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# Cooking for a good cause

**By ROGER CLINE**  
 Staff Writer

COAHOMA — Breakfast for dinner...it's a popular concept, and it brought hungry area residents out to Coahoma Elementary School Monday evening for the annual Coahoma Lions Club pancake supper.

"The Coahoma Lions Club is sponsoring our annual pancake supper," said Coahoma Lions Club secretary/treasurer Connie Shaw. "It's in conjunction with Open House here at Coahoma. Then at 7 o'clock after the pancake supper is over, they'll have the talent show over at the high school auditorium. So this gives us a great opportunity to see kids, see parents, see teachers; and then we have a lot of people in the community that have no kids in school anymore. They just come to eat breakfast with us and help us with our fundraiser."

Patrons of the supper received a plate of pancakes and sausage or bacon, iced tea, water, or milk; butter, and regular or sugar-free syrup for a \$6 donation.

Shaw said the proceeds of

the event go to good causes. "We give scholarships with the money that we raise," she said. "We have three different fundraisers all year long, and this is our best one. We give scholarships to our seniors, and the young kids that are walking around helping, they are some of our seniors here at Coahoma High School. Our scholarships go to kids that are wanting to go to Howard College."

Shaw couldn't say how many years the pancake supper has been a Coahoma tradition. "Years. Honestly, if I told you a number, it'd be wrong," she said. "Probably as long as we've had a Lions Club in Coahoma."

Shaw discussed some of the other good works the club does with the money it raises. "Another thing that our Lions Club does, last year we only sent one child to Kerrville camp. He has diabetes. This year we think we're sponsoring two kids to go," she said. "It doesn't cost them anything."

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**Jane Farmer of Midland collects her pancakes in the Coahoma Elementary School serving line during the annual Coahoma Lions Club pancake supper. Farmer reports that she will soon be a Coahoma resident: "I'm moving to Coahoma," she said.**

HERALD photo/Roger Cline

## Criswell, Garner overall winners at Spring Fling talent show



Emaleigh Criswell was the overall winner of the Spring Fling Pageant held Saturday at Spring Creek Fellowship Church.

**Special to the Herald**

Emaleigh Criswell earned the overall Supreme and Talent award while Presliegh Garner was named the overall Supreme Baby at the Spring Fling Pageant held Saturday afternoon.

The pageant was sponsored by Our Diamond Miss Scholarship Organization and held at Spring Creek Fellowship Church.

The results are as follows:

0-12 Division: Photogenic, Beauty and Division Queen, Svetta Peterson; Division Supreme, Aubrey Burchett

13-19 Division: Photogenic and Division Queen, Kamyryn Heckler; Beauty and Sweetheart Award, Willow Rawles; Division Supreme, Blayklee Galloway

20-24 Division: Division Supreme, Mila Pierce;

25-35 Division: Photogenic and Sweetheart Award, Hunter Rawles; Beauty and Division Queen, MyKayla Leon; Division Supreme, McKynzie Wright

Tiny Miss Division: Photogenic and Sweetheart Award, Ava Mendoza; Beauty and Division Queen, Lyza Wood; Talent Queen and Division Supreme, Isabella Coy; Personality Award, Keile Helmstetler.

Little Miss Division: Photogenic and Sweetheart Award; Xzayda Velez; Beauty, Talent Queen, and Division Queen, Journey McKinnon; Division Supreme, Paisley Pool

Mini-Miss Division: Photogenic, Talent Queen and Sweetheart Award, Kynzlea Crawley; Beauty and Division Queen, Ausiana Jackson

Division Supreme: Sophia Baeza

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## Commissioners appoint May 6 election judges

**By LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer

Action to appoint election judges for the May 6 joint election was the highlight of discussion for the Monday commissioners' court, held on the third floor of the Howard County Courthouse.

Both area municipal and school districts contract yearly with the Howard County Election's Office to oversee their city council and school board trustee elections.

Only Big Spring and Coahoma city councils have drawn enough interest to hold elections. The District 1 seat on the Big Spring City Council drew two candidates: incumbent Raul Marquez and Tracy Parker.

Filing for candidacy is still ongoing for the Big Spring City Council District 4 seat. City Council members called for the elections last Tuesday after current representative Steve Waggoner gave his resignation. Waggoner is moving from the city.

Candidates can pick up packets at city hall during normal business hours, Monday through Friday. Candidates must live in the city of Big Spring but do not have to live in the district they wish to represent. Candidates must have lived in Big Spring one year prior to the date of the election which is May 6. Filing continues through March 6.

Four candidates threw their hat in for the Coahoma city council race.

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## Obituaries

## Ethel Jean Minchew



Ethel Jean Minchew, 82, formerly of Big Spring and San Angelo, passed away on Sat., Feb. 25, 2017, in Lubbock.

She was born in Big Spring on March 29, 1934, to Hugh Edgar Webb and Vera Murrell Webb. She married Jack Ford Minchew on May 17, 1952, in San Angelo. Jack and Jean loved many years of traveling, camping and fishing together with friends.

Jean is survived by her husband of 64 years, Jack

of Brownfield; a daughter, Jacalyn Jones and husband Bob of Brownfield; two granddaughters, Chelsea Hejl and husband Clay of San Angelo, and Ashley Lambert and husband Clint of Brownfield; and 3 great-grandchildren, Karli Lambert and Tucker Lambert of Brownfield, and Caden Hejl of San Angelo; a brother, Donnie Webb of Levelland; and several nieces and nephews.

The family will have a private service. Please, in honor of our loved one, make donations to the Alzheimer's Association. Many thanks to our friends, owners Gary and Tina Rigdon at Brownfield Funeral Home. Condolences may be made at [www.brownfieldfuneralhome.com](http://www.brownfieldfuneralhome.com).

*Paid obituary*

## Police &amp; Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **RUSSELL REX BANKS**, 54, of 120 Banks Road was arrested on a warrant for driving without a seatbelt.
- **BRITNEY JO HILGER**, 22, of 1310 Utah was arrested on a warrant for driving with suspended/invalid license.
- **MONICA ROSE CERVANTES**, 25, of 1600 S Nolan Street was arrested on a warrant for theft of property (greater than \$100 but less than \$750).
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1100 block of Ridgeland Drive.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1100 block of N Lamesa Highway, the 1400 block of N Hwy 87, and the 300 block of S Gregg Street.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 2400 block of Old Hwy 80 and the 2400 block of Old Highway 80.
- **BURGLARY OF HABITATION** was reported in the 1200 block of E 17th Street.

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

- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 78 inmates at the time of this report.
- **ROSA ALICIA CARREON-BARRERA**, 32, was booked by BSPD on a charge of failure to identify/giving false or fictitious information.
- **REBECCA LYNN COMSTOCK**, 33, was booked by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespassing
- **VANESSA AVERILLA CORONA**, 26, was booked by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **JUAN EDUARDO DIAZ GAMBLE**, 27, was

booked by HCSO on a warrant for criminal mischief (\$100 to \$750).

- **PATRICK ALLEN GLENN**, 55, was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **CANDICE MARIE KILCOLLINS**, 31, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for bail jumping/failure to appear.
- **RICHARD D. LOFTIN**, 40, was booked by BSPD on a parole violation.
- **JASON PAUL MURPHY**, 45, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for theft of service.
- **ZANE RAYMOND OLYER-RHODES**, 27, was booked by BSPD on warrants for displaying expired registration and driving with an invalid license.
- **DOMINIQUE JANAI OTIS**, 20, was booked by BSPD on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility, and speeding.
- **TINO OLAGUE VILLA**, 26, was booked by BSPD on warrants for driving with an invalid license, failure to maintain financial responsibility, allowing a child under 8 and under 4'9" to ride unsecured by a child safety seat, and violation of promise to appear.
- **DAVID EUGENE WILLIAMS**, 50, was booked by BSPD on a charge of failure to identify fugitive/intentionally giving false or fictitious information; on a warrant for bail jumping failure to appear; and on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated.
- **ANDREW JONATHAN YANEZ**, 24, was booked by BSPD on a bondsman off bond warrant for unauthorized use of a vehicle; and on warrants for bail jumping/failure to appear, and failure to appear/unauthorized use of a vehicle.

## 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 rewarding. 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.

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

Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat. Cost is \$8 per person.

## Meetings

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

• The Christensen-Tucker Post-2013 Veterans of Foreign Wars

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

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

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

• Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 1/2 Main St. All Masons are welcome.

• Membership to the Big Spring Native American Association is open to the public. People interested in Native American culture are encouraged to find out more about the organization by calling Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125.

## Volunteer opportunities

• The Scenic Mountain Medical Center volunteer program is in need of volunteers. A variety of opportunities are open for members of the community. For more information, call Anita Cline at 268-4721.

• The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council

is in need of volunteers to fill a variety of needs to assist the hospital's patients. Applications to become a volunteer can be picked up at The Chalet, 115 E. Second St., Tuesday through Saturday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. or at the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Department, 1901 N. Hwy 87, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteers can assist with a variety of functions, including The Chalet Resale Shop, various fund-raisers and patient events. For more information, contact Dee Lindsey, Big Spring State Hospital Director of Community Relations, (432) 268-7535 or [danielle.lindsey@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:danielle.lindsey@dshs.state.tx.us)

• Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to visit patients. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Beverly Grant at 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

• Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you would like to donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Maria at 816-6474.

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

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1100 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 900 block of Scurry. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3100 block of South Highway 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of East 11th Place. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **SMOKE DETECTOR ACTIVATION - NO FIRE** was reported in the 2000 block of Goliad.

## Support Groups

## TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

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

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

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

## WEDNESDAY

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

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

## THURSDAY

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

• 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.

## SUNDAY

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

## MONDAY

• Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.



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**Astraya Bryant, 7, and father Marshall Bryant of Big Spring enjoy breakfast for dinner at the annual Coahoma Lions Club pancake supper.**

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Our club just sponsors them and the Lions Club Association pays for it. It's a camp where you have to have some kind of disability."

