other jobs during her life.

Survivors include two daughters, Leslie Reyes and husband Ernest, and Patty Choate and husband Dusty; two sons, Steve Hale and wife Sherry, and Mike Hale and wife Bobbie; 13 grandchildren, Kyle Hale, Cody Hale, Kirby Hale, Ryan Hale, Shawna Ellison, Jessica Reel, Kevin Ellison, Ashley Ellison, Anzlee Hale, Quaid Hale, Jaqueline Hale, Quinton Hale, and Keri Anne Howard; numerous great-grandchildren; two brothers, Tom Neill and wife Laura in Oklahoma, and Clarence Neill and wife Carla in Arizona; and one sister, Margaret Dugan and husband, Dave in Lawton, Okla.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; three sisters, Billie Barnes, Melba Willis, and Mollie Padgett; one grandson, Logan Howard; and a great-grandson, Samuel Reel.

The family suggests memorials to Home Hospice, 111 E. 7th St., Suite A, Big Spring, Texas, 79720; or to a favorite charity.

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## Buddy Ryerson

Buddy Ryerson, 65, of Big Spring died Saturday, Feb. 18, 2017, in hospice at a local nursing home.



A celebration of Buddy's life will take place at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 25, 2017, at the Salvation Army in Big Spring.

Buddy was born March 2, 1951, to Charles A. Ryerson and Vada B. Clark, and lived most of his life in Big Spring. He served his country in the United States Army from 1971 to 1973, and was stationed in Germany. He was a member of the Big Spring Salva-

tion Army.

Buddy was a musician most of his life. He and was involved in several bands throughout his life. Outside of being a musician, Buddy worked at the College Park Shopping Center for several years as maintenance manager, and also at Montgomery

Wards in auto repair.

Buddy is survived by one daughter, Brook Hansen and husband Adam of Cary, N.C.; two sons, Paul Ryerson and wife Analese of Bryan, and Mark Ryerson of Big Spring; four grandchildren; his mother, Vada B. Witkowski of Midland; five brothers, Charlie Ryerson of Big Spring, George Ryerson and William Ryerson both of Phoenix, Ariz., Richard McKinney and wife Patricia of Buda, and Lawrence Witkowski and wife Angie of Sand Springs; two sisters, Arvella Roe and husband Aaron of Midland, and Evelyn Redd and husband Jack of Big Spring; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Charles A. Ryerson; stepfather, Raymond Carl Witkowski; and his grandmother, Eugenia Lee Clark.

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Construction continues on the renovation of the historic spring at the Comanche Trail Park.

## SPRING

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back there and they're able to get around. They're mostly healthy guys, just there for counseling for one reason or another. So I kind of put together a project...I wanted to do something outdoors with them, and at the same time, this Big Spring project is going on."

After speaking Williams, the two gathered the veterans from the VA and toured the historic spring site. During the tour, they explained the renovation project and the history of the spring and its importance. Ivey then proposed his plan to the veterans to locate, transplant, tend, and eventually have the native plants brought to the site.

"They were very enthusiastic and ready and raring to go," Ivey said. "It'll take a lot of participation from Burr and myself working with these guys to make things work right. It's a win, win because these vets will become part of the community again."

The veterans will be responsible for the care, propagation, and continued growth of the native plants. They will tend plants in the enclosed patio space inside of their dormitory at the VA.

"So I thought maybe we could take field trips together," Ivey said. "Go out, locate these native plants that they're wanting to use in the revitalization of the spring, and transplant them back to the veterans' area."

Ivey and Williams discussed in depth about the history and environment of the spring that will be transformed back to a pre-historic era. The spring will feature a diverse array of plants native to the Colorado River Basin.

"In Howard County if you go over to Moss Creek Lake, for example, or along Beals Creek, you'll often see that one of the dominate grasses is grass that gets about five or six feet tall, called switchgrass," said Williams.

"Another thing I would really like to see, as it probably would have been at the spring site a few centuries ago, is what they call button brush," Williams continued. "It's a shrub that produces some extremely sweet smelling white balls that bring tons of butterflies."

Williams is looking for the permission of land owners in the surrounding area to examine and possibly excavate plant species.

"We're hoping to get a location or two where we can dig up some plants," Williams said. "We're hoping to find landowners along Beals Creek, east of town. Landowners can let me and couple other folks evaluate what aquatic or riparian plants that are on their property. I'm able to identify most plants along creek beds. I know what is native and what has been introduced."

To contact Ivey or Williams about plant life or the project in general, visit the projects Facebook group at "Friends of Comanche Trail Park" or contact Ivey at 432-816-7402.

Contact Staff Writer Sandrena Koning at 432-263-7331, ext. 234, or email reporter@bigspringherald.com

## MAYOR

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Pro-Tem in 1971.

His community-minded service dedication stretched farther than local government. He served on the boards of the YMCA, Heritage Museum, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, West Side Community Center, United Way, Boy Scouts of America, and Colorado River Municipal Water District just to name a few.

He was selected as the Rotary Club Outstanding Man of the Year in 1974 and the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce "Man of the Year in 1980".

He served as general manager of Webb AFB Federal Credit Union and the Citizens Federal Credit Union for 16 years. He then went on

to a successful career in the oil and gas business for the next 35 years.

Although he and his wife, Toni, moved to Midland in 2005, Heritage Museum Curator Tammy Schrecengost said he continued to activity be a part of the community.

"Big Spring was always in his heart," Schrecengost said. "He continued to be very active with us after he moved to Midland and protecting our history was very important to him."

Family visitation will be 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, March 3, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring, Texas. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 4, at St Mary's Episcopal Church in Big Spring. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Release sought for immigrant who asked for protection order

By ASTRID GALVAN

Associated Press

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — The arrest by federal authorities in El Paso of a transgender woman who was seeking protection from an abusive boyfriend has led to questions about what lengths authorities will go to apprehend people under newly stepped-up immigration policies.

Advocates say Irvin Gonzalez's abuser tipped off authorities about her court hearing, resulting in her Feb. 9 arrest by a task force composed of Border Patrol agents and Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers who surrounded the exits of the courthouse until she was detained.

Her federal public defender on Wednesday filed a petition for her immediate release, saying in court documents that a Border Patrol agent perjured himself when he wrote in an affidavit that Gonzalez was arrested outside the building when surveil-

lance shows agents conducting the arrest inside.

Gonzalez, 33, is transgender and began transitioning two years ago, according to one of her attorneys, Melissa Untereker.

Gonzalez is distraught and suffering from the side effects of stopping her hormone therapy, which she hasn't been able to get in jail, she said.

Gonzalez is in the custody of the U.S. Marshals Service while she faces a federal charge of illegal re-entry into the United States.

"She's very emotionally fragile right now," Untereker said. "She's afraid of her abuser, and she's afraid of what's going to happen to her going forward."

Gonzalez has been deported six times since 2010 and has a recent conviction of possession of stolen mail, ICE spokeswoman Leticia Zamarripa said.

"Gonzalez also has a lengthy crimi-

nal history with at least eight convictions on charges including false imprisonment, assault, larceny, domestic violence and illegal re-entry," Zamarripa said.

Gonzalez was most recently deported to Mexico on Jan. 23, but she quickly returned to the U.S. She then sought a protective order against a boyfriend she accused of severe physical abuse and death threats on three occasions during their nine-month relationship.

An El Paso judge

granted the order on Feb. 9, and she was arrested after her hearing.

## SHOW

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display some of the stuff they make."

Lamb said wearable jewelry, static art pieces, and other items will be on display at the show.

"All of the above," she said. "We have the displays for people to look at and we give them a ticket and ask them to vote for their favorite, and whichever display gets the most votes gets a plaque at the end of the show. Dealers have anything from jewelry to rough rocks, slabs, minerals, fossils, beads, geodes. There's a guy there, you buy your geode and then he cracks it open for you."

Dealers come from all over the state, and a couple from New Mexico, she said.

"We have 12 dealers that will be selling stuff anywhere from Sherman, Dallas, two from New Mexico, Amarillo, El Paso," she said. "They have their merchandise for sale."

There will also be a vendor selling barbecue," said Lamb.

"Double D Barbecue," she said. "She'll be set up there by the back door there with her turkey legs and typical barbecue food."

Lamb said that the show is the club's sole fundraiser for the year.

"We're a non-profit organization so it's made up of members that are in-

terested in collecting and working with the rocks and displaying them. This show is our only fundraiser that we have that supports our club," she said. "We're totally self-contained, and this show is our way of making money to pay for our utilities and what have you. The merchants here in town are our supporters because they have a book that we publish, and their ad is in that book, and then everybody that goes to the show gets one of the books to keep. That's how we can have the free admission to the show."

Those interested in working with rocks and creating jewelry or other stone art are welcome to meet with the Prospectors Club, Lamb said.

"We have a monthly meeting. We meet the second Thursday of the month. Every Monday night at our club gathering we have what we call our work night. So if members have a project that their working on and they don't have the grinding machines or the saws at home, they can come down there and work on them," she said. "We welcome people to come down and meet with us and see if they'd be interested in it. We have classes if they're interested in making things. We have classes to teach them how to do it."

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# An unusual marriage ceremony

Greg and Toni Bodin were married in a big chair during Old Sorehead Trade Days in Stanton, an event that draws people from all over Texas and beyond to shop for merchandise from vendors set up in temporary booths on downtown streets. Some people call it a big flea market. Toni is six and a half feet tall and one day she was sitting on an upturned bucket in her furniture-making shop and decided to make a big chair that would be comfortable for her. She made a huge wooden Adirondack chair, big enough to hold two people. It served as an advertisement for Toni's furniture booth at the trade days event.

Toni and Greg had been together a few years and in 2008 decided to tie the knot. They contacted the Martin County judge in Stanton and asked him to marry them during trade days. They wanted to be sitting in the big chair dur-

ing the ceremony. "Several people wanted to buy that chair that day," says Greg. "I told them they couldn't buy it until after three o'clock. That's when the ceremony was to take place. So at three o'clock a convoy of golf carts converged on our booth. We didn't tell anybody about our plans. We just decided to do it so people wouldn't make a big deal out of it and buy us a bunch of expensive gifts. We didn't want that. We just wanted to get married and be left alone."

Greg says the judge showed up with some Old Sorehead Trade Days officials to serve as witnesses. "We were sitting in the big yellow chair getting married when a guy came up and wanted to buy a piece of furniture. I didn't want him to get away, so I stopped the ceremony, made the sale, collected the money and told him I would deliver the piece of furniture to his vehicle as soon as I got done kissing the bride."

Toni and Greg set up house-keeping in a two-acre fenced in compound in the community of Sand Springs just east of Big Spring. They put the oversized chair (ten feet long and six feet high) just outside the fence and

it became a landmark. Interstate 20 is just a few yards away from their place. "We've had all sorts of people stopping to take pictures," says Toni, "sometimes as many as a dozen a week."

The couple went everywhere together, volunteering at frontier forts in West and Central Texas, taking photos and exhibiting them in museums, colleges and other venues. Toni wrote a book about being tall (I See Short People) and made a movie about her favorite sewing shop that was closing.

"We're good at saving money," Toni told me. "We have a wind turbine and solar panels to cut down on our electric bill. I supplement Greg's oil field salary with eggs our chickens produce. I also sew for the public. I use a treadle sewing machine because it's portable and I can take it outside and sew. It's very quiet. I have a collection of those old sewing machines. I also collect wringer washing machines from the 1920's."

Toni stays busy. Greg passed away in January at the age of 43. His memorial service drew a huge crowd.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Concerning the future of Howard County libraries

To the Editor:

County Commissioners and all interested parties:

Change seems inevitable for Howard County Library not necessarily today or tomorrow but probably the next few years. Change seems unavoidable given the present circumstances of budget and facility needs in personnel and infrastructure.

Already in the works is the sharing a library director between county and college:

Sharing salary and expertise with all its ramifications;

Sharing which will affect the over 5000 monthly users: senior citizens, young adults, children, toddlers, mothers and fathers, home schoolers, the VA, the many in our community who cannot afford to buy books or to own computers;

Sharing which will affect the needs of the college students and faculty again in books, technology, and environment.

A joint Library indicating some sort of merger seems to be in the works. A merger of employees? A merger of acquisitions? A merger of facilities? A merger of budgets? It is not clear what such a merger entails.

With this hopefully progressive move in the

works, we ask the commissioners and the college to consider options for more community involvement:

A public forum to find what the public wants and needs in and from its library;

A joint committee to investigate the possibilities,

A joint panel to review applications for director in the search for a forward thinking individual up to the challenges of meeting the needs to county and campus.

Today's libraries are not just about books. They are a reading place, a learning place, a computer place, a research place, a meeting place: a place of discovery.

They can be a hub in the community to promote living and learning in today's world. They can promote discussion. They can promote enthusiasm for becoming a more learned and involved community. They can be what they are today. They can also be so much more in our future.

The planning and guidance needs to come from community involvement as well as from the powers that be.

Let us who use the libraries be involved in the decision making process. Let it be open and

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## DAILY PRAYER

Your love, Lord, brings peace and serenity to our hearts and minds.

Amen.

# Wonders of the world?

With the rancor running rampant in the world today, it's remarkable that the Seven Wonders of the World are staying stitched, at least so far.

This day, I cite three personal "wonderments," none of which rises to the level of minutia. They have long been bewildering to me. Perhaps you'd prefer making your own list.

Your call. Recorded messages: We're all weary of the worn response about how much our calls are appreciated, but are disappointed that typically "associates are busy assisting other customers."

My curiosity is piqued by this frequent reminder: "Please listen to the following prompts, since some of them may have changed." Oh, really? Has anyone ever learned — beyond reasonable doubt — that any prompt has ever changed? Further, when one prompt leads to another, to another and to another, are we finally justified in wondering if our calls are all that important?

Is there a better gamble to reach a "live" person quickly than to immediately hit "0" at the outset of recorded messages? I wonder.

Does anyone else tire of TV newscasts invariably beginning with these words, or something akin thereto? "Breaking News." (Brace yourself. If news gets worse, we may be in for "compound fractured news.")

It's a given that most items following lead-ins constitute "bad news," but these unchanging openings cause me to wonder if the networks really believe we "buy" their pitch that each newscast opens at the precise moment a major event occurs.

I dream of the day when some of the newscasts open with "mending news."

Each of us has a memory of larger-than-life figures believed to best typify THE OLD WEST. How about The Marlboro Man? Roy Rogers? The Lone Ranger?

My vote goes to Dr. Marvin Knight, the Stetson-wearing, cigarette-smoking surgeon who roamed the Dallas Cowboys' sidelines for 27 years. He never had a contract with the team, and never cared if he did. Devoid of pretense, he was recognized as a world leader in orthopedic surgery.

No wonder injured players checked into the 18-bed Muenster General Hospital, where Knight preferred to conduct surgeries during his final 16 years of practice. This allowed him to return to his beloved ranch ASAP. Next to "doctoring," that's where he most liked to be.

Books could be written—and should be—about this pioneering physician who introduced orthopedic surgery to West Texas. His was a revered name and stories of his experiences are legion. And he was as good at telling them as he was performing surgeries.

Patients came from miles around, particularly for knee surgeries. One he spoke of was a highly successful knee fix-up of an immensely wealthy woman

with vast ranching interests.

After several follow-up visits and declared ready to resume normal activities, she mentioned she had yet to receive a bill for the surgery.

"I know," Dr. Knight said. "I've been thinking about sending one, but I can't decide how much to charge." The woman bristled. "I'd like to be billed at the going rate," she snapped.

"Oh, that it could be so simple," Dr. Knight explained. "More than half of the surgeries I perform are on patients without portfolio." He said he never expected to get a dime from names on his uh, "deadbeat list." She asked what he expected her to do about the ne'er do wells.

"I was thinking of triple-billing you to cover your surgery and for two others who didn't pay."

Again, she objected, saying she'd never pay on this basis.

"That's pretty much the response I expected," he grinned. "Paying is your option. If you choose not to, I'll just add your name to my deadbeat list."

She wrote the "check for three" before leaving the office.

When he died at age 91 in 2000, one of the nation's most distinguished—and most colorful—went on to glory. He may not have been the eighth Wonder of the World, but he came close.

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transparent. Help us have a voice in the direction of the future of our libraries.

Studies show that Joint Libraries are successful when they are created with community involvement, with facts and opinions openly laid out for consideration, discussion, and creative input. Studies also show that without community involvement Joint Libraries more often than not fail.

Sincerely,

Nancy Michaelis  
 Big Spring, TX

# GOP governors call for changes to Medicaid

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Republican governors from seven states are calling for dramatic changes to Medicaid, which provides insurance to more than 70 million low-income Americans, as they nervously watch President Donald Trump and GOP congressional leaders move to repeal and replace the Obama-era health law.

At the same time, they're telling Washington: Don't scrap the Affordable Care Act without a viable alternative.

According to a draft of the proposal obtained by *The Associated Press*, the governors are urging Congress to adopt an alternative that would change Medicaid from an open-ended federal entitlement to a program designed by each state within a financial limit. Led by Ohio Gov. John Kasich, a frequent critic of some GOP proposals on health care, the governors plan to present their proposal at their annual meeting in Washington on Saturday.

In addition to Kasich, the governors are Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey, Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam, Utah Gov. Gary Herbert, Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder, Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval and Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker.

At the heart of the document is concern among Republican governors they would bear the consequences if Congress scraps the health care law, shifting costs to the states, and jeopardizing

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# Witnesses say Bar gunman shouted 'get out of my country'

OLATHE, Kan. (AP) — Witnesses said a man accused of opening fire in a crowded bar yelled at two Indian men to "get out of my country" before pulling the trigger in an attack that killed one of the men and wounded the other, as well as a third man who tried to help.

Hours later, the suspect reportedly told a bartender in another town that he needed a place to hide because he had just killed two Middle Eastern men.

In India, the father of one of the wounded men called the attack a hate crime, but authorities on Friday declined to discuss a motive as they investigated the shooting. The attack stoked fears about the nation's treatment of immigrants, who feel target-

ed by President Donald Trump's promises to ban certain travelers, build a wall along the Mexico border and put "America first."

Adam Purinton, 51, was charged with murder and attempted murder in the Wednesday night shooting in the Kansas City suburb of Olathe.

A bartender at Austins Bar and Grill said Purinton used racial slurs before firing. He was taken into custody about five hours later after speaking with a bartender at an Applebee's some 70 miles away in Clinton, Missouri.

The Kansas City Star reported Purinton's comments to the bartender. The paper did not cite its sources.

The men who were shot were identified as

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# Oil Report

#5 Powell "32A", re-completion, API #42-173-31818  
 Powell, N. (Wolfcamp) Field, El: NA  
 11 miles northwest of Garden City  
 Section 32, Block 35, T&P RR Co. survey  
 Total Depth: 10,350 feet  
 Latitude 031.875893, Longitude -101.655797. Datum: NAD 27  
 990' FEL, 1450' FSL of 327-acre lease  
 990' FEL, 1450' FSL of the survey  
 #5 Oak "15", drill, El: NA, API #42-173-37446  
 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field  
 3.88 miles northeast of Midkiff  
 A-462, Section 15, Block 37, T-5-S, T&P RR Co. survey  
 Total Depth: 12,200 feet  
 Latitude 031.392120, Longitude -101.462319. Datum: NAD 27  
 857.41' FNL, 1060.97' FWL of 442.5-acre lease  
 2815.03' FSL, 1060.97' FWL of the survey  
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#1WA Morgan Ranch "38-47" Unit, drill horizontal, El: NA  
 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field  
 4.68 miles northwest of Forsan  
 A-169, Section 35, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey  
 Total Depth: 9000 feet  
 Latitude 032.176842, Longitude -101.378047. Datum: NAD 27  
 500' FSL, 660' FEL of 480-acre lease  
 500' FSL, 660' FEL of the survey

#4 Allar "25", drill horizontal, El: NA  
 Petey (Fusselman) Field  
 6.40 miles southeast of Big Spring  
 A-164, Section 25, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey  
 Total Depth: 10,000 feet  
 Latitude 032.203272, Longitude -101.381772. Datum: NAD 27  
 469' FNL, 609' FWL of 400-acre lease  
 469' FNL, 609' FWL of the survey

#6 Robinson "12", drill horizontal, El: NA  
 Petey (Fusselman) Field  
 5.30 miles southeast of Big Spring  
 A-1518, Section 12, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey  
 Total Depth: 10,000 feet  
 Latitude 032.244347, Longitude -101.380099. Datum: NAD 27  
 1980' FNL, 467' FEL of 640-acre lease  
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coverage for millions of people who gained it under Obamacare's expansion.

"We must ensure that people do not have the rug pulled out from under them and are not left without access to care, especially during the transition," the draft says.

The proposal, if adopted by the Republican Governors Association on Saturday, would be submitted to leaders in the GOP-controlled Congress as House Republicans prepare to unveil their plan. Kasich met in Washington on Friday with Trump to discuss the plan, and described the president as having "listened very carefully to what I had to say about it."

The governors represent states that expanded Medicaid despite strong GOP opposition and others that did not. Arizona, Michigan, Nevada and Ohio all agreed to expand Medicaid coverage under the federal law, in return for federal reimbursement to cover uninsured lower-income residents who would not have otherwise qualified. Tennessee, Utah and Wisconsin did not.

According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, Medicaid consumed an average 19 percent of state budgets in 2015, the most current year available, ranging from 7 percent in Utah to 41 percent in New Hampshire.

