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# **BIG SPRING**



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# City approves purchase of one-arm dump truck

By LYNDEL MOODY

The Big Spring City Council approved a \$271,957.08 purchase for a full eject dump one-arm sanitation truck and called off the election for the District 3 seat, citing the race was uncontested when council members met Tuesday

According to Assistant City Manager John Medina, this

one-arm sanitation truck will be the first of its kind in the city's sanitation fleet and is made exclusively to handle the plastic 96 gallon roll out trash containers.

"Right now, our trash trucks will lift those (roll out containers) but they (the trucks) are retrofitted," Medina explained. "These types of trucks will allow us to do that type of can and they're really

fast. They are designed for it. This has a grappler arm on it and just grabs it." The new truck is expected

to be at minimum 45 percent faster at picking up the rollout trash containers compared to the the fleet's current West Texas side loader dump trucks. This new truck is also expected to cause less damage to the roll outs compared to the side loader

trucks, he said.

In other business, city council members unanimously agreed to cancel the District 3 election. Terry McDaniel is running unopposed for the position.

"By canceling the election just for District 3 – the whole election would be on but this would remove the voting on the ballot for District 3 - the city would save, we're think-

ing about \$950," said Finance Director Don Moore.

The cancellation leaves just two races on the ballot: District 1 and District 4. District 1 has two candidates: Raul Marquez, the incumbent, and Tracy Parker. In the District 4 spot, Howard Stewart has tossed his hat into the race. Filing for District 4 continues through March 6 at city hall.

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# Youth Rodeo Scholarship awarded to area junior



Trevor Kernick stands with family and friends at the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo's Youth Rodeo recently. The Coahoma High School junior earned one of six \$10,000 scholarships competing in the event held earlier this month.

# By SANDRENA KONING

Staff Writer

Trevor Kernick, a junior at Coahoma High School, competed in the 2017 San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo's Youth Rodeo and was awarded one of six \$10,000 scholarships. This is the fourth annual Youth Rodeo held from February 13-15. FFA students and 4-H

members participate every year from all over Texas in seven speed and roping events that total up to \$70,000 in scholarship awards.

"The San Antonio livestock office has several activities for the youth and we have several that go down and show livestock," Tommy Yeater of the 4-H Club of Big Spring said. "They have a junior rodeo that also gives

scholarships for the senior level kids and that's what Trevor was in. His event that he won was the tie-down calf roping. They rope a calf and dismount their horse, run down there, flank the calf and tie its three legs, then time stops."

Kernick rode his horse Ice Man in the tie-down roping event, finishing in at 9.08

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# Auditions for HC's "Chess" production to begin Monday

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

The Howard College theater arts and music departments will host open auditions for its next production, "Chess", on Monday.

'These are open to the Howard County community and general public," stated Ethan Wells, Howard College assistant professor/director of choral studies. "We are looking for singers, dancers, costumes design, makeup assistance, instrumentalists, anything. Those interested in more demanding roles can come prepared with one or two vocal solos and possibly a prepared monologue. More material will be provided that evening as well."

Auditions will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Monday at the Howard College Hall Center black box auditorium.

If anyone is interested, they can check Howard College Music social media or contact Ethan Wills ewills@howardcollege.edu 412-264-5103 for details.

Casting will include positions for major on-stage characters, a chorus of around 25 members, and a large orchestra. Anyone interested in an orchestra position is encouraged to contact Dan Kiley, Howard College Music Chairman and Professor of band and music at dkiley@ howardcollege.edu.

Set in the Cold War era, the plot of the musical revolves around a chess tournament between an American grandmaster and a Soviet grandmaster. The two men also fight for the affection of the same woman. The music for "Chess" was composed by Benny Andersson and Björn Ulvaeus of the popular 1970s rock group ABBA. Lyrics are

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234. or by e-mailing citydesk@big-

by Tim Rice.

# Trump gives GOP roadmap for change

WASHINGTON (AP) President Donald Trump gave Republican congressional leaders a rallying cry and even a roadmap as they try to push through a sweeping and



divisive agenda on health said Wednesday morning care, taxes and more.

In his first address to a joint session of Congress, Trump said largely what GOP leaders were hoping to hear Tuesday night, staying on-message and talking in optimistic tones, even weighing in at one point to settle a brewing dispute over how to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act. Vice President Mike Pence

it was "a great speech and a great night for America." He said that Trump showed Congress and the nation his "broad shoulders, big heart, reaching out, focusing on the future."

House Speaker Paul Ryan declared the speech a "home run," pointing to Trump's embrace for the first time of

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# Honoring local broadcast media

Courtesy photo Visitors tour the Heritage new Museum exhibfeaturing the history of local broadcast media. A large crowd attended a wine and cheese reception held Friday night at museum. The exhibit will be on display in the museum's downstairs gallery until May 1. For more information, contact the museum at 432-267-8255. The Heritage Museum is located at 510 Scurry



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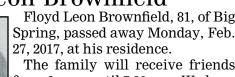
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# **Obituaries**

# Floyd Leon Brownfield



from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 1, 2017, at Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Myers and Smith Chapel with Elwin Collom, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial

Floyd Leon Brownfield was born June 21, 1935, at home on the farm in Lubbock County to Andrew L and Erma Watts Brownfield. He graduated from Lubbock Cooper High School in 1953. Floyd married his High School Sweetheart, Nancy Stephens, on Nov. 25, 1954, in Lubbock, Texas. He lived in Reeves County, Texas, where he managed cotton gins, before moving to Big Spring, Texas, in 1976. Floyd was a talented man in the industrial field. He designed and built many machines. He was instrumental in the development and manufacturing of the fiberglass sucker rods for oil production. Floyd was inducted into the Cambridge Who's Who registry of Executives, Professionals and Entrepreneurs 2009-2010 Edition. He also attained registered patents for some of his work.

On Oct. 1, 2008, Floyd met with an Industrial accident while helping build a plant facility in Midland, Texas. He sustained a Traumatic brain injury, but with constant love and prayers was able to survive, although he was never to return to the love of his life – "work" – with his former associates who had become his family.

Floyd is survived by his wife of 62 years, Nancy of Big Spring; two daughters, Janis Brownfield of Big Spring, and Holli Adams and husband James of Abilene; and daughter-in-law, Christy Brownfield of Big Spring; eight grandchildren, Janae Brown, Kendra Hawkins and husband Alan of Tishomingo, Okla., Kayla Brownfield and Kyle Brownfield, both of Big Spring, Stormy Adams and wife Audrey of Dallas, Hailee Adams of Dallas, Garrett Brownfield of Big Spring, and Dylan Register of Lubbock; nine great-grandchildren, Kyron, Keyden, Mason, Maddix, Brittan, Bralynn, Braxton, Kaydence, and Charlie Sue; two brothers, Kenneth Brownfield and wife Ernie of Lubbock, and Donald Brownfield and wife Lee of Brownwood; and a special son Orlando "Buck" Jackman and wife Tammy of Abilene.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Melvin Brownfield; and his son Kevin Brownfield, who passed in 2015; and a special son, Tony Gamble, who passed in 2016.

Pallbearers will be Kyle Brownfield, Stormy Adams, Dylan Register, Garrett Brownfield, Russ Rutledge, and J.P. Amos. Honorary Pallbearers will be Austin Heald, James Adams, Richard Burchett, Carlos Castenada, and Buck Jackman.

Floyd will be remembered and missed forever and always by his loving family, his special friends Austin and Betty Heald of Lubbock, and his loyal caregiver Alisa Diaz, as well as many friends, neighbors, and co-workers. The family wishes to thank the nurses of Kindred

Care Home Health, Kindred Care Hospice, and Compass Hospice for the gentle and loving care of Floyd during his lengthy illness.