Keeping kids' vision sharp is another priority of the Lions Club.

"Tom Mills [formerly of Mills Optical in Big Spring] is in charge of our vision care program," Shaw said. "He goes around to every school in the Howard County area whether it's Forsan, Big Spring,

or Coahoma, and he checks kindergarten and first grade, their eyes. And if any child needs help paying for their glasses or an eye exam, our Lions Club helps them with that."

If you're interested in helping out the community, the Lions Club has a place for you.

"We have probably 27 members in the Coahoma Lions Club, but we're always looking for more members," Shaw said. "If anyone would be interested in being in the Lions Club, all they've got to do is contact me at the JP office,

or there's two girls that work at the City Hall at the Water Department here in Coahoma, and we can give you any information you need. We take men and women both, and it doesn't matter on the age. We do have dues; it costs \$37 for six months to pay your dues, if anyone is interested in volunteering and working for the community and helping a good cause."

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## COURT

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They are Jay Holt, incumbent; Brandy Manning, incumbent; T.J. Rueda; and John Mulkey. Two at-large positions are up this election cycle.

Other municipal/school district rac-

es are not contested.

Howard County commissioners' court meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month. Anyone intending to address the county commissioners' court will need to turn in the completed designated form to Howard County Judge Kathryn Wiseman.

## TALENT

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Petite Division: Photogenic, Beauty and Division Queen, Izabella Peterson

Talent Queen and Division Supreme, Brittanie Robers

Miniature Miss Division: Photogenic, Beau-

ty, Talent Queen and Division Queen, Story McKinnon

Division Supreme: Bella Schewe

Junior Miss Division: Photogenic and Division Supreme, Alexis Auero; Beauty, Talent and Division Queen: Nyeli Rogers

Young Miss Division:

Photogenic and Sweetheart Award, Trinity Sepeda; Beauty and Division Queen, Lauren Bryans

Talent Queen and Division Supreme, Arabela Dunlap

For more information about future pageants contact Paula Parker at 806-778-9830

# Gas prices down in Texas, up nationwide

Special to the Herald

Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have fallen 0.7 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.06/g yesterday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 gas outlets in Texas. This compares with the national average that has increased 0.5 cents per gallon in the last week to \$2.28/g, according to gasoline price website gasbuddy.com

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices yesterday were 54.6 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 2.7 cents per gallon lower than a month ago.

The national average has increased 0.8 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 54.3 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

Areas near Texas and their current gas price climate:

Midland Odessa- \$2.08/g, down 2.0 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.10/g.

San Antonio- \$2.02/g, down 0.9 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.03/g.

Austin- \$2.05/g, down 0.3 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.05/g.

"With refinery maintenance and turnarounds beginning across the country, we'll likely see a draw down on winter gasoline stocks, leading the national average to

rise in the week ahead," said Patrick DeHaan, GasBuddy senior petroleum analyst.

"Despite oil prices that remain range bound in the low to mid-\$50's per barrel, refinery status and the likely draw in inventories will win this week's tug of war at the pump, keeping upward pressure on gasoline prices. In addition, unexpected refinery outages could cause additional volatility or spikes in prices over the next two months due to the limited ability for other refiners to help offset any production losses while performing their planned maintenance."

For more information, visit [www.gasbuddy.com](http://www.gasbuddy.com).

# Indian hometown grieves for engineer killed in Kansas bar

HYDERABAD, India (AP) — Hundreds of grieving family and friends tearfully mourned a 32-year-old engineer in his southern Indian hometown Tuesday after he was killed in an apparently racially motivated shooting in a crowded Kansas bar.

Tears rolled down the cheeks of Srinivas Kuchibhotla's parents, Madhusudhan Rao and Parvatha Vardhini, as his body was cremated in Hyderabad, the capital of Telangana state.

Losing a young family member is an unbearable pain, said P. L. Narayana, his uncle.

"It is so cruel. He was such a kind soul, very friendly. He was so excited that he and his wife were going to start a family soon. Now this has happened," Narayana said.

Kuchibhotla's mother wailed as the body was taken for cremation. "I had asked him to return to India if he was feeling insecure there. But he used to say he was safe and secure," she said.

"Now I want my younger son Sai Kiran and his family to come back for good. I will not allow them to go back," she said. "My son had gone there in search of a better future. What crime did he commit?"

His father Madhusud-

han Rao was more philosophical. "I believe in destiny. Whatever was destined has happened." He added, "Now I want the U.S. government to take care of the security of our Indians who are working there."

An Indian External Affairs Ministry statement said on Tuesday that the U.S. government and senior authorities in Kansas "have pro-actively responded to the unfortunate death of Srinivas Kuchibhotla."

"It is important to note that the U.S. authorities are engaged with us on the larger concern regarding safety of Indians in the U.S., a matter which continues to receive the government's top priority," the statement said.

Kuchibhotla's body reached Hyderabad from Newark, N.J., on Monday night. His widow, Sunaina Dumala, looking dazed, and his brother, Sai Kiran, who studies in the United States, came by the same flight.

Hours later, the flower-laden body was taken in an open carriage from his home to the crematorium in Jubilee Hills area where it was placed on a wooden pyre and lit as part of Hindu last rites.

According to witness-

es, the gunman yelled "get out of my country" at Kuchibhotla and Alok Madasani before he opened fire at Austin's Bar and Grill in Olathe, Kansas, a suburb of Kansas City, on Wednesday evening. Both men had come to the U.S. from India to study and worked as engineers at GPS-maker Garmin.

Madasani and another bar patron were injured.

Adam Purinton of Olathe was arrested at a bar in Missouri and remains jailed on murder and attempted murder charges. The bartender there told an emergency dispatcher that the suspect admitted he shot two people but described them as Iranian.

India's Information and Broadcasting Minister M. Venkaiah Naidu, who visited the bereaved family over the weekend, strongly condemned the attack.

"Such incidents should not happen in one of the oldest democracies of the world," he said.

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Joe Clark, 81, died Friday. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. today at Trinity Baptist Church. Burial with Military Honors will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Barbara A. Morgan, 77, died Saturday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Martin Bentancur, 49, died Saturday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

John Hilger, 46, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Trump ordering review of Obama rule protecting small streams

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump will sign an executive order Tuesday mandating a review of an Obama-era rule aimed at protecting small streams and wetlands from development and pollution.

The order will instruct the Environmental Protection Agency and Army Corps of Engineers to review a rule that redefined "waters of the United States" protected under the Clean

Water Act to include smaller creeks and wetlands, according to a senior White House official.

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## Austin officer given restaurant receipt with profane insult

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The manager of an Austin pizzeria says an employee has been fired after a police officer who was a customer was given a receipt that included a profane insult.

Southside Flying Pizza manager David Hatley said in an email Sunday to the Austin American-Statesman that he was "appalled" by the actions of the employee.

KVUE-TV reports the receipt included the word "pig" typed onto it. It wasn't clear what day the officer visited the pizzeria.

Austin police issued a statement saying the incident reflected the actions of one person and is not representative of the restaurant and its staff.

Police said the restaurant made a donation to a nonprofit that supports law enforcement.

## Bribery trial begins for longtime Dallas County commissioner

DALLAS (AP) — Prosecutors say a longtime Dallas County commissioner accepted approximately \$1 million in bribes in exchange for steering lucrative county contracts to certain companies.

Federal prosecutors made the claims Monday during opening statements in the corruption trial of Commissioner John Wiley Price.

He was indicted in 2014 on charges that include conspiracy to commit bribery.

Authorities asserted Monday that Price worked closely with a political consultant to ensure the consultant's clients received county contracts.

Price's lawyers denied the bribery claims and countered that he never wielded the influence that prosecutors allege.

Three people were previously convicted of charges relating to the probe.

Price has been a county commissioner for some 30 years.

## Texas Senate panel mulls contentious 'Wrongful birth' bill

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A "wrongful birth" bill prohibiting parents from suing doctors after their child is born with severe disabilities has begun advancing in the Texas Legislature.

The State Affairs Committee heard the measure Monday, sparking emotional testimony from those for and against it.

In 1975, the Texas Supreme Court ruled that parents were entitled to damages covering the extra cost of raising a child with disabilities after doctors failed to fully inform them about problems with the pregnancy.

Anti-abortion advocates applauded the bill. Its sponsor, Republican Sen. Brandon Creighton of Conroe, said patients could still sue for negligence, but could no longer hold doctors liable for delivering disabled children.

Opponents warned of dire, unintended consequences, saying Creighton's bill lets physicians opposed to abortion "lie to" and "impose their own morality on" patients.

## US Supreme Court refuses appeals from 3 on Texas death row

HOUSTON (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court has refused to review appeals in three Texas death row cases, including one where a man pleaded guilty to a triple slaying in South Texas.

The high court's rulings Monday move at least two of the three closer to execution. A third involves prisoner Michael Wayne Norris, whose case has been returned to his trial court for a new punishment hearing. Norris has been on death row nearly 30 years for fatally shooting a Houston mother and her 2-year-old son.

Two prisoners who lost include 31-year-old Le-James Norman, condemned for the 2005 shooting deaths of three people during a botched robbery of a home in Edna, about 100 miles southwest of Houston, and 67-year-old Bill Douglas Gates, condemned for strangling a Houston woman in 1999.