The governors' proposal calls for putting states in charge of the program, but the federal government would continue to pay for most of it.

"Flexibility is necessary to improve Medicaid program performance, but states also need adequate funding within a new financing structure to effectively manage the Medicaid program," the draft plan said.

It's far from clear whether House Republicans would accept such a deal. Many congressional Republicans want to rewrite the basic financial contract for Medicaid. Republicans are proposing to limit future federal funding in exchange for allowing states much more leeway to run their programs.

Budget hawks including House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., support the kind of program flexibility GOP governors are seeking, but chiefly want to spend less on Medicaid.

Despite facing a likely battle, the governors involved in the plan represent states with influential Republican senators.

The plan also seeks an unspecified but "appropriate transition period," as it could be years for a new system to be enacted.

One of the vexing questions before lawmakers is how an alternative to the seven-year-old law would compensate states to subsidize coverage for Medicaid. The Republican governors come down decidedly against block grants, flat sums with far fewer restrictions than the federal law.

Instead, they support "per-capita caps" that can be adjusted for factors such as the number of people being covered. One of the most expensive groups of beneficiaries, those enrolled in Medicare and Medicaid, would not be included in the caps.

On the coverage side, states would eventually gain authority to control their Medicaid rolls to manage costs, could establish employment criteria for "able bodied" adults and charge recipients a modest amount.

A recent Kaiser Family Foundation poll shows that 8 in 10 people nationally say lawmakers should preserve federal funding that has allowed states to add coverage for roughly 11 million low-income people. Almost 7 in 10 Republicans agreed, according to the survey by the nonpartisan group.

Nevada's Sandoval said Medicaid enrollment doubled to 640,000 in his state as the result of the state's expanding coverage under the health care law. He, as is noted emphatically in the proposal, wants governors to be part of the decision-making.

"I think it's important that before they make any decisions, they communicate with us," Sandoval said. "I don't want to see a cost shift. That would create a greater burden for my state as well as many others."

## US rig count increases 3 this week to 754; Texas up 8

HOUSTON (AP) — The number of rigs exploring for oil and natural gas in the U.S. increased by three this week to 754.

A year ago, 502 rigs were active. Houston oilfield services company Baker Hughes Inc. said Friday that 602 rigs sought oil and 151 explored for natural gas this week. One was listed as miscellaneous.

Texas increased by eight rigs and Wyoming gained one.

## White House bars major news outlets from gaggle

News organizations including the New York Times, the Los Angeles Times, CNN and Politico were blocked from joining an informal, on the record White House press briefing on Friday.

The Associated Press chose not to participate in the gaggle following the move by White House press secretary Sean Spicer.

"The AP believes the public should have as much access to the

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A-323, Section 11, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 10,000 feet  
Latitude 032.434487, Longitude -101.564060. Datum: NAD 27  
311' FSL, 931' FEL of 650.3-acre lease  
311' FSL, 931' FEL of the survey

#1H Hyden "A 47-2 WA", drill horizontal, El: NA  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field  
5 miles southeast of Vealmoor  
A-298, Section 47, Block 32, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 15,000 feet  
X=770404, Y=324742. Datum: NAD 27  
158' AFNL, 318' FWL of 520-acre lease  
158' FNL, 318' FWL of the survey

#1H Hyden "B 47-2 WA", drill horizontal, El: NA  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field  
5.40 miles southeast of Vealmoor  
A-298, Section 47, Block 32, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 15,000 feet  
X=772791, Y=325336. Datum: NAD 27  
154' FNL, 2501' FEL of 203.02-acre lease  
154' FNL, 2501' FEL of the survey

#1 MP 34.5 CP Unit, drill, El: NA  
Wildcat Field (cathodic protection well)  
3.90 miles south of Big Spring  
A-369, Section 23, Block 33, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 550 feet  
Latitude 032.194839, Longitude -101.487330. Datum: NAD 27  
400' FNWL, 88' FNEL of 1-acre lease  
400' FNWL, 88' FNEL of the survey

#2AH Elrod-Antell Unit "A 11-02", drill horizontal, El: NA  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field  
4.50 miles northeast of Knott  
A-323, Section 11, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 10,000 feet  
Latitude 032.432182, Longitude -101.575119. Datum: NAD 27  
300' FSL, 948' FWL of 481.81-acre lease  
300' FSL, 948' FWL of the survey


#7AH Lester "27-34", drill horizontal, El: NA  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field  
6.50 miles southeast of Ackerly  
A-347, Section 27, Block 33, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 10,000 feet  
Latitude 032.512485, Longitude -101.605696. Datum: NAD 27  
547' FNL, 830' FEL of 664.37-acre lease  
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### Spurs kick off rust from layoff to beat Clippers 105-97

LOS ANGELES (AP) — With Kawhi Leonard in foul trouble for the first time all season, the San Antonio Spurs still kept it together.

They shook off the rust from a nine-day layoff to beat the Los Angeles Clippers 105-97 on Friday night for their third straight win.

Leonard led the Spurs with 21 points despite having five fouls by the third quarter.

"It was just some confusion on the court, but probably could be the break, having to come in, get ready, rest up," he said.

Pau Gasol added 17 points and 11 rebounds off the bench in his return from a 15-game absence because of a fractured finger. LaMarcus Aldridge had 15 points and 11 rebounds, and Dewayne Dedmon grabbed 12 rebounds.

Off since Feb. 16, the Spurs overcame 35-percent shooting in the opening quarter and rallied from a nine-point deficit to the third to control the fourth and beat the Clippers for the first time in three games this season.

"We're coming down to our last 20 games," Leonard said. "This is the time we need to jell as a team, make our playoff push, make our weaknesses strong."

Blake Griffin scored 29 points for the Clippers, who have dropped consecutive games to the league's two winningest teams since the All-Star break ended. They lost by 10 points at Golden State a night earlier. The Spurs have the league's second-best record at 44-13.

"Right before the break we had an amazing rhythm going," Clippers

coach Doc Rivers said. "We have to get back to being more organized."

Chris Paul added 17 points and had four of the Clippers' 12 turnovers in his return after missing five weeks with a torn ligament in his left thumb. Austin Rivers scored 23 points off the bench, including 13 during a run that gave the Clippers a six-point lead in the first half.

"I came out unscathed, which is great," Paul said. "It was a tough loss, but it felt good to get through an entire game."

The Spurs stretched their lead to 10 points early in the fourth on Tony Parker's fast-break layup off a steal from Paul.

The Clippers never got closer than six down the stretch. Leonard had back-to-back dunks, hit another basket and made 1 of 2 free throws to push the Spurs into a double-digit lead.

"It was great seeing the team reacting well and playing well," Manu Ginobili said. "It was a good team effort, good defense. The first game after the break is usually hard for everybody."

Griffin, DeAndre Jordan and Paul combined to propel the Clippers to a 68-59 lead in the third. Griffin had 12 points, Jordan six and Paul five while the defense held the Spurs to 12 points in the run.



AP Photo/Mark J. Terrill

Los Angeles Clippers forward Blake Griffin, right, reaches in on San Antonio Spurs forward LaMarcus Aldridge during the second half of an NBA basketball game, Friday, Feb. 24, 2017, in Los Angeles. The Spurs won 105-97.

But it was short-lived.

The Spurs closed on a 16-5 spurt to lead 77-73 going into the fourth. Patty Mills scored six points and Ginobili hit a 3-pointer after the Clippers were ahead by one.

Rivers scored 13 points in a 20-6 run that gave the Clippers their largest lead of six points in the first half. The Spurs hit four 3-pointers after that to close the half leading 47-42.

TIP-INS

Spurs: They held the Clippers to 13 points in the first quarter, a season low by an opponent in the period. ...

Gasol hadn't made three 3-pointers all season and it tied his career high. ... Aldridge recorded his fifth double-double in eight games and 14th of the season.

Clippers: They fell to 5-7 in the second game of a back-to-back. ... They have lost two in a row after winning four straight going into the All-Star break.

RODEO ROLL

The Spurs improved to 5-2 on their annual rodeo road trip. They don't play another home game until March 1 against Indiana.

## Nascar

### NASCAR seeks boost to steep decline with strong Daytona 500

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — The good news for NASCAR is that all signs indicate Dale Earnhardt Jr. has a legitimate shot to win the Daytona 500.

A victory for NASCAR's most popular driver, in his return to racing after a concussion sidelined him the second half of last season, would be a massive boost for the sagging series. Earnhardt's star power has been one of the bright spots of Speedweeks and his strength on the track has been obvious every time he's behind the wheel of his Chevrolet.

Earnhardt was part of a Hendrick Motorsports qualifying sweep for Sunday's season-opening race. Chase Elliott won the pole, and Earnhardt will line up next to him on the starting grid. Elliott added a win in a qualifying race, and Earnhardt led 53 of 60 laps in a second qualifying race before he was passed at the end.

So the Hendrick cars have speed, the drivers aren't cowering from the Toyota teamwork that dominated last year's race, and they are ready to go bumper-to-bumper with the Team Penske fleet.

It means Sunday could be a strong

opening day for NASCAR, particularly if Earnhardt can pull off his third victory in "The Great American Race." He's not ready to call himself a favorite, and thinks he'll have his hands full with the Joe Gibbs Racing group and Penske drivers Joey Logano and Brad Keselowski.

"Watching the last several plate races, I think the Gibbs guys have the market cornered on the favorite," he said. "The Penske guys are really strong. So I think it's their race to lose. The Hendrick cars are going to be up there trying to mix it up."

NASCAR needs Sunday to go off without a hitch.

The series is under heavy scrutiny because of sliding attendance and television ratings, plus the title sponsor deal with Monster Energy came in at a fraction of what NASCAR was looking for when it began shopping the naming rights almost two years ago.

NASCAR celebrated its deal with Monster in a Las Vegas announcement, and has hitched its wagon to the hope that Monster can attract a younger demographic and raise the excitement level at all the events.

### Stars beat Coyotes 5-2

DALLAS (AP) — Jamie Benn was hardly willing to concede that Dallas is out of playoff contention, even after the Stars made a trade earlier in the day that seemed to indicate they were looking to the future.

Benn scored the tiebreaking goal in the third period, and Dallas beat the Arizona Coyotes 5-2 on Friday night.

Jordie Benn sent the puck from the neutral zone to the boards behind the Arizona goal. His brother, Jamie, took the puck to the left of the net and scored on a wraparound before Coyotes goalie Louis Domingue could move across to the right.

The goal was one of four straight

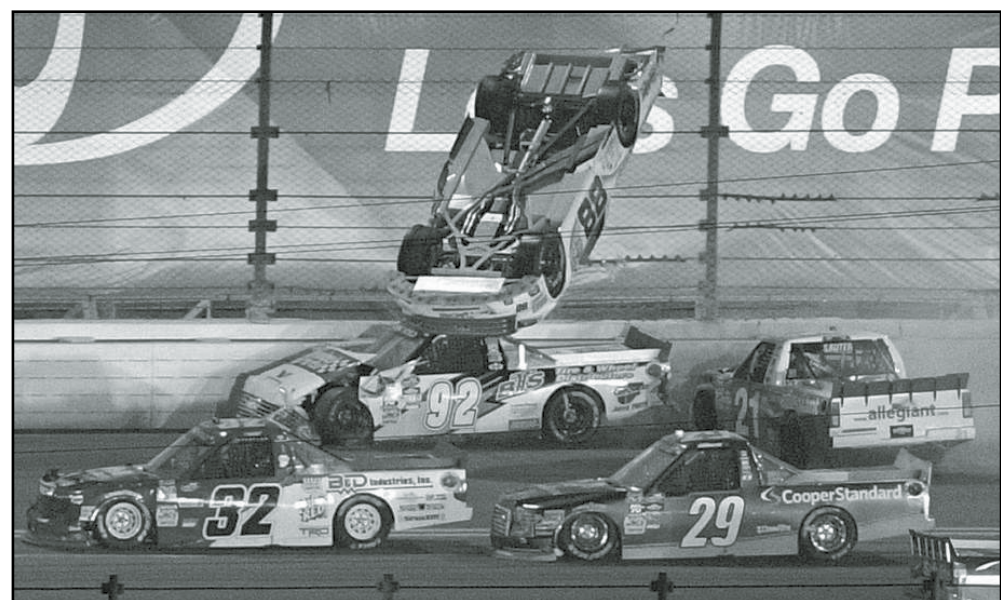
for Dallas in the last 22 minutes after Arizona took a 2-1 lead.

"I thought it was a heck of a play," Stars coach Lindy Ruff said. "It's a play that we've seen the Sedins (Vancouver's Henrik and Daniel) use before, where you dump it off the end wall and get a step."

"It looked like a play that you were going to kind of go, 'Agggh,' but then all of a sudden you go, 'No, yay!' It was a good play."

Coyotes coach Dave Tippett went a step further.

"Benn makes a great play on that, and then we just couldn't generate anything after that," he said.



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Matt Crafton (88)'s truck is upside down after being involved in a multi-truck collision on the final lap during the NASCAR Trucks auto race at Daytona International Speedway Friday.

### Grala wins NASCAR Truck Series opener after Crafton flips

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Rookie Kaz Grala won the NASCAR Truck Series season opener Friday night, getting through a massive wreck on the final lap at Daytona International Speedway.

The 18-year-old Grala became the youngest winner in a NASCAR national series at Daytona. He was lucky to even make it to the checkered flag.

Two-time series champion Matt Crafton was leading the 100-lap race when he got turned sideways and went for a wild ride that included several spins and a harrowing flip. Crafton's No. 88 Toyota landed on all four tires, and he was able to walk away unscathed.

"Oh my gosh, some-

one flipped," Grala said as he watched a replay of the ending.

Grala managed to escape the carnage, and considering it was his first victory in 10 starts in the series, he had no idea what to do next.

"I didn't know what I was doing out there," he said. "I didn't know how to do a doughnut. I'm Polish so I figured I could drive backward."

Only 13 of 32 trucks finished on the lead lap, but even that doesn't properly explain the all the damage done in a little more than two hours.

NASCAR star Dale Earnhardt Jr. posted a picture on his Twitter page of two sailors shoveling money into a furnace with the caption "quick recap of to-

night's action."

More than half the field was involved in accidents, fairly routine at Daytona. Seventeen trucks were involved in a huge wreck on the second lap, knocking out a number of contenders.

But the final pileup was the scariest.

"It was hectic," said Chase Briscoe, who finished third in his first Truck Series start. "This kind of racing will make your hair go white."

Asked how he got through the last-lap melee, he added, "I have no idea. The Lord blessed us on that one for sure."

Austin Wayne Self was second. John Hunter Nemechek was fourth, just ahead of his dad, Joe.

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## SHOOTING

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She said the FBI's role is to work jointly with Olathe police to determine if a civil rights violation occurred.

Bartender Garret Bohnen told the Kansas City Star that Kuchibhotla and Madasani stopped at Austins for a drink once or twice a week. At the time of the attack, patrons were watching a college basketball game on television.

"From what I understand, when he was throwing racial slurs at the two gentlemen, Ian (Grillot) stood up for them," Bohnen said. "We're all proud of him."

Witnesses also told the Star about Purinton's yelling about leaving the country.

When the gunfire began, Grillot hid under a table until nine shots had been fired. Believing the suspect's magazine was empty, he then chased the gunman in hopes of subduing him.

"I guess I miscounted with everything going on. And I got behind him, and he turned around and fired a round at me," Grillot said Thursday from his hospital bed in a video from the University of Kansas Health System.

Grillot said the bullet went through his right hand and into his chest, just missing a major artery but fracturing a vertebra in his neck.

"Another half inch, I could be dead or never walk again," said Grillot, who was wearing a neck brace. His injured hand remains immobilized.

He did not describe what led to the shooting, saying only that he felt compelled to intervene in the interest of humanity, "not about where he (the victim) was from or his ethnicity."

"I was just doing what anyone should have done for another human being," he said. Madasani visited him in the hospital, and they have become friends because of their shared ordeal.

"We're definitely going to be spending a little time together," Grillot said. "I don't think it's going to be at the bar, though. Maybe some grilling in the backyard with a beer or two."

Purinton, who is jailed on \$2 million bond, was moved Friday from Missouri to Kansas. Because he has not yet appeared in court, Purinton did not yet have an attorney formally assigned. His first court appearance was scheduled for Monday.

Beverly Morris, who has lived next door to Purinton in Olathe for about 20 years, said he never made her feel unsafe.

"He seemed like a good guy," Morris said, but "anybody who knew him knew he had a drinking problem."

Olathe Police Sgt. Logan Bonney said officers were interviewing and re-interviewing witnesses Friday to shore up the case.

"We want to present the best case possible and separate fact from fiction for the benefit of the victims and the community," he said.

In India, the attack shock waves through the hometowns of the two Indian men.

The Indian government said Kuchibhotla was from the southern state of Telangana, and his body was to be transported to the capital city of Hyderabad, where his family lives.

## Paris mayor fires back at Trump for insulting her city

PARIS (AP) — Paris Mayor Anne Hidalgo has pushed back at U.S. President Donald Trump for insulting the City of Light in a speech.

Trump evoked his friend Jim, "a very, very substantial guy," in an address Friday at the Conservative political Action Conference. Jim used to be a regular visitor to Paris, Trump said, but hasn't made the trip in four or five years because "Paris is no lon-

ger Paris."

Hidalgo tweeted a photo of herself alongside Mickey Mouse and Minnie and said: "To Donald and his friend Jim, from the Eiffel Tower, we're celebrating the attractiveness of Paris with Mickey and Minnie."

In another tweet, with the hashtag #Donald&Jim, Hidalgo said American tourist reservations are up 30 percent in 2017 so far compared to last year.

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president as possible," Lauren Easton, the AP's director of media relations, said in a statement.

Several news organizations were allowed in, including the conservative website Breitbart News. The site's former executive chairman, Steve Bannon, is chief strategist to President Donald Trump.

The White House defended the decision not to include some news organizations.

"We invited the pool so everyone was represented. We decided to add a couple of additional people beyond the pool. Nothing more than that," said White House spokeswoman Sarah Sanders.

Earlier Friday in a speech before the Con-

servative Political Action Conference, President Donald Trump railed against the media.

Reaction from barred media outlets was swift.

"Nothing like this has ever happened at the White House in our long history of covering multiple administrations of different parties. We strongly protest the exclusion of *The New York Times* and the other news organizations. Free media access to a transparent government is obviously of crucial national interest," Dean Baquet, the *Times*' executive editor, said in a statement.

"This is an unacceptable development by the Trump White House. Apparently this is how they retaliate when you report facts they don't like. We'll keep reporting regardless," CNN said in a statement.

## OIL REPORT

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Cobra (Wolfcamp) Field, new well, El: 2562' GR  
9 miles northwest of Garden City  
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Daily Potential: 8 Bbls 38.0 gravity oil w/ 2 BWPD  
Pumping. GOR: 125  
Spud: 5-18-16. Completed: 8-30-16. Pay: NA  
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#4401H Currie-Neal "47", API #42-173-37343  
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Pumping. GOR: 929  
Spud: 4-26-16. Completed: 8-05-16. Pay: NA  
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5-1/2" @ 15,479 feet w/ 2,635 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7287 feet  
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**New Jersey OKs gas pipeline through protected Pinelands**

**By WAYNE PARRY**  
Associated Press  
CHERRY HILL, N.J. (AP) — New Jersey environmental regulators on Friday approved a hotly contested plan to run a natural gas pipeline through a federally protected forest preserve amid raucous protests that included drums, tambourines and choruses of "This Land Is Your Land."

The 15-member New Jersey Pinelands Commission voted to approve a plan by South Jersey Gas to run the pipeline through the federally protected Pinelands preserve, where development is drastically restricted.

The protesters' loud ruckus drowned out the members, even as they voted nine in favor and five against, with one abstention.

It was the most emotionally charged jobs-vs-environment clash in recent New Jersey history, and was closely watched by environmental and energy groups around the nation, particularly with a new presidential administration seen as more supportive of the energy industry.

"As a priest, I will pray for you when you stand before the throne of God and you are asked to give an accounting of your stewardship of this special ecological area," said Rev. David Stump, a Catholic priest from Jersey City. "May God have mercy on your souls."

"Your legacy is dis-

graceful!" added Jeff Tittel, director of the New Jersey Sierra Club.

The company said the vote "recognizes the energy reliability challenges facing southern New Jersey and the balanced solution this project offers. The careful construction of this pipeline will address the energy demands of 142,000 customers in Cape May and Atlantic counties, protect and create jobs, and provide a meaningful opportunity to significantly reduce air emissions."

The B.L. England power plant, where the pipeline would end, currently burns coal and oil to generate electricity.

**OIL REPORT**

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# UPON THIS ROCK

Last weekend, five hard rock bands shook the Municipal Auditorium in the name of the Lord.



By **ROGER CLINE**  
Staff Writer

*"Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation" (Psalms 95:1).*

Last Saturday night, people from all over West Texas – and from surrounding states – made a pilgrimage to Big Spring to rock in the name of the Lord. The event was the City RockFest, held Saturday evening at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium and hosted by the First United Methodist Church. The concert featured the five Christian hard rock bands Scarlet White, Random Hero, Seventh Day Slumber, Project 86, and headliner Disciple.

"We have people from all over West Texas. They've come from Hamlin, Sweetwater, Lubbock, Midland, Odessa, San Angelo; it's just amazing the response we've received to this," said FUMC Pastor Bill Ivins before the show. "People are just excited to experience Christian music in a way that is fresh and new and that is relevant to new generations of people."

