






Obituaries

Sheriff

Ricky Robertson



Ricky Robertson, 54, of Fort Worth, formerly of Big Spring, died Monday, March 6, 2017, at his residence.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 9, 2017, at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring with the Rev. Walter McCall officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, 2017, at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Ricky was born Jan. 16, 1963, in Big Spring and married Valerie Jones.


Ricky graduated from Big Spring High School and attended Texas Tech University. He served on the Big Spring ISD School Board and the Texas State Board of Licensing and Regulations in Austin representing West Texas.

Survivors include his wife of 28 years, Valerie Robertson; two daughters, Syndie Smith and husband Jake of Fort Worth, and Scarlett Robertson of Austin; two grandchildren, Blair and Jett; his parents, Dwanna and Don Robertson Sr. of Big Spring; two brothers, Donald Robertson Jr. and wife Judy of Midland, and George Robertson and wife Kathy of Fort Worth; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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

Paid obituary

Arthur "A.J." Dean



Arthur "A.J." Dean, 92, of Big Spring, died Monday, March 6, 2017, in a local care center.

Graveside funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, 2017, at the Wingate Cemetery in Wingate, Texas. Memorial services will be 6 p.m. Saturday, March 11, 2017, at the First Baptist Church Chapel.

He was born June 26, 1924, to Roland Ray and Nina Lorena Ganaway Dean at the Dean Family Homeplace in Wingate, Texas. He married Ludie Compton Dec. 5, 1943, in Ballinger, Texas. She preceded him in death May 25, 1997. He then married LaVerne Hull Sept. 2, 2000 in Big Spring, Texas.

A.J. served in the United States Army. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Big Spring and served as a deacon and taught first grade Sunday School for many years. He was also a member of the Gideons International and Kiwanis Club. He

retired from the Texas Department of Highways and Transportation.

Survivors include his wife, LaVerne Dean of Big Spring; his children, Joe Dean and wife Sandy, and Kathy Grisham all of Abilene, Terri Johansen and husband Carl, Rusty Hull and wife Debra, Randy Hull, and Gary Hull and wife Paulla, all of Big Spring; 16 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; two brothers, C. Ray Dean of Ballinger and Hollis Dean of Wingate; a sister, Margaret Bodine of New Braunfels; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Lorena Polk and Marie Brannon; and three brothers, Wesley Dean, R.B. Dean and Carroll Dean.

The family suggests memorials to Gideons International, Big Spring Camp #U42060, P. O. Box 133, Big Spring, Texas, 79721.

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Paid obituary

Geraldine Howard Parrish

Geraldine Howard Parrish, 99, of Big Spring died Tuesday, March 7, 2017, in a local hospital.

The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. until service time Friday, March 10, 2017, at Garrett Hall at First United Methodist Church. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, March 10, 2017, at First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Bill Ivins officiating. Burial will follow at Mt Olive Memorial Park.

She was born Sept. 29, 1917, in Kaufman County, Texas, to E. C. and Ray Wise Howard. She married Jack Parrish in December of 1941 in New Mexico.

Mrs. Parrish was raised in the R-Bar Community and graduated from Big Spring High School. She attended Abilene School of Business and graduated as a certified bookkeeper. She worked as a bookkeeper and business manager for several car dealerships

including Jack Lewis Cadillac, McEwen Motors, and Shroyer Motor Company. She was one of the oldest members of First United Methodist Church and was also a member of Chapter 67 Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include two sisters, Joyce Howard Bradley and Delores Howard Currie, both of Big Spring; and several special nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Lynn L. "Bill" Howard and John Howard; and a sister, Maxine Howard Roberts.

The family suggests memorials to the First United Methodist Church Wednesday Noon Bible Study, P.O. Box 1229, Big Spring, Texas, 79721-1229.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **JOHN JOSHUA MICHAEL SNOW**, 37, of 1306 S. Johnson St. was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ENRIQUE ERNESTO SILVAS**, 32, of 223 N. Cedar in Pecos was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- **ROBERT SNOWDEN**, 33, of 538 Westover Rd. Apt. #229 was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- **GINGER BRISSA COATES**, 18, of 7708 S. Service Rd. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- **KATHY ELIZABETH**

- **WINN**, 32, of 538 Westover Road Apt. #229 was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- **DAKOTA MACK MURPHREE**, 21, of 204 N. Main St. in Coahoma was arrested on a charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon, and on several outstanding warrants.
- **MICHAELS ANTHONY CARRILLO**, 24, of 1806 Runnels was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).
- **JESSICA FAYE BROOKS**, 29, of 5010 Dawson was arrested on warrants for speeding and failure to identify/fugitive giving false information.
- **DOMINGO LUIS RODRI-**

- **GUEZ**, 28, of 1308 Dixie was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **JAYNE MARTINEZ JORDAN**, 50, of 1201 E. 17th St. was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 3600 block of West Highway 80 and the 2500 block of Albrook Drive.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 2500 block of Kelly Circle.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1900 block of Donley Street.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1300 block of Park Street.

