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# director finds her pace

#### By LYNDEL MOODY

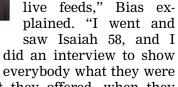
Staff Writer

Bias

If you've noticed activity ramping up on the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County's Facebook page lately, it's not because the organization's annual campaign is nearing.

The agency's new executive director, Meghan Bias, is just using all her pro-

verbial tools to educate the community about the United Way, the 15 non-profit agencies it supports, and to help foster intercommunication and support between the agencies themselves. "I've started doing



doing, what they offered, when they were there, who they could contact, where they are located, what they are all about. "Because of that live feed when the

(Boy) Scouts, which is another of our agencies, was having a food drive and their (Lone Star) District Executive Zack Mullins called me and said 'the West Texas Food Bank doesn't necessarily need the food that we get, so I can give it to Isaiah,' I was like yes. I gave him the number. This is living united. This is such a beautiful thing. One of our agencies is doing something to help another one. That helps so many people. I felt this is what should be happening all the time. There is no reason they shouldn't be helping each other."

Bias took over the position in January. The United Way is an organization which holds an annual campaign beginning in September that runs until November to raise money for its affiliated agencies. Currently, funds from the campaign are allocated to 15 area nonprofit agencies that provide a range of services to the community such as helping victims of violent crimes to youth activities and job training assistance.

Bias said she is planning to make

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# New UW | BSISD All-City Choir sings out



HERALD photos/Lyndel Moody

Students from various Big Spring schools practice with the All-City Choir Saturday morning before the concert which was held later that day at the Big Spring High School auditorium. More than 100 young singers were selected for the choir after an audition process. The choir consisted of 25 members each from all the four elementary schools and select members of BSI fifth and sixth grade choirs.

### Elementary, intermediate choir students perform Saturday

Staff Writer

Olivia Arguello may speak in a shy, quiet voice at times but she doesn't let that show when she is

The Big Spring Intermediate fifth grader was one of more than 100 young singers who performed for the All City Choir Saturday afternoon held at the Big Spring High School auditorium.

Arguello said she enjoys singing.

"It inspires me," she said quietly during a small break in morning re-

Arguello and the other All-City members were selected through an audition process, according to Elizabeth King, Marcy Elementary music teacher who provided piano accompaniment for the performance. The choir consisted of 25 students

from each of the four Big Spring ISD elementary schools and select Big Spring Intermediate fifth and six grade choir members.

To be a part of the choir, students not only

had to be the best singers of their schools, show good behavior but also needed to be dedicated. These young singers have been meeting every Tuesday for the past six weeks at the high school choir room for practice.

Both the students and their parents were very dedicated to the rehearsals, King said

"The kids love to sing," she said. "They are responsive to what we

ask them to do. They are all excited. They are getting used to different styles used by the different directors, and they've been very flexible. It's been a real joy to work with "I have to give a shout out to the

parents," she said. "The kids don't drive so the parents or siblings have to get them there."

On concert day, the students were

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### Coahoma Lion's Club pancake supper tonight

### By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

 ${\tt COAHOMA-Coahoma\,Lion's\,Club}$ members will host their annual pancake supper tonight in conjunction with Coahoma ISD's open house and talent show. Serving will begin at 5 p.m. and will

continue until 7 p.m. in the elementary school's cafeteria.

The meal is \$6 per plate which includes sausage and bacon along with a choice of milk, tea, or coffee. Sugar free and regular syrup will be available.

And for those who need a little chocolate pick-me-up, chocolate syrup bottles will on hand to pour over those warm, sweet-tasting pancakes.

The Lion's Club uses money from the fundraiser to support academic scholarships, fund vision care programs,

and assist needs within the communi-

ty. Last year, the club handed out two

\$500 scholarships to Coahoma High

School seniors to attend Howard Col-

Coahoma Elementary School is located at 400 Ramsey, Coahoma, Texas. Coahoma ISD will host an all campuses open house from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in conjunction with the supper. A talent show will begin at 7 p.m. at the high school auditorium.

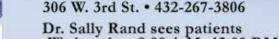
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### **Obituaries**

### Joe Clark



Joe Clark, 81, of Big Spring died Friday, Feb. 24, 2017, at the Veteran's Administration Medical Cen-

The family will receive friends Monday from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Trinity Baptist Church with Scott Kirkland, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. Burial with Military Honors

will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born Dec. 24, 1935, in Idalou, Texas, to Eugene "Buster" Clark and Claudie Lumpkin Clark. At the age of 5, Joe's family moved to Big Spring from Shallowater. He graduated from Big Spring High School in 1954. During his youth, he worked at the Webb Air Force Base Exchange, and at the Big Spring State Hospital Warehouse from 1954 until 1957. He married Kay Howell June 27, 1959, in Colorado City. He worked at the Coltex Refinery in Colorado City from 1957 until 1961, when it was bought by Cosden. He then worked for Cosden, later Fina, for 31 years and 10 months, retiring Dec. 31, 1991. He also owned Clark Insulation Company from 1975 until 2000. Joe was a patriot, serving in the National Guard from May 10, 1954, until July 12, 1985. His unit was activated for 10 months during the Cuban Missile Crisis. He retired from the Guard with the rank of Master Sergeant. He was a member of Trinity Baptist Church. He was a member of the Permian Basin Square and Round Dancing Association. He was assistant education chairman for the 2006 convention in San Antonio of the National Federation of square and round dancing. He was a member of the Tumbleweed Camping Club. He loved camping, crossword puzzles, birdwatching, square dancing, and military on TV, and was an avid reader. He served as a volunteer driver for the Disabled American Veterans and was a member of the Disabled American Veterans.