"City RockFest" is a multi-venue tour featuring the five bands, as well as Decyfer Down and Spoken, who did not play in Big Spring.

Tierra Mace and Tinker Granzin of San Angelo were at the concert with Tierra's father.

"I've listened to these bands ever since I was little because my dad really likes them, so we decided to go with him," she said. "I don't think [Tinker has] ever really heard of them or heard any of their songs, but I brought her. I'm a Christian so I like

that aspect of it, but I also like that it's, like, rock."

Tinker added that she was enjoying the concert so far.

"I've listened to it a bit when I'm over at her house, but it's a new experience for me and I'm really excited for it," she said. "I was at a Foreigner concert a few weeks ago, so this is a neat little change up."

Samuel Eubanks traveled all the way from Oklahoma to be at the concert.

"It's pretty rock-and-roll music, good to hang out with, but it's also Christian music," he said. "It's good to listen to the Gospel. It's just really good music. Disciple. Really good bands, Christian bands. Just want to rock out!"

HERALD photos/Roger Cline

Clockwise from top: Christian band Disciple rocks out at the City RockFest concert Feb. 18 at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium. Disciple was the concert's headliner; lead singer Spencer Minor of Scarlet White is silhouetted by a spotlight as he sings an emotional phrase; before the concert, band members fielded questions from audience members holding "VIP" passes which they won in contests in the days leading up to the event; eager concert-goers line up outside the Auditorium. About 500 people attended; Aaron Watkins, lead singer of Random Hero, performs before cheering audience members.



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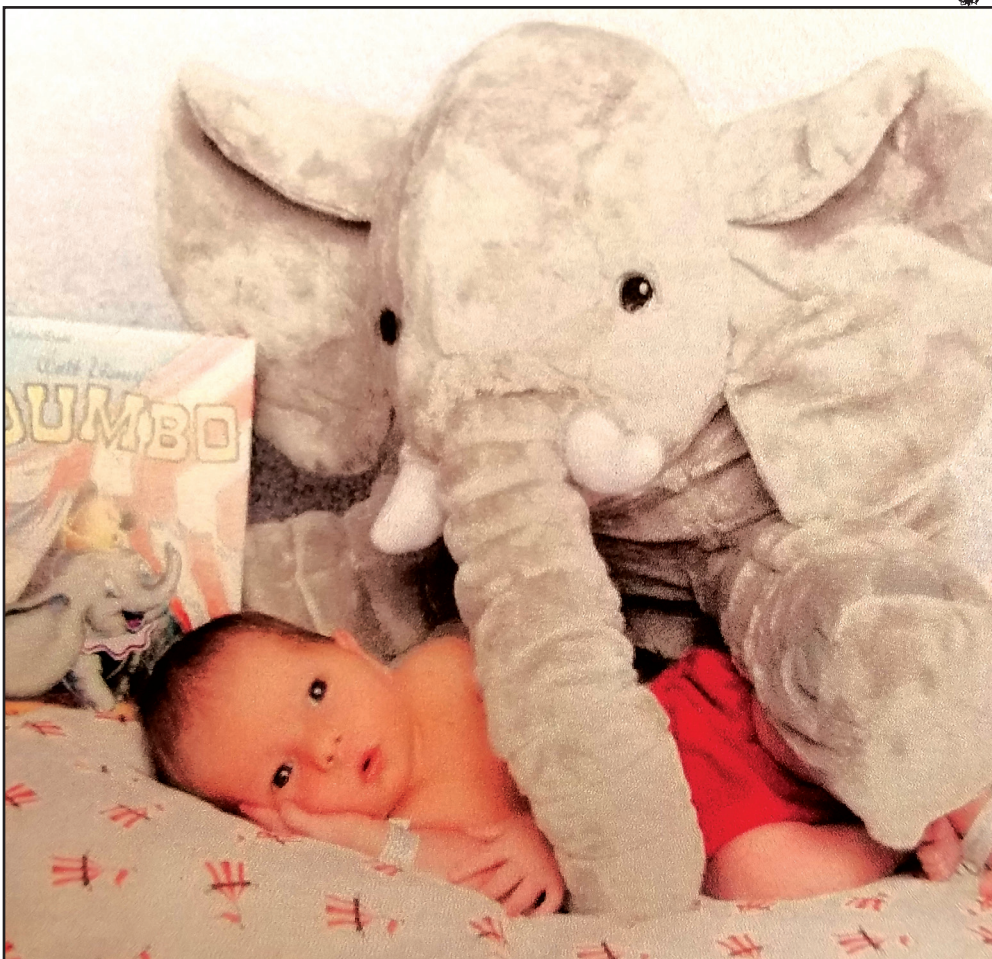


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Koby was happily welcomed by older brothers Kaylor Jay and Kashton Jacob.

Proud grandparents are Mike Scarbrough of Big Spring; Colin and Darleen Cameron of Austin; and Joseph and Lisa Petrowski of Big Spring. Judy Via of Big Spring is his loving great-grandmother. Koby is blessed with many uncles, aunts, and cousins.

## Howard County lunch menus

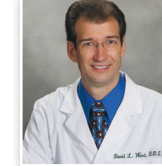
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Tuesday: Breakfast: Pancake on a stick, grapes, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Ham macaroni, Italian bread, garlic broccoli, mandarin oranges, veggie cups, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Sausage roll, apples, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Meatloaf bowl, roll, corn, mashed potatoes, fruit cocktail, garden salad, fruit cup, chocolate crackers, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Baked cheese stick, banana, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Pepper Jack enchilada, Spanish rice, baked beans, strawberries and bananas, garden salad, veggie cups, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: French toast, sausage patty, orange smiles, juice, milk; Lunch: Pizza dippers with sauce, French fries, salad, sliced apples, fruit cup, milk.

### Coahoma ISD

Monday: Breakfast: Morning sausage roll or cereal with cinnamon buttered toast, chilled pineapple, fruit juice, milk, jelly; Lunch: Chicken bites basket with seasoned fries or Italian pasta salad with chicken or chicken spaghetti or honey lemon baked chicken, scalloped potatoes, green peas, Romaine spinach garden salad, apples and oranges, baked cinnamon apples, wholegrain rolls.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza or cereal with buttered toast, fruit juice, fresh fruit, milk, Lunch: Ham and cheese sandwich basket with Sun Chips or crispy chicken tenders salad or jammin chicken jambalaya or chicken and sausage gumbo with rice, Creole green beans, yellow squash, Romaine spinach garden salad, bananas and oranges, fruit slush cup, wholegrain crackers.

Wednesday: Breakfast: French toast sticks or oatmeal with cinnamon buttered toast, chilled mixed fruit, fruit juice, milk, syrup; Lunch: Meatball marinara sub basket with seasoned fries or grilled chicken Caesar salad or homestyle pizza (cheese or pepperoni) or loaded baked potato with roll or chicken fajita, steamed corn, mixed vegetables, Romaine spinach garden salad, rosy applesauce, cheese, green onions, bacon bits, butter, sour cream, oranges and apples, chocolate chip cookie.

Thursday: Breakfast: Biscuits with sausage gravy or cereal with buttered toast, fruit juice, fresh fruit, milk, jelly; Lunch: Mini corn dogs basket with sea-

soned fries or chicken taco salad or chicken quesadilla or soft beef tacos, Spanish rice, charro beans, lettuce and tomato salad, fruit slush cup, salsa, jalapeno, sour cream, bananas and oranges, shredded cheese.

Friday: Breakfast: Homestyle cinnamon roll or cereal with cinnamon buttered toast, chilled mandarin oranges, fruit juice, milk, jelly; Lunch: Mac rib sandwich basket with French fries, chicken bites salad, grilled chicken sandwich, spicy chicken sandwich, broccoli and cheese soup, French fries, Romaine spinach garden salad, blushing pears, apples and oranges.

### Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast: Pancake wrap with yogurt or cereal with toast, fruit juice, mandarin oranges, fruit, milk; Lunch: Popcorn chicken or steak fingers, mashed potatoes and gravy, garden salad, fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Blueberry mini-pancakes or cereal with toast, fruit juice, applesauce, fresh fruit, milk; Lunch: Chicken sandwich or chicken Parmesan with breadstick, corn, garden salad, fresh fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: French toast or cereal with toast, fruit juice, mandarin oranges, fresh fruit, milk; Lunch: Pizza or chef's salad, Italian vegetables, fresh veggie cup, garden salad, fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pocket or cereal with toast, fruit juice, mandarin oranges, fruit, milk; Lunch: Chicken nuggets with roll or chicken spaghetti with breadstick, savory green beans, garden salad, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Dutch waffle or variety cereal with toast, fruit juice, mandarin oranges, fresh fruit, milk. Lunch: Hamburger or corn-dog, tater tots, pinto beans, baby carrots, fresh fruit, milk

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Monday: Breakfast: Breakfast bread slice, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk; Lunch:

Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, roll, garden salad, Tuscan vegetables, fresh seasonal fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Sausage biscuit, fruit, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Pizza, baby carrots, steamed broccoli, chilled pineapple, sugar cookie, milk, fruit.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Breakfast sliders, fruit, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Tex-Mex stack, Spanish rice, lettuce and tomato garnish, refried beans, salsa, tiny tomato cup, hot cinnamon apples, milk, fruit.

Thursday: Breakfast: Waffles, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Hamburger, hamburger garnish, fries, fresh veggie cup, orange smiles, milk, fruit.

Friday: Breakfast: Egg and cheese sandwich, fruit, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Pulled pork slider, multi-grain chips, coleslaw, savory green beans, apple slices, milk, fruit.

### Big Spring Senior Center

Monday: Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, onion, sweet potato fries, fresh oranges, milk.

Tuesday: Mexican chicken, lime cilantro rice, calabacita, oatmeal cookies, tortilla, milk.

Wednesday: Sliced ham, potatoes with onions, green bean casserole, lime pineapple Jell-O, bread, milk.

Thursday: Steak fingers, cream gravy, French fries, spinach, fruit cocktail, bread, milk.

Friday: Catfish with tartar sauce, corn on the cob, okra, hush puppies, lemon pudding, milk.



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## Judge bars several accusers from testifying at Cosby's trial

By MARYCLAIRE DALE

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — In a major break for Bill Cosby, a judge ruled Friday that just one of the comedian's multitude of other accusers can testify at his trial to bolster charges he drugged and violated a woman more than a decade ago.

The 79-year-old TV star is set to go on trial in June, accused of sexually assaulting former Temple University employee Andrea Constand at his suburban Philadelphia home in 2004. Prosecutors wanted to put 13 other women on the stand to show that his alleged conduct was part of a distinct pattern of behavior.

Montgomery County Judge Steven O'Neill disallowed all but one of those women, saying in a one-page ruling that he carefully weighed the possible value of their testimony against the potential prejudice to Cosby.

The one witness who can testify says the comic drugged and assaulted her in 1996 at a Los Angeles hotel.

With O'Neill's ruling, the trial will now rest more heavily on Constand's credibility.

"There is an obvious value to the prosecution when you have numerous accusers. That alone adds tremendous weight to the case," said lawyer Joseph McGettigan, a prosecutor in the Penn State sex abuse scandal.

The ruling could also shave weeks off the trial.

Cosby, who is free on \$1 million bail, could get 10 years in prison if convicted. He is expected in court again Monday to ask that the jurors be selected from another county because of the heavy publicity.

Prosecutors compiled the list of 13 potential witnesses from the nearly 50 women who have come forward in recent years to say they were drugged and molested — a barrage that destroyed Cosby's good-guy reputation as the star of TV's "Cosby Show" in the 1980s.

His lawyers objected to the testimony about "prior bad acts," saying that in some cases the sex was consensual, while others involved former models and actresses falsely accusing Cosby to gain money or attention.

His attorneys also argued that some of the allegations were so vague — with some of the women unsure of when the alleged encounters even took place — that it would be impossible for Cosby to defend himself.

While the ruling is a big victory for Cosby at his trial, it could deprive him of grounds for appeal if he is convicted.

In 2015, a Pennsylvania appeals court threw out a Roman Catholic Church official's conviction because the jury was allowed to hear from 23 priest-abuse victims who were not directly part of the case.

"It's the best of times and the worst of times for Cosby. It gives the defendant the opportunity to try the case that should be tried, the lone accuser," said defense lawyer William J. Brennan, who was involved in the church case. "If it doesn't go his way, he probably is limited on appellate issues. However, I'd take this, hands down, over the alternative."

The ruling is one of two key pretrial issues in the case. The judge earlier ruled that the jury can hear Cosby's damaging testimony from Constand's 2005 lawsuit against the comedian.

Cosby's deposition runs to nearly 1,000 pages and covers a string of extramarital liaisons dating to the 1960s. It was the release of the sealed testimony in 2015 that led prosecutors to reopen the case.



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# Roger's Reviews: The Great Wall



**W**hen I first heard the premise of "The Great Wall," the new movie starring Matt Damon, I wasn't impressed. A fantasy version of the Great Wall of China being attacked by monsters and defended by...Matt Damon? It sounded like it had the potential to be a flop on par with 1997's "Warriors of Virtue." Don't remember "Warriors of Virtue"? Good. But, I'm happy to report, "The Great Wall" isn't anywhere near that bad.



ROGER CLINE

When "The Great Wall" was first announced, it generated a few charges of "Hollywood white-washing" because it's a story about a Chinese subject starring a white man; "The Great Wall" was actually made in China, and the casting decisions aren't Hollywood's, but were made by Hong Kong-based



Legendary East, and the state-run China Film Group Corporation production companies.

The film starts out with a group of men being pursued in a barren landscape by bandits. During the chase, some of the men are killed, but a group of four, including William (Damon) and Tovar (Pedro Pascal) escape and make camp. We learn that the group are mercenaries seeking the secret of gunpowder from the Chinese. During the night, the camp is attacked by an unknown creature. The two other men are killed, but William manages to cut off the creature's claw and kill it by knocking it off a cliff. The next day, the bandits return, pursuing the two men until they run smack into the Great Wall of China. The bandits are unwilling to approach the edifice, so William and Tovar surrender to the Chinese army garrisoning the wall.

Commanders of various military groups, including the beautiful Commander Lin (Jing Tian) are summoned to discuss what to do with the two men. Lin speaks English and is able to translate for the captives. During the meeting, William reveals the claw of the creature he killed. The commanders recognize it as the claw of a Tao Tei, one of the monsters the wall was built to defend against. Lin and the other commanders express extreme distrust of the European men and disbelief that William could kill one alone. During the meeting, the alarm goes up...the wall is being attacked! William and Tovar are sent with guards to be locked up during the coming battle, but the bumbling guard can't find his key, so they are instead manacled and brought to the battlements.

During the battle, we see that there are several groups of defenders, designated by different colored uniforms. There are melee specialists, archers, siege-weapon engineers, mounted troops, and the acrobatic "Crane Troop" under Lin's command. During the battle, we see the specialty of Lin and her female warriors: Tied to long ropes and armed with spears, they dive off the wall and attack the monsters from above before being hauled back up by winches.

When monsters begin to overwhelm the defenses, William convinces a Peng Yong (Lu Han), that inept guard from earlier, to free him and his companion. William and Tovar then mount a rousing defense of the wall, killing several of the creatures, and saving Peng Yong's life in the process. It is during this battle that we learn that William is an exceptional archer.

Their performance in the battle impresses Wil-

liam and Tovar's Chinese captors, and they meet Sir Ballard (Willem Dafoe), a fellow European who has been at the wall for 25 years. Apparently, the army garrisoning the wall, known as "The Nameless Order," is so keen to keep the defenses of the wall secret that they won't let anyone who has seen them leave...ever.

William, Tovar, and Ballard hatch a plan to steal gunpowder from the wall's armory. Meanwhile, Lin shows William around, and tells him that she has been part of the Nameless Order since she was a young girl. He comments that they are similar, since he has been a warrior since he was young, but she says they are different because he fights for money while she fights for her friends and country.

So William is torn between carrying out the plan to steal the gunpowder, thereby betraying Lin and the Nameless Order, or siding with them and betraying Tovar.

Other key characters include Strategist Wang (Andy Lau), an important commander in the Nameless Order and the guy in charge of the gunpowder; General Shao (Zhang Hanyu), the Nameless Order's leader; and the Emperor (Wang Junkai).

There's a lot of fun fantasy action in "The Great Wall." A lot of it is improbable - the whole premise of Lin's Crane Troop seems a bit far-fetched - but that doesn't mean it's not fun to watch.

There are a couple of downsides. One, there's too much Damon. Yeah, we get it, this is a Matt Damon vehicle designed to boost Matt Damon's action hero chops. But this movie could have used a bit less Matt Damon and a bit more time devoted to characters such as Ballard, or the interplay between Commander Wang and the emperor's envoy who orders a captured Tao Tei monster be sent to the capital so the Emperor can look at it. There are plot elements going on here other than Matt Damon that could use a little more exploration. Just sayin'.

Also, there are the well-worn tropes and logic holes. So you've got a ginormous horde of unstoppable monsters that can be completely crippled by the loss of one specific monster? Check. Any monster that gets near a magnet can't move, and yet there seems to be only one fist-sized magnet in all of China? Check. Good times.

Like I said, "The Great Wall" is a fun movie if you don't take it too seriously, can handle peak Damon, and can overlook the common action movie guff. 6 stars out of 10.

### The Great Wall

Director: Zhang Yimou

Writer: Screenplay by Carlo Bernard, Doug Miro, and Tony Gilroy; story by Max Brooks, Edward Zwick, and Marshall Herskovitz

Production companies: Legendary East, Le Vision Pictures, Atlas Entertainment, and China Film Group

PG-13, 1 hr. 43 min, Action|Adventure|Fantasy, Feb. 17, 2017

Roger saw this movie at Big Spring's own Cinemark Cinema 4, located in the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. For more information visit [www.cinemark.com](http://www.cinemark.com) and enter the ZIP code 79720.

# Who's who in Howard County Sandra Green



**Where do you work?** Big Spring Herald

**Where were you born?** Colorado City, Texas

**What city do you live in?** Big Spring

**Who is in your family?** Husband Floyd Green; son Frankie Green and wife Aaliyah; daughters Stephanie Marques and husband Alex, and Kathy Green, five grandkids: Jayden, Amayah, Brennan, Noah, and Lillie.

**What hobbies, organizations, and clubs do you enjoy?** Church as an ordained minister. I love working with children.

**What is your favorite book?** The Bible

**What is your favorite TV show?** The View

**What are your favorite movies?** Remember the Titans, War Room.

**Where would you visit if you could go anywhere?** The Holy Land

## Upcoming events at the Wagner Noel

The following events are coming soon at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. FM 1788 in Midland:

- Sunday: British Invasion. Midland/Odessa Symphony and Chorale presents their 2016-17 Season.

- Wednesday: One Night of Queen, performed by Gary Mullen and The Works.

- Thursday: "Rent" 20th Anniversary Tour (Broadway).

- March 4: Five By Design in Mad Men Era Concert. Midland/Odessa Symphony and Chorale presents their 2016-17 Season.

- March 6: The Illusionists. Broadway's biggest-selling magic spectacular.

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*O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in the necessity. There are none that can withstand your power.*

*O show me you are my Mother, O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you. (3 times)*

*Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands. (3 times)*

*Said 3 consecutive days; after 3 days request will be granted.*

*This prayer must be published after the favor is granted.*



## Fight winter allergies and maintain your HVAC system

Texas weather tends to be unpredictable, and this winter is a perfect example. Unpredictable weather can result in a higher possibility for allergies to affect your daily life.

According to energy.gov, furnaces and air conditioners need their filters cleaned and changed every couple of months. A dirty filter can also increase energy costs and damage equipment. So while your allergies may be caused by cedar or mold, regularly maintaining your home's heating and cooling systems can improve the overall air quality of your home, cut energy costs and help alleviate allergies.



HEATHER MASSEY

If your AC needs a bit of work or isn't cooling properly, annual spring maintenance can help improve efficiency and prolong the life of your unit. Common air conditioner problems include a low or leaking refrigerant, issues with the thermostat, a clogged drain or a dirty filter.

Last year, BBB received 4,850 complaints against heating and air conditioning businesses nationwide. Most complaints against heating and air conditioning businesses report issues with guarantees/warranties, customer service and services performed by the business.



Better Business Bureau serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin offers the following advice when looking for a trustworthy HVAC contractor:

- Consult your owner's manual. Before doing anything, check the warranty on your current air conditioning unit to determine whether any tuneups, repairs or replacements may be covered. Know the model of your system and the problem – this will make it easier for the contractor to find the source of the problem and fix it faster.
- Hire a professional to maintain your heating and cooling system. Arrange for annual maintenance with a qualified technician. This includes checking the airflow through the evaporator coil, testing for leaks and for the correct amount of refrigerant, checking the accuracy of the thermostat and ensuring proper airflow to each room.
- Research the business. Visit bbb.org for the BBB Business Profile of any air conditioning service company or contractor you plan to hire to learn details about the company, like its history of complaints. Also, ask around for references.
- Check licensing. The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation requires a license for heating, ventilation and air conditioning technicians and electricians. Ask to see a copy of the license before work starts.
- Compare prices. Get at least three estimates in writing. All bids should provide a full description of the services provided and the materials used. When you have chosen a contractor, be sure the contract is in writing.

Heather Massey is the regional director for the Permian Basin office of Better Business Bureau serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin. Heather is available for media interviews and speaking engagements. You can reach her by phone: (432) 563-1880 or email: hmassey@permianbasin.bbb.org.