Take Note

- Forsan Elementary School has scheduled Pre-K and Kindergarten pre-registration for Monday, April 3, through Friday, April 7 in the elementary office located at 500 West Main in Forsan, Texas. The school office will be open for registration between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- In order to be eligible for Pre-Kindergarten, the student must be four years old on or before Sept. 1, 2017, and meet at least one of the following criteria: Must be unable to speak or comprehend English; the household fully qualifies for free or reduced-price lunches; the family is homeless; one or more parents are on active-duty military service or have been injured or killed while serving on active duty; or the child is in foster care
- If your child meets one of the above criteria,

please bring the child's birth certificate, social security card, immunization records, proof of residency (utility bill with name and physical address), proof of income (paycheck stub for ALL household income), and enrolling parent/guardian driver's license.

- The Howard County A&M Club is accepting applications from high school students who are graduating this May and have been accepted to Texas A&M University for fall 2017. Students must be Howard County residents and will enroll for at least 12 hours. Deadline for applications is April 3, 2017. For more information and to find the application, visit [www.westexasags.com](http://www.westexasags.com). Deadline for applications for current A&M students is June 1, 2017.

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.

- **NIKKI LYNN BERNAL**, 20, was booked by BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for theft of property (\$50 to \$500).
- **NATALIE NICOLE GOOD**, 34, was booked by HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for theft of services (\$750 to \$2,500).
- **BRENNAL LEDAE HILL**, 25, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for bail jumping/failure to appear.
- **ARTHUR EARL JACKSON**, 50, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for evading arrest or detention.
- **RACHEL NICOLE LAUGHERY**, 29, was booked by HCSO on a bondsman off bond warrant for possession of a controlled substance (less than 1 gram).
- **KATHERN NOEL PATE**, 20, was booked by BSPD on a charge of theft (less than \$100).
- **SAMUEL HUBERTO RODRIGUEZ**, 47, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for aggravated sexual assault.
- **ERNEST ENRIQUE SILVAS**, 32, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for bail jumping/failure to appear.
- **JOHN JOSHUA SNOW**, 37, was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block of Algerita.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the intersection of Highway 350 and County Road 53. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of Stanford.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2300 block of South Gregg Street. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported 800 block of West Sixth Street. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of Elgin. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported 900 block of South Bell Street.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of West 17th Street. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **PASSENGER VEHICLE FIRE** was reported in the 4200 block of South Highway 87.

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.

THURSDAY

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

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.

• 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.

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**In this 2015 photo, a BSISD food service employee at Marcy Elementary School hands out fresh carrot products during the district’s Farm Fresh Fridays program. BSISD trustees will discuss outsourcing its food service program when they meet at 5:15 p.m. Thursday in the Big Spring High School board room.**

## BSISD

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the beginning of the meeting. Forms are available by the door of the board room. In other business, trustees are expected to call off the May 6 school board elections. Of the three seats up for this election, none are contested. District 3 and 6 will be filled by incumbents — Julie Harris and Manny Chavira respectively. In District 1, Thomas Olague will take the oath of office come May. He will replace Irene G. Rodriguez who decided not to seek another term.

Olague was originally slated to run against T.J. Stewart but Stewart withdrew from the race in February.

In other business, trustees will consider:

- Adopting the 2017-2018 school calendar.
- Update district policies.
- Personnel and financial matters.
- Authorizing expenditure funds to support an Education Foundation.
- Enrollment report.

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## RETIREMENT

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This new role will allow me to utilize my experience and interest in case history and will include my supervisory capacity for allied healthcare providers, Tommy Chang and Sheri Nichols, FNP’s.”

Patient records will be safely kept at the Family Medical Center office — 1605 W. Eleventh Place — and made available to all Family Medical Center providers. All records will be kept confidential.

All current patients have the option to relocate to the provider of their choosing. If the provider should be outside of the Family Medical Center group, a medical record release form can be filled out and the records will be sent to the patient’s provider of choice. If the patient chooses to stay within the Family Medical Center group, the records will transferred within the group to the provider with no need for a medical record release form.

For current patients with question, please contact Family Medical Center, at 432-267-5531.

## FIRE

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he succumbed to smoke after getting out of his vehicle. Two SUVs crashed into the truck, injuring six people, state trooper Michael Racy said.

Most of the state’s charred land is in Clark County, where 30 structures were damaged, said Allison Kuhns, a county emergency management office spokeswoman. About half of those structures are near Englewood, one of two communities evacuated. Kuhns said there also have been significant cattle losses as entire ranches were engulfed.

That fire started in Oklahoma, where it burned an estimated 390 square miles in Beaver

County. Officials said a separate blaze scorched more than 155 square miles of land in neighboring Harper County, Oklahoma, and was a factor in the death of a woman who had a heart attack while trying to keep her farm near Bufalo from burning.

Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin on Tuesday declared a state of emergency in 22 counties due to the wildfires.

The largest evacuations elsewhere were in Reno County, Kansas, where 10,000 to 12,000 people voluntarily left their homes Monday night, said Katie Horner, a state Department of Emergency Management spokeswoman. She said 66 people were in shelters Tuesday in Hutchinson, 40 miles northwest of Wichita.