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

Paid obituary

# Mary Ellen McKee

Eggleston

Mary Ellen McKee Eggleston, 89, of Midland, formerly of Big Spring, passed away Monday, Feb. 27, 2017, in Midland with her family by her Funeral service will be 2 p.m.

Wednesday, March 1, 2017, at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home Chapel in Big Spring with the Rev. Jeff Franklin officiating. Burial will follow in Mt. Olive Cemetery.

Mary was born April 9, 1927 in Big Spring, Texas, to Lewis McKee and Veda Mae Walker McKee. She married Billie Eggleston Jan. 2, 1942, in Big Spring, where they raised their family. She worked at Carter's Furniture and Wheats Furniture in Big Spring for many years. She owned and operated Mary's Café from 1960 until 1966, where she enjoyed serving her customers and making lasting friendships. Mary taught Sunday school for 30 years and was the Superintendent for the Jr. Department for about 20 years. When she moved to Midland in 1988 she joined Kelview Heights Baptist Church. After moving to Midland, she worked for Carter's Furniture until her retirement. She loved music, and she played guitar with her family as a child. Family reunions were a joy for Mary because the family

bluebonnets bloom with her daughter, daughtersin-law, granddaughter, and great-granddaughters.

Those left to cherish her memories are her daughter, Kathryn Martin and husband Jerry of Midland; sons Mike Eggleston and wife Kathie of Ira, Texas, and Don Eggleston and wife Carol of Midland; grandchildren, Rebecca and Ross Kimbell of Midland, Angela and Dusty Walker of Midland, Wesley and Molly Eggleston of Midland, Evan and Christy Eggleston of Menard, Brandon Eggleston, Dustin Eggleston, Scott Hull, and Travis Hull; great-grandchildren, Elizabeth Ransom, Caroline Ransom, Abigayle Ransom, Sophie Gross, Stella Gross, Hayden Eggleston, Harper Eggleston, Tyler Eggleston, John-Michael Eggleston, and Sarah Eggleston; sisters Rachel Shaffer of Big Spring, Neva Shaffer of Big Spring, Sue Whitaker of San Angelo, Karen Murphy of Granbury, Jennie Shaw and husband Ronald of Smyer, and Delores Andrews and husband Ray of Odessa. Mary was preceded in death by her loving husband of 66 years, Billie Leon Eggleston; parents Lewis and Veda McKee; brother, Raymond McKee: and sister. Frances Thomas.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Hospice of Midland and nursing staff of Midland Memorial Hospital and well as the staff at Senior Care of Midland.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory www.npwelch.com.

# Barbara A. Morgan

Barbara A. Morgan, 77, of Big Spring died Saturday, Feb. 25, 2017, at Big Spring Center for Skilled Care. She was laid to rest at Trinity Memorial Park. A family memorial service will be on Sunday, March 5, 2017, at 5 p.m. at the home of Terri and Carl Johansen.

was all together to sing and play. One of her favor-

ite pastimes were the many trips going to see the

She was born Aug. 24, 1939, in Big Spring, Texas, to Thelma Marie Merworth Yarbrough and Elmer Leonard Yarbrough. She had been a lifetime resident of the community. She was a Licensed Vocational Nurse at Cowper Hospital for 39 years. She continued her education, becoming a Registered Nurse; and worked at the Big Spring State Hospital.

She is survived by one daughter, Robbie Gay of Big Spring; one son, David Morgan of Big Spring; her sister, LaVerne Dean and husband A.J. of Big Spring; one brother, Leslie Dale Yarbrough and wife Kathy of Big Spring; two sisters-in-law, Loretta Yarbrough and Norma Yarbrough.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two

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# Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following ac-CHRISTOPHER JAMES

**KING**, 30, of 131 S. 10th St. in Salina, Kan., was arrested on a charge of theft of property (less than \$100)/shoplifting.

• JOHN PATRICK HUDGINS,

55, of 2328 Fox Glenn Ctr. in Bedford was arrested on a charge of urinating in a public place.

 CLINT BRANDON BOL-LIER JR., 26, of 1217 Lindbergh was arrested on charges of evading arrest or detention and criminal trespassing; and on outstanding warrants.

• KELLI KAY STOLLE, 31, of 2609 Wasson Rd. Apt. #14 was ar-

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rested on warrants for consumption of alcohol by a minor and failure to appear.

of 6603 E. Midway Rd. was arrested on a charge of public intoxica-

• STEVEN TY RHOER, 25, of

• TERESA KAY GASTON, 54,

980 U.S. Highway 287 Apt. #8 in Crockett was arrested on a warrant for theft (\$50 to \$500); and on other outstanding warrants.

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**BANCE** was reported in the 600 block of Steakley Street.

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# Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity: Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail re-

ported having 74 inmates at the time of this report. • RUSSELL REX BANKS, 63, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for driving unsecured by a seat-

- MONICA CERVANTES, 25, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for theft of property (\$100 to
- BRITTNEY JO HILGER, 22, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for driving with an invalid li-• MITCHELL WAYNE MCCORMACK, 34, was
- booked by BSPD on charges of evading arrest or detention, interfering with public duties, and criminal trespassing.

# Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity: TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported at the in-

- tersection of County Roads 35 and 41. • MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 700 block
- of South Gregg Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 2400 block of North Birdwell Lane. One person was transport-
- ed to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported at the intersection of Midway and Wilson roads.

# **Support Groups**

### 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.

- 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.

 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/ of Midland. Online condolences may be made at 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. un-

# **MONDAY**

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

# **TUESDAY**

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

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

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

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# Award-winning musical biography of Beatles comes to Midland stage



Courtesy photo

Stars of the show are Nate Bott ("John"), Axel Clarke ("Ringo"), Chris Paul Overall ("Paul") and Jesse Wilder ("George").

MIDLAND, TX — Almost everyone knows that The Beatles are one of the most acclaimed bands in rock and roll history because their music has the hypnotic qualities that make teenage girls scream and artists today and yesterday cite them as one of their influences.

While many of us don't have the opportunity to see the two surviving Beatles Paul McCartney or Ringo Starr live in concert these days, the closest thing to watching an actual Beatles concert will be In My Life – A Musical Theatre Tribute to the Beatles at the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center on March 15 at 7:30 pm. The Midland show is part of a 125 city

tour of the U.S., Canada and Austra-

You mean just another tribute band? No, because not all tribute bands are alike. This one portrays the Beatles—

John Lennon (Nathaniel Bott), Paul McCartney (Christopher Overall), George Harrison (Zak Schaffer) and Ringo Starr (Axel Clarke)—as authentically as possible, from their singing to the myriad of guitars used throughout the band's decade-long career. Listening to songs like "Penny Lane" or "I Want To Hold Your Hand" from this tribute band is almost like listening to the original icons themselves. The cast members are age appropriate for the Beatles, between 22 -32 years of age.

While the great repertoire of songs bind this musical together, the audience also gets the opportunity to relive the most important moments of The Beatles' epic legacy, which spans the entire 1960s period. The actors that portray the band members connect with the crowd through their lovable sense of humors and cheeky banter.

As one watches The Beatles progress throughout that decade, the band's manager Brian Epstein (Murphy Martin) makes his presence known throughout the musical, narrating his side of the story starting from his discovery of the Fab Four at the Cavern Club in Liverpool up until after the release of Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band.

Epstein plays a very important role in this show, not only because he was the man who discovered the group, but he also influenced their personal touch with audiences and, of course, their fashion sense. Who could forget the image of the four dressed up in suits on their arrival at New York's JFK Airport in 1964?

This show is not just about reliving the breakthrough Ed Sullivan Show performance on February 9,1964 that 78 million people watched on television, or reviving their deafening and packed Shea Stadium concert in 1965, it also touches on the band's intimate moments in the recording studio. The audience observes the four in the studio as they struggle to reconcile their creative differences after Epstein's death in 1967, a couple months after the release of Sgt. Pepper.