## Ribbon cutting



Courtesy photo

Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce representatives were on hand recently to help Big Spring Iron & Metal, 101 Wooten Road, during a ribbon cutting.

## Permits

- Denny's, 1710 E. Third St., commercial alteration/addition, Val: \$80,000, Fee: \$380
- Cindy Jones, 706 Tulsa Rd., siding, Val: \$7,900, Fee: \$50
- Michele Dippel Wells, 1730 Purdue Ave., res re-roof, Val: \$3,500, Fee: \$30
- Lesia Jo Roberts, 2300 Merrily Dr., res plumb, Val: \$200, Fee: \$32
- Oralia Armendariz, 1008 N. Gregg St., res re-roof, Val: \$500, Fee: \$25
- Mark Anthony Gomez, 402 NW Ninth St., structure (fence), Val: \$600, Fee: \$25
- D. Lee, 617 Tulane Ave., structure (fence), Val: \$3,000, Fee: \$25
- Alan Partee, 1600 Kiowa St., res re-roof, Val: \$15,000, Fee: \$85
- Jimmie Earl Condron, 1814 Settles St., res re-roof, Val: \$2,500, Fee: \$25
- Kevin Kesler, 1404 Park St., accessory building, Val: \$2,963, Fee: \$25
- Francisco Villanueva Jr., 4030 Vicky St., res gas, Val: \$800, Fee: \$32
- Guy White, 706 S. Main St., com re-roof, Val: \$6,400, Fee: \$45
- Andrea Lee Barr, 509 Hillside Dr., res re-roof, Val: \$8,000, Fee: \$50
- Robert K. Redford, 708 Ohio St., res elec, Val: \$1, Fee: \$25
- Logan Pierce, 1304 Mt. Vernon Ave., res re-roof, Val: \$4,200, Fee: \$35
- Puga's Body Shop, 1410 E. Fourth St., com elec., Val: 0, Fee: \$25

- Barbra Ayers, 1313 Stadium Ave., res gas, Val: \$1,500, Fee: \$32
- Roy Hughes, 2709 Central Dr., res elec, Val: \$800, Fee: \$25
- Robert E. Rainwater, 4219 Calvin St., res gas, Val: \$1,000, Fee: \$32
- Tyson Blair, 610 E. Fourth St., com elec, Val: 0, Fee: \$25
- David Alan Larson, 2305 Alabama St., accessory building, Val: \$7,000, Fee: \$45
- Tall Wall LLC, 3237 Drexel Ave., res re-roof, Val: \$5,500, Fee: \$40
- Tall Wall LLC, 1723 Purdue Ave., res re-roof, Val: \$4,200, Fee: \$35
- Bob G. Evans, 2319 Allendale Rd., res re-roof, Val: \$10,300, Fee: \$65
- Janet Lee Somers, 3304 Drexel Ave., res re-roof, Val: \$5,300, Fee: \$40
- Connie Hilario, 3214 Auburn Ave., structure (fence), Val: \$1,500, Fee: \$25
- Drewcilla Lopez, 807 W. 14th St., res re-roof, Val: \$9,400, Fee: \$60
- Dell's Cafe, 1606 E. Fourth St., com re-roof, Val: \$11,500, Fee: \$70
- 1 Percent Motor Group LLC, 610 Lamesa Highway, sign, Val: \$335, Fee: \$25
- Marisue Cunningham, 2809 Macauslan St., structure (fence), Val: \$2,500, Fee: \$25
- Caleb Wasson, 1900 Main St., res gas, Val: \$500, Fee: \$32
- Caulthorpe A. Clarke, 3700 Calvin St., res re-roof, Val: \$4,500, Fee: \$35

## Public Records

### Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:

- Marcus Joe Anderson, 2621 Chanutte Dr., Big Spring
- Steve Antoine, 1425 E. 6th St. #19, Big Spring
- Corina Avila, 1800 Winston St., Big Spring
- Katie Cole L. Baker, P.O. Box 3372, Big Spring
- Tammy D. Bishop, 1410 Tucson Rd., Big Spring
- Wayne Richard Buyce, 4042 Morningside Way, Canyon Lake
- Ester Hilario Calderon, 1111 W. Fifth St, Big Spring
- Vanessa Malu Calderon, 2600 Chanutte Dr., Big Spring
- Raymond Carroll, 712 E. 17th St., Big Spring
- Gloria Cerna, PO Box 55, Lamesa
- Pedro Chavarria, 1408 E. Sixth St., Big Spring
- Matilda Cortez, 302 N. St. Teresa, Stanton
- Hannah Deaton, 19634 Atasca Oaks Dr., Humble
- Tina Marie Ellis, 4002 Austin Ave., Snyder
- Selena Bethani Enriquez-King, 100 E. Parker, Midland
- Brittany Vanessa Escanuela, 1221 E. 17th St., Big Spring
- Jose Enrique Faz, 509 N. Goliad, Big Spring
- Juana Fierro, 406 N.W. 5th St., Big Spring
- William Gene Garner, 704 Rosemont, Big Spring
- Anthony Ray Garza, 117 E. Davis, Big Spring
- Guillermo Gomez, 2107 Morrison, Big Spring
- James Michael Griffin, 303 Butler St. #502, Atlanta
- Christina Nichole Gutierrez, 2809

- 25th St., Snyder
- Dylan Hammons, 4401 E. 11th Place, Big Spring
- Adela Juarez Hernandez, 908 NW First St., Big Spring
- Matias Hernandez Jr., 620 E. 4th St., San Angelo
- Kaleb Hill, 910 Baylor, Big Spring
- Shatiya Lasha Jenkins, 4590 N. Texas #198, Odessa
- Stephanie Ford Johnson, P.O. Box 483, Coahoma
- Keith James Kochmick, 1003 Stadium, Big Spring
- Aaron Christopher Mack, 2134 Bonham Ave., Odessa
- Ruann R. Martinez, 1005 N.W. 2nd St., Big Spring
- Heriberto Palafox Mora, 1311 Mobile St., Big Spring
- Felicia Ornelas, 538 Westover No. 236, Big Spring
- Nicole Preston, 1605 E. 11th Place, Big Spring
- Gilbert P. Ramirez, 1614 Settles, Big Spring
- John Roberts, 2208 Alabama, Big Spring
- George Anthony Robinson Jr., 1905 Wasson Rd. #14, Big Spring
- Andy Rodriguez, 1904 Runnels Street, Big Spring
- Linda Eva Rodriguez, 2519 Gunter Circle, Big Spring
- Juan Romero, 2504 March Circle, Big Spring
- Veronica Romero, 103 Becker Road, Big Spring
- Yuri Lozano Rubio, 421 Cedar, P.O. Box 173, Colorado City
- Polly Ann Rusk, 4201 W. Highway 80, Big Spring
- Stacie Lyanne Salas, 5102 Wasson Road, Big Spring
- Shane Skaggs, 1 Courtney Place 301, Big Spring
- Joe Anthony Villarreal, 2206 Cecilia,

- Big Spring
- Ricky Lynn Waltenbaugh, 538 Westover Road Apt. # 133, Big Spring
- Linda Cortez White, 6601 E. Robinson Rd., P.O. Box 429, Coahoma
- Tamara Ruth Whitt, 3706 Connley Big Spring
- Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd. Apt. #28, Big Spring

- ### Marriage Licenses
- Justin Kyle Bennett, 28, and Christy Michelle Reyes, 38, both of Big Spring.
  - Michael Bradley Williams, 25, and Sierra Jade Townsend, 21, both of Big Spring.
  - James Blake Fulce, 25, and Chelsea Brianna Carrillo, 23, both of Big Spring.
  - Shayne Christopher Hudgins, 47, and Debra Ann Claxton, 48, both of Big Spring.

- ### District Court Filings
- Howard County, et al vs. Jay Robinson et al, tax cases.
  - Coahoma Independent School District vs. Industrias Cost Mesa SA De C.V., a Mexican corporation, tax cases.
  - City of Big Spring, Howard County, Big Spring ISD, City of Coahoma, City of Forsan, Forsan ISD, Howard County Water Control and Improvement District #1, Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District, Howard County Junior College District vs. Brooke Grant, tax cases.
  - Elpidia Herrera vs. Pedro Herrera, divorce.
  - Jimmie Willis Jr. vs. Danny Stoker, contract – consumer/commercial debt
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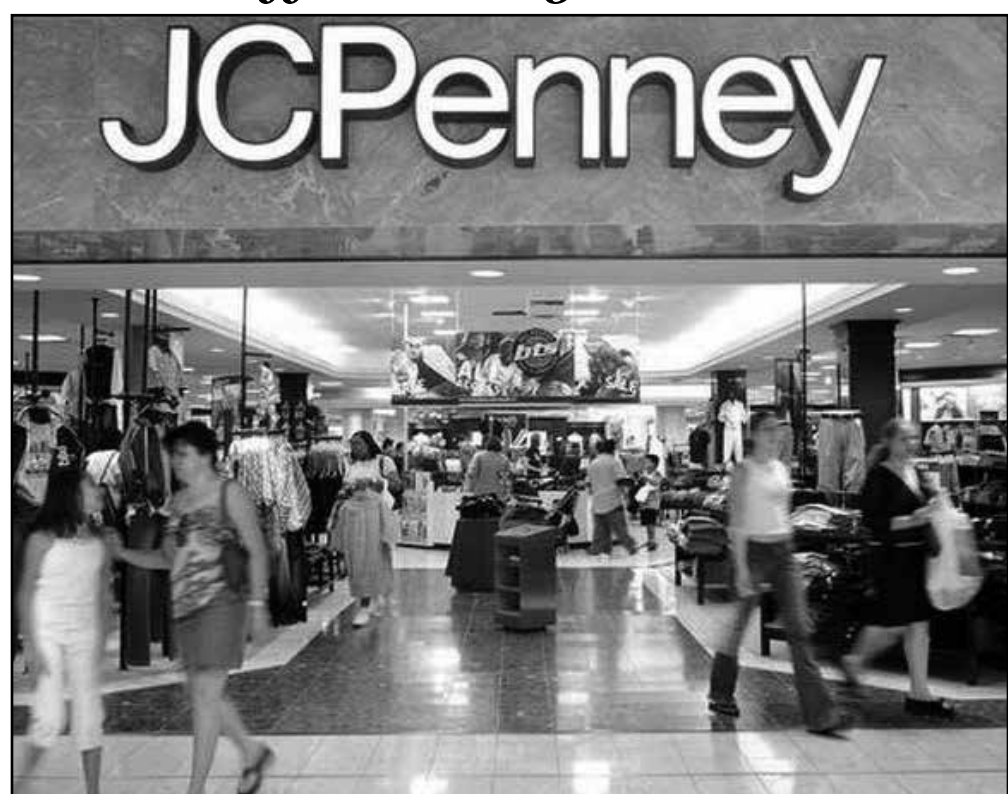
# J.C. Penney to shut 130-plus stores, offer early retirements

**By ANNE D'INNOCENZIO**  
 AP Retail Writer  
 NEW YORK (AP) — J.C. Penney is joining its department store rivals in pruning its store numbers in an era of online shopping.  
 Penney said Friday that it will close 130 to 140 stores as well as two distribution centers over the next several months as it tries to improve profitability. The company said that it would also initiate a voluntary early retirement program for about 6,000

eligible employees.  
 The news came as Penney posted a profit for the fourth quarter, compared to a loss a year ago. But total sales were down slightly, and a key revenue metric declined a bit as well. The company issued a conservative annual forecast, sending shares down 9 percent on Friday.

CEO Marvin Ellison acknowledged that Penney wasn't strategic with promotions, which hurt profit margins, and said that its level of couponing was "unhealthy." It plans to use a more data-driven approach to pricing this year after testing the strategy in some categories last year.

Like other department stores, J.C. Penney is trying to adjust to changing shopping patterns. But it is also still recovering from a catastrophic reinvention plan under a former CEO that sent sales and profits free-falling starting in 2012. Since then, it has focused efforts



AP photo

**In this Aug. 16, 2005 file photo, customers walk out of a J.C. Penny department store in Dallas. J.C. Penney said Friday, Feb. 24, 2017, that it will be closing anywhere from 130 to 140 stores as well as two distribution centers over the next several months as it aims to improve profitability in the era of online shopping.**

on its home area, started selling major appliances again and expanded its number of in-store Sephora beauty shops.

While its annual sales still shrunk, what's encouraging is Penney's profit picture. Penney was able to pull in a \$1 million profit for the full fiscal year, the first time it earned an annual profit since 2010. The stores it is closing represent about 13 percent to 14 percent of its current store count of about 1,000, but less than 5 percent of total annual sales.

"With a slimmed-down store portfolio, (J.C. Penney) will be able to focus on making its remaining stores more of a destination," said Neil Saunders, managing director of GlobalData Retail. "This is essential, as while progress has been made on categories like home, other departments still require attention."

Penney managed to outperform some of its rivals. Kohl's Corp. reported a drop in fiscal fourth-quarter

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## RECORDS

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Laredo Petroleum Inc. vs. Eleanor Roberts, Joy Stockton, Helen Roberts Franczyk, Thelma Wilson, Gerald Garvin Jr., real property.

Schemickia Crosby vs. Harry Crosby, protective order.

State of Texas vs. Shane Knowlton, civil cases relating to criminal matters.

State of Texas vs. Andrew Yanez, civil cases relating to criminal matters.

County Court Judgements (The State of Texas is listed as the prosecutor in all county court judgements)

Defendant: Joan Tatum  
 Offense: Assault against elderly/disabled individual  
 Sentence: \$100 fine, \$292 court costs, 30 days in jail.  
 Date: Feb. 6, 2017

Defendant: Marcus Sturgill  
 Offense: Criminal trespassing  
 Sentence: \$100 fine, \$292 court costs, 20 days in jail.  
 Date: Feb. 6, 2017

Defendant: Laron C. Allison  
 Offense: Assault causing bodily injury  
 Sentence: \$100 fine, \$292 court costs, 30 days in jail.  
 Date: Feb. 6, 2017

Defendant: Juan Hinojosa  
 Offense: Driving with an invalid license with previous conviction or suspension without financial responsibility  
 Sentence: \$250 fine, 180 days in jail. Probated six months.  
 Date: Feb. 7, 2017

Defendant: Eric D. Hinojosa  
 Offense: Assault causing bodily injury  
 Sentence: Revocation of probation: \$750 fine, \$337 court costs, 6 days in jail.  
 Date: Feb 6, 2017

Defendant: Taviance Clemmons  
 Offense: Driving with a suspended license with previous conviction or suspension without financial responsibility  
 Sentence: \$500 fine, \$239 court costs, one-time payment.  
 Date: Jan. 31, 2017

### Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Paulette Watson Kerr, by and through her

agent and attorney-in-fact Robert E. Kerr

Grantee: Erbey and Blanca Lopez

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Date: Feb. 16, 2017

Grantor: Paulette Watson Kerr, by and through her agent and attorney-in-fact Robert E. Kerr

Grantee: Erbey and Blanca Lopez

Property: A 1.0-acre tract in E/2 Sec. 43, Blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P Railroad Co. survey

Date: Feb. 16, 2017

Grantor: Dan and Kathy Lusk

Grantee: Connie L. Cowart

Property: Lot 8, Blk. 5, Park Hill Addition

Date: Feb. 16, 2017

Grantor: Samuel Wesley Boullioun, independent executor of the estate of Anna Claire Waters Boullioun, deceased.

Grantee: Elbert Oran Boullioun and Samuel Wesley Boullioun

Property: Tract 1: A 1/10 undivided interest in a 54-acre tract in the north part of Sec. 7, Blk. 32, T-2-S, T&P Railroad Co. survey; Tract 2: A 90-acre tract in Sec. 7, Blk. 32, T-2-S, T&P Railroad Co. survey; Tract 3: A 1/10 undivided interest in a 152-acre tract in Sec. 6, Blk. 32, T-2-S, T&P Railroad Co. survey; Tract 4: A 160-acre tract in Sec. 6, Blk. 32, T-2-S, T&P Railroad Co. survey.

Date: Feb. 16, 2017

Grantor: Julia B. Puga

Grantee: Mark Gomez

Property: All of grantor's interest in S/2 Lot 7, Blk. 101, Original Town of Big Spring.

Date: Feb. 16, 2017

Grantor: Florence 80 L.L.C.

Grantee: Delhur Industries Inc.

Property: A 34.337-acre tract in Sec. 22, Blk. 33, T-1-N, T&P Railroad Co. survey

Date: Feb. 21, 2017

### Warranty Deeds With Vendors' Liens

Grantor: HET, L.L.C

Grantee: Justin and Briana Gard

Property: A 17.623-acre tract in north part of Sec. 1, Blk. 32, T-2-S, T&P Railroad Co. survey

Date: Feb. 21, 2017

## US stocks dip as banks and energy companies fall

**By MARLEY JAY**

AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. stocks are losing ground Friday as banks fall and energy companies continue to slide, putting the Dow Jones industrial average on track to break a 10-day winning streak. The losses are modest, but there's far more selling than buying on Wall Street.

Investors are looking for safer places to put their money, as they've done over the last few days. Bond prices are rising and yields are dropping. That's sending interest rates lower, which hurts banks. High-dividend stocks are rising.

**KEEPING SCORE:** The Dow Jones industrial average lost 46 points, or 0.2 percent, to 20,764 as of 1:05 p.m. Eastern time. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 4 points, or 0.2 percent, to 2,359. The Nasdaq composite sank 11 points, or 0.2 percent, to 5,824. The Russell 2000 index, which tracks smaller companies, slid 3 points, or 0.2 percent, to 1,391. Major indexes are mixed this week but remain close to all-time highs.

**BONDS:** Bond prices sank again. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note slid to 2.33 percent from 2.39 percent. Lower bond yields push interest rates lower, which means banks will make less money on mortgages and other loans. Wells Fargo slipped 94 cents, or 1.6 percent, to \$57.55 and Bank of America fell 45 cents, or 1.9 percent, to \$24.13. Investment banks and insurers traded lower as well.

With yields down, investors bought phone company and utility stocks, which pay large dividends similar to bonds. AT&T rose 20

cents to \$42.15 and American Electric Power gained \$1.04, or 1.6 percent, to \$67.05.

**HPE HURTING:** Hewlett Packard Enterprise, which sells data-center hardware and other commercial tech gear to big organizations, slumped after cutting its profit estimate for the year. It named several problems including the strong dollar, expenses, and other problems that it said will be "near-term." The company's quarterly sales dropped 10 percent and weren't as strong as analysts hoped. Its stock skidded \$1.83, or 7.4 percent, to \$22.83.

Chipmakers and other technology companies also lost ground.

**METAL GAINS:** Gold and silver continued to rise. Gold, which jumped 1.5 percent a day earlier, picked up 0.5 percent to \$1,258.20 an ounce. The metal is trading at its highest price since just after the presidential election, although it's down sharply from this summer. Silver added 1.5 percent, to \$18.38 an ounce and copper moved higher after a steep loss the previous day. That helped mining companies trade higher.

**PENNEY POUNDED:** Department store operator J.C. Penney said it will close 130 to 140 stores and two distribution centers in the next few months. That's about 14 percent of its stores. Penney also said it will offer voluntary early retirement plans to about 6,000 employees. The company is trying to cut costs as it competes with online retailers. Its stock gave up 37 cents, or 5.4 percent, to \$6.49.

Competitor Nordstrom jumped after it disclosed a better-than-expected quarterly profit with help from strong sales online and at

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# Dakota Access oil pipeline could be operating within weeks

By **BLAKE NICHOLSON** and  
**James MacPHERSON**

Associated Press

CANNON BALL, N.D. (AP) — Oil could be flowing through the \$3.8 billion Dakota Access pipeline in less than two weeks, according to court documents filed by the developer just before police and soldiers started clearing a protest camp in North Dakota where pipeline opponents had gathered for the better part of a year.

Energy Transfer Partners has finished drilling under Lake Oahe and will soon be laying pipe under the Missouri River reservoir, the Dallas-based company said.

"Dakota Access estimates and targets that the pipeline will be complete and ready to flow oil anywhere between the week of March 6, 2017, and April 1, 2017," company attorney William Scherman said in the documents filed in Washington, D.C., on Tuesday.

The work under the Missouri River reservoir is the last stretch of the 1,200-mile pipeline that will move oil from North Dakota through South Dakota and Iowa to a shipping point in Illinois. ETP got permission for the lake work last month from the pro-energy Trump administration, though American Indian tribes continue fighting the project in court.

The Standing Rock and Cheyenne River Sioux tribes say the pipeline threatens their drinking water, cultural sites and ability to practice their religion, which depends on pure water. ETP rejects those claims and says the pipeline is safe.

The tribes have been fighting the construction since last summer, when an initial lawsuit was filed.

They have also asked U.S. District Judge James Boasberg to overturn permission for the river crossing; The Standing Rock Sioux filed a motion earlier this month, and the Standing Rock tribe filed a similar request on Wednesday. ETP didn't immediately respond to the motions.

Several groups including the National Congress of American Indians and the Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Association along with 34 other tribes on Thursday filed a court brief supporting Standing Rock's request.

Boasberg has scheduled a hearing Tuesday on a separate request by the Cheyenne River tribe to temporarily halt the lake work until the full legal battle is resolved.