Several hundred more people evacuated their homes in Russell, Ellsworth and Comanche counties, in central Kansas.

In the Texas Panhandle, three fires burned about 500 square miles of land and killed at least four people. One of them near Amarillo was fully contained by late Tuesday afternoon, while a larger fire in the northeast corner of the Panhandle near the Oklahoma border was 50 percent contained, according to Texas A&M Forest Service. That larger fire was responsible for a death on Monday, authorities said.

A wildfire in Gray County, also in the Texas Panhandle, killed three ranch hands trying to save cattle, said

Judge Richard Peet, the county’s head administrator. One of the three apparently died of smoke inhalation Monday night and the other two were badly burned and died on the way to hospitals, he said.

Forest Service spokesman Phillip Truitt said as many as four firefighters were hurt battling the fires Monday. He provided no details on their conditions Tuesday morning.

In northeastern Colorado near the Nebraska border, firefighters battled a blaze that burned more than 45 square miles and was 50 percent contained Tuesday. Officials said

the fire had destroyed at least five homes and 15 outbuildings, with no serious injuries.

Dry conditions and strong winds had put the region at risk for wildfires. All of eastern Colorado is classified as either moderately or abnormally dry along with

major parts of Kansas, almost all of Oklahoma and some of northern Texas, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor.

After several years of drought, Kansas received good to great rain the last two summers. But the taller grass provides more fuel to burn.

# WikiLeaks CIA files: Are they real and are they a risk?

WASHINGTON (AP) — WikiLeaks has published thousands of documents that the anti-secrecy organization said were classified files revealing scores of secrets about CIA hacking tools used to break into targeted computers, cellphones and even smart TVs.

The CIA and the Trump administration declined to comment on the authenticity of the files Tuesday, but prior WikiLeaks releases divulged government secrets maintained by the State Department, Pentagon and other agencies that have since been acknowledged as genuine. In another nod to their authenticity, the chairman of the House intelligence committee, Rep. Devin Nunes, R-Calif., said he was very concerned about the release and has sought more information about it.

The hacking tools appeared to exploit vulnerabilities in popular operating systems for desktop and laptop computers developed by Microsoft. They also targeted devices that included Apple’s iPhones and iPads, Google’s Android cellphones, Cisco routers and Samsung Smart TVs.

Some of the technology firms said they were evaluating the newly released documents.

Some questions and answers about the latest WikiLeaks dump and its fallout:

**WHERE DO THESE DOCUMENTS COME FROM?**

WikiLeaks said the material came from “an isolated, high-security network” inside the CIA’s Center for Cyber Intelligence, the spy agency’s internal arm that conducts cyber offense and defense. It said the documents were “circulated among former U.S. government hackers and contractors in an unauthorized manner, one of whom has provided WikiLeaks with portions of the archive.” It did not make it clear who was behind the leak, leaving several possibilities: espionage, a rogue employee, a theft involving a federal contractor or a break-in of a staging server where such information may have been temporarily stored.

**HOW MANY FILES WERE LEAKED? WHAT PERIOD DO THEY COVER?**

WikiLeaks said 7,818 web pages and 943 attachments were published, but were just the first part of more material to come. WikiLeaks said it has an entire archive of data consisting of several million lines of computer code. The documents appear to date between 2013 and 2016. WikiLeaks described them as “the largest-ever publication of confidential documents on the agency.”

**ARE THESE LEGITIMATE CIA DOCUMENTS?**

A spokesman for the CIA said the agency would not comment “on the authenticity or content of purported intelligence documents.” Trump administration spokesman Sean Spicer declined comment as well. But

WikiLeaks has a long track record of assembling and releasing secret files from the U.S. and other governments. Security experts who reviewed the material said the documents appeared to be authentic. Jake Williams, a security expert with Georgia-based Rendition Infosec, who has dealt previously with government hackers, said that frequent references in the files to operation security gave them the stamp of legitimacy. “It rings true to me,” Williams said.

**WHAT DO THESE DOCUMENTS CONTAIN?**

The files describe CIA plans and descriptions of malware and other tools that could be used to hack into some of the world’s most popular technology platforms. The documents showed that the developers aimed to be able to inject these tools into targeted computers without the owners’ awareness.

The files do not describe who the prospective targets might be, but the documents show broad exchanges of tools and information between the CIA and National Security Agency and other federal intelligence agencies, as well as intelligence services of close allies Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United Kingdom.

The purported CIA documents range from complicated computer coding to organizational plans to sarcastic comments about the tools’ effectiveness. Some of the tools were named after alcohol references, including Bartender, Wild Turkey and Margarita. Others referenced recent popular movies, including “Fight Club” and “Talladega Nights.” One hacking tool, code-named “RickyBobby,” after the character who is a race car driver in “Talladega Nights,” was purportedly used to upload and download information “without detection as malicious software.”