As for inspiration for the musical, Tom Maher, one of the co-producers alongside Andy Nagle, said that a friend gave him a biography on Epstein, which was the basis of the "In My Life" musical.

"It took a while to get the pacing, but we are happy with the results,"

Maher added that he wanted to make the portrayal as accurate as possible, with the band using the exact gear from the box amps to the guitars. Even the costumes they used throughout the performance—from the suits to the ensembles they wore during their Sgt. Pepper's periodmirror the originals designs.

The San Diego Theatre Review called the show "the most original of all Beatles shows" and a "flat out great show!" The Los Angeles Times said "the show delivers," and the Idaho Statesman said "this is the ticket for vou!"

"In My Life" performs at the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center on March 15 at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$30- \$55, plus applicable ticket fees, and may be purchased online at www. wagnernoel.com, by phone at 800-514-3849 or at the Venue Box Office, Monday - Friday noon to 5pm. The Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center is located at 1310 N FM 1788, Midland, TX 79707. The show is appropriate for all ages.

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In other business, council members approved:

• A \$59,514.00 bid by Roll Off USA for roll off trash

· First reading of an ordi-

nance amending the budget to increase the general fund by \$6,000 to cover the estimated cost of demolishing a dilapidated structure on West 16th St. According to Public Works Director Johnny Womack, the city will have to go before the 118th District Court Judge Tim Yeats to get permission to tear down the structure and that process will take a minimum of three months or more. Permission for city of-

ficials to advertise for bids for seal coat project. Womack said the city expects to spend more than \$350,000 for the project.

 Approved final reading of an ordinance nominating Alon USA, specifically the Big Spring refinery, to the Governor Economic Development & Tourism through the Economic Development Bank as a state enterprise project. If selected, the designation would allow Alon to receive refunds for state sales tax on specific purchases for the Big Spring refinery, according to city officials. Final reading to change

Golf Course Road at Comanche Trail Park to Pat Simmons Way to honor the 90-year-old Big Spring community volunteer Pat Simmons.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. *235*.

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tax credits — a central element in the Republican plan to replace former President Barack Obama's health care law. Those tax credits have sparked a fierce

conservative backlash in recent days, imperiling GOP efforts to make good on the party's long-stated promise to get rid of "Obamacare" and put something better in its place. Ahead of the speech congressional Republicans had been unsure how far Trump would go in backing their plan, with some pleading openly with him to do so, and many were elated at what they heard.

"We should help Americans purchase

their own coverage, through the use of tax credits and expanded savings counts — but it must be the plan they want, not the plan forced on them by the government," Trump said, as Republicans cheered and Democrats sat silently in their seats.

It remains to be seen whether Trump's endorsement of refundable tax credits will be enough to tame re-

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bellious conservatives in the House and Senate who have criticized them as a costly new entitlement. The initial response from one key conservative group, the Freedom Caucus in the House, was full of praise for Trump's speech without mentioning the divisions over tax credits.

"We were pleased the President reaffirmed his commitment to fully repeal Obamacare and replace it with patientcentered, market-driven policy. We share his vision," the group said.

## MYERS & SMITH **FUNERAL HOME** & CHAPEL

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Floyd Leon Brownfield, 81, died Monday. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will follow at Trinity Me-

Barbara A. Morgan, 77, died Saturday Burial was at Trinity Memorial Park. A family memorial service will be on Sun-

morial Park.

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seconds in his final round.

"The preliminary round which was the day before, he was 8.3 there and that let him advance," Greg Kernick, Trevor's father said. "They all come back to this sudden death style shoot out for \$10,000 dollar scholarship. That's where he was at 9.08, and won on that round as well."

According to Greg, this particular award means a lot to his son as it is a great help to his goals attending junior college, then transferring to Stephenville. "He's wanting to go to junior college somewhere,"

Greg Kernick said. "Probably going to end up at Tarleton when he's all done. It's a \$1,250 dollar scholarship for 8 semesters of college, which is four years. It's \$10,000 dollars and that will definitely go a long ways towards books and offset whatever

types of expenses that come along the way." "He's got a 3.5," Greg remarked in reference to his son's grade point average. "He goes to school at

Coahoma." Active participation in stock and rodeo shows has been his passion since he was old enough to attend. "He's participated in the AJRA, which is the

American Junior Rodeo Association," Greg said. "We went to the West Texas Rodeo Association. He's competed in the ultimate calf ropings, he's a past champion of those. He competes at some of the United States Team Roping Championship events and other open rodeos and jackpots. He's wanting to go through college and hopefully into the professional level and see if he can go on to make it to the national finals."

Trevor comes from a linage of rodeo participants which includes his father, the former Howard College rodeo coach, and his mother's grandfather.

"I participated in rodeo stuff, coached a college rodeo team here for 16 years," Greg said. Practicing his skill is part of Trevor's daily

routine. He actively participates in as many rodeo events as he is able to. "It's everyday, we do something with our game

everyday," Greg said. "It's just like baseball practice or whatever. If you put it on a shelf it doesn't feel very good the first day you pick it back up. He's got the high school rodeo starting next I week. We have Sweetwater and Midland and then the first of April we'll end up back at Sweetwater for the region finals and state is in June. We go an awful lot."

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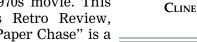
# Roger's Retro Reviews: The Paper Chase

ave you ever noticed that movies from different time periods have different feels to them? I'm not just talking about different special effects, or different thematic focuses, or even different clothing and hairstyles, although those

are certainly additional evidence.

No, movies from the '80s just have that '80s feel about them. Movies from the '50s and '60s too...but in my opinion, there's nothing quite so striking as the fee of a 1970s movie. This week's Retro Review, "The Paper Chase" is a perfect example of that

'70s je ne sais quoi.



Released in 1973, "The Paper Chase"

sion in this movie come primarily from the crushing workload and fear of failure. The study group is plagued by constant bickering.

Kingsfield is a constant unyielding

Hart and Susan argue frequently; his study schedule places a strain on their relationship, and yet he also demands attention from her.

The tension between the two is only heightened when he learns she is actually Professor Kingsfield's daugh-The law school pressure eventually

leads one member of the study group to attempt suicide before dropping out of school.

So I prefaced this review by saying that "The Paper Chase" is a very '70s movie. You can tell from Hart's frizzy hair, droopy moustache, and massive sideburns, or from the casual free-



follows the journey of a James Hart (Timothy Bottoms), a first-year law student at Harvard Law School; including his study group, his love interest, and his wranglings with overbearing Contract Law professor Charles W. Kingsfield Jr. (John

Based on the novel of the same name by John Jay Osborn Jr., it spawned a short-lived TV series as well.

The movie begins silently with an opening shot of Kingsfield's empty classroom. Gradually, new law students begin filing in to start their legal educations.

Right away we're treated to the good professor as he berates a student for not having read the required assignment (or, for that matter, even realizing there was an assignment before the beginning of the school year).

Hart gets acquainted with his dorm mates, and is invited to join the study group featuring fellow students Frank Ford (Graham Beckel), a fifthgeneration Harvard Law student; Kevin Brooks (James Naughton), who has a prodigious memory for facts, but no skill at applying them to new situations; Thomas Anderson (Edward Hermann), intelligent, outspoken law student; Willis Bell (Craig Richard Nelson), a student obsessed with his 800-page outline on the Property Law class, and O'Connor (Bob Lydiard), a forgettable student who leaves the study group early in the semester. The group agrees to each focus on one class and create an outline of salient points for the others to study.

Bell and O'Connor bicker over who will outline the Property Law class with Bell eventually getting his way; Hart chooses Kingsfield's Contract Law class to outline.