The drilling work is just to the north of a protest camp on federal land where pipeline opponents had gathered since August. Authorities shut down the camp Wednesday ahead of spring flooding, with an estimated 150-200 protesters leaving peacefully. Po-



**This aerial photo provided the Morton County Sheriff Department shows the closed Dakota Access pipeline protest camp near Cannon Ball, N.D., Thursday, Feb. 23, 2017. Authorities on Thursday cleared the camp where opponents of the pipeline had gathered for the better part of a year, searching tents and huts and arresting dozens of holdouts who had defied a government order to leave.**

AP photo

lice officers and National Guardsmen cleared the camp of people Thursday, searching tents and huts and arresting dozens of holdouts who had defied the government order to leave.

Authorities said they arrested 46 people, including a group of military veterans who had to be carried out and a man who climbed atop a building and stayed there for more than an hour before surrendering.

As police in full riot gear worked to arrest the stragglers, clean-up crews began razing buildings on the square-mile piece of property at the confluence of the Cannonball and Missouri rivers.

American Indian ac-

tivist Chase Iron Eyes, an outspoken supporter of the camp, said its shutdown is not the end of the fight against the pipeline.

## STOCKS

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Nordstrom Rack. Its shares gained \$2.82, or 6.4 percent, to \$46.76. Kohl's also rose \$2.45, or 6 percent, to \$43.36. The stock dipped Thursday after investors weren't thrilled by the company's fourth-quarter report.

**PRISON STOCKS:** For-profit prison operator CoreCivic rose 97 cents, or 2.9 percent, to \$34.97 and Geo Group added \$1.52, or 3.2 percent, to \$48.89. Late Thursday, Attorney General Jeff Sessions directed the federal Bureau of Prisons to continue doing business with private prison operators. That reversed an Obama administration poli-

cy that sent the stocks tumbling when it was announced in August.

The companies operate detention facilities used by Immigration and Customs enforcement as well as prisons and they get about half their revenue from contracts with the federal government. Their stocks have soared since Donald Trump was elected president in November. Investors expected the Obama-era policy would be reversed and that Trump's policies toward immigration and criminal justice would strengthen their business. CoreCivic has climbed 140 percent since the election and Geo Group has doubled in value.

**ENERGY:** Benchmark U.S. crude oil fell 31 cents to \$54.14 a barrel. Brent crude, the

standard for pricing international oils, fell 26 cents to \$56.56 a barrel in London. Energy companies continued to trade lower. They've fallen sharply over the last month. The S&P 500 energy company index is down more than 6 percent this year while the broader S&P is up 5.5 percent.

**CURRENCIES:** The dollar slid to 112.17 yen from 112.75 yen. The euro rose to \$1.0579 from \$1.0574.

**OVERSEAS:** The DAX in Germany fell 1.2 percent and France's CAC 40 slumped 0.9 percent. In Britain the FTSE 100 shed 0.4 percent. Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 lost 0.5 percent and South Korea's Kospi fell 0.6 percent. The Hang Seng of Hong Kong fell 0.5 percent.

## PENNEY

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profit as total sales declined. Revenue at stores opened at least a year dropped 2.2 percent. Nordstrom Inc. reported a better-than-expected quarterly profit with help from strong sales online and at Nordstrom Rack. But at the Nordstrom brand, comparable store sales decreased 2.7 percent. Macy's, the nation's largest department store chain, says its earnings for the quarter that includes the holiday period dropped nearly 13 percent, hurt by lower sales, store closures and other costs.

Given the environment, Penney wants to be less dependent on clothing. It's rolled out major appliances in 500 stores and plans to add 100 more appliance showrooms this year. It has updated its beauty salons, now branded Salon by InStyle. It is also beefing up its store label brands like St. John's Bay. In the fourth quarter, top-performing areas included home, Sephora, its salon business and fine jewelry. Last year, it added 61 Sephora stores for a total of 577. This year, it's adding 77 more.

The Plano, Texas-based company has also now armed its store associates with mobile devices to help check out online shoppers who are picking up orders in the store.

Ellison said the company decided that coordinating a voluntary early

retirement program with the store closures could lessen the effect on employees. He said the number of full-time workers expected to take advantage of the early retirement incentive will far exceed the number of full-time positions affected by the closures.

Penney also emphasized that its stores can be used as leverage against online retailers, especially for picking up online orders, while many solely online companies are seeing dramatically higher fulfillment costs. Ellison said he was pleased by the double-digit growth of jcpenny.com.

For the fiscal fourth quarter, J.C. Penney reported net income of \$192 million, or 61 cents per share. Earnings excluding one-time gains and costs was 64 cents per share. Analysts expected 61 cents per share, according to FactSet.

Revenue totaled \$3.96 billion in the period, down 0.9 percent from a year ago. Sales at stores open at least a year, a key gauge of a retailer's health, slipped 0.7 percent. This figure excludes results from stores recently opened or closed.

Penney expects full-year adjusted earnings of 40 cents to 65 cents per share. Analysts expected 54 cents per share, according to FactSet. The company forecast revenue at stores open at least a year to be down 1 percent to up 1 percent this year.

Shares fell 9 percent, or 62 cents, to \$6.24 on Friday.

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**NOTICE OF 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 a.m. on Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."

To: Andria Abdelhadi, Defendant, Greeting:

Respondent Greeting:

The petition of Ala Abdelhadi, Petitioner has filed in the 118th District Court of Howard County, Texas, on 13th day of February, 2017 against Andria Abdelhadi, Respondent, numbered 51734 and styled IN THE MATTER OF MARRIAGE OF Ala Abdel-

**Public Notice**

hadi vs. Andrai Abdelhadi. The case requests divorce. This case is scheduled for a temporary hearing on March 1, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. The Court has authority in this suit to enter judgement or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property which will be binding on you.

Issued and given under my hand seal of said court at of- fice on this the 21st day of February, 2017.

COLLEEN BARTON  
District Clerk of Howard County, Texas

By Jury Padron, Deputy

#9309 February 26, 2017

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**

**TO THE FOLLOWING :** THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JOHNNY FRANCO **EACH OF YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO APPEAR AND ANSWER HEREIN** at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the first Monday after the expiration of 10 days from the date of issuance of this citation. You may employ an attorney. Your answer must be filed at the Office of the County Clerk, Donna Wright, at 300 Scurry, Big Spring, Texas 79720. The probation is numbered P-14635 and is styled "In the Estate of Johnny Franco" The petition in this Cause was filed on January 24, 2017 in the Country Court of Howard County, Texas. This lawsuit is an action to determine heirship and for Letters of Administration. Applicant is CHRISTI FRANCO as Independent Administration of the Estate of JOHNNY FRANCO.

Plaintiff's Attorney Name And Address:  
Joshua Hamby  
107 W. 4th St.  
Big Spring, TX 79720

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**ISSUED AND GIVEN** under my hand and seal of office on February 16, 2017, at 312 Scurry, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas.

Donna Wright  
Clerk, County Court of Howard County, Texas

BY: Angie Worley  
Deputy

#9306 February 26, 2017

**Real Estate for Rent**

1 acre of land for RV/Mobile Home (not in trailer park) for \$500/month  
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101 Cedar Fresh Remolded 3 bedroom, 3 bath, game-room, parkhill area, low maintenance, aprox 2400 Sq ft & background references. \$1975 Month plus deposit  
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Nice 3 bedroom/ 1 Bath  
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Affordable 2 bedroom/1 bath apartment. Single or couples only.  
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Tina

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By Steve Becker

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South dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**

♠ 9 6 3

♥ A K 5

♦ K 7 2

♣ A K Q 4

**WEST**

♠ 7

♥ J 9 6 4

♦ 10 9 8 3

♣ J 8 6 2

**EAST**

♠ 8 4

♥ Q 10 7 2

♦ A Q 5

♣ 10 9 7 3

**SOUTH**

♠ A K Q J 10 5 2

♥ 8 3

♦ J 6 4

♣ 5

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♣	

Opening lead — ten of diamonds.

In the play of many deals, the winning action is found only because of a fear that certain key cards might be unfavorably located. At times, however, this feat should assert itself during the bidding of a hand, before the play has even begun! For example, take this case where South wound up in six spades after the sequence shown.

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

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CAUSE NO. T-6668  
HOWARD COUNTY,  
ET AL §  
IN THE DISTRICT  
COURT OF  
VS.  
§  
HOWARD COUNTY,  
TEXAS  
JAY ROBINSON, ET  
AL  
§  
118TH  
JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
NOTICE OF SUIT TO  
FORECLOSE TAX  
LIEN  
  
PURSUANT TO  
PROPERTY TAX  
CODE SECTION 33.57

Pursuant to Order  
of the 118th District  
Court of Howard  
County, Texas, notice is  
hereby given to the in-  
dividuals named herein,  
and all other persons  
claiming an interest in  
the property the subject  
of this suit, that suit has  
been filed for fore-  
closure of the tax lien  
against such properties.  
A copy of the Petition  
filed on behalf of the  
various taxing entities  
is attached hereto, and  
such petition describes  
the properties against  
which foreclosure is  
sought, as well as the  
owners of record of any  
interest in such parcels.  
Notice to all owners  
of an interest in such  
properties is hereby  
given as follows:

A petition to fore-  
close the tax lien against  
each parcel shown on  
the Petition was filed on  
the 16th day of Febru-  
ary, 2017, commencing  
foreclosure proceed-  
ings;

The legal description,  
tax account number,  
and, if known, the street  
address for each parcel,  
is shown in the Exhibits  
to the Petition attached  
hereto;

This notice is ad-  
dressed to each owner  
of an interest in each  
parcel as shown in the  
Exhibits to the Petition  
attached hereto;

Final hearing on the  
Petition is scheduled for  
the 13th day of April,  
2017 at 1:00 o'clock  
p.m.;

Each and every  
owner of any interest in  
each parcel the subject  
of this suit may lose  
whatever property in-  
terest they own in such  
parcel as a result of the  
hearing and any subse-  
quent tax sale;

A  
person's interest in any  
parcel may be preserved  
by paying all delinquent  
taxes, penalties, interest,  
attorney's fees and court  
costs before the date of  
the scheduled hearing  
on the petition, or, you  
may contest the Petition  
by filing with the clerk  
of the court a written  
response to the peti-  
tion not later than the  
seventh (7) day before  
the date scheduled for  
hearing on the petition  
and specifying in the  
response any affirma-  
tive defense. A copy of  
such response must be  
served on the taxing  
units' attorney of record  
in the manner required  
by Rule 21a, Texas  
Rules of Civil Proce-  
dure;

The name, address and  
telephone number of  
the taxing units are as  
follows:  
  
Howard College  
1001 Birdwell  
Lane  
Big Spring, TX  
79720  
Telephone num-  
ber: (432) 264-5000  
  
Howard County  
300 S. Main  
Big Spring, TX  
79720  
Telephone num-  
ber: (432) 264-2332  
  
City of Big  
Spring  
310 Nolan  
Big Spring, TX  
79720  
Telephone num-  
ber: (432) 264-2401  
  
City of Coaho-  
ma  
P. O. Box L  
Coahoma, TX  
79511  
Telephone num-  
ber: (432) 394-4287  
  
City of Forsan  
P. O. Box 714  
Forsan, TX  
79733  
Telephone num-  
ber: (432) 457-2355  
  
Big Spring ISD  
708 11th Place  
Big Spring, TX  
79720  
Telephone num-  
ber: (432) 264-3620  
  
Forsan ISD  
P. O. Drawer A  
Forsan, TX  
79733  
Telephone num-  
ber: (432) 398-5444  
  
Howard County Water  
Control and Improve-  
ment District  
7917 N. Service  
Rd.  
Big Spring, TX  
79720  
Telephone num-  
ber: (432) 393-5233  
  
Permian Basin Under-  
ground Water Conser-  
vation District  
P. O. Box 1314  
Stanton, TX

79782  
Telephone num-  
ber: (432) 756-2136  
  
The name, address and  
telephone number of  
the attorney for the tax-  
ing units is shown at the  
bottom of this notice;

Coahoma ISD  
may also impose tax-  
es on one or more of  
the parcels the subject  
of this suit and may  
intervene in this case  
without further notice  
and set up its claims for  
delinquent taxes.  
  
Respectfully Submitted,  
  
MOUTON &  
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A Professional  
Corporation  
  
Attorneys at Law  
  
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263-8686  
  
By:  
Drew Mouton  
State Bar No. 14606400  
  
ATTORNEY FOR ALL  
PLAINTIFF TAXING  
UNITS

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118TH  
JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
PLAINTIFFS'  
ORIGINAL PETITION

TO THE HONOR-  
ABLE JUDGE OF SAID  
COURT:  
  
Now comes THE  
COUNTY OF HOW-  
ARD, which brings this  
action for itself and as  
agent for HOWARD  
COUNTY JUNIOR  
COLLEGE DISTRICT,  
CITY OF BIG SPRING,  
BIG SPRING INDE-  
PENDENT SCHOOL  
DISTRICT, CITY OF  
COAHOMA, CITY  
OF FORSAN, FOR-  
SAN INDEPENDENT  
SCHOOL DISTRICT,  
HOWARD COUNTY  
WATER CONTROL  
AND IMPROVEMENT  
DISTRICT #1, and

PERMIAN BASIN UN-  
DERGROUND WA-  
TER CONSERVATION  
DISTRICT, hereinafter  
called Plaintiffs, wheth-  
er one or more, and for  
cause of action would  
show the Court the  
following:  
  
I  
  
Defendants are  
those persons and legal  
entities named and de-  
scribed in the attached  
Exhibits "1-32" if living,  
and if any or all of the  
named Defendant(s) be  
deceased, the unknown  
heirs of each of such  
deceased Defendant(s);  
the unknown owner  
or owners of any of the  
property the subject of  
this suit; the executors,  
administrators, guard-  
ians, legal representa-  
tives, legatees, devisees  
of the any Defendant;  
and any and all other  
persons, including ad-  
verse claimants, owning  
or having any legal or  
equitable interest in or  
lien upon any of the  
property the subject  
of this suit, on which  
property there are de-  
linquent taxes, penalties  
and interest, assessed  
and justly due, owing,  
and unpaid to Plaintiffs  
in the amounts and for  
the years shown on the  
Tax Statement(s) made  
a part of each Exhibit  
attached hereto, and  
incorporated herein by  
reference as if repeated  
verbatim, on each prop-  
erty separately assessed  
for all delinquent years  
up to and including  
2016.

All of the property  
is located in Howard  
County, Texas, and all  
volume and page refer-  
ences, unless otherwise  
indicated, are to the  
Deed Records, How-  
ard County, to which  
instruments reference  
is made for a more  
complete description of  
each tract.  
  
The total  
amount of delinquent  
taxes, penalties, interest,  
and attorney's fees owed  
exceeds the appraised  
value of each parcel, or,  
in the alternative, there  
are ten (10) or more  
years for which delin-  
quent taxes are owed on  
each such parcel.

II  
  
All taxes were  
authorized by law, and  
each political subdivi-  
sion in whose behalf  
this suit is brought  
was legally constitut-  
ed and authorized to  
levy, assess, and collect  
ad valorem taxes on  
property, and all of the  
taxes were legally levied  
and assessed against

the property and the  
owners thereof; that  
Plaintiffs now have and  
assert a lien on each  
  
separately described  
property to secure the  
payment of all taxes,  
penalties, interest;  
and recover costs and  
expenses in accordance  
with the provisions of  
Property Tax Code §  
33.48; and all things  
required by law to be  
done have been legally  
performed by the prop-  
er officials.

III  
  
All of the above de-  
scribed property was, at  
the time the taxes were  
assessed, located within  
the boundaries of the  
Plaintiffs and of each  
political subdivision in  
whose behalf this suit  
is brought, and the tax  
was imposed in the  
county in which this  
suit is brought.

IV  
  
The attorney  
whose name is signed  
hereto is legally au-  
thorized to prosecute  
this action on behalf of  
Plaintiffs.

V  
  
Plaintiffs have in-  
curred certain expenses  
for procuring data and  
information as to the  
name, identity, and  
location of necessary  
parties and in procur-  
ing necessary legal de-  
scriptions of the prop-  
erty, which expenses are  
reasonable abstractor's  
costs.

WHEREFORE, Plain-  
tiffs pray for judgment  
against all Defen-  
dants for foreclosure  
of the tax lien against  
the above described  
property securing the  
amount due against  
each tract which is the  
total amount of delin-  
quent taxes due and  
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parcel at the time of the  
filing of this petition, as  
well as all taxes becom-  
ing delinquent there-  
after up to the date of  
judgment, all interest,

penalties, costs and  
expenses in accordance  
with the provisions of  
Property Tax Code §  
33.48 accruing up to  
and including the day  
of judgment, plus attor-  
ney's fees of 20% of all  
tax, penalty and interest  
as provided by law ,  
an order of sale, post  
judgment interest at the  
maximum rate allowed  
by law; and for such  
other relief to which the  
Plaintiffs may be enti-  
tled; provided, however,  
that personal judgment  
for such taxes, penal-  
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ney fees is not sought  
against any Defendant  
named herein.

Respectfully Submitted,  
  
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tled; provided, however,  
that personal judgment  
for such taxes, penal-  
ties, interest and attor-  
ney fees is not sought  
against any Defendant  
named herein.

Now comes THE COUNTY OF HOWARD, which brings this action for itself and as agent for HOWARD COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT, CITY OF BIG SPRING, BIG SPRING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, CITY OF COAHOMA, CITY OF FORSAN, FORSAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, HOWARD COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #1, and PERMIAN BASIN UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, hereinafter called Plaintiffs, whether one or more, and for cause of action would show the Court the following:

I Defendants are those persons and legal entities named and described in the attached Exhibits "1-31" if living, and if any or all of the named Defendant(s) be deceased, the unknown heirs of each of such deceased Defendant(s); the unknown owner or owners of any of the property the subject of this suit; the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees, devisees of the any Defendant; and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, owning or having any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon any of the property the subject of this suit, on which property there are delinquent taxes, penalties and interest, assessed and justly due, owing, and unpaid to Plaintiffs in the amounts and for the years shown on the Tax Statement(s) made a part of each Exhibit attached hereto, and incorporated herein by reference as if repeated verbatim, on each property separately assessed for all delinquent years up to and including 2016.

All of the property is located in Howard County, Texas, and all volume and page references, unless otherwise indicated, are to the Deed Records, Howard County, to which instruments reference is made for a more complete description of each tract.

The total amount of delinquent taxes, penalties, interest, and attorney's fees owed exceeds the appraised value of each parcel, or, in the alternative, there are ten (10) or more years for which delinquent taxes are owed on each such parcel.

II All taxes were authorized by law, and each political subdivision in whose behalf this suit is brought was legally constituted and authorized to levy, assess, and collect ad valorem taxes on property, and all of the taxes were legally levied and assessed against the property and the owners thereof; that Plaintiffs now have and assert a lien on each separately described property to secure the payment of all taxes, penalties, interest; and recover costs and expenses in accordance with the provisions of Property Tax Code § 33.48; and all things required by law to be done have been legally performed by the proper officials.

III All of the above described property was, at the time the taxes were assessed, located within the boundaries of the Plaintiffs and of each political subdivision in whose behalf this suit is brought, and the tax was imposed in the county in which this suit is brought.

IV The attorney whose name is signed hereto is legally authorized to prosecute this action on behalf of Plaintiffs.

V Plaintiffs have incurred certain expenses for procuring data and information as to the name, identity, and location of necessary parties and in procuring necessary legal descriptions of the property, which expenses are reasonable abstractor's costs.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for judgment against all Defendants for foreclosure of the tax lien against the above described property securing the amount due against each tract which is the total amount of delinquent taxes due and owing on each such parcel at the time of the filing of this petition, as well as all taxes becoming delinquent thereafter up to the date of judgment, all interest, penalties, costs and expenses in accordance with the provisions of Property Tax Code § 33.48 accruing up to and including the day of judgment, plus attorney's fees of 20% of all tax, penalty and interest as provided by law, an order of sale, post judgment interest at the maximum rate allowed by law; and for such

other relief to which the Plaintiffs may be entitled; provided, however, that personal judgment for such taxes, penalties, interest and attorney fees is not sought against any Defendant named herein.