The documents also include discussions about compromising some internet-connected televisions to turn them into listening posts. One document discusses hacking vehicle systems, appearing to indicate the CIA’s interest in hacking recent-model cars with sophisticated on-board computer systems.

**HOW ARE TECHNOLOGY FIRMS RESPONDING TO THESE REVELATIONS?**

Microsoft said it was looking into the reports that its operating systems were potentially vulnerable to many of the malware and other hacking tools described in the purported CIA documents. The maker of the secure messaging app Signal said the purported tools described in the leaked documents appeared to affect users’ actual phones, but not its software designs or encryption protocols. The manufacturer of the popular Telegram mobile messaging app said in a statement that manufacturers of cellphones and their operating systems, including Apple, Google and Samsung, were responsible for improving the security of their devices.

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# Roger's Retro Reviews: Blazing Saddles

A couple of weeks ago in my Retro Review of "The Sons of Katie Elder," I mentioned that my favorite John Wayne western is "Rio Bravo."

That's true, and in fact, my two favorite serious westerns are "Rio Bravo" and Clint Eastwood's "Unforgiven." I'd be lying, though, if I said that either one of those was my favorite movie.

That honor goes to Mel Brooks' 1974 satiric farce "Blazing Saddles," starring a brilliant constellation of Hollywood comedy greats including Brooks himself, Cleavon Little,



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Gene Wilder, Harvey Korman, Madeline Kahn, and Slim Pickens.

This movie lampoons all the Western tropes. The opening credits start out with the familiar "Bonanza" burning map, and then proceed to a Central Casting western ballad, "He rode a blazing saddle, he wore a shining star..."

After the credits, the action starts at a railroad construction site where Chinese and black rail workers are working on the railroad.

After a brief disagreement involving crew boss Lyle (Burton Gilliam) over what makes a suitable work song, Taggart (Pickens) the overseer informs the crew that there are reports of quicksand ahead, and sends Bart (Little) and Charlie (Charles McGregor) ahead on a handcart to check it out.

There is indeed quicksand, and Taggart rides up, rescuing the handcart but abandoning the men to the quicksand's gooey clutches. After Bart and Charlie manage to escape, Bart conks Taggart on the head with a shovel.

Cut to the office of one Hedley Lamarr (Korman), advisor to the governor, who needs to clear the way for an alternate route for the railroad – right through the quiet, unsuspecting town of Rock Ridge. Taggart convinces Lamarr that he and his thugs can drive off the townsfolk with a bit of frontier violence.

In return, Lamarr orders Bart hung.

Taggart and his men indeed wreak some mayhem in Rock Ridge, and at a town meeting, the townsfolk decide to write to the governor demanding he appoint a sheriff to keep the peace in their town.

Governor William J. Lepetomane (Brooks) is a bumbling fool, more interested in his scantily clad secretary's assets than anything having to do with governing. He tasks Lamarr with finding a suitable sheriff; naturally Lamarr uses the opportunity to select a sheriff who will be so offensive to the townsfolk that they vacate the town and allow the railroad to proceed unchecked. Guess who Lamarr picks?

Yep, Bart becomes the duly appointed sheriff of the town of Rock Ridge.

From there, some gloriously funny hijinks ensue. Bart meets the town drunk Jim (Wilder), a.k.a. The Waco Kid, fastest gun in the west...no, the world. There's the scene where Taggart's gang sits around a campfire, consuming beans and farting – the first movie scene ever to feature audible flatulence.

There's the unstoppable brute Mongo and the way Bart invents the Candygram to defeat, and later befriend, him. There's the Teutonic Titwillow Lili von Shtupp (Kahn). And there's the plan to outwit Lamarr once and for all when he assembles the biggest, meanest army of bad guys the West has ever seen.

If you've never seen "Blazing Saddles" before, I'm sorry. You should stop whatever you're doing, go rent it, look it up on Netflix (it's streaming), or dig up a VHS cassette of the movie and dig your VCR out of the attic. This is a hilarious movie, and it's a bit more than that as well.

It's an important movie. It's a movie that doesn't shy away from depictions of racism, but rather shows it openly and mocks it unmercifully. You will hear the N-word in "Blazing Saddles," but it's not a movie for which you can possibly use that utterance as any kind of evidence of racist mindset on the part of its creators.

"Blazing Saddles" is a wholly, unabashedly, and obviously a satire of racist attitudes and the inequitable practice of racism in our society.

That said, it's not a perfect movie. A lot of the humor is low-brow, slapstick, lowest-common-denominator stuff. That's not to say it's not hilarious – it is. It's just not something you want to watch with your young kids or grandparents.

Also, the whole movie comes across as a tad cartoony. All of it, the good, the bad, and the ugly, is presented in a fun, jokey way that might serve to lessen the impact of the truly awful things it's actually portraying. The racists, the corrupt politicians, are all jokes in this movie, and in reality they aren't actually jokes. In "Blazing Saddles," the KKK robes have a smiley face and "Have a Nice Day!" on the back.

I understand that the goal is to make fun of these things as ridiculous, but perhaps in doing so it presents them as less foul than they actually are.