While he's walking back to the dorm from a pizzeria one night, a beautiful woman named Susan (Lindsay Wagner, no bionics here) approaches Hart and tells him she's being followed.

He agrees to walk her home. Hart falls in love with her on

the way, and a day or two later works up the nerve to knock on her door and ask her out. The two begin a romantic, although rocky, relationship.

The conflict and ten-

love way Hart and Susan wind up in bed on their first date; but most of all there's just a strange slightly unnatural, overly sensitive way of speaking that just pigeonholes this as '70s fare. It's that very unnaturalness that I

find somewhat off-putting.

It feels at the same time, a little too mature and a little too naïve, in that real students (at least, modern students) wouldn't a) be thinking about such heady topics in their off time, or b) have such sensitive, open, wideeyed feelings about them if they did. Maybe this is just how college students were in the 70s, but it just feels slightly wrong, slightly hokey to me.

That said, "The Paper Chase" otherwise strives for realism. I've never personally been to law

school, but I've heard it's a stressful

The movie captures very well the sense of impending failure and the delicate balancing act between romance and personal life on one hand, and the demands of classes and studying on the other. John Houseman's performance as

Professor Kingsfield is legendary; he is the prototype for all of the stern, demanding teacher figures such as "Stand and Deliver"'s Mr.Escalante (Edward James Olmos) or "Fast Times at Ridgemont High"s Mr. Hand (Ray Walston).

It's really the best thing about this movie, and won him a Best Supporting Actor Oscar.

I enjoyed "The Paper Chase" but was slightly weirded out by those unnatural-feeling elements I mentioned. 7 stars out of 10.

The Paper Chase

Director: James Bridges

Writers: James Bridges, based on the novel by John Jay Osborn Jr.

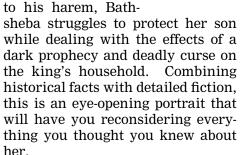
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books, I'll start with three books from Angela Hunt. "Bathsheba:Reluctant Beauty" (F HUN A) tells the story

of one of the Bible's most misunderstood and misjudged women. After receiving God's promise of a lifelong reign and an eternal dynasty, King David forces himself on Bathsheba, a loyal soldier's wife. When her resulting pregnancy forces the king to murder her husband and add her



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"Delilah:Treacherous Beauty" (F HUN A) is a complex and compelling glimpse at one of the Bible's most notorious women. When beautiful, wounded Delilah finds herself begging for food to survive, she resolves that she will find a way to defeat all the men who have taken advantage of her. When she meets a legendary man called Samson, she senses that in him lies the means for her victory. By winning, seducing, and betraying the hero of the Hebrews, she will attain a position of national prominence. She will overcome the roadblocks life has set before her, and she will find riches and victory for herself.

"Esther:Royal Beauty" (F HUN A) tells the story of an inexperienced young queen who takes a stand for her people. Hadassah, a Jewish orphan, is forcibly taken to the palace of the pagan ruler. Because her situation is uncertain, she keeps her ethnic identity a secret and is known as Esther. After months of preparation, Esther wins the king's heart and a queen's crown. When she learns that an evil and ambitious man has won the king's permission to exterminate all Jews, she risks her life in order to save her people and bind her husband's heart.

In "Latte Daze" by Erynn Mangum (F MAN E), Maya Davis already has many titles, but her life is about to become even more complicated. Just when she thought things couldn't get any worse, her exboyfriend proposes to

ontinuing on with the fiction her roommate and bestfriend. Soon their apartment is Wedding Central. As if that weren't enough, her friend's obnoxious mom moves in to help plan the wedding, and Maya's genius brother and sister-in-law announce that they are expecting. Then to top it off, there's the whole matter of Jack. Who wouldn't need a coffee break!

In "The Undoing of Saint Silvanus" by Beth Moore" (F MOO B), Jillian Slater agreed to return to New Orleans on the news that her father had finally drunk himself to death. She hadn't seen him or her grandmother in almost twenty years. When the manager of her grandmother's apartment house called and said her expenses would be paid if she'd fly in for the burial, a free trip was too intriguing to resist. As soon as Jillian meets the odd assortment of renters and realizes that her grandmother had no idea she was coming, she hatches a plan to escape. As the investigation into her father's death quickly unfolds, Jillian is drawn into the lives of the colorful collection of saints and sinners who pass through Saint Silvanus. She soon discovers there is more at stake than she ever imagined. Jillian walks into a web of spiritual and personal danger borne out of her family's broken history, and only God himself can orchestrate the undoing of all that is going on at Saint Silvanus.

In "Cold Shot" Book 1 of the Chesapeake Valor Series by Dani Pettrey (F PET D), three best friends had their lives planned out. Griffen Mc-Cray and Luke Gallagher would join the Baltimore Police Department,

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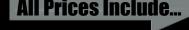
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# 3 members of Texas family dead in apparent murder-suicide

VAN, Texas (AP) — Authorities east of Dallas say a man fatally shot two women in his family while two others were able to escape the home during the attack.

The Van Zandt County sheriff's office says the shooting occurred late Monday afternoon at the home near Van, about 70 miles from Dallas. Jake Smith, an investigator with the sheriff's

office, told KLTV in Tyler that after shooting the two women, the gunman then shot himself and is Smith says the bodies were found in different

rooms of the house.

Another woman and her daughter, also members of the same family, escaped when the shooting began and notified authorities.

Sheriff's officials have not released the names of the gunman or his victims, and have not disclosed a motive for the shooting.

# **Forecast predicts Midwest** tornadoes, wildfires in Texas

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Forecasters say parts of the central United States could see strong tornadoes and damaging winds in a late-winter storm system, while areas of Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico could be beset by wildfires.

The Storm Prediction Center in Norman, Oklahoma, says nearly 40 million people in an area stretching from Arkansas to Ohio are at risk for stormy weather Tuesday.

The highest risk comes in northern Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois and Indiana, including St. Louis and Indianapolis. The Chicago area could also see severe weather,

including tornadoes, strong winds and golf-ballsized hail.

Strong winds could also cause problems further south, and forecasters are predicting "extremely critical" wildfire conditions in the Texas Panhandle, western Oklahoma and southeastern New Mexico.

## Officers arrested Texas 10 Most Wanted fugitive in Bryan BRYAN, Texas (AP) — Investigators say a tip

has led to the Central Texas arrest of a convicted drug felon and gang member on the Texas 10 Most

The Texas Department of Public Safety says 32-year-old Michael Christopher Sanchez was captured Feb. 22 in Bryan.

A DPS statement Monday says Sanchez has a criminal history including burglary, assault and drug convictions. DPS records show Sanchez, who previously

lived in Bryan, was wanted since September 2015 for parole violation and engaging in organized criminal activity. Texas troopers, using information provided by

a tipster, conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in which Sanchez was a passenger. Authorities say Sanchez attempted to run but was apprehended.

DPS officials say the person who provided the tip will receive a reward of up to \$7,500.

## Houston woman in car with 2 daughters shot, killed by gunman

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston woman who was a passenger in a vehicle with her husband and two young children was shot and killed by a suspect in a carjacking that occurred moments earlier.

Houston police spokesman Kese Smith says a Jeep Commander was taken from its driver Monday evening by two suspects. The Jeep backed into the vehicle containing the family of four before driving away.

Smith says the family followed the Jeep into a parking lot where the woman's husband told the suspects his intention to call police.

The driver of the Jeep then fired multiple shots, striking 29-year-old Jessica Lynn Mills, who later

The shooting occurred as Mills' 4-year-old daughter and 4-month-old daughter were in the back seat.