Joe is survived by his wife Kay Clark of Big Spring; two daughters, Gwen Kincheloe and her husband Bob of Big Spring, and Kim Rubio and her husband Fabian of Big Spring; grandchildren, Jonathan Rubio and his wife Katee of Ackerly, Jarred Rubio and his wife Rachel of Willard, Mo., and Jessica Rubio of Austin; great-grandchildren: Lawson Rubio, Mikah Rubio, and Noah Rubio of Willard, Mo., and Kade Rubio of Ackerly; one sister, Marilyn Lynskey of Midland; two nephews, Vincent Lynskey and his wife Wendy of Greenwood, and Tomas Lynskey and his wife Selina of Midland; one niece, Leah Straub of Midland; numerous cousins; and a host of friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his coffee-drinking buddy, Bill R. Davis.

The family suggests memorials to the Disabled Americans Veterans, DAV.org.

Pallbearers will be Fabian Rubio, Jonathan Rubio, Jarred Rubio, Jessica Rubio, Bob Kincheloe, Vincent Lynskey, and Robert Shelton. Honorary pallbearers will be Don Settles, Dub Telchik, Wayne Beene, George Williams, Rob Roberson, Walt Martin, and Gary Martin.

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

Robert Morris Gay



November 6, 1935 - January 29,

Bob was born in Big Spring. Texas, to Naomi Asenath Elliott Gay and Morris Shepherd Gay. He graduated from Knott High School, where he played six-man football. He joined the Air Force in 1953, starting out in bombardier school. While stationed in Cheyenne, Wyo., he married Dorothy Cox Kurz and became an instant

father of three. He made it official a little later by adopting Steve, Karen and Lura. After his assignment in Cheyenne, he was stationed in Big Spring, Texas, and Oklahoma City, Okla. He retired from the Air Force in 1974. He then went to Central State University in Oklahoma and received his MBA in 1978. He continued to work as a civilian at Tinker Air Force Base.

Bob and Dorothy moved from Oklahoma to Midland, Texas. Shortly after Dorothy's death in 2008, he moved to Michigan to live close to Steve and Jane Gray. Eventually he returned to his Texas roots and lived near Karen and Niranjan Sharma.

He was preceded in death by his siblings, Steve Gay, Joanne Jordan, and Barbara Meek Welch.

He leaves behind his three children, Steve Gray (wife Jane), Karen Sharma (husband Niranjan) and Lura Zimmerman (husband Charles); 10 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and 5 great-greatgrandchildren.

A memorial service will be held 10 a.m. March 4, 2017, at Ellis Funeral Home, 801 Andrews Highway, Midland, Texas, 79701.

Online condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com.

### Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following ac-

- DOMINIQUE JANAI OTIS 20, of 1804 State St. was arrested on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility and
- ROSA ALICIA CARREON-BARRERA, 32, of 1610 S. Main St. was arrested on a charge of failure to identify/giving false or fictitious information.
- RICHARD DUSTIN LOFTIN, 40, of 4215 Dixon St. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- REBECCA LYNN COM-STOCK, 33, of 1408 S. Runnels St. was arrested on a charge of criminal trespassing.
- CANDICE MARIE KILCOL-**LINS**, 31, of 1910 A W. Kentucky St. in Midland was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

- **ANDREW JONATHAN** YANEZ, 24, of 1408 Oriole was arrested on outstanding warrants.
- MITCHELL WAYNE MC-CORMACK, 34, of 1306 Dixie Ave. was arrested on charges of evading arrest or detention, interference with the duties of a public servant, and criminal trespassing.
- DAVID EUGENE WIL-LIAMS, 50, of 1100 Wood St. was arrested on a charge of failure to identify/fugitive giving false information; and on outstanding warrants.
- PATRICK ALLEN GLENN, 55, of 910 E. Sixth St. was arrested on a charge of public intoxica-
- TINO OLAGUE VILLA, 26, of 5102 Wasson Rd. was arrested on outstanding warrants.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE

was reported in the 1000 block of Hilltop Road, the 400 block of Westover Road, and the 1200 block of North FM 700.

- THEFT was reported in the 200 block of West FM 700.
- DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1400 block of Runnels St.reet, and the 1300 block of Dixie Avenue.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 900 block of East 16th Street and the 600 block of Ridgelea Drive.
- STOLEN VEHICLE was reported in the 300 block of Washington Boulevard.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITA-**TION** was reported in the 1500 block of Stadium Avenue.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 7000 block of North Service Road.

### Take Note

- The Howard County Fair needs volunteers to cross stitch squares for the annual quilt fundraiser. The theme for this year's quilt is "It's a Jungle Out There." You can pick up a square from Cheryl Joy at the Heritage Museum during regular hours Tuesday through Saturday. Call Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674 for more information.
- Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very re-

warding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

The next sacking session will be at 5:30 p.m. March 6 and 7 at the old Lakeview High School gym located at 1107 N.W. Seventh St. To get there, take Gregg Street north and turn left on Delaney, which is the block just past the Salvation Army retail store. Delaney turns into Seventh

Street, you will go over

the railroad tracks and the school is on the left.

If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There

· Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance

will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want

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### Martin Bentancur

Martin Bentancur, 49, of Big Spring died Saturday, Feb. 25, 2017, at his home. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

John Hilger
John Hilger, 46, of Big Spring died Friday, Feb. 24, 2017, at his home. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

### Barbara A. Morgan Barbara A. Morgan, 77, of Big Spring died Satur-

day, Feb. 25, 2017, at Big Spring Center for Skilled Care. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

### **Support Groups**

- · Reformers Unanimous International is a faithbased addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.
- tles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. **TUESDAY**

· Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615 Set-

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

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

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

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will start Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship located in the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.
- · Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY

- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy) a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

### **THURSDAY**

- · Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.
- A Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

### **FRIDAY**

 AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

### **SATURDAY**

 Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/ speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

### **SUNDAY**

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

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At top, Olivia Arguello, center, practices with the All-City Choir Saturday morning before the concert which was held later that day in the afternoon at the Big Spring High School auditorium. Arguello is a fifth grader at Big Spring Intermediate (BSI) and one of more than 100 young singers selected to be a member of the choir after an audition process. At bottom, Christian Martinez, pictured center, rehearses during the All-City Choir practice held Saturday. The choir consisted of 25 members from each of the four elementary schools, and select members of BSI fifth- and sixth-grade choirs.