"Blazing Saddles" is my favorite Western of all time. It's hilarious, socially important, and a fun story. Nine and a half stars out of 10.

*Blazing Saddles*

*Director: Mel Brooks*

*Writers: Screenplay by Mel Brooks, Norman Steinberg, Andrew Bergman, Richard Pryor, and Alan Uger; story by Andrew Bergman.*

# Check this out at the Howard County Library

I will start up where I left off last week on the fiction books.

In "The Whistler" by John Grisham (F GRI J), Lacy Stoltz is an investigator for the Florida Board whose job is to respond to complaints dealing with judicial misconduct. She knows that most problems are caused by incompetence, but a corruption case eventually crosses her desk.

A previously disbarred lawyer is back in business with a new identity, and claims to know of a Florida judge who has stolen more money than all the crooked judges combined. It seems the judge was secretly involved with the construction of a large casino on Native American land.

The Coast Mafia financed the casino and is now helping itself to a sizable skim of each month's cash. The judge is getting a cut and looking the other way. Now the lawyer wants to put a stop to it. His only client is a person who knows the truth and wants to blow the whistle and collect millions under Florida law. He files a complaint with the Board on Judicial Conduct, and the case is assigned to Lacy Stoltz, who immediately suspects that this case could be dangerous, possible deadly.

"One Mile Under" by Andrew Gross (F GRO A) is a Ty Hauck Novel.

During a routine trip down the rapids, whitewater guide Dani Whalen finds a body washed up on the river's edge, and it turns out to be a close friend.

Her friend's death is quickly ruled an accident by local law enforcement, but Dani is convinced that something far more sinister has occurred.

She takes her case to the local police chief and her ex-stepfather, but he repeats the company line and claims the case is not worth an investigation. Dani secretly builds her case. When a hot-air balloon operator who says he saw something up in the air that day to back up her claims is killed in a fiery crash, Dani threatens to take her suspicions public thus goading the police chief into tossing her in jail. When Dani's father reaches Ty Hauck and says his daughter is in trouble, Ty doesn't hesitate to moor this boat and get involved. Ty and Dani become ensnared in a sinister scheme running deep beneath the surface of a quiet town that has made its own deal with the devil to survive.

In the deadly square-off between giant energy concerns and beaten-down ranches and farmers, there is one resource even more valuable than oil in this drought-stricken region: water.

As Ty and Dani discover the true price that all will pay to get it, they are drawn in deeper as the stakes grow even higher.

In "What Doesn't Kill Her" by Carla Norton (F NOR C), Reeve Leclaire is a college student finally recovering a life

of her own after four years of captivity.

Her former captor, Daryl Wayne Flint, is safely locked up. He is walking the grounds of the forensic unit at Olshaker Psychiatric Hospital, performing his strange but apparently harmless rituals. While Flint seems a model patient, he has long been planning his next move.

When the moment arrives, he gets away before the alarm even sounds. Reeve is shocked out of her new life by her worst nightmare: her kidnapper has escaped.

Flint soon kills someone from their shared past, and Reeve's blocked memories jolt back into consciousness.

When Flint evades capture, Reeve suddenly realizes that she is the only one who can stop him.

In "Bullseye" A Detective Michael Bennett Thriller by James Patterson & Michael Ledwidge (F PAT J), the storm is the perfect cover for a fashionable, highly trained team of lethal assassins as they prowl the streets, hunting their prey. Their first hit is simply target practice, but their next mission may very well turn the Cold War red-hot once again. Stepping directly into the line of fire is the president of the United States with his Russian counterpart.

Pulled away from his family and pressed into service, Detective Michael Bennett must trace the source of a threat that could rip the country apart and ignite a war the likes of which the world has never seen.

With allegiances constantly in doubt and no one above suspicion, only Bennett can save the president and the country before the assassins' deadly kill shot hits its mark.

In "The Witnesses" by Robert Whitlow (F WHI R), Parker House's secret inheritance is either his greatest blessing or his deadliest curse.

The fresh-faced North Carolina attorney shares his German's grandfather's uncanny ability to see future events in his mind's eye-a gift that has haunted 82-year-old Frank House through de-

acades of trying to erase a murderous wartime past.

While Parker navigates the intrigue and politics of small-town courtroom law, Frank is forced to face his darkest regrets. A big career break for Parker collides with a new love he longs to nurture and the nightmares his grandfather can no longer escape.

Sudden peril threatens to shatter not only Parker's legal prospects but also his life and the lives of those dearest to him.