Police continued to search Tuesday for the sus-

# SpaceX says it will fly 2 people to moon next year



In this Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2015 file photo made available by SpaceX, their Dragon capsule sits aboard a ship in the Pacific Ocean west of Mexico's Baja Peninsula after returning from the International Space Station, carrying about 3,700 lbs of cargo for NASA. SpaceX announced Monday, Feb. 27, 2017 that it would send two paying customers to the moon next year on a private flight aboard its Dragon capsule. The company said the unnamed customers have paid "a significant deposit" for the moon trip.

# **By MARCIA DUNN**

AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) SpaceX said Monday it will fly two people to the moon next year, a feat not attempted since NASA's Apollo heyday close to half a century ago. Tech billionaire Elon Musk —

the company's founder and chief executive officer — announced the surprising news barely a week after launching his first rocket from NASA's legendary

Two people who know one another approached the company about sending them on a weeklong flight just beyond the moon, according to Musk. He won't identify the pair or the price tag. They've already paid a "significant" deposit and are "very serious" about it, he noted.

"Fly me to the moon ... Ok," Musk said in a light-hearted tweet following the news confer-

Musk said SpaceX is on track to launch astronauts to the International Space Station for NASA in mid-2018. This moon mission would follow about six months later, by the end of the year under the current schedule, using a Dragon crew capsule and a Falcon heavy rocket launched from NASA's former moon pad

If all goes as planned, it could happen close to the 50th anniversary of NASA's first manned flight to the moon, on Apollo 8.

The SpaceX moonshot is designed to be autonomous — unless something goes wrong, Musk said.

"I think they are entering this with their eyes open, knowing that there is some risk here,"

phone conference, a day after teasing via Twitter that an announcement of some sort was forthcoming. "They're certainly not naive,

Musk told reporters in the tele-

and we'll do everything we can to minimize that risk, but it's not zero. But they're coming into this with their eyes open," said Musk, adding that the pair will receive "extensive" training before the flight. Musk said he does not have

permission to release the passengers' names, and he was hesitant to even say if they were men, women or even pilots. He would only admit, "It's nobody from Hollywood." The paying passengers would

make a long loop around the moon, skimming the lunar surface and then going well beyond, perhaps 300,000 or 400,000 miles distance altogether. It's about 240,000 miles to the moon alone, one way.

The mission would not involve a lunar landing.

"This should be a really exciting mission that hopefully gets the world really excited about sending people into deep space again." Musk said.

NASA will have first dibs on a similar mission if it so chooses, he said. The space agency learned of his plan at the same time as reporters.

In a statement, NASA commended SpaceX "for reaching higher." In all, 24 astronauts flew to the moon and 12 walked its surface from 1969 to 1972.

The California-based SpaceX already has a long list of firsts, with its sights ultimately set on Mars. It became the first private company to launch a spacecraft

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into orbit and safely return it to Earth in 2010, and the first commercial enterprise to fly to the space station in 2012 on a supply mission.

Just a week ago, SpaceX made its latest delivery from Kennedy Space Center's legendary Launch Complex 39A, where the Apollo astronauts flew to the moon and shuttle crews rocketed into orbit. That will be where the private moon mission will originate as

The crew Dragon capsule — an upgraded version of the cargo Dragon — has yet to fly in space. Neither has a Falcon Heavy rocket, which is essentially a Falcon 9 rocket with two strap-on boosters, according to Musk. A Falcon Heavy test flight is planned this summer, while an empty crew capsule is set to launch to the space station late this year. He said there will be ample time to test both the spacecraft and the rocket, before the moon mission.

NASA last week announced it was studying the possibility of adding crew to the test flight of its megarocket, at the request of the Trump administration. Such a flight to the lunar neighborhood wouldn't happen before 2019 at best — if, indeed, that op-

tion is even implemented. Musk said anything that advances the space exploration cause is good, no matter who goes first.

Retired NASA astronaut Scott Kelly, who will celebrate his homecoming this week from a one-year space mission, was quick to tweet: "It's been almost a year. Send me!"

Musk said he expects to have more moon-mission customers as time goes by.

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# Bulldogs dominate Antelopes, 14-4

**MARISSA** LOFTIN

Sports Editor

Last night the Coahoma Bulldogs baseball team defeated the Post Antelopes 14-4 in a home game, forcing the game to end in the 5th inning by run-rule and advancing their record to 4-0.

The Bulldogs started out the game with very strong pitching from #8 Logan Franklin (Jr.), who struck out 10 out of the 17 batters through the first 4 innings.

"Our pitcher did a great job of working the counts and keeping us competitive until the bats came to life there in the fifth," said head coach Bryan Jacobs.

The Buffaloes had great success on offense scoring one run in the 2nd inning, five runs in the 3rd, three runs in the 4th and five runs in

"I saw a couple of examples of players throwing away their pride and simply putting a ball in play to score a run," said Jacobs. "That's probably what I am most happy with."

Top performers at the plate include: Adam Clark (Jr.) with two singles, two doubles, four RBIs and three runs; Logan Franklin (Jr.) with two doubles, one RBI and four runs: Alex Biddison (Sr.) with one single, three RBIs and two runs; Zach Holmes (Jr.) with one single, one double and two

The game winning hit was from Bracy Bacon (Jr.) who stepped up to the plate with the bases loaded. Bacon hit a double, bringing in two runners to seal the game, bringing the team's lead to 10 over the Antelopes. Now the Bulldogs will being to prepare for a possibly long tournament coming up this weekend (Crane Tournament).

"Pitching efficiency is going to be key for us," said Jacobs. "And as always, we will spend a good amount of time on situational hitting and building defensive confidence."

The Crane Tournament begins with a rival matchup vs. Forsan on Thursday at 1p.m.

# Forsan seniors selected to play in FCA All-Star Festival

**MARISSA** LOFTIN

Sports Editor

Lane Schafer, Blaze Yeater, and Tearell Mc-Vae make up the three seniors from Forsan High School who have been chosen to participate in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes All-Star Festival. This opportunity involves 37 county schools spread across the Big Country and Concho Valley.

Yeater will play in the All-Star baseball game which will take place on June 9, held in San Angelo.

Schafer and McVae will be representing the FCA football team on June 10 at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene, TX.

The chosen Buffaloes are still in search for sponsors for this event.

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Pictured above are the three Forsan Buffalo seniors, Lane Schafer, Blaze Yeater, and Tearell McVae, that have been chosed to participate in the FCA All-Star Festival.

> include local banks, churches, locally-owned businesses, and athletic booster clubs.

If you would like any further information on this event or potentional sponsorships please contact Diana Newton at 432-457-2223 ext. 214.

# Stars rally in the 3rd to top Pens 3-2

DALLAS (AP) — Antoine Roussel helped the Dallas Stars complete an unlikely comeback against the Pittsburgh Penguins.

Roussel capped Dallas' three-goal third period and the Stars rallied for a 3-2 win over the Penguins on Tuesday night.

The Penguins had been 26-0 when leading after two periods, and before Tuesday the Stars were

1-21-2 when trailing after two. "It's disappointing because of how we had come

into the game," Penguins coach Mike Sullivan said. "Every point is critically important." The loss dropped second-place Pittsburgh sev-

en points behind Eastern Conference and Metropolitan Division leader Washington. Dallas entered the game nine points behind

the second wild card in the West and in a selling mode that had sent three veteran players to contenders in trades, including defenseman Johnny Oduya shortly before the game. "It's really hard," Roussel said. "You create re-

lationships in this game. It's tough to see those guys leave. I'm glad the guys bounced back and stayed focused tonight."

Brett Ritchie scored the Stars' first goal at 3:40 and the win in the 3-2 Penguins loss.

of the third. Jason Spezza tied the game at 9:41 with a shot that was deflected high and off Penguins defenseman Brian Dumoulin into the net.