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in practice beginning at 9 a.m. and continuing through the morning preparing for the afternoon concert which was open to the general public.

"We appreciate the public sup-

port for the arts here and the music program," King said. "We just had six (high school) choir students go to (all-) state (choir) and band students also. We have really good directors, leadership here, and strong parents support. It's a team effort and we want people to come celebrate."

Directors for the All-City choir were: Elesha McMeans, Washington Elementary music teacher; Tamera Sneed, Moss Elementary music teacher; Victor Parra, Goliad Elementary School music teacher; Eddie Vasquez, BSI fifth grade choir teacher; and Billy Davis, BSI sixth grade choir teacher.

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heavy use of social media because it is free and effective in today's society to help her not only promote these agencies, but also inform the public about their services. Bias is using Facebook to broadcast information, interviews from leaders of the different agencies, and post updates on events in real time for the public.

"As I do these live feeds, I would like the agencies to tell their stories themselves," she said. "They don't need me talking for them. I just want to provide a platform for them to reach more people."

Fostering inter-agency communication and support is also on the top of her list, Bias said.

"I want to really bring the vision of living united here in Howard

County," she said. "I really want United Way to be the cornerstone for all these agencies and for the community. I feel like we can help each other so much and they can help each other."

The United Way of

Big Spring and Howard County supports the following agencies: The American Red Cross, Permian Basin chapter; Big Spring YMCA; Buffalo Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America; CASA of West Texas, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center; Emergency Services Chaplain

Corps; Girl Scouts of the

Desert Southwest; Isaiah 58; Mobile Meals; Northside Community Center; Rape Crisis Services of Big Spring; Spring of Siloam; The Salvation Army; The Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club; and the Westside Community Day Care Center.

Each March, the United Way opens up applications to become a sponsored agency. For more information or to learn more about the United Way in general, contact Bias at 432-267-5201 or visit the United Way office located inside the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce and Big Spring Economic Development building, 215 West Third St.

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### President Trump's speech could be marked by disruption or decorum

#### By NANCY BENAC and JILL COLVIN

**Associated Press** WASHINGTON (AP) —

A presidential speech to Congress is one of those all-American moments that ooze ritual and decorum.

The sergeant-at-arms will stand at the rear of the House of Representatives on Tuesday night and announce, in a booming voice, the arrival of Donald Trump before a joint session of Congress by intoning: "Mister Speaker, the President of the United States," just like always. Trump will stride down

the center aisle to lusty cheers and hearty handshakes from his Republican supporters. First

lady Melania Trump, accompanied by special guests, will smile from the gallery above. From there, though, the president who favors disruption over decorum can take the night in any number of directions. So can the Democrats who oppose

The White House is promising that Trump's first address to Congress will be a forward-looking one about the "renewal of the American spirit."

The speech offers Trump an opportunity to stand before millions of viewers around the United States and the world, and try to reframe his presidency after a chaotic opening in which he's rattled world leaders, railed against leaked information, engaged in open warfare with the press and seen his signature effort to halt some immigration thwarted by the courts.

He probably will stress early achievements such as his nomination of Judge Neil Gorsuch for the Supreme Court and a series of executive orders to rein in government.

Presidential counselor Kellyanne Conway told "Watters' World" on the Fox News Channel, "The Trump address won't be boring because Donald Trump's not boring."

But the staid setting of the House chamber doesn't play to Trump's strengths. He captured the White House with his sayanything style at raucous campaign rallies and his red "Make America Great Again" ball cap.

Trump has shown he can stick to a script, but not necessarily the one

people expected. His inaugural address,

typically a moment for optimism and gauzy possibilities, was a darkly sketched recitation "American carnage." His speech at the Repub-

lican convention last summer offered a similarly apocalyptic pledge to save the U.S. from Hillary Clinton's record of "death, destruction, terrorism and weakness.' "We've been fooled pre-

viously," says Aaron Kall, director of debate at the University of Michigan. "We keep waiting for the pivot, but it hasn't yet materialized." There also are big ques-

tions about how Democrats will choose to show their opposition to the president, especially they are emboldened by the vocal Trump opponents who have turned out in force at legislators' town-hall meetings their home districts over the past few weeks. Already, Democrats

have made a point of inviting immigrants and foreigners to attend Trump's speech as a choreographed counterpoint to his exclusionary immigration poli-

There is no shortage of bad blood between the Democrats and Trump.

He has mocked their Senate leader, Chuck Schumer of New York, as the "head clown," as a "lightweight" and for crying "fake tears" on behalf of those blocked from entering the U.S.

Likewise, the president still has work to do within his own party.

The president so far appears on friendly terms with congressional Republicans. He speaks often by phone with House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis.

But GOP legislators are getting impatient for details of the president's positions on top issues such as a tax overhaul, repealing President Barack Obama's health care law and trade policy.

They're also wary of some of Trump's more unrestrained ways of expressing himself.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, asked

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what he wanted to hear from Trump on Tuesday, told a Chamber of Commerce crowd in Kentucky last week: "A tweet-free, optimistic and uplifting

message about where

America needs to go." While the traditions of Congress demand manners and cordiality, plenty of drama has unfolded over the years in the interplay between presidents and legislators during State of the Union speeches and other formal addresses, such as Tuesday's.

During President Barack Obama's September 2009 address to a joint session of Congress on health care, Rep. Joe Wilson, a South Carolina Republican, blurted out "You lie!" It was seen by many as a breathtaking show of disrespect.

Groups of Republicans also showed their displeasure with Obama in more subtle ways, by snickering or not applauding. Michael Waldman, chief speechwriter for President Bill Clinton, said Trump can easily "blow up a speech" with just a few deviations from the text on his teleprompter. Waldman said that pointed opposition from Democrats could throw Trump off his game, as well.

"How will he respond when several hundred Democratic members of Congress are not giving him the love he's hoping for from the audience?" Waldman asks.