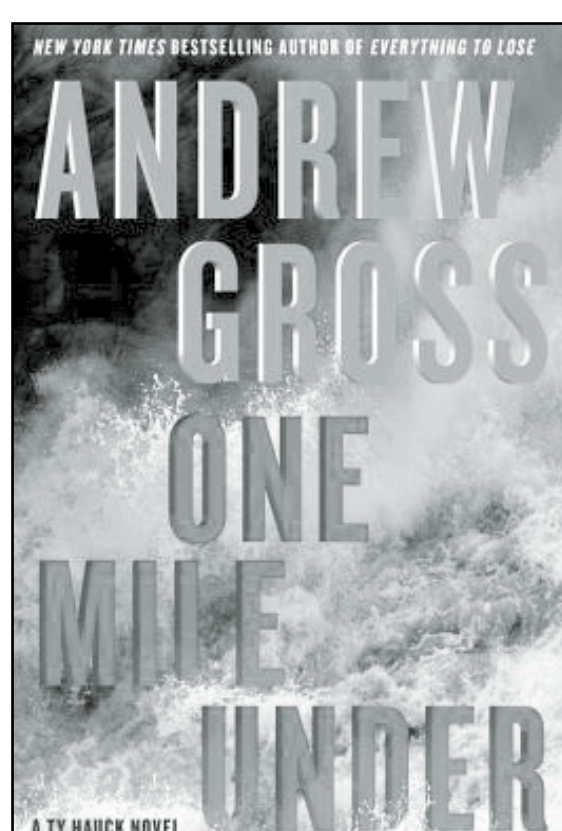
That's all the fiction books this time around so I leave you with a Chinese proverb:

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## Texas judge puts poison plan for feral hogs on hold.

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A Texas state District Court Judge has put a hold on a Texas Department of Agriculture rule change that would allow the use of a poison to help curtail the state's estimated 2.5 million feral hogs.

The Austin American-Statesman reports that the judge issued a restraining order on Tuesday.

The company Wild Boar Meats LLC asked for a restraining order to stop the emergency rule proposed by State Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller.

The rule would allow the state to use warfarin-based poison to kill the hogs.

But the company argued in its request for an injunction that the poison would impose a burden on ranchers trying to graze animals in nearby pastures and will cause economic damage to the hunting and meat processing industries in the state.

## Texas deputy fired for not checking on inmate found hanged

HOUSTON (AP) — Investigators say a Texas deputy on jail infirmary duty has been fired after an internal review determined an inmate was not properly monitored before he was found hanged.

The Harris County Sheriff's Office on Tuesday said the deputy, whose name wasn't released, didn't conduct face-to-face checks of the inmate in a timely manner.

The case has been referred to prosecutors.

A sheriff's statement said deputies on Feb. 13 found Vincent Dwayne Young hanging by a bed sheet in his private cell. Doctors couldn't revive him. The Houston Chronicle reports sheriff's officials say Young, who faced a weapons charge, was undergoing detoxification.

An autopsy determined the cause of death was hanging, the manner was suicide.

The sheriff's statement says new protocols include random audits comparing written staff records with security video.

## Texas: ex-Border Patrol agent guilty of attempted enticement

LAREDO, Texas (AP) — Prosecutors say an ex-Border Patrol agent in South Texas faces up to life in federal prison for trying to arrange sexual encounters with two girls.

Salvador Contreras pleaded guilty Tuesday in Laredo to attempting to entice a minor to engage in sexual activity.

Authorities say the 50-year-old Contreras, who was a senior Border Patrol agent in Del Rio, resigned following his December arrest in the undercover online investigation.

Prosecutors say Contreras thought he was communicating with a woman who had two daughters, ages 8 and 14, and would make the girls available for sex. The person was an undercover officer.

Prosecutors say Contreras was arrested when he traveled to Cotulla to meet the children.

Sentencing is pending. Contreras faces at least 10 years in prison.

## Texas House panel hears '1st step' in fixing school finance

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Debate has begun on a bipartisan bill pumping \$1.6 billion extra into classrooms as part of major changes to how Texas funds public education.

Sponsored by Houston Republican Rep. Dan Huberty, the proposal increases per-student funding about \$200 to \$5,350, while adding money for transportation and educating dyslexic students.

It also tweaks the current "Robin Hood" system to decrease funding that school districts in wealthy areas share with poorer districts.

Huberty's Public Education Committee heard the bill Tuesday, calling it a "first step" toward fixing school finance.

Lawmakers aren't required to overhaul the school finance system because Texas' Supreme Court declared it flawed but constitutional last summer.

The proposal should pass the House but could stall in the Senate, which is focused on vouchers offering public funding for private schools.

# Wildfires in 4 states kill 6, force thousands from homes



People are silhouetted as they watch a large grass fire burning out of control on Monday, March 6, 2017, in the northeast of Hutchinson, Kan. (Lindsey Bauman/The Hutchinson News via AP)

By ROXANA HEGEMAN  
Associated Press.

HUTCHINSON, Kan. (AP) — Emergency crews struggled Tuesday to contain wildfires that have scorched hundreds of square miles of land in four states, killing six people and forcing thousands of others to flee their homes ahead of the wind-whipped flames.

Fires burned in parts of Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and Colorado, and warnings that conditions were ripe were issued for Iowa, Missouri and Nebraska, even after powerful thunderstorms moved through the middle of the country overnight, spawning dozens of tornadoes, according to the National Weather Service.

Kansas wildfires have burned about 625 square miles of land and killed one person. The Kansas Highway Patrol said Corey Holt, of Oklahoma City, died Monday when his tractor-trailer jackknifed as he tried to back up because of poor visibility on southern Kansas highway, and he succumbed to smoke after getting out of his vehicle. Two SUVs crashed into the truck, injuring six people who were taken to hospitals, state trooper Michael Racy said.