## Lawyer: Justice to no longer contest Texas' voter ID law

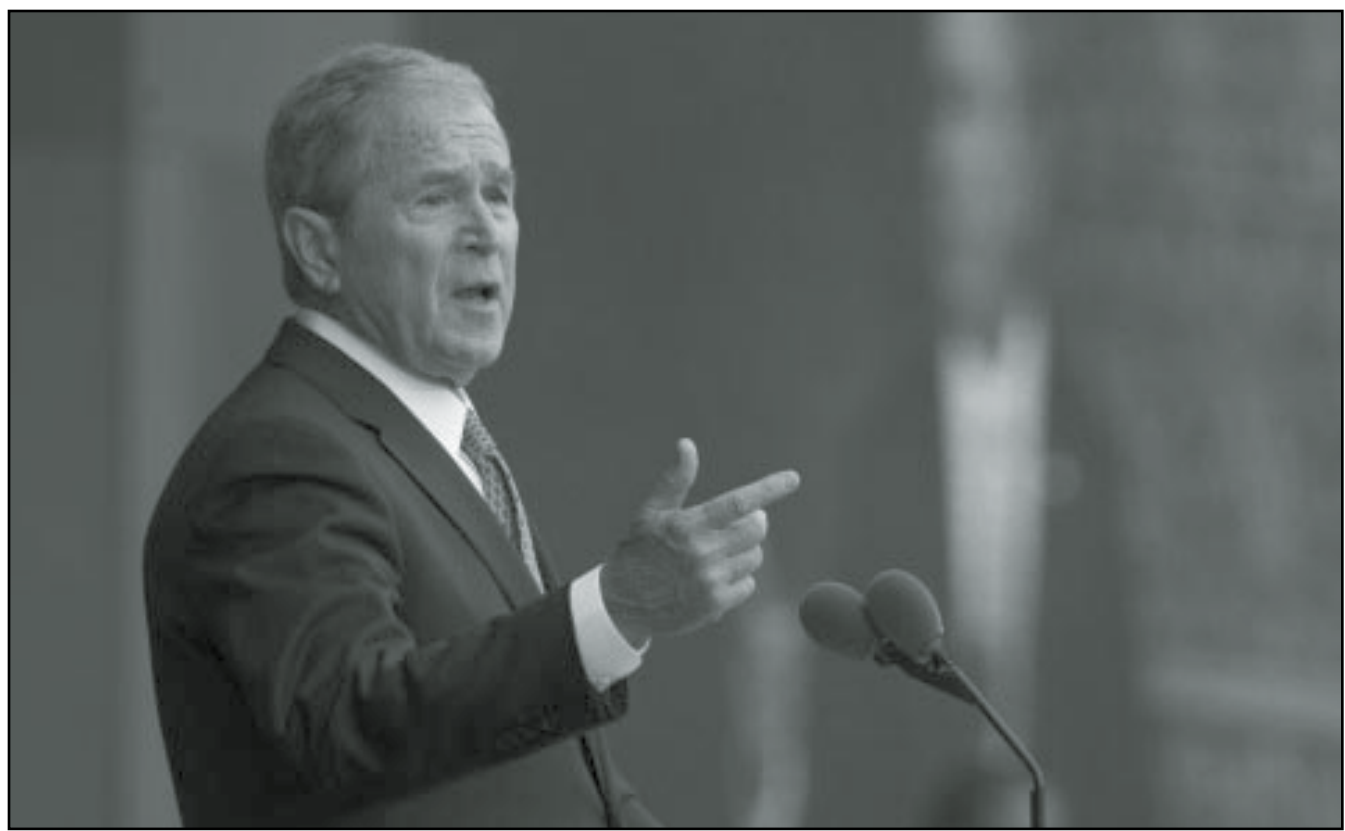
AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — An attorney for a voting rights group said Monday that President Donald Trump's administration said that the federal government no longer plans to challenge Texas' strict voter ID law.

Danielle Lang, of the Washington-based Campaign Legal Center, said the Justice Department informed plaintiffs in the case that it will be filing documents to formally drop its opposition to the Texas law. She called the decision an "extraordinary disappointment."

"It's a complete 360," said Lang, the center's deputy director of voting rights. "We can't make heads or tails of any factual reason for the change. There has been no new evidence that's come to light."

The move marks a stark reversal under new Attorney General Jeff Sessions from the Obama White House, which joined a lawsuit against Texas in 2013. The Justice Department didn't immediately respond to an email seeking comment.

# George W. Bush on Trump and Russia: 'We all need answers'



**In this Sept. 24, 2016 file photo, former President George W. Bush speaks in Washington. Bush said Monday, Feb. 27, 2017, "we all need answers" on the extent of contact between President Donald Trump's team and the Russian government, and he defended the media's role in keeping world leaders in check.**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former President George W. Bush said Monday "we all need answers" on the extent of contact between President Donald Trump's team and the Russian government, and didn't rule out the idea that a special prosecutor could be necessary to lead an investigation.

The Republican also defended the media's role in keeping world leaders in check, noting that "power can be addictive," and warned against immigration policies that could alienate Muslims.

"I am for an immigration policy that's welcoming and upholds the law," Bush told NBC's "Today" show.

Bush's comments came after a prominent Republican in Congress, Rep. Darrell Issa of California, called for a special pro-

secutor to investigate whether Russia interfered in the 2016 presidential election and was in touch with Trump's top advisers during the campaign.

Bush said he would trust Senate Intelligence panel Chairman Richard Burr to decide if a special prosecutor is necessary.

But, Bush added, "I think we all need answers ... I'm not sure the right avenue to take. I am sure, though, that that question needs to be answered."

The former president, who is promoting a book of his paintings of wounded veterans, also took issue with Trump's characterization of the media as an "enemy of the people." Bush said the U.S. won't be able to convince authoritarian governments, including Russia, to open up their governments to media scrutiny if

U.S. leaders try to discredit their own press.

"We need an independent media to hold people like me to account," Bush said. "Power can be very addictive, and it can be corrosive. And it's important for the media to call to account people who abuse their power, whether it be here or elsewhere."

On the issue of immigration and Trump's recent attempt to ban travelers from seven Muslim-majority nations, Bush warned that if the U.S. freezes out other countries and turns inward, that would only make it more difficult to fight the Islamic State group and other foreign extremists.

"I think it's very hard to fight the war on terrorism if we're in retreat," he said.

## What to Watch: Endorsing a constitutional convention - again

By WILL WEISSERT

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Gov. Greg Abbott says state legislatures nationwide should convene a convention to amend the U.S. Constitution and restore freedoms embodied by President Ronald Reagan.

But Texas lawmakers have been trying to rewrite the Constitution since before Reagan took office — and even since before he was born.

The Legislature has called for a convention to propose constitutional amendments 16 times previously, according to a list compiled by Gregory Watson, legislative director for Fort Worth Republican Rep. Stephanie Klick. The first one in 1899 was boundless, simply "proposing amendments to said Constitution" — but later calls got far more specific.

In 1911, lawmakers wanted a constitutional convention to prohibit polygamy. In 1949, they sought to stop federal seizure of state tidelands. There was a call for one to overhaul the Electoral College in 1963. Nine years later, the Legislature backed

a constitutional convention for an amendment opposing forced busing to integrate public schools.

Abbott has nine reforms he'd like enshrined in the Constitution and a key one is a federal balanced budget amendment. But the Legislature already called for a constitutional convention on that very issue in 1977 and 1978.

Klick has introduced legislation voiding Texas' previous convention calls. A measure by Republican Sen. Craig Estes of Wichita Falls goes farther, seeking to rescind "each and every application made at any time." The idea is to replace all that historical

clutter with a call to advance only top modern, conservative goals.

The Texas Senate is poised to pass a call for a constitutional convention early this week, including Estes' slate-clearing proposal. If ultimately approved, the new directive should stand until some future Legislature decides it too wants to call for a constitutional convention — and for new, better, reasons than those devised way back in 2017.

Here are other topics to watch this week in Texas politics:

**'WRONGFUL BIRTH'**  
The Senate State Affairs Committee on Monday hears a bill seeking

to eliminate "wrongful birth" lawsuits. It would rescind existing Texas law allowing parents of children born with severe birth defects to sue for negligence if they believe doctors didn't properly inform them of possible problems with carrying a pregnancy to term.

The law arose after 1975, when the Texas Supreme Court ruled that suing parents were entitled to damages to cover the extra costs of raising a child with disabilities. Its repeal is backed by anti-abortion advocates, who argue existing law indirectly encourages terminating

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**North Texas gang members sentenced for sex-trafficking roles**

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Federal prosecutors say three men with ties to a Fort Worth street gang were sentenced to prison for forcing underage girls to participate in a sex-trafficking ring. Authorities said in a statement that the most severe sentence was issued Monday to 26-year-old Deon Bonner, who was sent to prison for 30 years. Bonner pleaded guilty in November to one count of conspiracy to commit sex trafficking of children. Bonner and two other men in their 20s who also were sentenced all had ties to the Polywood Crips gang. Authorities say an investigation determined the trio conspired with others from 2013 to 2016 to sell underage girls to men for sex. Prosecutors say the gang members were abusive to girls who didn't comply with their orders.

**El Paso man set for trial this week for 2005 McAllen slaying**

EDINBURG, Texas (AP) — An El Paso man is set for trial this week in the Rio Grande Valley for the slaying of a McAllen man more than a decade ago. Claudio Alberto Morales could be sentenced to life in prison if convicted of the robbery-slaying of 62-year-old Arturo Noe Sanchez. Sanchez was found fatally stabbed at his home Dec. 19, 2005. Money and his vehicle were taken. The vehicle was recovered the next day. The Brownsville Herald reports it wasn't until five years later that McAllen police learned from the forensics investigators at the Texas Department of Public Safety that DNA evidence from bank robberies in El Paso and in Las Cruces, New Mexico, matched their case. Further investigation then linked the DNA to Morales.

**Drive-by shooter targets Dallas police substation**

DALLAS (AP) — No one has been injured after someone in a vehicle driving by a Dallas police substation opened fire with a gun, leaving the building with bullet damage. Dallas police say an officer parked in front of the South Central Patrol Substation about 10 miles south of downtown Dallas saw muzzle flashes but couldn't see the vehicle that was driving past just before 5:30 a.m. Sunday. Multiple rounds were fired at the building. Police spokesman Carlos Almeida says investigators have been at the scene collecting evidence. The shooter would face a charge of aggravated assault on a public servant.