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### Steers baseball competes in Shallowater **Tournament**

By MARISSA LOFTIN

Sports Editor

The Big Spring Steers baseball team traveled to Shallowater over the weekend where they competed in the Shallowater Tournament. After playing against some tough teams, the Steers finished with an overall record of 2-2-1.

Thursday, February 23rd

Big Spring 11 Bushland 2 First career win WP: Tristan Myrick (1-0)

Big Spring 4 Shallowater 7 LP: Matthew Tarrats (0-1)

Friday, February 24th

Big Spring 6 San Jacinto5 WP: Luke Edwards (1-0) Save: Riley Henson

Saturday. February 25th

Big Spring 6 Fort Stockton 6

Big Spring 11 Perryton 12 LP: Aaron Olague

According to Big Spring baseball head coach Daniel Carrillo, he felt it was an overall success for the weekend and was also a good learning experience for the entire team.

"Even though our record wasn't what we wanted it to be this weekend, us being in tight and pressure situations will only help us and make us more confident as the season continues and the games get bigger," said Carrillo. "We learned from this tournament whether we are coming back from 6-0 or giving up an 8-1 lead that we must keep our emotions to a minimum and play until the last out is made. Anything can happen in any inning if we let our emotions get too high or low."

The Steers will now begin to prepare for their next tournament coming up this weekend in Wichita Falls, and according to Carrillo, that begins with their confidence in intense situations.

"As I told the team, we will continue to pound that wall until we succeed in a true pressure situation," said Carrillo. "And the only way to do that is to continue to play in those situations and have our confidence level grow and feel comfortable with the uncomfortable, and as always, bring the boat.'

### Alumni game fundraiser set for Big Spring softball

By MARISSA LOFTIN

Sports Editor

The Big Spring softball team and Booster Club are having an alumni softball game and homerun derby to raise funds for their program on March 5.

"We are trying to raise money for new uniforms, and we are also trying to build a new locker room for the girls," said Tonia Pilgrim, assistant coach. "Our goal for the uniforms is around \$1,500, but to raise enough money for a new locker room is anywhere from \$50-60k."

According to Pilgrim, this is the first year that the program has ever had an alumni game.

"This is the first alumni softball game and home-run derby fundraiser," Pilgrim added. "We plan to make this an annual event."

Each player must pay \$5 and must have played softball in high school. They will also have a home run derby.

Anyone and everyone can participate. For the home run derby you must pay \$5 for 5 balls/cuts. The winner of the home run derby will recieve a

Brisket tacos will also be available for sale.

"Get your family and friends all together and have a fun filled time," said Pilgrim.

# Lady Steers participate in Abilene Tournament

By MARISSA LOFTIN

Sports Editor

The Lady Steers softball team set off to Abilene this past weekend where they competed in the Abilene Tournament, finishing 2-3 overall.

Thursday, **February** 

Big Spring 10 Graham 0 WP: Kynleigh Joy

Big Spring 9

Abilene Cooper 6 WP: Mariah Sarmiento

Friday, February 24th Big Spring 3 Rider 5

Saturday, **February** 

Big Spring 1 Abilene High 3

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In the first game against Graham, Kynleigh Joy pitched a shut-out for the team. The Steers started off the first at bat with a score and never stopped, setting the tone of the game early and coming out with a nice win.

In their game against Abilene Cooper, Mariah Sarmiento got it done on the mound and brought their team a 9-6 victory.

On Friday, the girls put up a tough battle against Rider, but still fell short losing 5-3.

"They were a good team," said head coach Chelsey Jordan. "We were fighting and started to hit their pitcher hard and the time just ran out for

According to Jordan, each game in the tourna-

Pictured above is the Big Spring Lady Steer softball team at their softball tournament they participated in last weekend in Abilene.

> ment was a set time of 75 minutes, which wound up being around 4 innings per game. "I would have loved to go to 7 innings each game

to see how much fight our team had," said Jordan. Saturday included a 3-1 loss to Abilene High and a 5-0 loss to Merkel.

According to Jordan, the girls played against some bigger schools and good teams in this tournament which made it a good experience for the team.

"We played decent and did a lot of good things this weekend," said Jordan. "But we definitely have more to work on. We are going to work hard all week and get ready for our tournament next weekend in Odessa"

This Odessa Permian Tournament will take place in Odessa this coming weekend on March 3-4th.

Contact Sports Editor Marissa Loftin at 432-263-7331, ext 237.

### Leonard scores 25, leads Spurs to 119-98 rout of Lakers



San Antonio Spurs' Kawhi Leonard, cen- speaks ter, puts up a shot past Los Angeles Lakers' itself," Gasol Julius Randle during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Sunday, Feb. 26, 2017, in Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — With the Los Angeles Lakers in the middle of their latest franchise upheaval, the San Antonio Spurs showed their young opponents what steady excellence looks like.

Kawhi Leonard scored 25 points and the Spurs routed the Lakers 119-98 on Sunday in Los Angeles' first home game since Magic Johnson took over the franchise's basketball operations.

Pau Gasol added 15 points against his former team, which has lost four straight and 15 of 19. Five days ago, Lakers owner Jeanie Buss fired her top two basketball executives, including her brother, and put Johnson in

Gasol left the Lakers as a free agent three years ago at the start of their descent into the worst four-season stretch in franchise history. After his stormy history with Hollywood's favorite team,

Gasol has a special preciation for dramafree winning environment created by Gregg Popovıcn, R.C. Buford and the Spurs.

"The Spurs'

record trajectory over the last seasons said. "It's just model of consistency, excellency and how to

get it done. The way they build the culture around here is really impressive. I'm just glad to be a part of it, and now let's see if we can do something special."

LaMarcus Aldridge had 16 points for the Spurs, who wrapped up their eight-game road trip with six victories. San Antonio has won four straight and nine of 11 overall, steadily cruising toward a Southwest Division title and another playoff run in six weeks.