The vast majority of the state's burned land is in Clark County, where 30 structures were damaged, said Allison Kuhns, a spokeswoman for the county's emergency management office. About half of those structures are near the small city of Englewood, which was one of two communities evacuated. Kuhns said there also have been significant cattle losses and that entire ranches were engulfed.

The fire originated across the

state border in Oklahoma, where it burned an estimated 390 square miles in Beaver County. Officials say a separate fire has scorched more than 155 square miles of land in neighboring Harper County and taken the life of a woman who had a heart attack while trying to keep her farm near Buffalo from burning.

The largest evacuations elsewhere were in Reno County, Kansas, where 10,000 to 12,000 people voluntarily left their homes Monday night, said Katie Horner, a spokeswoman for the state's Department of Emergency Management. She said 66 people from the area were in shelters Tuesday in Hutchinson, 40 miles northwest of Wichita.

Among them was Shelley Wilson, who fled Monday with her disabled son and pets from a blaze that was encircling her farm outside of Hutchinson. She returned later that night with her adult daughter to retrieve her tractor.

"I don't know if I have a home to go home to," Wilson said at the shelter Tuesday as her daughter did her best to lighten her mood. "In case I needed to rebuild, I wanted to at least have my tractor."

Retiree Sheryl Stessen said she grabbed her cat and bolted from her apartment on the outskirts of Hutchinson when she saw the fire quickly go from looking like a puff of smoke to a big, orange ball.

"Most of us are generally grumpy," she said Tuesday. "I just want to go home."

Several hundred more people evacuated their homes in Russell, Ellsworth and Comanche counties, in central Kansas.

The Kansas fires forced the closure of some roads, including

two short stretches of Interstate 70, the main highway that cuts across the state from Colorado to Kansas City.

In the Texas Panhandle, three fires have burned more than 195 square miles of land and killed at least four people. One of the blazes near Amarillo threatened about 150 homes, while a larger fire in the northeast corner of the Panhandle near the Oklahoma border was only 5 percent contained as of Tuesday morning, according to Texas A&M Forest Service. That larger fire was responsible for a death on Monday, authorities said Tuesday without providing further details.

A wildfire in Gray County, also in the Texas Panhandle, killed three ranch hands who were trying to usher cattle away from the flames, said Judge Richard Peet, the county's head administrator. One of the three apparently died of smoke inhalation Monday night and the other two were badly burned and died on the way to hospitals, he said.

Forest Service spokesman Philip Truitt said as many as four firefighters were hurt battling the fires Monday. He provided no details on their conditions Tuesday morning.

In northeastern Colorado near the Nebraska border, firefighters lost ground to a blaze in rural Logan and Phillips counties. They had the blaze 90 percent contained Monday evening, but only 50 percent contained Tuesday, despite working overnight to douse hot spots and flare-ups. The fire has burned more than 45 square miles of land and destroyed three homes. Nearby residents were warned to be ready to evacuate if the fire advances.

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## Lady Buffs dominate Lady Antelopes, 17-7

By **STEVE BELVIN**

Sports Writer

It took awhile for the Forsan Lady Buffaloes to get going, but once they did they passed their first district test with flying colors, defeating the Post Lady Antelopes 17-7 Tuesday at Forsan.

The Lady Buffs started slow, trailing 6-2 after the first inning-and-a-half. After that they went went on a tear, outscoring Post 15-1, ending the game after five innings with the 10-run mercy rule.

Forsan coach, Shannon Taylor, said it was district opener jitters. "The girls were a little bit nervous it being the first district game," she said. "We have a really strong lineup. Post is a new team in the district and we don't know much about them. It took us a while but we sure didn't have a stellar first two innings."

Forsan pitcher, Ashtyn Pearson, settled down and allowed only one hit the last three innings. She got ample help from teammates Kendra Phillips and Destiny Mata. Phillips, the leadoff hitter and shortstop, hit two homers, one inside-the-park, and another out of the park. Mata also added an inside-the-parks home run.

In the second inning Phillips sent a shot over the Post center fielder's head that rolled all the way to the

fence. The Post center fielder got her foot stuck underneath the fence and had to have the help of a teammate to get lose. By that time, Phillips had easily scored. In the third inning she added a slot blast over the left field fence for her second home run.

"I haven't hit a inside-the-park one," said Phillips. "I was running and I got to third and stopped, but then they told me it was a live ball and I went on home." It was Phillips' fourth homer of the season.

Mata hit an inside-the park homer in the third, hitting a shot that bounced off the third baseman's glove and rolled into the left field corner.

Forsan iced the game in the fourth scoring six runs on five hits, chasing Post starter Audrey Moreno from the game. Moreno was charged with 14 runs on 11 hits, going three-and-one third innings. In that inning, Forsan center fielder Macy Evans had a two-run scoring single. By the time the fourth was over, Forsan led 16-7.