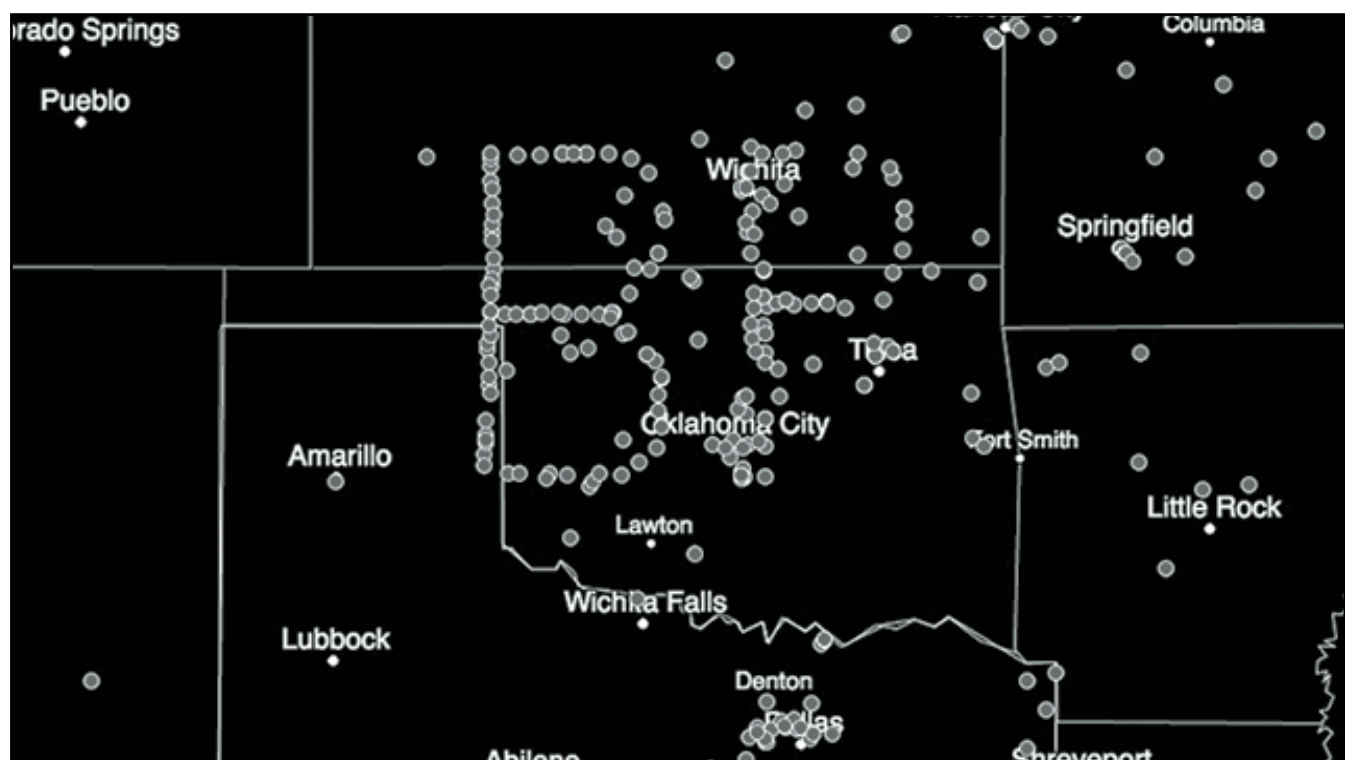
**Security guard killed at Central Texas Subway sandwich shop**

KILLEEN, Texas (AP) — A security guard working at a Subway sandwich store in Central Texas has been shot and killed. Killeen Police Department spokeswoman Ofelia Miramontez says officers responding about 3:45 a.m. Sunday to a 911 call about a robbery at the sandwich restaurant found the security officer suffering a gunshot wound. The man was taken to a hospital where he died. She says an initial investigation shows the gunman walked in the store wearing a ski mask, the security guard approached him and "words were exchanged." Then the security guard was shot. His name has not immediately been released. Authorities say employees and customers also in the store were not hurt.

**Reward at \$40,000 in slaying where son killed protecting mom**

HOUSTON (AP) — A reward has grown to \$40,000 for information leading to the arrest of two people involved in the fatal shooting of an 18-year-old Houston sandwich shop employee as he tried to protect his mother last week during an attempted robbery at the store where they both worked. Hilda Vasquez is urging people with information about the slaying of her son, Javier Flores, to "just turn them in." The grieving mother said Saturday if the two assailants did this to her son, "they're going to do it to anybody." She described how one of two robbers pointed a gun at her head Wednesday night. Her son ran to her and was shot. She says her bleeding son died on the floor of the Subway store. The robbers fled empty-handed.

**Storm chasers honor "Twister" star with GPS tribute**



**This image provided by Spotter Network shows GPS coordinates of storm chasers on a map in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas, Sunday, Feb. 26, 2017. Nearly 200 storm chasers are paying tribute to the late actor Bill Paxton by spelling out his initials using GPS coordinates on a map depicting the heart of tornado country. The effort coordinated Sunday by Spotter Network spelled out "BP" to honor the leading man in the disaster movie "Twister," which inspired a generation of storm chasers.**

By GILLIAN FLACCUS  
Associated Press

Nearly 200 storm chasers paid tribute Sunday to the late actor Bill Paxton by spelling out his initials using GPS coordinates on a map depicting the heart of Tornado Alley. The effort coordinated by Spotter Network spelled out "BP" to

honor the leading man in the disaster movie "Twister," which inspired a generation of storm chasers. Storm chasers and storm spotters have spelled out the initials of fellow chasers in the tight-knit community four or five times before, but never for someone who hasn't directly "made a significant contribution to the field,"

said John Wetter, president of the nonprofit that tracks the positions of tornado chasers and works with the National Weather Service to update weather forecasts. "This is the first time we've gone way outside of that. There are probably hundreds, if not

**Prosecutor: Staff discovers 200+ unexamined cases**

GEORGETOWN, Texas (AP) — A new district attorney in Central Texas says his staff has discovered paperwork showing that more than 200 criminal cases had never been previously examined by prosecutors.

Williamson County District Attorney Shawn Dick said many of the cases date back to 2014 and range from sexual assaults to forgeries, the Austin American-Statesman (<http://atxne.ws/2mm98T1>) reported.

Dick took over as district attorney in January, replacing Jana Duty, who he defeated in the Republican primary last March.

Much of the paperwork discovered last month in a vacant administrative office is the basic forms that police officers submit to the district attorney's office for review, Dick said. There were a total of 218 cases that had been left unexamined.

"I was alarmed," he said. "What we didn't realize at the time was how many there were and how serious they were."

Dick believes the problem of the unexamined cases is due to the district attorney's office being short-staffed during Duty's last year in office. He had expected a three- to four-month backlog of casework when he took office, but the discovery pushes the delay to upward of six months, he said.

Compounding the problem is Dick's office must still respond to about 1,500 requests from defense

attorneys over the last four months of 2016 for an explanation of evidence the office has against their clients.

"Being behind by 1,500 individual discovery requests far exceeded the normal backlog," he said.

Duty did not respond to a request for comment on the cases and whether her office was short-staffed last year.

Dick noted that district attorneys are not aware of every case that comes into their office. "I am trying to be fair to her," he said. "Whether she should have been aware is a different question."

Jack Strickland, a deputy chief prosecutor for the Tarrant County district attorney's office from 2011 to 2014, said it's unusual for 218 cases to be left behind.

"It would really be a mess to inherit," he told the newspaper. "I think it sends the wrong message to the public that this stuff is just languishing because people don't think it's important to get to."

Dick says he's hiring additional prosecutors to help with the backlog, but also in anticipation of the county's growing population and the increasing volume of cases his office is expected to handle in coming years.

  
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# Jewish centers cope with bomb threats; graves vandalized

By MICHAEL RUBINKAM

Associated Press

Jewish centers and schools across the nation coped with another wave of bomb threats Monday as officials in Philadelphia began raising money to repair and restore hundreds of vandalized headstones at a Jewish cemetery.

Jewish Community Centers and day schools in at least a dozen states received threats, according to the JCC Association of North America. No bombs were found. Many of the buildings were cleared by early Monday afternoon and had resumed normal operations.

It was the fifth round of bomb threats against Jewish institutions since January, prompting outrage and exasperation among Jewish leaders as well as calls for an aggressive federal response to put a stop to it.

"The Justice Department, Homeland Security, the FBI, and the White House, alongside Congress and local officials, must speak out — and speak out forcefully — against this scourge of anti-Semitism impacting communities across the country," said David Posner, an official with JCC Association of North America. "Members of our community must see swift and concerted action from federal officials to identify and capture the perpetrator or perpetrators who are trying to instill anxiety and fear in our communities."

The FBI and the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division are investigating the threats.

In Philadelphia, police investigated what they called an "abominable crime" after several hundred headstones were toppled during the weekend at Mount Carmel Cemetery, a Jewish cemetery dating to the late 1800s.

Police said the vandalism appeared to be targeted at the Jewish community, though they cautioned they had not confirmed the motive. Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney said authorities were doing everything possible to find those "who desecrated this final resting place."

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.

"I'm hoping it was maybe just some drunk kids," said Aaron Mallin, who discovered the damage at the Philadelphia cemetery during a visit to his father's grave. "But the fact that there's so many, it leads one to think it could have been targeted," he



**Rabbi Joshua Bolton of the University of Pennsylvania's Hillel center surveys damaged headstones at Mount Carmel Cemetery on Monday, Feb. 27, 2017, in Philadelphia. 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.**

AP photo

told WPVI-TV.

Well-intentioned volunteers rushed to the cemetery after the damage was discovered Sunday to begin putting the headstones back up, complicating efforts to tally the damage and perhaps investigate the crime, said Steven Rosenberg, chief marketing officer of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia.

A day later, Jewish Community Centers in nearby Cherry Hill, New Jersey, and Wilmington, Delaware, and a day school in the Philadelphia suburbs were among those getting bomb threats that Rosenberg called a "complete nuisance."

"There's plenty of people who are scared," said Rosenberg, who denounced the hoaxsters as "an embarrassment to civilized society."