Respectfully Submitted,

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By:

Drew Mouton

State Bar No. 14606400

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFFS

**EXHIBIT 1**  
Property and Amounts Owed

LT 12 BK 7, BANKS ADDN., CITY OF BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY TEXAS

811 CHERRY R274

TOTAL DUE: \$225.03

Years owed:

2004-2016

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of State.  
JAY ROBINSON  
2706 MESSICK LOOP  
WEST  
ROUND ROCK, TEXAS 78681

**EXHIBIT 2**

Property and Amounts Owed

THE W/50' OF THE N/75' OF LT 1 BK F, AMENDED MOORE'S HEIGHTS ADDN., CITY OF BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY TEXAS

807 SARGENT PAREDEZ R7404

TOTAL DUE: \$244.51

Years owed:

2004-2016

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JAY ROBINSON  
2706 MESSICK LOOP  
WEST  
ROUND ROCK, TEXAS 78681

**EXHIBIT 3**

Property and Amounts Owed

LT 2 BK 31, GOVERNMENT HEIGHTS TO BAUER ADDN., CITY OF BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY TEXAS

909 N GREG R581

TOTAL DUE: \$254.04

Years owed:

2001-2016

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LATISHA MCGREGOR  
1601 WREN ST  
BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720

THE FOLLOWING ARE LIEN HOLDERS AND MAY BE NOTIFIED AT:

CITY OF BIG SPRING  
ATTN: CITY ATTORNEY KAYE EDWARDS  
310 NOLAN  
BIG SPRING, TX 79720  
TELEPHONE NUMBER: (432) 264-2401

**EXHIBIT 4**

Property and Amounts Owed

S/50' OF THE NW/4 OF BK 17, BAUER ADDN., CITY OF BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY TEXAS

311 NW 8TH R439

TOTAL DUE: \$391.60

Years owed:

2002-2016

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of State.  
BARBARA EVON DAVIS  
307 NW 8TH ST  
BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720

THE FOLLOWING ARE LIEN HOLDERS AND MAY BE NOTIFIED AT:

SIMON TERRAZAS AND CLAUDINE F. TERRAZAS  
1001 BELL ST  
BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720

**EXHIBIT 5**

Property and Amounts Owed

LT 6 BK 78, ORIGINAL TOWN ADDN., CITY OF BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY TEXAS

910 GOLIAD R8479

TOTAL DUE: \$1,429.38

Years owed:

1995-2016

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MARK STRATTON  
421 W. SHANDON AVE  
MIDLAND, TEXAS 79705

WILLIE J. GOODMAN  
**EXHIBIT 6**  
Property and Amounts Owed

W/70' OF THE S/100' OF THE SE/4 (SAVE AND EXCEPT THE E/8' THEREOF) OF BK 37, COLLEGE HEIGHTS ADDN., CITY OF BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY TEXAS

107 E 22ND  
 R2970

TOTAL DUE: \$4,912.88

Years owed:  
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MAURICIO G. HERNANDEZ  
 409 S. AYLESFORD  
 BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720

DEBRA DEE CASEY  
 823 W. 8TH  
 BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720

JPM EOC MINERALS, LLC  
 909 FANNIN ST, STE 1350  
 HOUSTON, TEXAS 77010

C T CORPORATION SYSTEMS  
 AS REGISTERED AGENT FOR JPM EOC MINERALS, LLC  
 1999 BRYAN ST, STE 900  
 DALLAS, TEXAS 75201-3136

THE FOLLOWING ARE LIEN HOLDERS AND MAY BE NOTIFIED AT:  
 KEITH WILSON  
 OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
 CHILD SUPPORT UNIT 0804E  
 1031 ANDREWS HWY, STE 400  
 MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701

OR  
 24 SMITH RD # 300,  
 MIDLAND, TX 79705

KEN PAXTON  
 ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS  
 CHILD SUPPORT DIVISION  
 PO BOX 12017  
 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711-2017

**EXHIBIT 8**  
Property and Amounts Owed

ALL OF LT 9 (SAVE AND EXCEPT THE S/75') BK 5, CEDAR CREST ADDN., CITY OF BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS

701 SAN ANTONIO  
 R1913

TOTAL DUE: \$757.28  
Years owed:  
 2003-2016

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RONALD JANNA-MON  
 5700 CEDAR RD #16  
 BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720

THE FOLLOWING ARE LIEN HOLDERS AND MAY BE NOTIFIED AT:  
 CITY OF BIG SPRING  
 ATTN: CITY ATTORNEY KAYE EDWARDS  
 310 NOLAN  
 BIG SPRING, TX 79720  
 TELEPHONE NUMBER: (432) 264-2401

**EXHIBIT 9**  
Property and Amounts Owed

THE N/2 OF LTS 7 AND 8 BK 23, BOYD-STUN ADDN., CITY OF BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY TEXAS

407 SETTLES  
 R1075

TOTAL DUE: \$1,188.17

Years owed:  
 2004-2016  
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Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, or, where appropriate, the assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State.

MARIE GILLIHAM  
 906 BELL  
 R1998

THE FOLLOWING ARE LIEN HOLDERS AND MAY BE NOTIFIED AT:

CITY OF BIG SPRING  
 ATTN: CITY ATTORNEY KAYE EDWARDS  
 310 NOLAN  
 BIG SPRING, TX 79720  
 TELEPHONE NUMBER: (432) 264-2401

**EXHIBIT 10**  
Property and Amounts Owed

LT 2 BK 7, CEDAR CREST ADDN., CITY OF BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY TEXAS

813 W. 8TH  
 R1933

TOTAL DUE: \$2,525.02

Years owed:  
 1995-2002,  
 2015-2016

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BOBBY GENE WHITE AND SHARON ANN WHITE  
 813 W 8TH ST  
 BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720

**EXHIBIT 11**  
Property and Amounts Owed

S/40' OF THE E/130' LT 3 BK 18, CEDAR CREST ADDN., CITY OF BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY TEXAS

906 BELL  
 R1998

TOTAL DUE: \$966.74

Years owed:  
 2002-2016

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FREDRICK S. SCOTT AND DELORES M. SCOTT  
 906 SOUTH BELL  
 BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720

**EXHIBIT 12**  
Property and Amounts Owed

LT 4 BK 1, RICE ADDN., CITY OF BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY TEXAS

R9114

TOTAL DUE: \$467.05

Years owed:  
 2001-2016

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DAVID STEPHENS AND KATHRYN STEPHENS  
 3610 DIXON  
 BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720

**EXHIBIT 13**  
Property and Amounts Owed

LT 3 BK 1, RICE ADDN., CITY OF BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY TEXAS

R9113

TOTAL DUE: \$467.05

Years owed:  
 2001-2016

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DAVID STEPHENS AND KATHRYN STEPHENS  
 3610 DIXON  
 BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720

**EXHIBIT 14**  
Property and Amounts Owed

LT 2 BK 1, RICE ADDN., CITY OF BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY TEXAS

R9112

TOTAL DUE: \$467.05

Years owed:

2001-2016

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DAVID STEPHENS AND KATHRYN STEPHENS 3610 DIXON BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720

**EXHIBIT 15**

Property and Amounts Owed

LT 5 BK 1, RICE ADDN., CITY OF BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY TEXAS

R9115

TOTAL DUE: \$467.05

Years owed:

2001-2016

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of State.  
DAVID STEPHENS AND KATHRYN STEPHENS 3610 DIXON BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720

**EXHIBIT 16**

Property and Amounts Owed

THE N/2 OF LT 7 BK 111, ORIGINAL TOWN ADDN., CITY OF BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY TEXAS

310 N SCURRY R8766

TOTAL DUE: \$10,260.10

Years owed:

2000-2016

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DWAYNE KEY AKA EDWARD D KEY AND 1209 YOUNG BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720

ANESTACIA KEY 310 N SCURRY BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720

THE FOLLOWING ARE LIEN HOLDERS AND MAY BE NOTIFIED AT:

ALLEGIANCE MORTGAGE GROUP, INC PO BOX 260733 PLANO, TEXAS 75026

15443 KNOLL TRAIL, SUITE 100 DALLAS, TEXAS 75248

LIN BRASER, REGISTERED AGENT FOR ALLEGIANCE MORTGAGE GROUP, INC 7616 LBJ FREEWAY DALLAS, TEXAS 75251

MICHAEL L RIDDLE, TRUSTEE FOR ALLEGIANCE MORTGAGE GROUP, INC

2323 BRYAN STREET, SUITE 1600 DALLAS, TEXAS 75201  
KEITH WILSON OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL CHILD SUPPORT UNIT 0804E 1031 ANDREWS HWY, STE 400 MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701

OR  
24 SMITH RD # 300, MIDLAND, TX 79705

KEN PAXTON ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS CHILD SUPPORT DIVISION PO BOX 12017 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711-2017

**EXHIBIT 17**

Property and Amounts Owed

S/60' OF LT 7 BK 111, ORIGINAL TOWN, CITY OF BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS

306 N SCURRY R 8767

TOTAL DUE: \$316.87

Years owed:  
2000-2016

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of the Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State.

DWAYNE KEY AKA EDWARD D KEY AND ANESTACIA KEY 310 N SCURRY BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720

THE FOLLOWING ARE LIEN HOLDERS AND MAY BE NOTIFIED AT:

ALLEGIANCE MORTGAGE GROUP, INC PO BOX 260733 PLANO, TEXAS 75026

15443 KNOLL TRAIL, SUITE 100

DALLAS, TEXAS 75248  
LIN BRASER, REGISTERED AGENT FOR ALLEGIANCE MORTGAGE GROUP, INC 7616 LBJ FREEWAY DALLAS, TEXAS 75251

MICHAEL L RIDDLE, TRUSTEE FOR ALLEGIANCE MORTGAGE GROUP, INC 2323 BRYAN STREET, SUITE 1600 DALLAS, TEXAS 75201

**EXHIBIT 18**

Property and Amounts Owed

LT 4 SUBDIVISION B BK 16, FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS ADDN., CITY OF BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS

R4668

TOTAL DUE: \$564.31

Years owed:

2005-2016

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D. W. HOLSENBECK 1401 RUNNELS BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720

**EXHIBIT 19**

Property and Amounts Owed

LT 6 BK B, MOORE'S HEIGHTS ADDN., CITY OF BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS

911 NW 5TH R7372

TOTAL DUE: \$244.22

Years owed:

2002-2016

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ARMEY RHYMES AKA ARMY RHYMES 911 NW 5TH BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720

**EXHIBIT 20**

Property and Amounts Owed

N 1/3 OF LT 9 AND ALL OF LT 10 BK 2, EARLE'S ADDN., CITY OF BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS

605 AYLES-FORD R4159

TOTAL DUE: \$4,771.52

Years owed:

2004-2016

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IVA GLASS 603 AYLESFORD

BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720

JIM BROWN 111 W 19TH BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720

**EXHIBIT 21**

Property and Amounts Owed

LT 6 BK 1, BOWSER ADDN., CITY OF BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS

1202 W 2ND R859

TOTAL DUE: \$656.78

Years owed:

2005-2016

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JIM BROWN 111 W 19TH BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720

THE FOLLOWING ARE LIEN HOLDERS AND MAY BE NOTIFIED AT:

KEITH WILSON OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL CHILD SUPPORT UNIT 0804E 1031 ANDREWS HWY, STE 400 MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701

OR  
24 SMITH RD # 300, MIDLAND, TX 79705

KEN PAXTON ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS CHILD SUPPORT DIVISION PO BOX 12017 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711-2017

**EXHIBIT 22**  
Property and Amounts Owed  
 LT 9 BK 14, JONES VALLEY ADDN., CITY OF BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS  
 904 W 8TH R5636

appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, or, where appropriate, the assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State.

TIMES KNOWN AS THE N/50 OF THE SW/4 OF BK 17), BAUER ADDN., CITY OF BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS  
 704 N LANCASTER R441  
 TOTAL DUE: \$105.07  
Years owed:  
 2002-2016

of citation by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested at the address shown below, or by Citation by Publication and Citation by Posting, if no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, or, where appropriate, the assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State.

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W. T. COATES AKA WILLIAM T. COATES, DECEASED BERNIECE COATES AKA BERNEICE COATES AKA BERNICE COATS AKA EDITH BERNICE COATS, DECEASED  
**EXHIBIT 29**  
Property and Amounts Owed  
 LT 7 BK G, MOORE HEIGHTS ADDN., CITY OF BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS  
 910 NW 2ND RR7418  
 TOTAL DUE: \$254.04  
Years owed:  
 2001-2016

TOTAL DUE: \$341.13  
Years owed:  
 2004-2016

STELLA M MARSHALL  
 1609 KENTUCKY WAY  
 BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720

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JAY ROBINSON  
 2706 MESSICK LOOP W  
 ROUND ROCK, TEXAS 78681  
 Out of and part of Block No. 30 of GOVERNMENT HEIGHTS to BAUER ADDITION to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to the map or plat of record in Envelope 7/B, Plat Records of Howard County, Texas; said tract herein conveyed being more particularly described as follows:

LLOYD PAT IRVIN  
 1600 AVION  
 BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720  
 SUZANNE M. IRVIN  
 2208 MONTICELLO  
 BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720  
 APRIL IRVIN  
 2208 MONTICELLO  
 BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720

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**EXHIBIT 24**  
Property and Amounts Owed  
 W/75 OF THE N/100 OF THE NW/4 OF BK 17, BAUER ADDN., CITY OF BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS  
 311 NW 8TH R439  
 TOTAL DUE: \$391.60  
Years owed:  
 2002-2016

BARBARA EVON DAVIS  
 307 NW 8TH  
 BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720  
 THE FOLLOWING ARE LIEN HOLDERS AND MAY BE NOTIFIED AT:  
 SIMON AND CLAUDINE TERRAZAS  
 1001 BELL ST  
 BIG SPRING TX, 79720  
 WAYNE BASDEN TRUSTEE

Beginning at a point in the West boundary line of Block No. 30, 100' Northward from the SW corner of said block for beginning corner;  
 THENCE Eastward, parallel with the North and South boundary lines of said block, for a distance of 140', more or less, to the alley;  
 THENCE Northward, along said alley, for a distance of 50' for corner;  
 THENCE Westward, parallel with the North and South boundary lines of said Block No. 30, for a distance of 140' to a point located in the West boundary line of said Block No. 30 for corner;  
 THENCE Southward, along the West boundary line of said Block No. 30, a distance of 50' to the PLACE OF BEGINNING.

**EXHIBIT 28**  
Property and Amounts Owed  
 LT 7 BK 1, BOWSER ADDN., CITY OF BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS  
 1204 W 2ND R860  
 TOTAL DUE: \$3,535.64  
Years owed:  
 1992-2016

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STELLA M MARSHALL  
 1609 KENTUCKY WAY  
 BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720  
**EXHIBIT 23**  
Property and Amounts Owed  
 LT 10 BK 14, JONES VALLEY ADDN., CITY OF BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS  
 906 W 8TH R5637  
 TOTAL DUE: \$341.13  
Years owed:  
 2004-2016

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(further described by metes and bounds attached)  
 904 N GREGG R571  
 TOTAL DUE: \$225.03  
Years owed:  
 2004-2016

**EXHIBIT 26**  
Property and Amounts Owed  
 OUT OF AND PART OF BK 30, GOVERNMENT HEIGHTS ADDN., CITY OF BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS  
 (further described by metes and bounds attached)  
 904 N GREGG R571  
 TOTAL DUE: \$225.03  
Years owed:  
 2004-2016

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VIRGINIA DIAZ  
 1003 NW 2ND  
 BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720  
 DORA JUAREZ  
 1003 NW 2ND  
 BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720  
**EXHIBIT 30**  
Property and Amounts Owed  
 LTS 2 AND 3 BK 17, JONES VALLEY ADDN., CITY OF BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS  
 1107 W 5TH R5658  
 TOTAL DUE: \$769.14  
Years owed:  
 1997-1998, 2000-2002, 2005, 2008, 2011-2016

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**EXHIBIT 25**  
Property and Amounts Owed  
 LT 9 BK 17 (SOME-

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Years owed:  
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W. J. SHANK  
S. J. SHANK

EXHIBIT 31

Property and Amounts  
Owed

LT 8 BK 7, BANKS  
ADDN., CITY OF BIG  
SPRING, HOWARD  
COUNTY, TEXAS

803 CHERRY  
R269

AND R270

TOTAL DUE: \$372.76

Years owed:

1995-2016

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**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** There will be no waiting around for the action to begin. As long as there are people standing near you, the main action will probably be getting to know them. You're so good at this.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** The quickest way to change your mood is to connect with another person. A positive, cheery person will inspire an upswing; a negative person will turn it in the opposite direction.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Before the king went out to greet

the kingdom, he sent a town crier to let everyone know he was coming. Your clothing does this job for you today, letting everyone know whom they are about to receive.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Call for help and a new resource will open inside you. Maybe this is an instinct born of deep ancestral roots, or maybe it's an inspiration from on high. Wherever it comes from, it's right on time.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Use what you have. It's good. It's better than good; it's fantastic. Of course, that's only if you use it. If you don't use it, it will be, by definition, useless.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Your ideas will meet with resistance. This is a stellar opportunity to examine them more closely and refine the weak parts. Also, it's an invitation to be more convincing.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Success will depend on pacing. Go too fast and you'll make mistakes. Go too slowly and you'll make even more, as there's much more time to make them. Try different tempos until you hit a nice groove.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Winning isn't the most important thing to you, so you often don't go out of your way to set yourself up in

a winning position. However, today it will help you to arrange things for your easy victory.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Your restless soul wants an adventure. When you don't have tickets to travel, the next best thing is a transcendent experience of the mind, perhaps through fiction, film or music.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** When people start looking around in a way to suggest that someone should do something, you'll be reminded of the difference between you and the others. You don't look around. You assume that the "someone" is you.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** You're satisfied, but you won't stay that way for long. Before sunset, you'll start to experience a fuzzy, unfocused kind of wanting. Try to articulate this desire as it takes shape. Soon it will send you on a quest.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** If you think in financial terms, you'll notice two categories: things that cost you money and things that make you money. Some of what you own isn't worth the price you pay to keep it.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 26).** Freedom of expression is one of the great gifts of the season, and you'll learn much about yourself to help in the exciting project of May. Your team gets bigger and more supportive in June. Healthy relationships make your body healthier, too. There's much more work than fun in the early summer, but it evens out later. Aquarius and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 20, 15, 11 and 33.

**FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:** The law of diminishing returns applies to many aspects of life, including our lessons along the way. You

live the scene, make your choices, take your knocks, review and assess to make sure you learned. You reach a point in that review when you've extracted all you can from it. The line between learning from the past and dwelling on the past gets rather easier to see, and unless you want to stay stuck, it's time to move on. This week, if there's something in the recent past you'd rather forget, the cosmic mood is on your side. It all starts with a solar eclipse and a new Pisces moon -- a blackout of the sky and an erasure of the chalkboard. As the uplifting jam by Natasha Bedingfield suggests, "the rest is still unwritten."

On Wednesday, the sun and Neptune align, inviting the dreamers, pretenders and vision questers to launch into the land of imagination. This is an optimal time to point your questions toward matters of the heart and then read the signs that come over the following three days before love planet Venus turns retrograde, which could cast the shadow of doubt over our intuitive leanings.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** More than a decade after his passing, Johnny Cash remains a revered, celebrated and widely imitated musical influence. The legendary Pisces is another example of an old soul who found his calling early in life. The Man in Black began singing as a small boy on his family's farm. The sun, Mercury and Mars were all in Pisces at Cash's time of birth, and lucky Jupiter was in entertaining Leo.

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- ACROSS**
- 1 "Give Peace a Chance" label
  - 6 Allowed to graze, say
  - 14 Numbers on some chilly doorsteps
  - 16 Hispanic street food
  - 17 Triumvirate, from the Russian
  - 18 Something to ID on a DMV test
  - 19 Trade alliance, briefly
  - 20 Quilt raffle settings
  - 22 What jams may affect
  - 23 Fishing expedition hurdle, for short
  - 24 54-piece game
  - 25 Unvarnished
  - 26 Aldrin's moon watch
  - 28 Hair fixer
  - 30 Irrelevancy
  - 32 Site of a *Rain Man* triumph
  - 36 Closed books
  - 37 Cold-blooded type
  - 39 Name on the Oslo II Accord
  - 40 Glockenspiels' kin
  - 41 *The Pink Panther* villain
  - 43 Brother in silly shorts
  - 44 "Ice Ice Baby," originally
  - 48 The first potato farmers
  - 50 Frequent sac-fly result
  - 51 Lament in a Coleridge ode
- DOWN**
- 1 Solo
  - 2 Cheeseparing
  - 3 Fourth-wall perpetrators
  - 4 \_\_ chop
  - 5 Beast on Idaho's seal
  - 6 Space station stat
  - 7 Unlikely to applaud virtue
  - 8 Some deck installations
  - 9 Whit
  - 10 Like failed custard
  - 11 Tandoori chicken side dish
  - 12 2015 King award for *Mr. Mercedes*
  - 13 Andersen's mother tongue
  - 15 Unscathed
  - 21 Longhorn alternative
  - 24 Pale yellow
  - 25 Certain ball handler
  - 27 Tour series
  - 29 Mean business
  - 31 Garb using 30-100 square feet of fabric
  - 33 More than scrape
  - 34 Where waiters gather
  - 35 Very messy
  - 37 p, as in Dundee
  - 38 Try for
  - 40 Curse removers
  - 42 Eggplant cousin
  - 44 Trendy gimlet garnish
  - 45 Anglicized Irish "John"
  - 46 "Ta ta!"
  - 47 Arsenal, for instance
  - 49 Polish New Testament novelist
  - 52 Runs well
  - 53 Winged sprite of myth
  - 55 NL team with turquoise on its uniforms
  - 57 Fire \_\_

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# Robin Thicke's ex-wife accuses him of evidence tampering

By ANTHONY McCARTNEY

AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Attorneys for Robin Thicke's ex-wife in a court filing made public Thursday accused the singer of tampering with a court order.

The documents by attorneys for Paula Patton filed this week accuse Thicke of altering a custody court order and attempting to get her arrested in front of their 6-year-old son during a bitter custody dispute.

The filing became public a day before a trial is scheduled to begin in Patton's efforts to obtain a five-year restraining order against the "Blurred Lines" singer.

Patton has accused Thicke of being physically abusive to her during their marriage, and severely spanking their son.

In late January, she obtained a temporary restraining order requiring Thicke to stay away from her and have only supervised visits with their son.

Thicke has denied he has abused his son and his former attorney has said there was no basis for Patton's domestic violence allegations and called them retaliatory. Phone and email messages left seeking comment from one of Thicke's current attorneys, Angela Pierce DiDonato, were not immediately returned.