"We believed that if we got just one goal, it would put them on their heels and then it's a one-shot game to get into overtime," Ritchie said. "So we just took that approach, just take it shift by shift, and we were lucky enough to get a few bounces

Just 55 seconds after Spezza's goal, Roussel put a wrist shot past goalie Matt Murray from the left faceoff circle.

Murray had 29 saves.

"The one goes off my shoulder and the puck's up in the air, you just couldn't find it," Murray said of Spezza's goal.

"It's not anybody's fault. It's just a terrible bounce, it's just terrible luck. (Dumoulin) is in the right position. He's boxing (Dallas' Jamie Benn) out and it just happens to hit his shoulder and go in. I think we realize that's just a really bad bounce."

Stars goalie Antti Niemi made 18 saves. Roussel had a goal and an assist. John Kling-

berg had two assists for the Stars, who are 3-1 in their past four games.

The Stars were without defensemen Oduya

(traded to Chicago) and Jordie Benn (to Montreal on Monday). They also sent forward Patrick Eaves to Anaheim. Defenseman Greg Pateryn, acquired for Benn, arrived in Dallas on Tuesday, but was inactive for the game.

Without the veteran defenders, rookie Esa Lindell stepped up. He had game highs of five blocked shots and 25:18 on the ice, including the Penguins'



AP photo

Dallas Stars' Cody Eakin (20), Brett Ritchie (25) and Antoine Roussel, right, of France celebrate Roussel's goal against the Pittsburgh Penguins in the third period of an Pittsburgh led 2-0 on goals by Evgeni Malkin in NHL hockey game, Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2017, the first period and Jake Guentzel in the second. in Dallas. The score gave the Stars the lead

> "He's probably our best defender down low," Stars coach Lindy Ruff said, "with good stick, his habits are really good and his awareness of where the opposition is at. It's very seldom he

> The Stars had a good chance barely two minutes into the game, when Murray stopped Ritchie's snap shot on a 3-on-1 break. Pittsburgh's best early chance came seven minutes in, when Niemi stopped Phil Kessel 1-on-1.

> At 10:04, the Penguins' third shot went into the net. Patric Hornqvist sent a backhand pass from behind the goal line to Malkin at the left of the net, and he beat Niemi with a wrist shot.

The Penguins increased their lead to 2-0 at 10:40 of the second. Ian Cole's shot from the top of the slot hit Niemi. The rebound got behind him, and Guentzel swept the puck into the net.

Ritchie's goal followed a shot by Klingberg that went off Murray's glove. Ritchie skated down the slot and put in the rebound. His 11th goal this season was the 17th of his career in his 100th NHL

NOTES: Penguins D Kris Letang (upper-body injury) missed his 20th of 61 games played this season. He did not make the current trip. ... Niemi was making his first start since Feb. 14 at Winnipeg. ... Dallas' Lauri Korpikoski played in his 600th game.

UP NEXT Stars: Finish five-game homestand on Thursday against the Islanders.

# 2017 One Person Scramble results

The 2017 One Person Scramble was held at the Yoakum County Golf Course on Saturday, Febru-

The results of the tournament are as follows:

Championship Flight: Ladell Stinnett (63) 1st place; Wyatt Beard (63) 2nd place; Michael Carrillo (63) 3rd place.

Presidents Flight: Doug Brown (66) 1st place; Rodney Garcia (66) 2nd place; Garrett Louis (66) 3rd

First Flight: Jason Hodges (68) 1st place; Gage Guffy (68) 2nd place; Daniel Vasquez (68) 3rd place.

Second Flight: Cliftin Eaves (71) 1st place; Jake Depew (71) 2nd place; George Boynton (71) 3rd place. Third Flight: Rashaad Williams (73) 1st place; Rusty Bottlinger (73) 2nd place; Lyman Schroeder

(73) 3rd place. Fourth Flight: David Diel (75) 1st place; Joe Kay (77) 2nd place; Richard Jones (78) 3rd place.

# Baylor suspends Travon Blachard

Blanchard has been suspended after the school was notified that a woman's request for a protective order against him had been granted by a court.

The Baylor athletic department released a statement Tuesday, saying it was aware of the complaint made against Blanchard through the McLennan County District Attorney's Office. Baylor says it was notified on Feb. 7 and appropriate campus student-conduct process was initiated. Blanchard was suspended indefinitely from all teamrelated activities.

Baylor is facing at least six federal and state lawsuits as well as a federal civil rights investigation into claims the school and football program ignored, mishandled or tried to cover up reports of sexual or physical abuse and other criminal misdeeds across campus for years under former coach Art Briles and former school president Kenneth Starr.

cember to coach the Bears.

Three weeks ago, Rhule

Matt Rhule was hired away from Temple in De-

AP-Baylor safety Travon fired an assistant strength and conditioning coach who had been arrested in a

prostitution sting. The Big 12 sanctioned Baylor in February, announcing that it would indefinitely withhold 25 percent of the school's conference revenue payout until a third party determines the university and athletic department are complying with Title IX guidelines and other regulations.

Baylor was given 105 recommendations for reforming its Title IX process by Pepper Hamilton, the firm that handled the initial investigation. The nation's largest Baptist university has already implemented at least of 80 of the reforms.

Blanchard is a senior and returning starter. He was fourth on the team with 73 tackles last season. KWTX-TV in Waco, Texas, first reported the protective order against Blanchard and that he had been suspended. According to court documents obtained by the television station, a woman with whom Blanchard had a relationship accused him of multiple acts of violence and threats against her.

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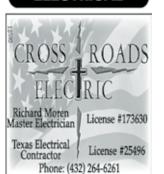
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ARIES (March **21-April 19).** If you can win small, you can win big. You'll do both. Along the way, you'll also lose on either side of the equation, and that's just part of it. The important thing is to have courage and take none of it personally.

**TAURUS (April** 20-May 20). You may want to be different, but the point of the game isn't to change yourself. This is about accepting yourself more and more fully. As you do this, you'll become increasingly powerful.

**GEMINI (May 21-**June 21). Don't worry if your focus of interest isn't everyone's today. A subject doesn't have to be broadly trending to be absolutely compelling. It only has to be fascinating to you.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). The challenge is simple. The circumstance is straightforward. It's ation. something to be pro-**SAGITTARIUS** tective of because this dynamic can change in an instant -- the instant a complicated

person gets involved. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You may be changing the world, but it's difficult to see the change over the course of a day. That's where hope and faith come in and on days like today it's hard to generate that on your own. Stick by the hopeful, faithful people.

VIRGO (Aug. **23-Sept. 22)**. It's as though there's something in you that doesn't like to be too good for too long. It's the quality that keeps you absolutely riveting to some people around you. So go on and spice it up. They're expecting you to bring the fun.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Nature is one way, the facts of which cannot be changed today. However you can use what nature gives you in a way that enhances and improves your experience.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your life is your own recipe. You may pull inspiration from various places -- the internet, fiction, friends -- but

ultimately no one has the exact instructions for this dish. It's your own magnificent cre-

(Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You would pass one of your responsibilities onto another if there were someone around who could handle it half as well. Alas, this is important, and if it's to be done right, it is to be done by you.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Some jobs are important and urgent and must be completed quickly, for better or worse, to serve the bigger picture. Other iobs are even more important and must be handled right no matter how long that takes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). When people act right because they are afraid to do something wrong, it doesn't count as virtuous. The true mark of good character is one who feels they have a full range of choices and yet they still choose right. PISCES (Feb.

19-March 20). No one can blame you for being a little extreme today. When all goes well, drudgery will be redeemed by success, and the parts remembered will be the dazzling highs and the dismal lows, not the tedium in between.

**TODAY'S BIRTH-**

DAY (March 1).