Some 200 people were evacuated from a Jewish Community Center in York, Pennsylvania, after a

caller told the front desk there was a bomb in the building, said Melissa Plotkin, the York JCC's director of community engagement and diversity. Police entered the building and cleared it, she said.

Jewish centers and schools in Alabama, Delaware, Florida, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, New York, North Carolina, Rhode Island and Virginia also were threatened, according to the JCC Association of North America.

Paul Goldenberg, director of the Secure Community Network, a nonprofit founded by several national Jewish groups to bolster security in the Jewish community, said Jewish Community Centers and other Jewish institutions have extensive security protocols in place.

After dealing with Monday's threats, he said, the "Jewish community is back in business."

# Drugmakers pledge restraint, but prices will still soar

By LINDA A. JOHNSON

AP Medical Writer

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Several big drugmakers are trying to quell the ongoing furor over high drug prices by revealing more information about their pricing and even pledging to keep a lid on increases.

No one should expect to be paying less for medicine anytime soon, experts say, though the drugmakers' response to public pressure may help slow the rise in prices for some drugs.

The latest drugmaker move came Monday, when Johnson & Johnson, the world's biggest maker of health care products, issued its first public report on price increases for its drugs.

The political and public anger over drug prices has been stirred by a few factors:

Sky-high prices for new drugs, enormous increases for many existing drugs, and changes in insurance coverage that make patients pay a bigger portion of the drug bill.

The drug industry's top two lobbying groups have been running advertising campaigns that reinforce a point the industry has long pushed: Medical breakthroughs that improve or save patients' lives are very difficult — and expensive — and high prices are needed to fund research into new treatments.

But now individual companies are making their own cases to the public in hopes of showing that at least they aren't as bad as some other guys.

On Monday, Johnson & Johnson reported that over the past five years, the list price, or retail price, of its drugs rose less than 10 percent each year on average, while the net price,

the payment it receives after discounts and fees insurers and other middlemen get, rose 5 percent or less per year.

That's far less than some of the eye-popping price increases that have been criticized over the past year, like the 547 percent jump over 9 years in the price of the EpiPen emergency allergy auto-injectors.

But J&J's increase is still more than double the U.S. rate of inflation, which means its prices rose far faster than prices for other goods and services.

Johnson & Johnson's disclosure is the latest in a string of similar moves.

Sanofi SA, maker of top-selling insulin Lantus, reported earlier this month that last year its list prices increased by 2.3 percent on average, but its average net price dipped 0.5 percent because insurers got discounts that averaged 50 percent.

Merck & Co. in January reported its annual net price increase since 2010 has ranged from 3.4 percent to 6.2 percent, roughly half its list price increases, while its average discount to payers climbed to 41 percent in 2016.

Allergan CEO Brent Saunders kicked off the trend last fall when he announced the Botox maker had ended big list price hikes and would stick to single-digit increases. Novo Nordisk and AbbVie Inc. later followed suit.

Other companies, including Glaxo-SmithKline and Takeda Pharmaceuticals, say they've been keeping annual list price increases

below 10 percent, though they're not making pledges.

And Eli Lilly is reducing prices for most of its insulins up to 40 percent for people who pay the full price.

These moves might translate to smaller price increases, according to Edward Jones analyst Ashtyn Evans.

"I think in the near term, we are certainly going to see smaller price increases. We've already seen that this year," she says. "But it's possible that if the headlines die down and the government doesn't take action, that they could creep back up again."

Ed Schoonveld, a former pricing director at three drugmakers and now a managing partner at consultants ZS Associates, predicts "most companies will probably jump on board" because the industry wants to escape the pricing uproar.

Not everyone, though. Pfizer Inc., the biggest U.S. drugmaker, says there's no need for such pledges.

Like the industry trade groups, it blames the furor on a handful of "irresponsible" companies that raised prices many times over for older products, the way Turing Pharmaceuticals, Valeant Pharmaceuticals International Inc. and EpiPen maker Mylan NV have done.

Schoonveld said no matter what pledges companies make, over-

all drug spending will continue to rise as costly new therapies emerge and the population ages.

And high prices will continue to shock the public: Earlier this month Marathon Pharmaceuticals LLC triggered a huge backlash by announcing it would charge \$89,000 a year for its muscular dystrophy drug Emflaza, an old steroid that some patients had been importing from other countries for roughly \$1,000 per year.

Marathon has since delayed Emflaza's launch while it talks with patients and advocacy groups about ensuring access to the drug.

Erik Gordon, a professor and pharmaceuticals analyst at University of Michigan's Ross School of Business, is not impressed with the pledges to keep annual list price increases below 10 percent, noting that those price hikes add up quickly.

"They're doing everything but the obvious, simple thing — just lower the price," Gordon says.



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# Hawks defeat Broncos, 71-66

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**  
Sports Editor

The Howard College basketball team traveled to Roswell, NM last night to fight for their spot in the playoffs against New Mexico Military Institute and came out on top with a final score of 71-66.

Despite the strong start of the game from Howard College, it was the last ten minutes of the first half where the Hawks struggled with turnovers. They found themselves heading to the locker room down 33-30 at half time.

About midway through the second half, the Hawks were able to take the lead back from NMMI and hold them for the rest of the way.

"This is a great win for our guys tonight," said head coach Scott Raines. "We showed a lot of toughness and composure to win on the road in what

amounted to a playoff game."

This win clinches the 4th seed for the Hawks in the Region V playoffs.

The second half was huge for Howard College. As a team, the Hawks made 19-21 free throws and had great success on offense, shooting 74% from the floor.

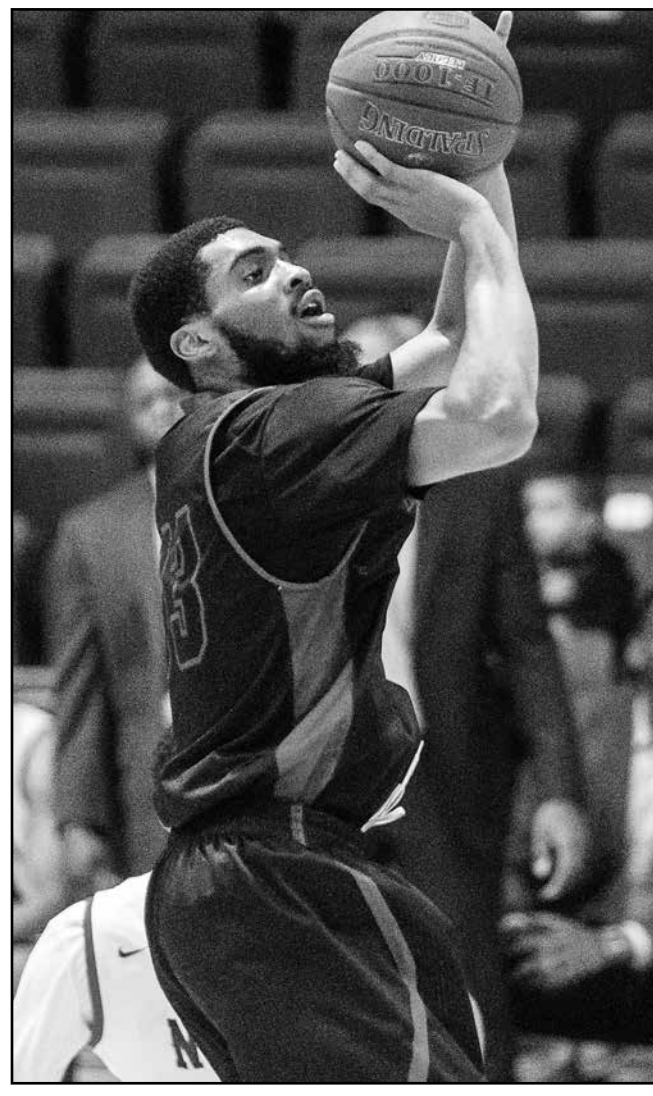
A few clutch players that stepped up and fought to seal their victory include Nic Thomas, who scored a whopping 24 of his 26 points in the second half, and Dante Scott who racked up a total of 17 points for the game.

Now the Hawks will prepare for their big match up at home and last regular season game against New Mexico Junior College on Thursday.

The Region V Tournament begins Thursday, March 9 where the Hawks will travel to Frenship and face off with McLennan at 1:00 p.m.



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)  
Howard College's Dante Scott puts up a three point attempt during the Hawk's 71-66 win over NMMI.



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)  
Howard College's KJ Riley puts up a long two point attempt during the Hawk's 71-66 win over NMMI.

## Motley 23 points for No. 11 Baylor to beat No. 10 WVU



AP Photo/Tony Gutierrez

West Virginia's Sagaba Konate (50) and Maciej Bender (25) defend as Baylor's Johnathan Motley (5) goes up to dunk the ball in the second half of an NCAA college basketball game, Monday, Feb. 27, 2017, in Waco, Texas.

WACO, Texas (AP) — Ishmail Wainright is the lone senior for 11th-ranked Baylor, and was recognized with a video tribute after his final home game.

This also likely was the Ferrell Center finale for Johnathan Motley, a standout junior and potential NBA lottery pick who delivered quite a farewell to Bears fans if this was indeed his last game there.

Motley scored 19 of his 23 points after halftime in a 71-62 victory over 10th-ranked West Virginia on Monday night. The Bears avenged a 21-point loss in Morgantown on Jan. 10, when they were playing their first-ever game as No. 1 in the AP Top 25 after winning their first 15 games.

"It was about getting him a 'W,'" Motley said of Wainright. "I made sure I did everything I could ... everybody else followed."

When asked if it was his last game

in Waco, Motley responded, "I don't know, man. I'm just glad we got the 'W' for Ish."

Al Freeman had 12 points with three 3-pointers and Jo Lual-Acuil added 11 points and 10 rebounds for Baylor (24-6, 11-6 Big 12), which ended the game with a 30-13 run over the final 9 minutes.