**TIP-INS** 

Spurs: Gasol played 20 minutes in his second game back from a 15-game absence with a broken left hand. Gasol, who won two NBA titles in Los Angeles, got a warm ovation from Lakers fans. ... USC product Dewayne Dedmon had 11 points and nine rebounds. The Spurs' unlikely starting big man is another product of LA's far-flung suburbs, growing up in Lancaster.

Lakers: Kareem Abdul-Jabbar received a standing ovation at halftime when the Lakers honored him for his social activism. ... The game was just the Lakers' second home game in February and their third home game in five weeks. After playing eight of their previous 10 on the road they began a four-game homes-

LAKERS LOSE

Rookie Brandon Ingram scored a season-high 22 points as the Lakers fell to 19-41, ensuring their fourth consecutive nonwinning season. Coach Luke Walton was dismayed by his young roster's effort while falling behind by 21 points in the first half, calling it "unacceptable."

"I don't know if it was the early start or what," Walton said. "I love our guys and I'm supportive toward them, and I think they did a good job in the second half. But that first half, that can't happen if we're trying to build and trying to get somewhere."

Jordan Clarkson scored 19 points and D'Angelo Russell had 18 for the Lakers, who have lost their first two games since Buss dismissed general manager Mitch Kupchak and her brother, Jim.

SPURRED ON

The Spurs have won eight straight over the Lakers, surpassing their 2004-06 run for their longest winning streak in the series between these longtime Western Conference rivals. San Antonio also has beaten the Lakers seven straight times at Staples Center. Leonard, who grew up 60 miles east of Staples Center in Moreno Valley, scored 19 points in the first half.



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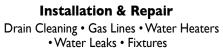


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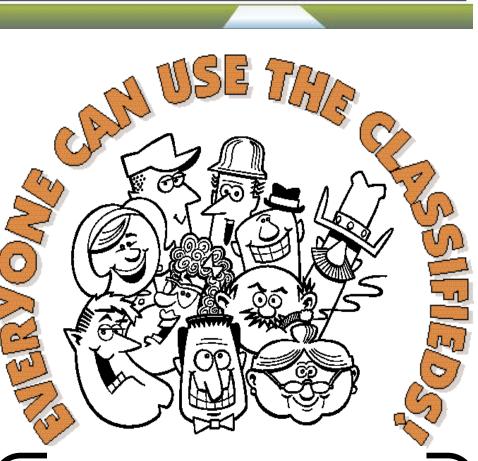
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a real problem with my

52-year-old son, "Rob-

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dicted. He's struggled

with substance abuse

since he was 14 years

old. Years ago, he got

sober for a stretch

Dear Annie: I have

HOLIDAY **MATHIS** 

Mars and Jupiter **Tension** 

Don't wait for a special moment to say the nice thing you usually keep to yourself. Birthdays and anniversaries are already saturated with generic messages. If you have something original and sweet to say, say it now, when no one is expecting it. It's the most charmed thing you could possibly do with this Mars and Jupiter alignment!

**ARIES (March** 21-April 19). By definition, work is harder than doing nothing at all. At least it should be. Then why doesn't it feel as if that is true? You'll find idleness to be an irritant and gladly take on more than your share to stay busy.

**TAURUS (April** 20-May 20). One of the more difficult character challenges of the day will be in the practice of nonjudgment. To take things at face value is difficult for one with the in-depth

Tomorrow's Horoscope knowledge that you

have, but you won't be sorry. **GEMINI (May 21-**June 21). Get going

on a project. It doesn't matter where you start; it just matters that you do. Wrong choices lead to right ones; bad plans lead to better ones. **CANCER** (June

22-July 22). You're the unofficial coach of your group. You won't let anyone perform at a subpar level without taking it upon yourself to investigate the problem, fix it and motivate improvement.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). This is a time to keep as much of the project under your control and jurisdiction as you can. If you delegate too much, you'll just have to do it over yourself. VIRGO (Aug. 23-

Sept. 22). You don't like to put people out, but if they want to make a sacrifice on your behalf, let them. You are important to your people. They want you to know this. Let them show you. LIBRA (Sept. 23-

Oct. 23). Who should be fulfilling your expectation? Whose expectation should you be filling? If the answers to those questions are "nobody" and "nobody's," then you'll have an excellent day indeed.

SCORPIO (Oct. **24-Nov. 21).** Things will not stay the way they are. They never

have, and they never will. With this in mind, you'll continue to look for the present opportunities, which are as unusual as they are rare.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). In most things, the lows and highs will expand at the same time. In a related story, you'll be reminded that the way to intelligent things is often found through silly things.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're edgy; the pressure is on. Embrace it. Some top performance coaches suggest that relaxation techniques only diminish your ability to connect. It's more compelling to stay in the moment and use the energy.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Over-planning leads to a boring outcome. But how do you know when you've planned too much? If your plans are prohibiting you from taking advantage of the pop-up opportunities of the moment, abandon them.

PISCES (Feb. **19-March 20**). You'll be at your absolute best in a safe environment where you're not worried about being scored or judged. You can have that peace even if you (SET ITAL) are (END ITAL) being judged, by the way. The trick is in not worrying about it.

DAY (Feb. 27). This solar return, you'll step way out of the familiar and, upon returning, find new joy in the life you've built. Next month brings a favorable close to a long-running argument. Don't work on improving relationships, as it will happen through play, travel and fun. July brings the chance to double down and win. Gemini and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 38, 11, 19 and

TODAY'S BIRTH-

**ASTROLOGICAL** QUESTIONS: "I'd like to be able to tell the future, as I imagine all that I could do with the knowledge. How can a Taurus become more psychic?"

For the sensual bull, your intuition will develop as you tune in to and test your various psychic channels. Think about channel surfing on your television and how some shows appeal to you more than others. One channel may hold no interest for you at all, and the next may take but a few seconds to pull you in. Well, this is similar to what happens with psychic channels. Finding the one that speaks to you will start your psychic journey.