Tender connections will happen often for you. You'll read people well and use this gift to care for your loved ones, communicate well and detect the hidden motivations of others that might affect your plans. The character-building work of the spring makes you even more beautiful and attractive. Capricorn and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 42, 13, 28 and 45. **ASTROLOGI-**

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He went on and on about the main card I drew, an upside-down 'Hermit' card. I'm not a hermit! I live with four other girls. He said I was 'too studious for my own good,' and I have no idea what that even means. How could anyone study (SET ITAL) too (END ITAL) much, especially anyone who is still a student? I'm a Virgo."

The sign of Virgo is actually associated with "The Hermit" in tarot, so it's interesting that you should choose that card. The Hermit is a wise old man who seeks truth and knowledge from a place of solitude and introspection. Some older versions of The Hermit card actually depict him holding an hourglass, a nod to

Beware, though, of the reversed (upside-down) Hermit card: This is a signal that you are becoming too rigid and inflexible. It's good to have goals and a plan to get there, but the actual business of living occurs between the lines of your written agenda. Don't be such a perfectionist! Drawing a reversed Hermit card should also make you pause to consider the current state of your social life, my dear Virgo. That's the universe's way of telling you to put the books aside for a night, go out and have some fun.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Justin Bieber is bringing the world his Purpose tour these days and leading a headline-worthy personal life, too. The Pisces pop prince was born under three artistic Pisces planets and a deeply intuitive, soulful Scorpio moon. This is the moon of magnetism and transformation, which is part of the Bieber allure. When fans become familiar with the latest iteration, that's his cue to change.

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Dear Annie: After a difficult life, I was fortunate to meet and marry the perfect man. He is everything I dreamed of and more.

We are blessed with a daughter, who is now doing well at a prestigious university.

Our now-empty nest has been nice and intimate. I was a stay-at-home mom during our daughter's school days, and since our girl went



By Steve Becker

# The road to good defense

North dealer. Neither side vulnerable. NORTH **♥**94 ♦ A K 7 4 3 WEST **EAST ♦** Q 10 7 4 3 **♥**KJ76 ♥À 10 3 1095 **♣**Q4 SOUTH ♥Q852 ♠KJ108653

The bidding: West South 2 **+** 3 **+** Pass Pass Pass Pass Pass Opening lead — six of hearts.

To be a good defender, you must do a lot of theorizing about the composition of the two unseen hands. Fortunately, there are nearly always clues that stem from either the bidding or the play, so that the best method of defense need not be

treated as guesswork Take this case where East-West are defending against five clubs. It is not difficult for West to find a heart lead, given the reluctance of both North and South to bid notrump at

any point. East wins the heart with the ace and returns the ten. He hopes partner has the K-J, in which case, if dummy can be forced to ruff a heart, East's queen of clubs will become the setting trick.

Declarer covers the ten with the queen, and West wins with the king. West does not know at this point that East has the Q-x of clubs, but he can easily deduce that the jack-of-hearts continuation offers the best chance to defeat the contract. West arrives at this conclusion

by assuming that South, who bid clubs three times, must have at least seven of them. Since declarer has already produced two hearts, it follows that South's four unknown cards, whatever they are, are fully covered by dummy's two sets of A-It thus becomes clear that no

advantage can accrue from returning a spade, a diamond or a trump at trick three. The only real chance is that East has either the Q-x or J-10 of clubs, in which case forcing dummy to ruff a heart with the ace will promote a trump trick for the defense

If West fails to lead the jack of hearts at trick three, declarer makes the contract, but with that lead South must go down one.

Tomorrow: A psychological battle.

away to college, I have been a stay-athome wife, supporting my husband the best I

can and doing my best to make the few hours he has away from work enjoyable and happy.

But there is one problem we have. He refuses to talk about making plans for how our affairs should be taken care of upon our death. He is in his late 50s, and I am in my 60s. We both are blessed with good health, but I know we

will not live forever.

But anytime the sub-

ject comes up, he shuts down and goes to bed without any discussion. To his credit, he is always short of sleep because of his career, which he is passionate about and I support.

He is so generous and dedicated, but this is one subject he will not deal with. We have no will or trust, but I get the feeling he would be fine with anything I would want to arrange financially. As far as what to do with our bodies upon death goes, though, that's something we

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would need to decide on together. Even though I am older than he is, my family has a history of living long, and his family does not. And there is always a possibility we will go at the same time in some kind of accident. I wouldn't want my grieving daughter to have to decide what to do with our bodies on top of everything else she would have to deal with. I love this man so much, but I don't know what to do about this. How can I handle this? -- Very Happy

Family Dear Happy: Marriage makes life

a tag-team sport. Estate planning isn't one of your husband's strong suits, whether it's because he simply feels too tired to face such a big task or he's uncomfortable with the subject of death. Fortunately, you seem equipped to tackle this

you both. Tell your husband that you'll prepare a draft of the will and that he can simply

challenge on behalf of

sign off on it or make revisions before it's finalized. My guess is that he'll be relieved. Once the will is behind

you, you'll have the

peace of mind to enjoy the rest of your lives

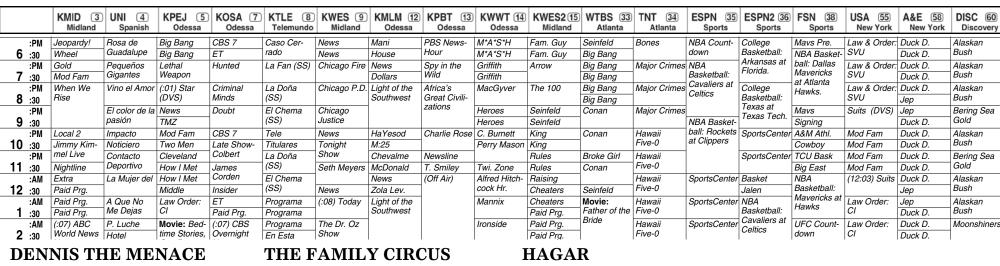
together even more. Dear Annie: I'm a 75-year-old retired teacher. It doesn't bother me when a store clerk calls me "honey." I'm fine when the young woman who works in my husband's nursing home refers to me as "dear." If the receptionist at my hair salon greets me with "sweetie," no problem. The waitress at my favorite lunch counter often says, "Hi, love. What are we going to have today?" I smile and give her my order. I can't understand why so many older women make a kerfuffle about nothing. You can call me "honey" anytime. --

Bonnie in Plattsburgh,

**Dear Bonnie:** Your laid-back attitude is refreshing -- but I assure you, it isn't just women making kerfuffles.

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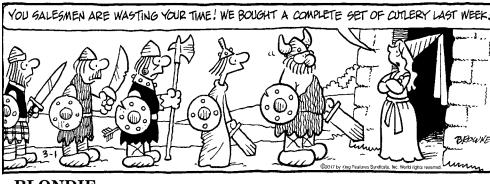
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# This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, March 1, the 60th day of 2017. There are 305 days left in the year. Today is Ash Wednesday.

Today's Highlight in History: On March 1, 1867, Nebraska became the 37th state as President Andrew Johnson signed a proclamation. On this date:

In 1565, the city of Rio de Janeiro was founded by Portuguese knight Estacio de

In 1792, Holy Roman Emperor Leopold II died; he was succeeded by his son, Francis II.

In 1815, Napoleon, having escaped exile in Elba, arrived in Cannes, France, and headed for Paris to begin his "Hundred Days" rule.

In 1932, Charles A. Lindbergh Jr., the 20-month-old son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh, was kidnapped from the family home near Hopewell, New Jersey. (Remains identified as those of the child were found the following May

In 1940, "Native Son" by Richard Wright was first published by Harper & Brothers.