"Defensively, we got real tentative," West Virginia coach Bob Huggins said. "And really they just beat us to death on the glass."

The Bears, who finished with a 43-23 rebounding margin, controlled the ball and the tempo over the final stretch.

Before three turnovers in the final minute, when the Mountaineers scored the game's last four points, Baylor didn't have a turnover in its big run to go ahead.

"If you can get stops, and then get in transition, that's so big and so critical," Baylor coach Scott Drew said. "When they score they set up the press.

And by the time you get it across half court, you're ready for a water break."

Jevon Carter had 18 points and nine rebounds for West Virginia (23-7, 11-6), which led 49-41 after his jumper with 9:04 left. The Mountaineers didn't score again until his three-point shot minutes later — when he drove, stopped, twisted and then scored with a short jumper — that put them ahead for the last time.

Tarik Phillip had 12 points and Elijah Macon 11 for the Mountaineers.

Between those Carter baskets, Baylor scored nine points in a row for its first lead of the second half. Motley had seven of those, including a two-handed slam that became a three-point play after he was

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## Teague has 25 to lift Pacers over Rockets, 117-108

HOUSTON (AP) — When the Indiana Pacers got into a big hole early Monday night, no one panicked.

Jeff Teague scored 25 points to help the Pacers overcome a huge first-half deficit before withstanding a late rally to beat the Houston Rockets 117-108.

"We did a great job of collecting our thoughts, we went to the bench, talked and we won every quarter after the first quarter," Paul George said.

C.J. Miles made a 3-pointer with 40.8 seconds left to make it 113-108, and Teague added two free throws after that to put the game out of reach. It was just the second win in nine games for the Pacers and only their 10th road win of the season.

"I think it was the best fourth quarter we've played where we were just solid defensively getting stops and offensively executing," Pacers coach Nate McMillan said.

The Pacers trailed by 17 early before taking a half-time lead, then were up by 14 with about four minutes left. The Rockets used a 12-2 run to get within two with less than a minute remaining. Lou Williams had eight points, powered by a pair of 3-pointers in that span, including an off-balance one on which he was fouled to cap the run. He missed the ensuing free throw, and Miles followed with his 3.

"I told them: 'They don't give championships up there for guys who just show up, you've got to go get it,'" Rockets coach Mike D'Antoni said. "A champion has a heart, a big heart ... and we haven't shown that lately."

Williams led the Rockets with 28 points, James Harden added 25 points with 12 assists and Nene scored 15 points.

A 3-pointer by Teague pushed Indiana ahead 103-92 midway through the fourth. Williams made two free throws after that, but the Pacers scored the



AP Photo/Eric Christian Smith

Houston Rockets guard Louis Williams, center, looks to pass as Indiana Pacers forwards Rakeem Christmas (25) and Thaddeus Young defend in the first half of an NBA basketball game, Monday, Feb. 27, 2017, in Houston.

next five points, with another 3 from Teague to make it 108-94 with about four minutes left.

"It's the first game I feel like we really just stuck together," Teague said. "Nobody really got down. We were just cheering each other on and competing."

The Pacers trailed by one late in the third quarter before scoring nine straight points, capped by Rodney Stuckey's 3 to take an 86-78 lead. Harden made a layup after that, but Stuckey made two free throws with a second left in the quarter to get Indiana up 88-80.

The Rockets were up by 17 after a 3-pointer by Williams with about nine

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**Tomorrow's Horoscope**



**HOLIDAY MATHIS**

**Mardi Gras Skies**

The pagan spring and fertility rites of classical antiquity are at the root of the Catholic holiday Fat Tuesday, a time for feasting on what might be given up for Lent. If you don't live where Mardi Gras means beads, beer and bands, the alignment of the moon and Venus in fiery Aries encourages your own version of celebration.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** People are paths, not points. Knowing a person at one time of life is different than knowing that person at another. Your path will join with someone else's, and you'll take the next stretch together.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** The work that used to be hard will get easy. For fleeting but profound moments you'll lose yourself in it, your senses alert and alive in a feeling of oneness with all things.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Do not accept that the way things are is the way things have to be. First of all, to accept such a thing would be a slight to that amazing imagination of yours. And secondly, you have more heart than that.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** You are valid in what you need. If the person you seek it from cannot provide it, that's nobody's fault, just a mismatch. The passing of blame confuses things and stalls the search for a better match.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** From belladonna to foxglove, many poisonous plants are the source of lifesaving medicines. So it is in your current circumstance. In the right context, a low dose of the source of toxicity will actually make you better.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** No matter how well you plan or how many resources you have to work with, life will still offer challenges. You'll handle them better when you're well-rested and fed. Set yourself up for success: Get more sleep.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** There are emotions you have a low tolerance for feeling. These get locked up in certain areas of your body. They become like an armor of tightness, tension and pain. To release it is to free yourself to creativity and fun.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** The key to riches is extremely simple these days; make more and bigger deposits than withdrawals. When there are people around you who are doing the same thing it will be much easier.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** You usually look ahead, push forward and march on without looking back. But right now you might feel rather stuck until you can sort through and organize the baggage of the past to make it light enough for travel.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Many things can be true. The cynical view may be true, but that doesn't make it better than any other view. There's a nastiness in cynicism that makes it destructive to the very things worth cherishing.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** If you read much but believe little of it, you'll find yourself in the sweet spot of being reasonably informed, mightily empowered and perhaps even wise.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Start the social planning straightaway. To hold out for the wittiest people in the world so that you can have the best dinner party since the dawn of time is to set yourself up for a frozen dinner for one.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 28).** You'll make changes in the structure of your days to generate a greater sense of flow through this work of art called

life. Your favorite people to be around this year are the ones who not only accept who you are but also help you become the fullest version of yourself. You'll attract even more of this type. Financially, there's a boom in March. Libra and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 3, 33, 38 and 50.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I'm a Capricorn and have been in an on-and-off relationship with a Gemini for six years. This man can't seem to make up his mind about me. One minute he says he wants to marry me then the next minute he says he isn't ready for marriage. I am starting to get really frustrated with his dual personalities and seriously considering dropping him altogether. However, I'm a total Capricorn and believe in working extra hard to make it somehow work. If he's not the one, when will I ever find true love?"

I understand your frustration. How do you get a Gemini to behave consistently? It's the kind of impossible challenge that Capricorn women love. But then again, if he were behaving consistently, you would have left for good years ago. It's the element of surprise and of difficulty that keeps you coming back for more. This man has given you many gifts. The emotional wounds you bear show you exactly what area of your life you need to work on in order to be true love. (Because true love is not really something you find, it's something you become.)

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Tony Award-winning Broadway baby Bernadette Peters is a soulful Pisces born under a sensual Scorpio moon. Mars, Saturn and Pluto were all in Leo, the sign of show business, on the day she was born. This indicates that the entertainment business brings Peters both profound fulfillment and important life lessons. Peters is also a best-selling author of children's books, the proceeds of which support her animal charity, Broadway Barks.

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**Contract Bridge**

By Steve Becker

**The discovery process**

South dealer.  
East-West vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
♠ 10 7  
♥ A Q 6  
♦ K Q J 2  
♣ Q 10 7 3  
**WEST**  
♠ Q 9 8 6 4 3  
♥ 9 7 3  
♦ 9 6 5 3  
♣ —  
**EAST**  
♠ K 5 2  
♥ 10 5 4 2  
♦ 10 7  
♣ J 9 5 4  
**SOUTH**  
♠ A J  
♥ K 1 8  
♦ A 8 4  
♣ A K 8 6 2

The bidding:  
South West North East  
2 NT Pass 6 NT  
Opening lead — six of spades.  
Here is an illustration of good card play by declarer. West led a spade against six notrump, South taking East's king with the ace. Declarer could count 11 sure winners, and the only threat to the slam was the possibility that the missing clubs were divided 4-0. If they were 2-2 or 3-1, 13 tricks were already assured.  
South's only real problem, therefore, was to cope with a hypothetical 4-0 club division. If West had four clubs, the winning play would be to cash the ace and, after East showed

out, finesse against West's jack. But if East had four clubs, the winning approach would be to cash dummy's queen first and then East's remaining three clubs with the aid of a couple of finesses.  
To cater to both possibilities, South started by taking four diamond tricks, discarding the jack of spades. He then cashed the king of hearts and led a low heart to dummy's queen.  
All of these plays were designed to compel the defenders to reveal their distribution. By now declarer knew that West had started with exactly four diamonds and at least two hearts. Declarer also assumed from the opening lead that West had almost surely started with four or more spades. South was therefore able to conclude that West could not have all four missing clubs, since at least 10 of West's cards — in spades, hearts and diamonds — were already accounted for.  
Accordingly, South next played the queen of clubs from dummy and continued with the ten after West showed out. East covered with the jack, but he was fighting a losing battle. South took the jack with the king, led the jack of hearts to dummy's ace and played another club. East's 9-5 of clubs succumbed to South's A-8-6, and declarer finished with all 13 tricks.

Tomorrow: The road to good defense.  
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**sudoku**

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats.  
That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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### DENNIS THE MENACE

2-28  
"YOU CAN'T BOYCOTT ME! I'LL GIRLCOTT YOU!"

### THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

2-28  
"He loves me ... he loves me not ... he loves me ... he loves me not ... he loves me not ... he loves me ..."

### HAGAR

2-28  
"MUSH-ROOMS? YES I TASTED THEM AND THEY ARE DELICIOUS!"  
"HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN WHAT HAPPENED THE LAST TIME YOU SERVED MUSHROOMS?"

### BLONDIE

2-28  
"COR, DO YOU THINK I DEMAND TOO MUCH FROM MY EMPLOYEES?"  
"OF COURSE YOU DO, JULIUS."  
"DO YOU REALLY THINK SO?"  
"OH, ABSOLUTELY YOU DO!"  
"THANK YOU, CORA."  
"YOU'RE WELCOME, DEAR... NOW GET SOME SLEEP."