For one who favors clairvoyance, psychic messages come in the form of mental pictures. A clairsentient is one

who is oriented to receive guidance in the form of a feeling. Do your thoughts seem to communicate with you via an actual voice, music or other sounds? You may be experiencing clairaudience. If you've ever known information on a subject that you don't remember studying at all, you may be claircognizant.

It will be easier for you to open up and experiment when you come from a sense of curiosity, imagination and wonder. It will be difficult for you to grow your intuition if you're too focused on personal gain.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** The angelic voice of Josh Groban fits as well into pop and rock music as it does into classical. Pisces are known for flexibility, which is a function of this sign's ability to empathize and align with different points of view. Groban has natal sun and Mars in Pisces, indicating that he will most likely explore another area of the entertainment field during his career, such as music production, writing or film direction.

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### Annie's Mailbox ®

of five years, so I know he is capable of getting clean. But he's using now.

He is very verbally abusive, especially to me. I tried to help him for two years by having him live with me. I kicked him out when I found needles and other paraphernalia in



By Steve Becker

### Famous Hand

East dealer. East-West vulnerable ♠ A J 10 6 **♥**AQ952 WEST ♦ΛQJ8652 ♦ K 10 4 SOUTH The bidding: South

West North 1 **♦** 4 **♥** 4 **♦** 5 **♥** 5 ♦ Pass Pass Dble Opening lead — four of diamonds.

This deal occurred in the final of

the 1994 world team championship, which saw the United States come from behind in the last quarter to defeat Poland for the title. The deal is notable in part because it featured a highly competitive auction during which three consecutive bids were made on singletons!

The auction started innocently enough when Krzysztof Lasocki of Poland opened the East hand with

one diamond, but when Michael

overcall on his skimpy heart suit, things heated up in a hurry. After Piotr Gawrys' one-spade bid, North, Roger Bates, leaped to four dia-monds, a "splinter" bid indicating heart support and a singleton or void in diamonds. Lasocki responded in kind by

bidding the opponents' suit, and Rosenberg, perhaps carried away by the giddiness of the moment. returned the compliment. After eight consecutive bids, Lasocki made the first pass of the auction, and Rosenended up at five hearts doubled. With only two minor-suit tricks

to lose and the king of hearts favorably placed, it appeared that Rosenberg would have the last laugh. But when trumps were broached, Rosenberg forsook the normal percentage play of finessing, and put up the ace instead to go down one.

At the other table, the auction was

decidedly more subdued. Chip Martel and Lew Stansby, East-West for the U.S., reached four spades in an uncontested auction. North, Cezary Balicki, looking at four virtually sure tricks, doubled, and Stansby lost three spades, a heart and a club to finish down two — minus 500.

The 600-point combined gain gave the Poles a 12-IMP pickup on the deal, and a 21-IMP lead overall, before the U.S. began its surge at the

Rosenberg of the U.S. elected to end of the third quarter. Tomorrow: The discovery process. ©2017 King Features Syndicate In-

he lies like a rug and recently claimed he was robbed of his medication. He had me running to the police to file a report of the robbery and then had me go to the pharmacy to pick up a refill.

I have had it up to my eyeballs and cannot help him. He always sends texts saying, "You never loved me," "You hate me," "You talk to me like I'm Dad." (He is just like his father.) His brother died of an overdose, and he throws that in my face -- even to the point

that he says I enjoyed watching him die! He is so sick, and when I say we need a long break, he turns that around to: "You have no feelings and are a hard, cold woman." He lives in the same town I do and constantly calls for favors. He needs long-term rehabilitation, and I am fed up with his abuse. What should I do? --Tired and Exhausted

Dear Tired: Addiction is a cunning and opportunistic disease, one that leads its victims to go to great lengths to further afflict themselves. I'm so

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sorry it claimed the life

of your other son. Please know that when Robert says monstrous things to you, it's his illness talking, not your son. Tell him that you love and support him but you will not love, support or enable his addiction. That's that. Don't let him guilt you into lending him money; don't let him hoodwink you into refilling

prescriptions. And consider attending an Al-Anon or Nar-Anon Family Groups meeting so you can hear from others who know painfully well what you're going through. I cannot recommend these groups enough.

Dear Annie: I was so pleased with your response to "Speech Problems in Pennsylvania," saying that the writer offered "an invaluable perspective." The writer is in a unique place, as the serving job he or she has gives him or her repeated opportunities not only to educate others but also to face his or her own feelings regarding having a speech disorder.

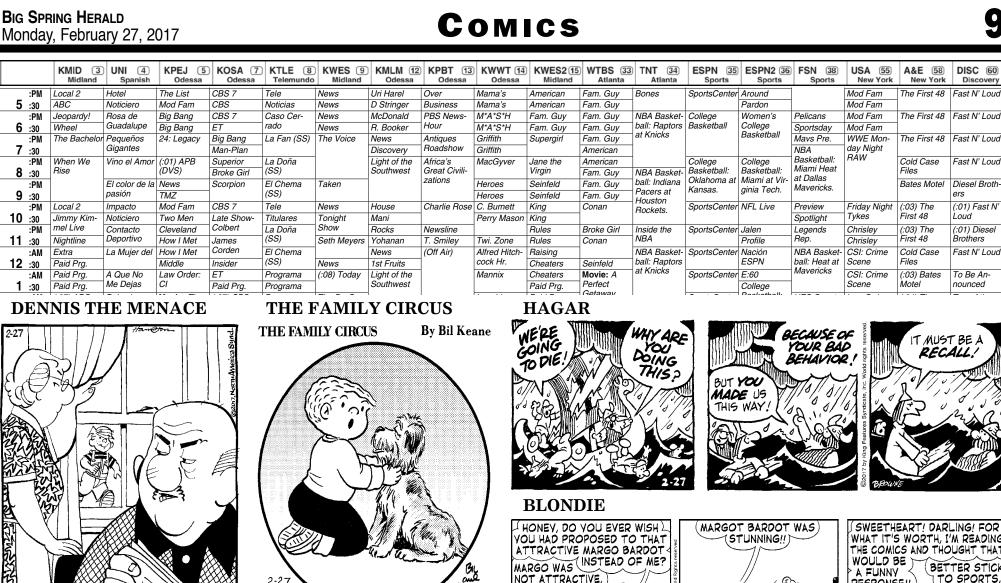
It sounds to me as if the writer is projecting his/her own emotions about the problem onto others. I

would suggest that the writer say straight out and very kindly that he/she has a speech problem and do a little sharing. Also, most people who comment on a person's accent mean it as a compliment, not an insult. At any rate, this is my perspective, one based upon my being a certified speech language pathologist for over 45 years. The writer may consider receiving some counseling to clarify and study his/her own feelings, as well as to get support and encouragement. This person sounds very capable and just could use a little boost! -- Speech/ Language Pathologist, Retired