Patton contends the singer's alleged alteration of a court custody order and attempts to get her arrested are part of an effort to harass, intimidate and cause her emotional distress and constitute domestic violence.

"Mr. Thicke's egregious, premeditated and unlawful domestic violence has terrorized" Patton and their son, the court documents said.

Patton's attorneys said the restraining order trial could include as many as 26 witnesses and last 15 days or more.

Her filing also accuses Thicke of trying to manipulate a child services investigation by taking a case worker out to an expensive sushi dinner while the case was active.

A message seeking comment from the Department of Children and Family Services was not immediately returned.

Patton was granted sole custody of the boy on Jan. 26 and a judge ordered Thicke to stay away from his ex-wife and her home.

To obtain the temporary restraining order, Patton included a sworn declaration alleging Thicke was abusive during their marriage and pushed her to the ground and kicked her during a fight in April 2013.

She also cited a Jan. 19 incident in which she stated Thicke showed up at her mother's house while their son was being interviewed by child services workers and then refused to leave. After the child services workers left, Thicke banged on the door and demanded to see his son, leaving only after Patton's mother called police, Patton wrote.

Thicke's lawyers have said in court filings that the singer was cleared of any wrongdoing.

Thicke's former attorney, Larry Ginsberg, accused Patton of manipulating her son to gain full custody. Ginsberg and his law firm were disqualified from working for Thicke on Tues-



This Jan. 26, 2014 file photo shows Robin Thicke, left, and Paula Patton at the 56th annual Grammy Awards in Los Angeles.

day because a new lawyer in his firm once worked for lawyers representing Patton and may have learned inside information about the case.

The legal fighting between Thicke and Patton began weeks after the singer's father, "Growing Pains" actor Alan Thicke, died in December.

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# Tom Brady: The Movie? Fans divided and foes say they'll pass

By WILLIAM J. KOLE

Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Tom Brady: The Movie?

A new book and a major motion picture are in the works about the New England Patriots' star quarterback and the "Deflategate" suspension he overcame to earn an unprecedented fifth Super Bowl ring.

But Patriots Nation seems ambivalent, and Brady's foes say they'll take a pass.

"The Tom Brady movie is such a bad idea! The dude is so uninteresting and has everything," said Trevor Twidwell, a Kansas City Chiefs fan from Tucson, Arizona, capturing dislike for Brady and the Patriots outside New England.

Bestselling author Casey Sherman and Boston writer Dave Wedge are collaborating on the book under the working title "Let's Go!" — Brady's rallying cry.

The pair co-authored "Boston Strong," which helped inspire "Patriots Day," a 2017 Lionsgate release starring Mark Wahlberg about the deadly 2013 Boston Marathon bombings.

Sherman's novel, "The Finest Hours," about the Coast Guard's 1952 rescue of 30 crewmen aboard a sinking tanker off Cape Cod, also was made into a movie released by Walt Disney Pictures last year starring Chris Pine and Casey Affleck.

Sherman is working with Academy Award-nominated screenwriters Paul Tamasy and Eric Johnson on the book and film about Brady "and his team's miraculous come-from-behind win" in the Super Bowl in February.

After serving a four-game suspension for his role in the use of under-inflated footballs during the 2015 playoffs, Brady returned to lead the Patriots to their fifth NFL championship with a stunning 34-28 comeback win

in overtime against the Atlanta Falcons.

Sherman, a native New Englander, likens it to Muhammad Ali's epic upset of George Foreman in the 1974 "Rumble in the Jungle" fight.

Both men, both athletes had to overcome challenges off the field and outside the ring to achieve sports immortality," Sherman said.

But the targeted release in 2018, already is

being panned. And not just by those who take a cynical view of Brady's looks and supermodel wife, or think the Patriots are cheaters.

"The worst movies are cheesy and predictable," said Boston sports commentator and blogger Alex Reimer. "The real-life drama of the Patriots storming back from a 25-point deficit in Super Bowl 51, and then accepting the Lombardi Trophy from Roger Goodell, was enough on its own."



**In this Feb. 5, 2017, file photo, New England Patriots' Tom Brady runs onto the field before the team's NFL Super Bowl 51 football game against the Atlanta Falcons in Houston. A new book and a movie are in the works about Brady and the suspension he overcame to earn an unprecedented fifth Super Bowl ring.**

AP photo

Brady himself won't have a hand in the film, agent Don Yee told *The Associated Press* on Thursday.

"We wish the people involved the best of luck on this project, but we are not involved," he said.

Unflattering memes and amusing casting suggestions, meanwhile, are circulating on social media.

Among the actors some say should play TB12: Wahlberg, Ben Affleck, Matt Damon, Leonardo DiCaprio, Josh Duhamel and Timothy Oly-

phant.

Some fans like Melanie Hawes say Brady's season is a box office natural — even if "people either love the Patriots or hate them."

"As soon as the game ended, I turned to my friend and said, 'I can't wait for this game to be made into a movie,'" said Hawes, 22, a graduate student from Plymouth, Massachusetts. "Everyone can agree that that Super Bowl was historic. That game deserves a movie."



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# Stay young at heart (and body and mind)

When joints ache and you don't move as fast as you used to, it may seem that growing old is anything but graceful. While you can't stop the hands of time, there are ways you can keep your physical and mental well-being in tip-top shape for years to come.

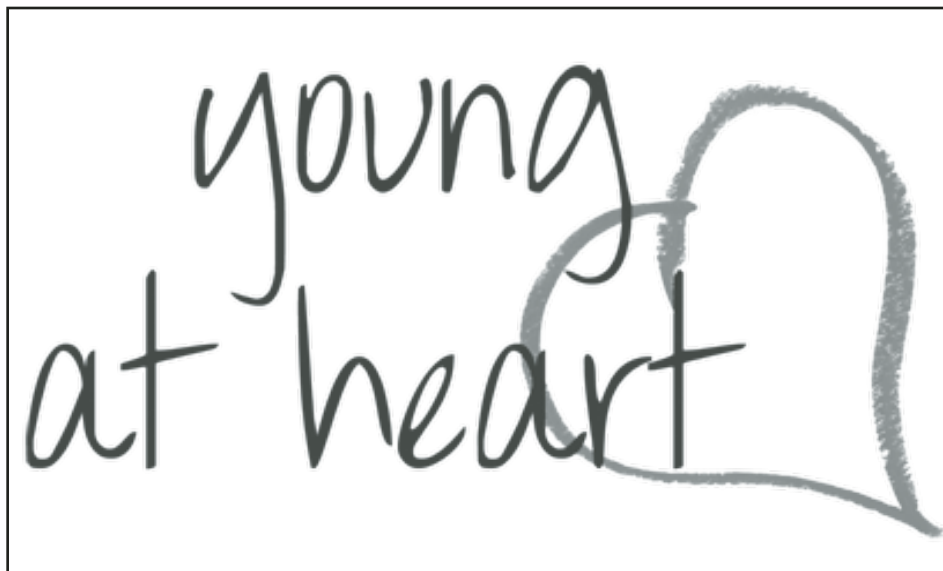
Even if you've spent a lifetime practicing healthy habits, your senior years are no time to allow those practices to fall to the wayside. On the other hand, if you put off quality self-care for later in life, rely on your experience and maturity to know that taking care of yourself is as important as, well, life itself.

Eat balanced meals. It's never too late to begin paying more attention to what you eat. Seniors may be prone to poor eating habits for the sake of convenience or because it's not as much fun cooking for one or two when you once had a full house to feed. Actually, as you age, keeping your weight in check and

continuing to fuel your body with essential nutrients is more important than ever.

Keep moving. It's true that aches and pains may keep you from being as spry as you once were, but limiting your movement can actually create a snowball effect that results in even less mobility over time. Muscles that aren't used regularly can weaken and restrict your movement even more, so work with your physician to determine an appropriate amount of activity for your condition.

Mind your mind. When you're in the workforce, or while you're tending to the needs of a growing family, you rely on your brain to power through, probably without even thinking about it. Yet over time, most people experience some degree of cognitive deterioration, partially from basic biology and partially from lack of "exercising" that vital muscle. Keep your mind sharp by communicating regularly



with your family and friends, and seek out activities that put your brain to use, such as crossword puzzles or word games.

Be a social butterfly. A common lament of middle-age is the lack of time to nurture friendships. With an empty nest and an open calendar, there's no time like the present to strengthen long-term bonds or seek out new companions who share life experiences and a desire to age with grace. Close connections with friends and family members will not only boost your emotional well-being, they can

ensure there are others watching out for you on a regular basis.

Do as you're told. When you're younger, skipping an annual checkup here and there seems like no big deal. As you age, those regular assessments are more important. They serve an important role in identifying potential issues and introducing treatments before big problems arise. Honor your regular medical appointments and heed the advice you're given - including taking any medicines as prescribed.

those who favor something other than plain water. With zero calories and no added sugar, sparkling water is a delicious, refreshing choice for healthy hydration. When entertaining, consider adding a DIY sparkling water bar to your repertoire - just put out some sparkling water, sliced fruits, vegetables and herbs, and your guests can do the rest.

4. Turn your water bottle into your travel companion. The survey revealed that American consumers are 72 percent more likely to drink water in their cars. Whether you're commuting to work or running errands, you're constantly on the go and a bottle of water could be your best companion.

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sugar-sweetened beverage with water each day could cut up to 50,000 calories and more than 65 cups of sugar from your diet in a year.

2. Replace what you lose. Adults are made up of 60 percent water, which needs to be replenished throughout the day to help you maintain a proper fluid balance. Keep water within reach all day - a pitcher on the kitchen counter, a bottle in your car's center console, a refillable bottle at your desk - to keep healthy hydration top of mind.

3. Add some sparkle to your day. Sparkling water is a great option for

# Flu hits Howard County, SMMC gives tips

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SMMC is also encouraging those who are visiting a family member or friend to be vigilant and adhere to the isolation precautions

adhering to these practices we are able to prevent the viruses from spreading further."

Other preventative measures include:

- Hand washing
- Getting the flu vaccine
- Staying away from those experiencing symptoms
- Staying home from work or school if you are sick

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, with the rise of flu positives this year, it is indicated that 37 states are reporting widespread flu, including Texas. The CDC also reports above-baseline percentages of clinic visits for flu and the hospitaliza-

tions have doubled from flu, RSV and pneumonia.

"Our hospital has seen a steady increase of flu cases in the past few weeks," Duforat said. "With these preventative precautions we hope those numbers will begin to decrease."

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## Easy ways to get more youthful-looking skin

Few people would pass up the opportunity to look younger. But men and women who want to look a little more like their younger selves without resorting to surgery can still have younger, healthier-looking skin without going under the knife. The following are a handful of natural ways to keep skin vibrant and youthful.

• Quit smoking. Quitting smoking can add years to your life and improve your appearance. Smok-

ing damages collagen and elastin in the skin, which are the substances that help keep skin flexible and firm. Also, smoking decreases blood flow to the skin and makes it difficult for it to receive enough oxygen to stay healthy. The act of smoking also can contribute to older-looking skin. Pursing the lips to draw on a cigarette, as well as squinting to avoid smoke in the eyes can lead to the

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formation of wrinkles on the face.

- Steer clear of the sun. Excessive exposure to ultraviolet light damages the skin and can cause it to age prematurely. Also, inadvertent UV exposure, which can happen when running errands or sitting in front of an open window, also can affect the skin. Sun exposure is the top cause of uneven skin tone and dark spots. Always wear sunscreen to protect the skin from the sun. Applying sunscreen should become as automatic as brushing your teeth each day.

- Drink more water. A dehydrated body will divert water to the organs that need it the most, including the liver and heart. When that happens, skin pays the price by not receiving adequate hydration for skin cell renewal. By drinking the recommended six to eight glasses of water per day, you can ensure your body is getting the fluids it needs to fuel natural functions, including skin cell production.

- Exercise. By working out you'll promote good cardiovascular health, which in turn will deliver blood flow and nutrients to the surface of your skin. Skin cells are pushed to the surface of the skin, helping to create a younger appearance and glow. Exercise also can help

banish stress, which can contribute to an older appearance and frown.

- Avoid alcohol. Drinking alcohol in excess can damage blood vessels over time. This can cause burst capillaries at the surface of the skin, which are highly visible. Drinking also may lead to flushing, which can affect appearance. People who have damaged their livers from drinking too much or abusing medication may develop jaundice, a medical condition characterized by a yellowing of the skin.

- Avoid stressful situations. It's impossible to avoid all the stressors in life, but taking steps to reduce stress can improve your psychological outlook and appearance. Stress can lessen your body's ability to function properly, and that can affect the appearance of your skin. Stress-related insomnia can lead to undereye bags and a tired appearance. And according to the Archives of Dermatology, stress can increase your risk of skin diseases and may cause wounds to take longer to heal.

- Eat a healthy diet. Your skin is the largest organ in your body, and it makes sense that healthy foods will benefit the skin. Omega-3 fatty acids found in walnuts, flax and fish oil are important for skin health because they support healthy cell membranes. Antioxidants like vitamins A and C also are beneficial because they fight the effects of cell oxidation and combat free radicals that can lead to illness.

- Take care of your skin at night. Moisturizers and serums with concentrated blends of vitamins, antioxidants and botanicals are most effective at night. That's because, when applied at night, such products are in contact with the skin for several hours without being wiped off. Just be sure to apply any products to clean skin for maximum effect. A dermatologist can recommend the right products for your skin type.

There are various ways to get more youthful-looking skin, many of which can benefit the rest of your body as well.

## Can beer boost brain power?



There is newfound reason to indulge in a pint or two of your favorite beer, and it's not just to catch up and share a few laughs with friends. New research has shown that a chemical compound in beer may be able to improve cognitive function. The beverage once thought to obliterate brain cells when consumed in abundance may actually have the opposite effect and boost brain power.

No one should run out an start imbibing just yet, however. The study that ran in Behavioral Brain Research in October 2014 was preliminary and only conducted on lab mice. During the study, scientists discovered that xanthohumol, a type of flavonoid found in beer, seemed to improve brain function in the young mice given xanthohumol doses.

The cognitive flexibility of the mice was tested with a specially designed maze, and younger mice showed signs of intellectual improvement. Older mice showed no improvements. Researchers believe xanthohumol and other flavonoids, such as those found in red wine, blueberries and dark chocolate, may play a role in helping a person form memories.

The mice were given very high doses of the flavonoid. A person would have to drink roughly 2,000 liters of beer a day to equal what the mice consumed to show improvement. However, should a supplement hit the market down the road, it may just be possible for men and women to consume a potentially beneficial amount of xanthohumol without belying up at the bar.

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## It's not too late to jumpstart a healthy lifestyle for 2017

Each year, millions of Americans make New Year's resolutions to achieve personal or professional goals. For many, that means focusing on improving health and wellness. You tell yourself this is going to be the year you join a gym, eat better or drink more water. Yet that commitment often falls short, as a recent survey suggests less than 10 percent of Americans achieve their resolutions.

There are many reasons people fall short of their goals, including setting the bar too high or being overly restrictive, which can lead to small failures and setbacks. However, there are easy ways to get back on track. A Global Water Survey, published by Nestlé Waters and Kantar TNS, revealed 94 percent

of Americans believe drinking water helps maintain a healthy lifestyle.

One key to jumpstarting a healthy lifestyle is staying hydrated by drinking more water. With so much focus on food, beverage choices are often overlooked. With no calories or added sugars, water is a smart choice to stay hydrated. Here are four tips from Sarah Ladden, a registered

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health care, based on relationships between the patient, his or her family, and the health care team. This new system must also be safe, of high quality, and efficient.

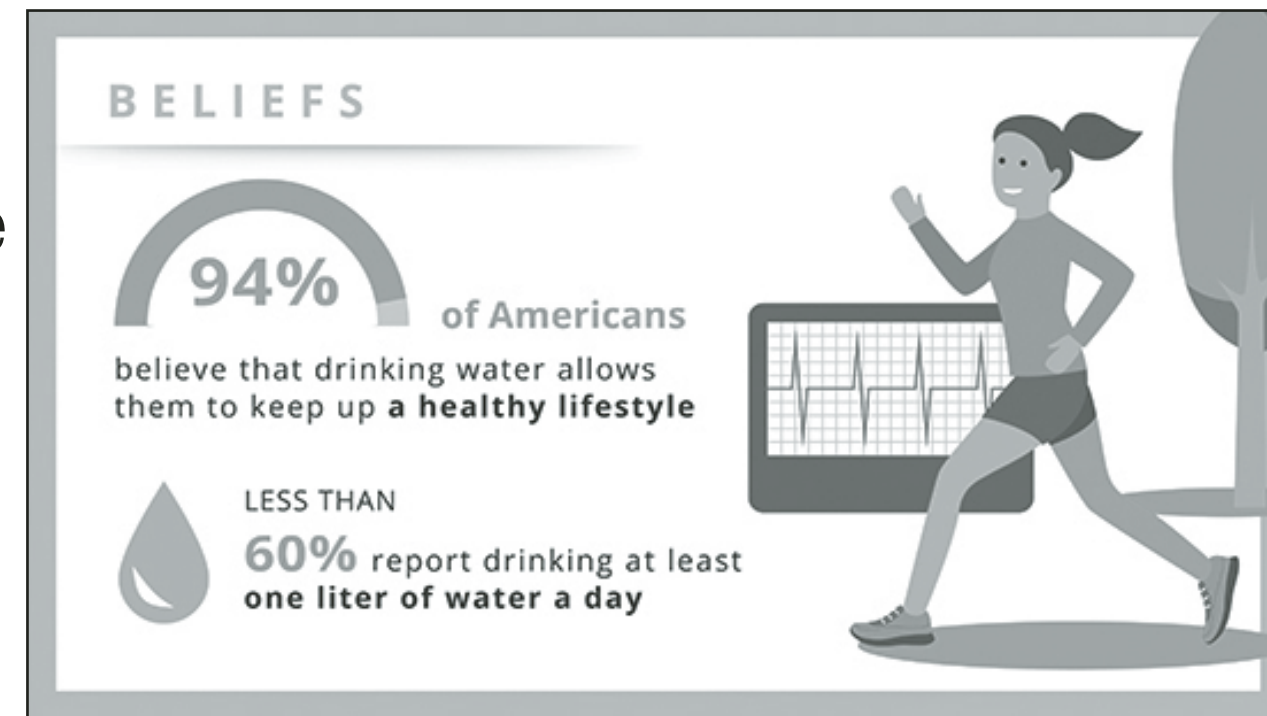
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intended to transform the way veterans receive their care.

It assists VHA in transforming veterans' care by providing patient-driven, proactive, personalized, team-based care oriented toward wellness and disease prevention resulting in improvements in veteran satisfaction, improved healthcare outcomes and costs. The PACT model is built on the well-known concept of the patient centered medical home staffed by high-functioning teams.

PACT initiative is fully implemented at the West Texas VA Health Care System (WTVAHCS). Michael Kiefer, director, reports that leadership at WTVAHCS monitors the PACT's staffing levels and access to ensure quality health care is available to all veterans.



dietitian and Director, Nutrition, Health and Wellness at Nestlé Waters North America, to help you stay hydrated in 2017 and beyond.

1. Good habits shouldn't feel bad. Overly restrictive commitments can set you up for failure. Instead,

adopt small and manageable changes to your daily routine and they can add up to big changes over time. For example, swapping just one 12-ounce (140 calorie),

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# VHA, new models of care



During the 1990s, the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) underwent a major transformation, balancing inpatient care with outpatient services, ensuring veterans had access to standardized benefits, and improving population health.

Since those years, VHA has continued to make many incremental improvements. Faced with enormous changes within health care, future financial constraints on government and evolving veteran expectations, VHA must move beyond problem-based disease care to patient-centered

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of protein from fish and poultry. Beans are also a low-fat source of protein that can help fulfill daily protein requirements.

### More fiber

Eating more fiber can help with digestive and intestinal problems, such as constipation. Constipation can occur when fiber intake is not enough, coupled with a more sedentary lifestyle. The best way to get fiber is through diet. Leave the skins on fruit and vegetables and choose whole fruits over juices. Whole-grain breads and cereals also are good sources of fiber. Dry beans and lentils can add a fiber boost. Always increase fiber slowly to determine your tolerance.

### Fewer calories

The National Institute on Aging says women over the age of 50 need between 1,600 and 2,000 calories, depending on how physically active they are. Men need between 2,000 and 2,400 calories per day. With each passing year there is a decrease in the energy required to maintain body weight, so caloric intake should be adjusted accordingly.

### More water

As a person ages, his or her body may not signal it is thirsty as well as it once did, so it's possible that you may not recognize when you are thirsty or dehydrated. The Mayo Clinic recommends around nine to 10 cups of beverages per day to remain hydrated.

Eating healthy and changing one's diet is important as a person ages, as dietary needs at age 50 may be quite different from what they were at age 30.

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from my family.

But even they — and I — weren't ready to embrace the truth. I checked in under an altered first and last name. Only a handful of close friends knew addiction was my illness. Not knowing how to tell my grandparents, we kept silent, and I never again spoke to my grandfather before he died seven months later.

Some attitudes have changed since then. But not enough.

I met with a man the other day. His skin has turned an ugly yellow because his liver slowly is drowning in alcohol.

Even for him, there's no denying he needs help.

His family listened as we talked about alcoholism, and for a moment, hope filled the room when he finally admitted he's an alcoholic.

"OK, OK, you've all got me convinced. I'll go to treatment if you'll just leave me alone now," he said, a mix of anger and fear propelling his words, a few tears in his eyes. "But only somewhere nobody finds me ... on an island with a beach. ... I'll need a tan to say I was away on a vacation."