### WIZARD OF ID

2-28-17  
"THOR?"  
"TUNNEL IN PROGRESS"

### AGNES

2-28-17  
"10:00 P.M. AND TIME FOR A WEATHER UPDATE"  
"OUR PREVIOUS FORECAST OF 3 INCHES WAS A TINY BIT OFF... WE'D LIKE TO APOLOGIZE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE..."  
"I'D LIKE TO HAVE A WORD WITH YOU"

### HI AND LOIS

2-28  
"I'VE BEEN THINKING LONG AND HARD ABOUT BEING A JUGGLER. I THOUGHT ABOUT IT ALL LAST NIGHT AND INTO THE DAWN ... I COULDN'T SLEEP."  
"DURING BREAKFAST, I THOUGHT ABOUT IT SO HARD I JAMMED A SPOONFUL OF CHEERIOS IN MY EYE. I FORGOT TO PUT ON BOTH OF MY SHOES AND ONE SOCK ... I FAILED TO SPIT AFTER BRUSHING MY TEETH."  
"THIS IS WHY YOU HAVE NO HOMEWORK?"  
"YES... AND WHY MY BREATH IS MEGA-MINTY."  
"IT'S NICE TO SEE BOTH PARENTS TOGETHER AT AN OPEN HOUSE."  
"THIS IS ABOUT AS CLOSE TO A 'DATE' AS WE EVER GET."

### THE OTHER COAST

2-28  
"WHAT THE MY FUTON HAS BEEN REPLACED."  
"YOU LIKE IT? I BOUGHT YOU A BRAND NEW FUTON."  
"YOUR OLD FUTON WAS A CANVAS OF DOG DROOL. AN EXHIBITION OF YUCK."  
"ART HATER."

### SNUFFY SMITH

2-28  
"IS TH' BEAT STILL GOIN' WELL, LO?"  
"YEP! TH' SECOND DAY IS ALWAYS EASIER FER ME, ELVINEY!!"  
"'CUZ THEN I'VE QUIT TRYIN'!!"

### BEELE BAILY

2-28  
"SARGE WILL HIT THE CEILING WHEN HE SEES THIS PLACE"  
"I DIDN'T BELIEVE YOU REALLY MEANT IT"

### This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 28, the 59th day of 2017. There are 306 days left in the year.  
Today's Highlight in History:  
On Feb. 28, 1917, The Associated Press reported that the United States had obtained a diplomatic communication sent by German Foreign Minister Arthur Zimmermann to a German official in Mexico; the "Zimmermann Note," which had been intercepted and decoded by Britain, proposed a German alliance with Mexico and Japan should the U.S. enter World War I. (Outrage over the telegram helped propel America into the conflict.)  
On this date:  
In 1844, a 12-inch gun aboard the USS Princeton exploded as the ship was sailing on the Potomac River, killing Secretary of State Abel P. Upshur, Navy Secretary Thomas W. Gilmer and several others.  
In 1861, the Territory of Colorado was organized.  
In 1942, the heavy cruiser USS Houston and the Australian light cruiser HMAS Perth were attacked by Japanese forces during the World War II Battle of Sunda Strait; both were sunk shortly

after midnight on March 1 with a total loss of more than 1,000 men.  
In 1953, scientists James D. Watson and Francis H.C. Crick announced they had discovered the double-helix structure of DNA.  
In 1960, a day after defeating the Soviets at the Winter Games in Squaw Valley, California, the United States won its first Olympic hockey gold medal by defeating Czechoslovakia, 9-4.  
In 1967, American magazine publisher Henry R. Luce died in Phoenix, Arizona, at age 68.  
In 1975, 42 people were killed in London's Underground when a train smashed into the end of a tunnel.  
In 1986, Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme (PAHL'-meh) was shot to death in central Stockholm. (The killing remains unsolved.)  
In 1993, a gun battle erupted at a religious compound near Waco, Texas, when Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents tried to arrest Branch Davidian leader David Koresh on weapons charges; four agents and six Davidians were killed as a 51-day standoff began.  
In 1996, Britain's Princess Diana agreed to divorce Prince Charles. (Their 15-year marriage officially ended in August 1996; Diana died in a car crash in Paris a year after that.)

In 1997, in North Hollywood, California, two heavily armed and armored robbers, after bungling a bank heist, came out firing, unleashing their arsenal at police, bystanders, cars and TV choppers before they were killed.  
In 2013, Benedict XVI became the first pope in 600 years to resign, ending an eight-year pontificate. (Benedict was succeeded the following month by Pope Francis.)  
Ten years ago: A federal judge in Miami ruled that suspected al-Qaida operative Jose Padilla was competent to stand trial on terrorism support charges, rejecting arguments that he was severely damaged by 3 1/2 years of interrogation and isolation in a military brig. (Padilla was convicted later in the year of supporting al-Qaida and terrorism conspiracy and was sentenced to 17 years in prison.)

Answer to previous puzzle

ALES	FACTS	IMPS
TIDE	ACHOO	NAIL
OMEN	STONY	ONTO
MANDATORY	CRUST	
STARE	JOBS	
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CAMPS	MANHATTAN	
AREA	PINTA	OAHU
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EATS	TIARA	KEYS

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### Newsday Crossword

### FOUR-STAR QUARTET by Billie Truitt

- Edited by Stanley Newman  
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- |                                   |                            |                          |                            |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>                     | 57 Wicked                  | 8 Capital of Norway      | 37 Idea's foundation       |
| 1 Computer's data-transfer device | 58 Unusually fine          | 9 At that time           | 38 Vote into office        |
| 6 Secret plan                     | 64 Subtle glow             | 10 Unusually fine        | 40 Glide on snow           |
| 10 Playwright George Bernard      | 65 Spanish bull            | 11 Port-au-Prince's land | 44 Craftsperson            |
| 14 In the know                    | 66 First full spring month | 12 Wide tie              | 46 General Robert E. ___   |
| 15 Reaction to poison ivy         | 67 Stag or doe             | 13 Cries                 | 47 Diarist ___ Frank       |
| 16 Simplify                       | 68 Swelled heads           | 18 Bagpiper's garment    | 48 Pumpnickel or rye       |
| 17 Unusually fine                 | 69 Twangy-sounding         | 22 Lamb's mom            | 49 Variety show            |
| 19 Pleasant                       |                            | 23 Barely defeated       | 50 Blazing                 |
| 20 Prefix meaning "halfway"       |                            | 24 Champagne fruit       | 52 Coins in France         |
| 21 Convenient, as shopping        |                            | 25 Obtained              | 54 Lo-cal, on food labels  |
| 23 Sandwich filling with yolks    |                            | 3 River blocker          | 55 Urban haze              |
| 28 Stands in line                 |                            | 4 Chapter of history     | 59 Athlete on a salary     |
| 29 "Change the subject!"          |                            | 5 Mythical woman/fish    | 60 Resort with hot springs |
| 30 Item of value                  |                            | 6 Gucci handbag rival    | 61 Tax form agcy.          |
| 33 Enclosed, as an estate         |                            | 7 Science workshop       | 62 By way of               |
| 34 Prepare gifts                  |                            |                          | 63 Follower of kay         |
| 35 "Never let ___ said..."        |                            |                          |                            |
| 39 Saga of a story                |                            |                          |                            |
| 40 Nonsensical                    |                            |                          |                            |
| 41 Word-of-mouth                  |                            |                          |                            |
| 42 Minor bumper damage            |                            |                          |                            |
| 43 Make mittens, say              |                            |                          |                            |
| 44 Licorice-flavor herb           |                            |                          |                            |
| 45 Extraterrestrial               |                            |                          |                            |
| 47 Koran's language               |                            |                          |                            |
| 48 Knee-support device            |                            |                          |                            |
| 51 Most tame                      |                            |                          |                            |
| 53 Fills the gas tank again       |                            |                          |                            |
| 56 Prefix meaning "one"           |                            |                          |                            |

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**LIFT**

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minutes left in the second quarter before the Pacers took over. They outscored Houston 23-8 over the next six minutes.

**TIP-INS**  
Pacers: G Aaron Brooks, who spent six seasons with the Rockets, was honored between the first and second quarters as part of Houston's season-long celebration of its 50th anniversary. ... George had 15 points. ... Stuckey added 17 points.

Rockets: It was Houston's 47th straight game with at least 100 points, tying a franchise record set in 1969-70. ... The Rockets signed G Isaiah Taylor from D-League

Rio Grande Valley. ... The Rockets made 10 3-pointers to give them at least 10 in 15 straight games.

**THEY SAID IT**  
"We let up that second quarter," Harden said. "It just wasn't good. We didn't do what we needed to do."

**WILLIAMS FITTING IN**

Williams has been great since being traded from the Lakers on Thursday. He scored 27 and 17 points in his first two games, and Monday was the NBA-leading 27th time this season in which Williams has scored 20 or more points off the bench.

**UP NEXT**  
Pacers: Continue a five-game road trip at San Antonio on Wednesday night.

**BAYLOR**

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fouled and another tough inside basket.

When Carter finally scored again put WVU up 51-50, Lual-Acuil had another inside basket before Wainright had a steal and breakaway layup.

"This was extremely special. My last one, a great ride four years in the making," Wainright said.

"They said it was for me and that's the only thing I can really say about that one. A great team."

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**BIG PICTURE**  
West Virginia: Contributing to the Mountaineers being tentative was having Carter and Nathan Adrian (two points in 16 minutes) in foul trouble.

"I don't care who you are, your two best play-

ers are in the foul trouble, you probably don't want them" to be that aggressive, Huggins said. ... WVU lost for only the second time in a seven-game stretch when its only other loss was in overtime at top-ranked Kansas.

Baylor: The Bears won without starting point guard Manu Lecomte, who missed the game with a sprained right ankle.

Baylor did have 18 turnovers — 11 fewer than the January game — which the Mountaineers turned into 20 points.