Dear Speech: Thank you for sharing your expertise. I'm printing your letter with the hope that it provides encouragement to "Speech Problems in Pennsylvania" and anyone else coping with speech issues.

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Tell me if Dennis comes, so I can remove MY HEARING AID."

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"I wish we had named Sam a GIRL'S name so he could have puppies.'

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WARMING IS YOUR FAULT.

YOU ONLY SAY THAT BECAUSE ITS

COVERING THE MIDDLE CLASS

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HAVEN'T

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ABOUT IT

I'M HERE FOR

YOU... LET'S BE

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QUEENS INSTEAD









This Date In History

Today is Monday, Feb. 27, the 58th day of 2017. There are 307 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 27, 1942, the Battle of the Java Sea began during World War II; Imperial Japanese naval forces scored a decisive victory over the Allies. On this date:

In 1801, the District of Columbia was placed under the jurisdiction of Congress.

In 1911, inventor Charles F. Kettering demonstrated his electric automobile starter in Detroit by starting a Cadillac's motor with just the press of a switch, instead of hand-cranking.

In 1922, the Supreme Court, in Leser v. Garnett, unanimously upheld the 19th Amendment Constitution, which guaranteed the right of women to vote.

In 1933, Germany's parliament building, the Reichstag (RYKS'-tahg), was gutted by fire Chancellor Adolf Hitler blaming the Communists, used the fire to justify suspending civil liberties.

In 1939, the Supreme Court, in National Labor Relations Board v. Fansteel Metallurgical Corp., effectively outlawed sitdown strikes. Britain and France recognized the regime of Francisco Franco of Spain. In 1943, during World War II,

Norwegian commandos launched a raid to sabotage a German-operated heavy water plant in Norway. The U.S. government, responding to a copper shortage, began circulating one-cent coins made of steel plated with zinc (the steel pennies proved unpopular, since they were easily mistaken for dimes).

In 1951, the 22nd Amendment to the Constitution, limiting a president to two terms of office, was ratified. In 1960, the U.S. Olympic

hockey team defeated the Soviets, 3-2, at the Winter Games in Squaw Valley, California. (The U.S. team went on to win the gold medal.) In 1973, members of the

American Indian Movement

occupied the hamlet of Wounded Knee in South Dakota, the site of the 1890 massacre of Sioux men, women and children. (The occupation lasted until the following May.)

approved telecasts of its debates on a trial basis.

In 1991, Operation Desert Storm came to a conclusion as President George H.W. Bush declared that "Kuwait is liberated, Iraq's army is defeated," and announced that the allies

tions at midnight, Eastern time.

In 1997, a jury in Fayetteville, North Carolina, convicted former Army paratrooper James N. Burmeister of murdering Jackie Burden and Michael James, a black couple, so he could get a skinhead tattoo. (Burmeister, sentenced to life, died at a federal prison hospital in Missouri in 2007.) Divorce became legal in Ireland.

Ten years ago: A suicide bomber struck the entrance to Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan during a visit by Vice President Dick Cheney, who was unhurt; 23 people were killed in the attack claimed by the Taliban.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama urged the nation's governors at the White House to invest more state resources in education.

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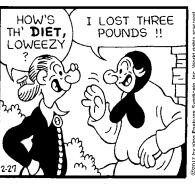








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### Newsday Crossword

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- agreements
- 10 Little devils
- Sneeze sound
- hammer
- emotion
- 19 Aware of
- required
- bread slice
- 23 Look without blinking
- 24 Occupations
- 25 Sets boundaries
- fingernail
- Teheran
- 34 Quick haircut
- 35 Devotee 36 Provide special
- treatment for
- **39** "Now \_ seen
- everything'
- 40 Incoming-flight
- stats: Abbr.
- 43 Pied
- 49 Boscs and Bartletts
- the stars
- 53 Big Apple island

65 Door openers

component

4 Submits, as a

contest entry

**5** Spaghetti and

6 Film performer

sauce (Chinese

condiment)

10 Circling the earth

household task

2 Capital of Peru

1 Molecule

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7 Routine

**DOWN** 

- 59 Island near Maui 11 Author's typed 60 Fish's flippers
  - 61 Below 62 "Hurry up!"
- 63 Has a meal 64 Princess' crown
- 14 Ocean's rise and fall
- 16 Attach with a
- 17 Fortune-teller's
- sign 18 Showing no
- 20 Absolutely
- 22 Edge of a
- 28 Skin above a
- 31 Person from
- 32 Hot tubs

- 42 Touch down,
- as a plane
- (legendary rat catcher)
- 45 Habitual customer 47 Person
- standing guard 48 Historical period
- Sleeps beneath
- 57 Region 58 Ship of 1492

In 1986, the U.S. Senate

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- would suspend combat opera-

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37 "Too bad!" 38 Drama with sopranos

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- storage area 22 Rollaway bed \_in time
- (right before the deadline)
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### News in brief

### Money being raised to restore vandalized Jewish cemetery

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Money is being raised to repair and restore more than 100 headstones that were vandalized at a Jewish cemetery in Philadelphia while police hunt for the person who toppled them.