Golden brown or sickly yellow, the color of his skin isn't the issue. It is the darkness of his perspective and ours that must change.

Dear Readers: I wrote that piece in 2010. Since then, I sense a shift in the overall public perspective about addiction as the illness it

is. Maybe not to the degree society views other chronic illnesses.

But insurance companies, politicians, the media and the neighbors next door seem to understand that people under the influence of substances they cannot control are still people and that helping them makes sense.

Ironically, though, too many addicts and alcoholics themselves, especially those suffering in the throes of their illness, still resist accepting that they are sick and try to hide behind the stigma to avoid getting help.

This week alone, four families I was trying to help each lost someone — a father, a daughter, a brother or a grandmother.

The loved ones died because they were convinced they weren't sick or sick enough to need help, or they wanted to make themselves well without professional input. And that's why I'm using this "old" column again.

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# Simple tips for maintaining a healthy heart

Americans are more informed than ever about the prevalence of heart disease in the United States. Claiming more than one million lives annually, heart disease, including stroke, heart attack and other types of cardiovascular disease, is the leading killer of women and men in the country, according to the Heart Foundation. High cholesterol and high blood pressure are two indicators of heart disease that are often detected in people before a major cardiovascular event such as stroke occurs.

While heart disease is a serious health concern for both men and women, rates of heart disease deaths among men have steadily declined; however, rates among women have re-

mained relatively the same, according to the American Heart Association. Women, unlike men, can exhibit less obvious symptoms of heart disease, so often symptoms in women go unnoticed. Symptoms of heart disease can include shortness of breath, heart palpitations, cold sweats, nausea, dizziness and an increased heart rate. If you have experienced any of these symptoms, make sure to talk to your doctor.

Fortunately, people who are at high risk of heart disease or who have already exhibited symptoms can make some easy lifestyle changes to help improve their heart health.

Eat a healthy, balanced diet. There is more to eating healthy than counting calories or trying to lose

weight. A balanced diet can also impact the performance of your heart. Limit your intake of foods that are high in saturated fat, salt, cholesterol, trans fat and added sugars, as they do not contain much nutritional value. Eating more fruits and vegetables, whole grains, nuts and fish can help keep your heart healthy. Remember to exercise portion control and eat several meals throughout the day, including starting your day off with a balanced breakfast.

Exercise regularly and lead a more active lifestyle. This may seem like a no-brainer, but even altering your lifestyle just slightly to include more physical activity can reap great benefits for your heart. If you don't currently exercise

regularly, start by taking a short 15-minute walk each day to get yourself used to moving regularly. If you're already somewhat active, try to set a regular workout schedule to ensure you get the recommended 150 minutes per week of exercise. Get enough rest. Just as exercise is important to your heart, so is sleep. Stress can damage your heart by increasing your heart rate and blood pressure. Getting a good night of rest can be critical to maintaining a healthy heart, especially if you have hypertension or high stress.

Take precaution during flu and cold season. The flu and other infections can be hard on your heart. Make sure to wash your hands often, especially during cold

and flu season. Getting a flu vaccine is also a great way to take preventive measures against disease.

There are plenty of heart health resources that are available at your primary care provider's office. You can also talk to your doctor about your risk factors and establish a plan to adopt healthy behaviors to limit and reduce your risk of developing heart disease in the future.

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# What do you know about ear tubes?



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"Ear tubes" are not only for children. The procedure is performed on adults as well, though not nearly as often as for kids. It is, in fact, the surgical procedure most often performed on children.

It involves making a tiny (1 mm) hole in the eardrum, (the tympanic membrane), vacuuming out any fluid present behind the eardrum, and placing a tiny tube in the hole to keep the hole open for months.

If the fluid is simply drained without placing the tube the hole (called a tympanostomy or myringotomy) will almost always heal shut in a few days.

When it is appropriate for the procedure to be performed, this is not a long enough time for the forces in play to be reversed. So, the tube is placed. They are called ventilation tubes or pressure equalization tubes.

There are many styles of tubes, each with their own positive and negative properties.

Very rarely a tube must be removed from the eardrum, because it has been in place too long, and the patient has passed the point of needing it, or because there are problems related to the

tube.

Usually the tubes are expelled from the eardrum, in some ways like a body would expel any surface foreign body, or gradually lose a scab.

Although there are tubes designed specifically to stay in longer, the tubes are most often expelled in about one year. This allows enough time for the processes in play that required the tubes in the first place, to be reversed to a degree that 80% of the kids needing tube placement will not require this help again.

This, needless to say, means that 20% of the kids "fall back into" the problems they were having prior to the tube placement-the hole in the eardrum heals shut, and the processes recur.

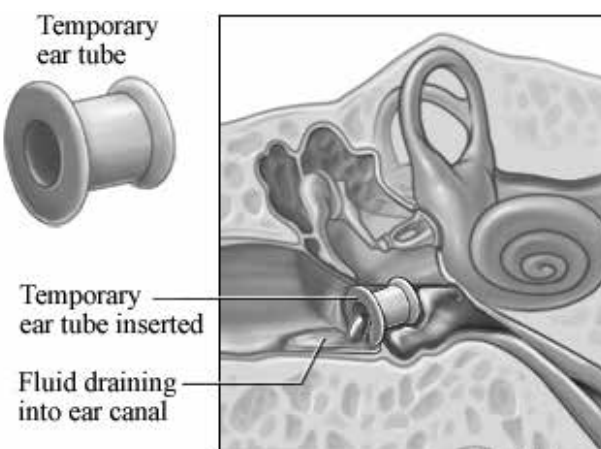
Some children, unfortunately, need this help repeatedly (adults that need this help are somewhat more likely to repeatedly require this help, because the forces at play are different-usually allergy or sinus related-and they are not going to "outgrow" the problem).

We are fortunate to have this technology available to us in recent, six or so, decades. I see many older patients that could have benefited from this intervention that, instead, had to undergo extensive life altering ear surgery because the procedure was not at that time an option.

It is a two or three minute procedure. Adults can usually tolerate this with local anesthesia, "numbing", in the office. But kids must have a brief general anesthesia-"be put to sleep"- for the few minutes required.

It is a delicate microscopic procedure, and risk of injury to the ear, because of movement, is unacceptable.

The reasons a child might need tubes are usually these: persisting fluid in the middle ear (the space behind the eardrum, extending into the cavities of the mastoid bone-much like



little connecting caves) and repeated middle ear infections-infections in these cavities.

In either case there is usually an associated hearing problem, whether it be persistent or intermittent.

Indeed, the usual problem detected on school or pediatricians' screening hearing tests is because of this. It is often unsuspected, or would not otherwise have been detected on a screening. In very young children this can "show itself" as a delay in speech development-you can't properly repeat things that you don't hear properly.

This also, unfortunately, sometimes results in children being labeled as "slow" or "mis-behaviors". It must be pretty frustrating to be "on the outside"-missing what everyone else "got".

The normal process for middle ear pressure equalization is through the Eustachian tube (the one that gives us trouble on airplanes)-the channel that connects the middle ear cavity to the throat at a spot just in back of the nose. This is where the tonsil called the adenoid is. In children the adenoid is often a part of middle ear problems (It is not in adults because the adenoid usually shrinks during teen years.)

This tube equalizes pressures, relieving any negative pressure in the middle ear/mastoid cavities.

It "opens" every time we swallow- hundreds of times a day. There are many factors involved ,but the lack of proper pressure equalization, and change in oxygen content in the cavities are believed to be, perhaps, the major factors for middle ear problems-and, the success of "ear tubes" in limiting serious complications of middle ear infections has suggested this is true. There is also the passage of germs up the tube to be considered.

The statistically identified risk factors for middle ear problems in children include: smoke exposure, drinking while reclining, allergies, day-care setting with more than four or five kids (especially under two years of age) adenoid problems.

Usually, the day-care risk can't be eliminated. But, behaviors and exposures can be eliminated. Allergies and adenoid issues can be addressed medically.

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# How to eat after you turn 50



As people age, their dietary needs begin to change. Foods that were once staples of your diet as a youth may be restricted once you hit a certain age, while other foods you may have always avoided may now be necessary to fuel and support a healthy body.

Eating healthy foods and exercising may not be enough to sustain health, as hormonal changes and other health effects as a person reaches age 50 can have a profound impact on his or her nutritional require-

ments. The following are a few things men and women over 50 may want to consider as they look to eat a healthy diet for years to come.

## Vitamin D

Both men and women age 50 and up have a reduced ability to produce vitamin D through exposure to the sun. Extra vitamin D will be needed from foods and supplements. Everyone over the age of 50 should take a daily vitamin D supplement of 400 IU (10 µg), according to Canada's Food Guide. Without adequate vitamin D, bone strength and health can deteriorate because vitamin D promotes calcium absorption. Vitamin D also has other roles, including helping neuromuscular and immune function and reducing inflammation.

## Friendly fats

People over age 50 should increase their intake of unsaturated fats and reduce consumption of saturated fats. Nutrient-rich unsaturated fats can guard against heart conditions, protect against stroke, keep skin supple, and even help men and women maintain good neurological health. Omega-3 fatty acids can be found in nuts, olives, seeds, and fatty fishes.

## Increase protein

According to Christine Gerbstadt, MD, RD, a spokesperson for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, as they age, men and women need more protein in their diets to maintain their muscle mass. The amount of protein needed at a younger age no longer may be adequate. Look for lean sources

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# Overcoming the stigma of addiction

From Dictionary.com, defining stigma: "a mark of disgrace or infamy; a stain or reproach, as on one's reputation."

Stigma obscures the truth about alcoholism and drug dependence. It fosters the public's misunderstanding that addiction is somebody else's problem only affecting "bad" or immoral people who live under bridges or deserve prison instead of help. Stigma is why neighbors abhor treatment or halfway houses in their communities. And it is the core reason politicians continue to create laws and rules that foster a "war on drugs" that ignores

the fact that addiction is a public health problem affecting all of us.

Even worse, stigma fosters shame, which prevents people who need help from asking for it. Every addict wonders, "Why can't I stop on my own?" or fears the consequences of being honest and getting treatment. I have known many people over the years who won't even share their struggles with friends or their own families. Recently, a friend from the East Coast whom I haven't seen in 30 years sent me an email about a woman in his life. "Over the past few months, her behavior has become ... well, strange is the best

way to describe it. She's forgetful, and she's fallen down. ... Happens more if she's had a few drinks. So the conclusion was she's been drinking too much, and she got herself all set to go in for rehab. The rehab person wanted her to have a complete physical before checking in, and it turns out all the weirdness is not due to beer. (She's always been and still is a moderate drinker, for what that's worth.) ... So not beer, but a brain tumor. Pray for us."

The woman has since had surgery. It's not clear yet whether the tumor is malignant. But according to my friend, everyone's

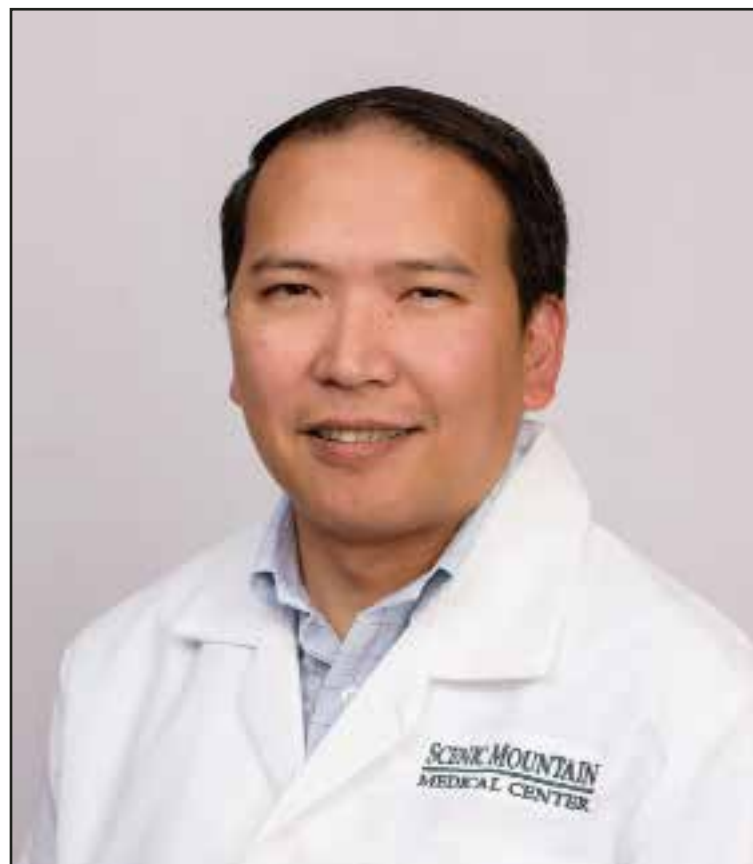
relieved.

"Interestingly, people are happier that it's a brain tumor and not alcoholism. ... Odd about that stigma. Even she said to tell people she has a brain tumor and is not a stumbling drunk. And she's a left-wing liberal who understands that drug addiction is a disease, etc."

In 1989, I was admitted to a psychiatric ward in New York City because volition alone could not stop me from killing myself with alcohol and other drugs. I needed help — a lot of it — and was fortunate for the support and love

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# SMMC: How to protect yourself from the flu



Dr. Leo Villaroman

for developing flu-related complications should exercise particular caution during flu season. Children under age five, adults 65 and older, pregnant women, people with chronic medical conditions and people who live in nursing homes or long-term care facilities are especially susceptible to complications related

to flu.

The best way to prevent

getting the flu and spreading it to others is to get a vaccine. This flu season the CDC recommends using an injectable influenza vaccine. Both the three-component and four-component vaccinations available this year contain protection against H3N2, so if you have not yet been vaccinated it is best to make an appointment with your primary care provider or visit your nearest health clinic as soon as possible, especially if you are at high risk of contracting the flu.

Unfortunately, vaccines are not always effective in preventing the flu, but it is still important to take the precaution and receive the vaccination to protect yourself. Besides vaccination, there are several other things you can do to minimize the risk of catching the virus and spreading it to others.

Maintain proper hygiene. Most viruses spread through direct contact, so it is extremely impor-

tant to wash your hands regularly in warm, soapy water and avoid contact with face, mouth and eyes. When sneezing, always use a clean tissue and discard used ones, and if a tissue is not available, sneeze away from others.

Stay home if you are sick and stay away from others who could be infected. The flu virus can be spread from an infected person to others up to six feet away, so it is important for those who think they may have the flu to stay home and avoid contact with others. Healthy individuals who live or work near someone infected with the flu should make sure to thoroughly wash linens, utensils, dishes and other commonly used items that could carry germs. Frequently touched surfaces should also be cleaned regularly.

Drink plenty of fluids. Staying hydrated can help flush out the body. It is an easy way to reinforce your immune system.

Get fresh air. Getting fresh air

can also help keep the body hydrated, especially during the cold months when central heat tends to dry out the skin.

Exercise regularly and maintain a balanced diet. Exercising regularly and eating a diet high in vegetables and fruits can help increase blood flow and stimulate the body's natural virus-killing cells.

The seasonal flu virus changes every season, so it is important to stay current with your vaccinations each year. Practicing good cleanliness habits and healthy routines can also help keep you and your loved ones healthy throughout flu season and all year long.

Flu vaccines are currently available at Dr. Leo Villaroman's office and Family Medical Center. For information about scheduling a vaccine, please call 432-264-0180 or 432-267-5531.

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# Keep your heart running strong into your golden years

Heart health should be a concern for people of all ages, but especially so for men and women over 50. That's because, according to the American Heart Association, even men and women who are free of cardiovascular disease at age 50 are at a significant lifetime risk of developing the disease.

But heart disease does not have to be an accepted byproduct of aging. For example, a 2014 study published in the AHA journal *Circulation* found that maintaining or increasing physical activity after age 65 can improve the heart's well-being and lower risk of heart attack.

In addition to increasing physical activity as they age, older men and women who understand heart disease and learn to recognize its symptoms have a greater chance of minimizing its affects and lowering their risk of having a heart attack.

What are the symptoms of heart disease?

Heart disease is a blanket term used to describe a host of conditions, so symptoms vary depending on each individual condition. The following are some of the

more widely known conditions and their symptoms:

- Hypertension: Also known as high blood pressure, hypertension is a largely symptomless form of heart disease. The AHA notes that the idea that hypertension produces symptoms such as difficulty sleeping, facial flushing, nervousness, and sweating is a misconception. Symptoms typically do not alert men and women to the presence of hypertension, highlighting the emphasis men and women should place on routine visits to the doctor's office, where their blood pressure can be taken.

- Heart attack: The symptoms of a heart attack are different than the symptoms of heart disease that may lead to heart attack. The former can be found



by visiting [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org). Signs that you may be heading toward a heart attack include undue fatigue, palpitations (the sensation that your heart is skipping a beat or beating too rapidly), dyspnea (difficulty or labored breathing), chest pain or discomfort from increased activity.

- Arrhythmia: Arrhythmia means your heartbeat is irregular, and men and women often mistakenly believe arrhythmia only afflicts those who already have been diagnosed with heart disease or have had a heart attack. But arrhythmia can affect even those

men and women who have healthy hearts and no history of cardiovascular disease. Symptoms of arrhythmia can vary greatly, from a single premature beat to a series of premature beats that occur in rapid succession. Arrhythmia that

lasts long enough to affect heart function may include symptoms such as rapid heartbeat, fatigue, dizziness, lightheadedness, shortness of breath, and chest pain.

How can I protect my heart?

Heart healthy habits take some effort, but men and women can protect their hearts regardless of their ages.

- Get sufficient exercise. At least 30 minutes of exercise per day can protect against disease.

- Quit smoking. Smoking increases your risk for a

host of ailments, including heart disease. Quitting is a great way to start getting your heart and other parts of your body back on track.

- Include heart-healthy foods in your diet. A diet that is rich in fruits and vegetables and low in cholesterol, salt and saturated fat promotes heart health.
- Don't drink alcohol to excess. Like smoking, drinking alcohol to excess can lead to a host of problems, such as high blood pressure, arrhythmia and high cholesterol, each of which increases your risk of heart disease.

- Lose weight. Being overweight or obese is a major risk factor for heart disease. If you have already started to exercise daily and eat a more heart-healthy diet, then you're on your way to losing weight. Consult your physician if diet and exercise don't seem to be helping you to shed pounds.

Heart disease kills millions of people across the globe each year, many of whom are over 50. But men and women who learn about heart disease and how to reduce their risk stand a far greater chance of fighting the disease.

## Shannon Clinic: Cholesterol checks are important

Do you know what you should about cholesterol—how to keep it at a healthy level to help prevent heart disease?

These five must-know facts about cholesterol can help you get started.

1. Your body needs cholesterol. This waxy substance is found in every cell in the body and aids in many vital functions, including digestion and hormone and vitamin D production.

But, cholesterol can cause problems when your body has too much. It can build up in arteries and lead to heart disease and stroke which could be deadly.

2. There are good and bad types of cholesterol. Low-density lipoproteins, or LDL, are the bad cholesterol. What you need to remember about LDL is: the higher the level of LDL in your blood, the higher your risk of

heart disease.

HDL, or high-density lipoproteins, are known as the good cholesterol. HDL is beneficial because it carries cholesterol from other parts of the body to the liver, where it can be removed. What you need to remember about HDL is: higher levels of HDL mean you have a lower chance of getting heart disease.

3. Testing is the only way to know if your cholesterol levels are within a healthy range. There are no signs or symptoms that let you know if your cholesterol levels aren't what they should be. But a simple blood test can let you know

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where you stand.

4. Even young people should keep tabs on their cholesterol levels. Unhealthy cholesterol isn't a problem just for older adults.

The American Heart Association recommends everyone 20 years and older, who hasn't been diagnosed with cardiovascular disease have his or her cholesterol levels checked at least every four to six years.

And the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends children

and teens have their cholesterol tested once between the ages of 9 and 11 and again between the ages of 17 and 21.

My personal recommendation is having your cholesterol checked and knowing your numbers by age 18.

5. To help control your cholesterol, cut down on foods high in saturated and trans fats, which include fatty meats; baked goods (like cookies and cakes); and whole-milk dairy products and solid fats, such as butter.

You should also get plenty of exercise, reach and maintain a healthy weight, and if you smoke, stop now.

Medications may also be recommended to help you achieve optimal cholesterol levels.

Your doctor, or cardiologist, will work with you to develop a plan suited for your needs.

*If you have questions about how a cholesterol test works, our staff at the Shannon Regional Heart Center are more than happy to visit with you. Please call 325-481-2281. For more information and free heart health assessments, visit the online health library at [www.shannonhealth.com](http://www.shannonhealth.com).*

## BRAIN

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to examine its potential efficacy at treating age-related deficits in memory. Xanthohumol also may benefit those with metabolic syndrome, a condition associated with obesity and high blood pressure, as it can speed metabolism and reduce fatty acids in the liver.

Flavonoids are plant compounds that often provide plants with their color. Scientists have attributed

many health benefits to flavonoids in foods and plants and have even suggested flavonoids can help in the fight against cancer and heart disease. Xanthohumol is rare and is most often found in the hops commonly used to make beer.

While doctors and researchers do not suggest running out and consuming a few six packs right now in the goal of improving brain function and cramming for that next test, xanthohumol may one day be harvested from beer hops to slow down age-related memory deficits.



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