**DREW ON MOTLEY**  
"I don't want to consider that right now," Drew said, when asked if Motley had played his home finale. "One thing our staff has always been, our job is to serve our players. And they all have goals and dreams and aspirations, and we want to help them reach them. And when they can reach them, we've done our job."

**Top 25 this week: No. 17 Duke hobbled entering final week**

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Little has gone smoothly or as expected for No. 17 Duke this season.

The Blue Devils (22-7, 10-6 Atlantic Coast Conference) have faced injuries — even to their Hall of Fame coach — and a suspension for preseason Associated Press All-American Grayson Allen this season. It's all contributed to some uneven play for the preseason top-ranked Blue Devils, whose finish to the regular season — two games, two ranked opponents — is one of the week's biggest storylines for teams in the AP Top 25.

The current issues are an ankle injury to Allen, which sidelined him for Saturday's loss at No. 25 Miami, as well as lingering foot pain for fifth-year senior big Amile Jefferson. Their status is unclear this week for Tuesday's home finale against No. 15 Florida State followed by Saturday's visit to fifth-ranked rival North Carolina.

"Our goal is to play them," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "I hate to be so ambivalent about it. I wish we had more certainty, but it's been that kind of year."

It sure has. Freshmen Jayson Tatum, Harry Giles and Marques Bolden missed time with injuries early this season. Allen sat out a game for tripping opponents. Krzyzewski missed about a month following back surgery.

Duke had appeared to steady itself with a seven-game winning streak, but the Blue Devils have lost two straight entering Tuesday's game and aren't even assured to finish with a top-four seed in the ACC Tournament — and more importantly, the double-round bye that goes with it.

Beating the Seminoles and sweeping the Tar Heels, who have already clinched the No. 1 tournament seed, would be a big help.

**STACKED ACC SCHEDULE:** Duke's games against FSU and UNC are only part of a full schedule of games featuring two ranked teams in the ACC.

No. 23 Virginia's win against UNC on Monday was the first of five such games this week. Three come Saturday, with No. 8 Louisville hosting No. 19 Notre Dame and FSU hosting Miami before Duke visits UNC to close the regular season schedule.

**KANSAS AT NO. 1:** The Jayhawks (27-3, 15-2 Big 12) took over the top spot in the poll with Gonzaga's weekend loss, then opened the week with Monday's 73-63 win against Oklahoma.

Kansas closes the regular season Saturday by visiting Oklahoma State.

**FRIDAY FINALE:** The Big 12 has a matchup of two ranked teams, with No. 24 Iowa State visiting No. 10 West Virginia. That will be the Mountaineers' second straight game against a ranked opponent to close the regular season; West Virginia (23-7, 11-6) lost 71-62 at No. 11 Baylor on Monday night.



AP Photo  
**Miami guard Bruce Brown goes to the basket against Duke guard Matt Jones during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game in Coral Gables, Fla., on Saturday, Feb. 25, 2017.**

**CONFERENCE RANKS:** The ACC again leads the way in the new poll with seven ranked teams, tying its league record. The Big 12 was the No. 2 conference this week with four ranked teams, while the Pac-12 had three: No. 3 UCLA, No. 6 Oregon and No. 7 Arizona.

**WATCH LIST:** There's at least one familiar team on the watch list for teams in the "Others Receiving Votes" category: Minnesota.

The Gophers (22-7, 10-6 Big Ten) have won seven straight games since a five-game losing streak in January, putting them in solid position to return to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2013.

Minnesota was ranked No. 24 for a week in January and can make a case to return to the Top 25 when they close the regular season at No. 22 Wisconsin on Sunday.

Oklahoma State has its own chances for big wins this week. The Cowboys (20-9, 9-7 Big 12) first visit No. 24 Iowa State on Tuesday before closing the week by hosting the top-ranked Jayhawks.

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**N. Korean diplomats in Malaysia to seek Kim's brother's body**

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — A high-level North Korean delegation arrived in Kuala Lumpur on Tuesday seeking the body of leader Kim Jong Un's half brother, the victim of a nerve-agent attack that many suspect the North itself orchestrated. The body of Kim Jong Nam, killed Feb. 13 at Kuala Lumpur's airport, is at the center of a heated diplomatic battle between North Korea and Malaysia. North Korea opposed Malaysian officials even con-

ducting an autopsy, while Malaysia has resisted giving up the body without getting DNA samples and confirmation from next of kin.

The delegation includes Ri Tong Il, a former North Korean deputy ambassador to the United Nations, who told reporters Tuesday outside the North Korean Embassy that the diplomats were in Malaysia to retrieve the body and seek the release of a North Korean arrested in the case. He said the delegation also wants "development of the friendly relationship" between North Korea and Malaysia.

Malaysia has confirmed that the victim of the attack was Kim Jong Nam. North Korea, however, has identified the victim only as a North Korean national with a diplomatic passport.

The killing of Kim Jong Nam took place amid crowds of travelers at Kuala Lumpur's airport and appeared to be a well-planned hit. Malaysian authorities say North Koreans put the deadly nerve agent VX on the hands of two women who then placed the toxin on Kim's face. Kim died on the way to a hospital, within about 20 minutes of the attack, they say.

**Trump takes on entrenched practice of Washington leaks**

NEW YORK (AP) — When White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer wanted to crack down on leaks last week, he collected his aides' cell phones to check for communication with reporters. The crackdown quickly leaked.

Spicer's losing round in Washington's perpetual game of information Whack-a-mole was hardly a surprise. In trying

to plug leaks from anonymous sources, President Donald Trump and his aides are going after one of the most entrenched practices in Washington politics and journalism, an exercise that has exposed corruption, fueled scandals and spread gossip for decades.

But the practice has created several headaches for the new president, leading Trump, just weeks into his presidency, to publicly vow to try to punish "low-life leakers" in his own administration.

"Let their name be put out there," Trump said before the Conservative Political Action Conference on Friday, accusing reporters of making up anonymous sources and stories. He declared reporters shouldn't be allowed to use sources "unless they use somebody's name."

"A source says that Donald Trump is a horrible, horrible human being." Let 'em say it to my face."

**3 dead, 2 injured in plane that hits houses in California**

RIVERSIDE, Calif. (AP) — Three people died and two were injured when a small plane carrying them home from a cheerleading competition crashed into two Southern California homes and sparked a major fire Monday, authorities said.

A husband, wife and three teenagers were on the plane that had just taken off from Riverside Municipal Airport at 4:40 p.m. intending to return to San Jose after the weekend cheerleading event at Disneyland when it crashed in the residential neighborhood, Riverside Fire Chief Michael Moore said.

One of the teenagers, a girl, was thrown from a back seat of the plane on impact but had only minor injuries, Moore said.

Three witnesses told TV stations she crawled from the home asking for help. She was able to talk to firefighters about what had happened as she was taken to Riverside Community Hospital, Moore said.

Firefighters entered one of the burning houses and pulled out another plane passenger, who was unconscious. That victim underwent surgery at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center in San Bernardino and was in critical condition, Moore said.

Three bodies, all from the plane, were found in the combined wreckage of the aircraft and the homes.

**GPS**

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thousands, of meteorologists today — myself included — who were impacted by the movie "Twister" and the role Bill played in that," Wetter told The Associated Press in a phone interview. "Twister" was kind of the first time in a mass media marketplace the meteorologist became cool, if only for a little while."

The storm chasers spelled the initials on a map that was centered around Wakita, Oklahoma, a real town in the heart of Tornado Alley that served as the set for almost all of the movie, Wetter said.

Most people participating did not travel to log their dot on the map, but they instead entered GPS coordinates manually to spell the letters after the Spotter Network posted a rough outline of the project on its Facebook page and asked for help, Wetter said.

The letters took shape in real time on a map that went viral on Twitter as the day went on. The initials, made of red dots, stretched across parts of Texas,

Kansas and Oklahoma on a black map.

Jake DeFlicht was one of the few storm chasers who drove to a point on the map to register his GPS dot. The 23-year-old graduate student at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma, traveled about 20 minutes, he said, and then waited for the right moment to log his contribution.

"I waited until all the letters lined up," said DeFlicht, who recently dropped radar-equipped pods in front of tornados as part of a research project. "I was part of the 'P,' right below one of the connections, where the half-circle came back and connected with the straight line."

In the 1996 blockbuster, Paxton plays a storm chaser who's researching tornados during a twister outbreak in Oklahoma. Paxton and co-star Helen Hunt scramble to release a data-collection probe into the funnel of a tornado as they compete with another, better-funded research team that's using similar technology.

Paxton's death at age 61 after complications from surgery was announced Sunday.

**TEXAS**

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**VOTER ID BACK IN COURT**

Federal judge Nelva Gonzales Ramos has denied a request by state Attorney General Ken Paxton and the U.S. Justice Department to delay a hearing on Texas' strict voter ID law — meaning all sides

should appear Tuesday in her Corpus Christi courtroom.

They'd sought to have the case delayed until after the legislative session because Texas Senate Republicans have introduced a revised voter ID bill that could address problems federal courts previously have identified with the existing Texas law.

Before November's presidential election, Gonzales Ramos required Texas to allow people without one of the

seven forms of ID Texas has deemed acceptable to vote by signing a sworn declaration stating they have a reasonable impediment to obtaining one. The Senate bill makes the affidavit option permanent, while also calling for prison sentences of up to 10 years for anyone convicted of lying on a sworn declaration.

But Gonzales Ramos ruled that the case shouldn't be stopped regardless of legislative action.

Under the Obama administration, the Justice Department opposed Texas' law as discriminatory. Seeking the delay indicated that President Donald Trump could abandon the federal government's opposition to it. Tuesday's hearing may provide still more clues on the new administration's plans.

HOUSE'S 1ST BILL  
House lawmakers on Wednesday are set to debate

and pass two bills overhauling the state's troubled foster care system, making those the chamber's first legislation approves this session.

The Senate has already passed several bills — including a hotly debated immigration measure outlawing "sanctuary cities." Abbott made the foster care fix a top legislative priority, noting that more than 100 kids died while in the state system last year alone.

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