In 1954, four Puerto Rican nationalists opened fire from the spectators' gallery of the U.S. House of Representatives,

wounding five members of Congress. The United States detonated a dry-fuel hydrogen bomb, codenamed Castle Bravo, at Bikini Atoll in the Marshall Islands. In 1957, "The Cat in the Hat"

by Dr. Seuss was released to bookstores by Random House. In 1961, President John F.

Kennedy signed an executive order establishing the Peace Corps. In 1967, U.S. Rep. Adam

Clayton Powell, D-N.Y., accused of misconduct, was denied his seat in the 90th Congress. (The Supreme Court ruled in 1969 that Powell had to be seated.) In 1971, a bomb went off inside a men's room at the U.S.

Capitol; the radical group Weather Underground claimed responsibility for the pre-dawn blast. In 1981, Irish Republican Army member Bobby Sands

began a hunger strike at the Maze Prison in Northern Ireland; he died 65 days later. In 1997, severe storms hit

Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee and Mississippi, and spawned tornadoes in Arkansas blamed for two dozen deaths.

Ten years ago: Tornadoes killed 20 people in the Midwest and Southeast, including eight students at Enterprise High School in Alabama. Maj. Gen. George W. Weightman, who had been in charge of Walter

Reed Army Medical Center, was relieved of command after disclosures about dilapidated buildings and inadequate treatment of wounded soldiers.

Five years ago: Senate Democrats narrowly blocked. 51-48, an effort by Republicans to overturn President Barack Obama's order that most employers or their insurers cover the cost of contraceptives. Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley signed a measure legalizing same-sex marriage in his state, effective Jan. 2013. Online publisher and conservative blogger Andrew Breitbart died in Los Angeles at age 43.

One year ago: In the Super Tuesday primaries and caucuses, Republican Donald Trump Alabama, Georgia, Massachusetts Tennessee. Vermont and Virginia; Marco Rubio won Minnesota.

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# Newsday Crossword

# **ACROSS**

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- 5 Horse's hair
- 9 Capital of
- 14 Render a verdict 15 Aroma
- 16 Obstruct, as a
- water sources
- 22 Well-mannered
- 23 Top of the head
- 25 Italian resort isle
- 28 Daytime TV
- 34 Parcels out
- 38 Korean cars
- 41 Place to bowl
- 42 "¿Cómo
- usted?"
- 43 Remind too
- much
- 46 Crustacean with
- 53 Sufficient room
- dieter
- 58 Oxygen or neon 61 Yuletide tune

**64** Drop \_\_ to (write to)

69 Said "Not guilty,"

perhaps

1 Leaky faucet

2 "That smarts!"

3 Winter coaster

4 Electrified fish

5 Impressionist

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# **Analysis: Trump** pivot pleases GOP, but will it last?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Donald Trump finally gave Republicans what they've spent months begging him to deliver: a pivot to presidential.

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Declan Grey would head to the FBI, and Parker Mitchell would study to become a crime scene analyst. When Luke vanished before graduation, their world and friendships crumbled. Years later, Griffin has left the police and his friendships behind and is living a quiet life as a park ranger at Gettysburg. When skeletal remains are uncovered, Griffin wants the case to go away, but the forensic anthropologist discovers evidence pointing to the work of an expert sniper. FBI agent Declan steps in to take over the case, and the past and present collide. Griffin soon realizes he will need to confront some of the darkest days of his life if he and those he cares about are going to escape a downward spi-

ral of crime, danger, and murder. "God's not Dead 2" by Travis Thrasher (F THR T) finds high school history teacher Grace Wesley on the hot seat with the school district after she answers a student's question about Jesus during a classroom discussion. Suddenly, her student becomes a pawn in an epic court case that could cost Grace the career she loves. A lawyer with the teacher's union is tapped to represent Grace in her fight for her First Amendment rights. He finds himself fighting for a cause he doesn't even believe in. His research leads him to a reporter and former skeptic who found faith while battling cancer and watching a previous classroom battle that took place a year ago. Both are soon on a journey to understand what genuine faith really means as they fight to save Grace's job and avoid a court decision that could cripple the free speech rights of all Christians in the marketplace.

I could just go on and one, but I will leave you with a Chinese proverb: To understand your parents' love you must raise children yourself.

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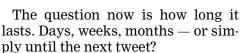




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Just a little more than a month into his presidency, Trump clearly wanted to use his first speech to Congress to reset a chaotic start to his admin-

istration.

Gone was the dark tone that marked his inaugural address, replaced by optimism and pleas for bipartisan support. Standing before lawmakers, Supreme Court justices and military leaders, the famously unrestrained politician was softer, sober and verged on diplomatic.

"I am here tonight to deliver a message of unity and strength, and it is a message deeply delivered from my heart," he said, in the opening of his hour-long speech.

## In emotional moment, Trump salutes slain SEAL's wife

WASHINGTON (AP) The widow of a U.S. Navy SEAL killed in Yemen stood in the balcony of the House chamber. tears streaming down her face as she looked upward and appeared to whisper to her husband.

Democrats and Republicans alike stood for minutes to applaud Carryn Owens, giving her the loudest cheers of the night in a rare moment of unity during President Donald Trump's

The question now is how long it first speech to a joint session of Congress. Her husband, Senior Chief William "Ryan" Owens, was killed last month in a raid approved by Trump, a decision that has been sharply criticized by some — including the slain SEAL's father — and which Trump continued to defend Tuesday night.

Trump, near the end of his hourlong speech, paid tribute to Carryn Owens, a surprise guest whose presence in the first lady's box was not announced in advance by the White House.

"The challenges we face as a nation are great. But our people are even greater. And none are greater or braver than those who fight for America in uniform," said Trump, who said they were "blessed" to be joined by Owens.

The president then turned to the balcony where Owens sat next to Trump's daughter, Ivanka, and said "Ryan died as he lived: a warrior, and a hero — battling against terrorism and securing our nation.'

# From LOL shirt to bulletproof vest, hit suspects go to court

TOKYO (AP) — Because of a grainy security camera photo that went viral online, she is now known to many as the LOL assassin.

But as Doan Thi Huong arrived at a courthouse in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, to be formally charged with the murder of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un's estranged half brother two weeks ago, she had a very different look - tear-filled eyes and a bulletproof vest.

For most people, those first images Huong were as shocking as they were bizarre — apparently showing her lunging at Kim Jong Nam in a crowded airport terminal while wearing a T-shirt emblazoned in big black letters, LOL, an acronym for laughing

Huong, who is Vietnamese, and an Indonesian woman were formally charged with murder Wednesday.

Her light-brown dyed hair disheveled and frizzy, Huong was led into the courthouse handcuffed to a female Malaysian officer. She wore a vellow shirt under the protective vest and jeans. As she looked out at a bank of photographers and journalists waiting outside, her face was puffy and her eyes red and teary.

# Former addicts try to help drug users in Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Raheem Rejaey was a drug addict for 17 years. He lived under bridges in Kabul or in the ruins of buildings. His clothes reeked. In his misery, he tried suicide several times, he said, once intentionally overdosing and lying unconscious in a street for two days, undiscovered.

So he can feel the pain of other addicts as he searches for them in the streets of the Afghan capital. Clean for six years, the 54-year-old Rejaey volunteers for the Bridge Hope Health Organization, a group made of up of former addicts like himself who help get care and counseling to drug users.

It is an overwhelming challenge: Afghanistan has one of the highest rates of drug use in the world with an estimated 3 million addicts around 10 percent of its population of 30 million. The government struggles to provide services, but can't keep up as the numbers of addicts grow in the country, which is the world's main source of opium and heroin.

Authorities have established treatment centers, and police with health officials often round up addicts from the streets and bring them to the centers. Billions of dollars have been spent on counter-narcotics campaigns in the past decade, including encouraging poppy farmers to switch to other cash crops.



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