A man visiting Mount Carmel Cemetery on Sunday called police to report that three of his relatives' headstones had been knocked over and damaged. The discovery came less than a week after similar vandalism in Missouri.

Aaron Mallin told WPVI-TV that he discovered the damage when he came to visit his father's grave. He called it "very disheartening" and said he hopes it wasn't intended as an anti-Semitic at-

Police said approximately 100 additional headstones were knocked over, apparently sometime after dark Saturday. Police were conducting a criminal mischief-institutional vandalism investigation. "I'm hoping it was maybe just some drunk kids,"

Mallin said. "But the fact that there's so many, it leads one to think it could have been targeted." Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney said authorities

were doing everything possible to find those "who desecrated this final resting place." "My heart breaks for the families who found their loved ones' headstones toppled," he said in a state-

ment. "Hate is not permissible in Philadelphia." The damage comes less than a week after a Jewish cemetery in suburban St. Louis reported more than 150 headstones vandalized, many of them

tipped over. Police said the Anti-Defamation League, with support from the Mizel Family Foundation, is offering a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible. A local Fraternal Order of Police lodge also is offering a reward of \$3,000.

#### Oscars flap eclipses 'Moonlight' win, but civility reigns

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The 89th Academy Awards got off on the right foot, with a song and dance, but ended with the most stunning mistake ever to befall the esteemed awards show when the best picture Oscar was presented to the wrong

Faye Dunaway and Warren Beatty, holding an incorrect envelope, wrongly presented the top prize to "La La Land" instead of "Moonlight."

The moment at the conclusion of the Sundaynight show was so jaw-dropping, it eclipsed everything else in a ceremony that was packed to the brim with Donald Trump jabs, fun stunts, heartfelt positivity and a stunning upset by "Moonlight" over what had been a "La La" juggernaut throughout the awards season. Yet somehow, even the embarrassing moment pivoted into grace.

As confusion and bafflement overwhelmed those in the Dolby Theatre and at home on their couches, "Moonlight" director Barry Jenkins and "La La Land" director Damien Chazelle shared a hug on the back of the stage, out of sight from the televi sion cameras.

"The folks of 'La La Land' were so gracious. I can't imagine being in their position and having to do that," Jenkins told reporters backstage. "It was unfortunate that things happened as they did but, goddamn, we won best picture."

Oscar tabulators PwC, in their 83rd year providing the service to the academy, later apologized in a statement and are investigating why it happened.

There's no denying, though, that "Moonlight's" win over "La La Land" was a massive upset, made only more pointed by the envelope gaffe.

Chazelle's candy-colored musical was widely presumed to be a shoo-in for the top prize after its record-tying 14 nominations and a relative sweep of the awards season.

The film still won six Oscars, including best director for Chazelle, who at 32 became the youngest ever to take the prize, and for score, song ("City of Stars") and actress to Emma Stone.

The actress, who pledged her deep love of "Moonlight," said later, "Is that the craziest Oscar moment of all time? Cool!"

#### California dam's outflow be stopped to clear debris

OROVILLE, Calif. (AP) — California water au-









Northeast Philadelphia Police Detectives Nick McReynolds, left, and Thomas Walsh look over headstones that were vandalized at Mount Carmel Cemetery in Philadelphia on Sunday, Feb. 26, 2017. More than 100 headstones have been vandalized at the Jewish cemetery in Philadelphia, damage discovered less than a week after similar vandalism in Missouri, authorities said.

thorities will stop the outflow from the Oroville Dam's crippled spillway to allow workers to remove debris blocking a hydroelectric plant from working, officials said Sunday.

The Department of Water Resources said it will start gradually reducing outflows from the Northern California dam beginning Monday morning and completely halt them by the afternoon. The outflow from behind the 770-foot-tall dam

will be stopped for several days to allow workers to clear concrete, silt and other debris from a pool at the bottom of the spillway. Removing the debris will protect a shuttered underground hydroelectric plant and allow it to eventually resume operations, the agency said. "Once operational, the Hyatt Power Plant can dis-

charge roughly 14,000 cubic feet per second, which will allow DWR to better manage reservoir levels through the remaining spring runoff season," it The reservoir's water level has been reduced

nearly 60 feet since it reached capacity at 901 feet earlier this month, the department said. The department said it will continue releasing

50,000 cubic feet of water per second the rest of Sunday and overnight. With

25,000 cubic feet of water per second, more space will be made at the reservoir before the outflows are cut on

Monday.

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On Feb. 11, water managers used the emergency spillway for the first time in the dam's 48-year-history after a chunk of concrete tore out the main spillway, creating a 200-foot-long, 30-foot-deep crater. But the flow of water ripped through a road below and carved out deep chasms in the ground, leading authorities to order a two-day evacuation of 188,000 people

spillway could fail. Since then, crews have been working to fortify the badly eroded emergency spillway.

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### Mardi Gras crash suspect's alcohol level nearly triple limit

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The driver accused of plowing into a crowd enjoying a Mardi Gras parade in New Orleans had a blood alcohol level nearly three times the legal limit, police said.

The New Orleans Police Department issued a statement identifying the man as 25-year-old Neilson Rizzuto. He's being held at the city's jail on charges of first-degree negligent vehicular injuring, hit-and-run driving causing serious injury and reckless operation of a vehicle.

The accident happened Saturday during one of the busiest nights of Mardi Gras when thousands of people throng the streets of Mid-City to watch the elaborate floats and clamor to catch beads and trinkets tossed from riders. Police said Sunday that 28 people were hurt in the accident that sent 21 people to the hospital; an additional seven people at the scene declined medical help. At least three victims remained hospitalized overnight with moderate to serious injuries, police said Sunday. There were no fatalities. Ages of the victims ranged from 1 year old to patients in their 50s, police said.

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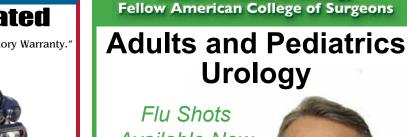
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