The Lady Buffs put the game when Phillips reached on an error, stole second, and scored on a base hit by Evans. Evans was one of five Lady Buffs who had multiple hits. Pearson and right fielder Kaylee Morgan had two hits. Evans and left fielder Keelce Morgan had three RBIs each.

Forsan will play in the Snyder tournament this weekend.



Courtesy photo by Jodi Mims

**Kendal Phillips gets a hit in their game against Post last night.**



Photo by Steve Belvin

**Pictured above from left to right: Lexie Gee on third base, Hunter Seymore on first base, and Ashtyn Pearson on the mound.**

## Hawks defeat Westerners 8-7 in back-and-forth battle

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**

Sports Editor

The Howard College Hawks baseball team travelled to Snyder yesterday, where they took on the Western Texas College Westerners and came out on top, 8-7.

With a two-run homer by Doug Facendo, the Hawks were able to establish an early lead in the first inning.

In the bottom of the fifth, the Westerners were able to even things out and tie up the score 3-3.

After the Hawks and Westerners traded the lead back-and-forth, Howard College found themselves down one run heading into the top of the 9th inning.

The Hawks were able to put up a game-tying run and get a defensive stop to stay alive which would send the game into extra innings.

The score was at an even 5-5 when Facendo stepped up to bat at the top of the tenth and broke off his second homer of the night, driving in one run.

Howard College was able to score three in the tenth and held the Westerners to only two runs to ensure the 8-7 win for the Hawks.

Andrew McInvale earned the win for Howard College, pitching one and two thirds innings, surrendering two runs, two hits, striking out two and walking one.

Offensive leaders for the Hawks include Bryan Rodriguez with two hits and 1 RBI, Hunter Mendhall with one single, one home run and one RBI, and Facendo with two home runs and three RBIs.

"We competed well and did some great things to win the game late," said head coach Rob Martinez. "Our situational hitting and clutch pitching were key."

Up next, the Hawks have a double-header vs. Midland here in Big Spring at noon.

## Big Spring Junior High track results

Special to the Herald

The 7th and 8th grade girls participated in the Odessa Track Meet this past Saturday, March 4. The results of the meet are as follows:

7th Grade division -

J'Nai Johnson finished 4th in discus.

Alex Enriquez finished 1st in the 100 meters.

8th Grade division -

Falicity Calderon, Kenzi Canales, Sarah Wood and Tavin Mathews finished 4th in the 4 x 200 meter relay.

Cylie Burton, Falicity Calderon, Ashlin Calvio and Tavin Mathews finished 4th in the 4 x 400 meter relay.

Jocelyn Olivarez won first place in the pole vault.

## Big Spring Steers prevail over Indians 8-6 in close match

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**

Sports Editor

The Big Spring Steer varsity baseball team battled it out with the Seminole Indians last night in Steer Park, where they came out with an 8-6 win.

Seminole was able to take an early lead, scoring two runs within the first two innings, putting them up 2-0 over Big Spring going into the third.

After the Indians scored their third run in the top of the third inning, the Steers' bats came alive they answered back with three runs to tie the game 3-3.

"One of the things that gets me excited as a coach is seeing that our ball club is learning and trusting the game," said head coach Daniel Carrillo. "We have done a great job of staying off of

the emotional roller coaster and continue to play the game out, knowing that we will have our chance to capitalize."

The Steers took the lead for good with another set of three runs in the bottom of the fourth inning, bringing the score to a 6-4 Big Spring lead.

By the end of sixth, the Steers had given themselves a solid 4 point lead.

Seminole was up at the plate to start the seventh inning and knew they needed to bring at least 4 runners across home to stay alive.

While the Indians would score two runs, they still couldn't get it done, and fell short to the Steers with a final score of 8-6.

"If we want to play in May, we must learn not to hurt ourselves and to stop giving the opposition

higher probabilities to score," said Carrillo. "With that being said, we did a great job tonight of eliminating the big inning which allowed us to stay in the game and eventually take the lead."

The Steers racked up a total of 16 hits for the night. Noah Gonzales, Aaron Olague and Cameron Mikels lead Big Spring in offense, collecting three hits apiece.

Up next, The Steers will co-host the 22nd Annual West Texas Classic this weekend. The tournament kicks off this Thursday with a game against Pecos at 12:30 p.m, and against Alpine at 5:30 p.m. On Friday, the Steers will play Midland High JV at 2 p.m. To conclude the tournament, on Saturday Big Spring will face off with Slaton at 2 p.m. All of these games will take place at Steer Park.

## Coahoma Invitational results

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**

Sports Editor

Monday was a day for golf, as many teams in the area made their way to the Comanche Trail Golf Course in Big Spring to compete in the Coahoma Invitational. The results are as follows:

### BOYS TEAM STANDINGS

1. CHRISTOVAL- 350
2. GARDEN CITY- 358
3. COAHOMA- (Team 1) 378
4. STERLING CITY- 380
5. CLYDE- 384
6. STANTON- (Team 1) 387
7. JIM NED- 406
8. COAHOMA- (Team 2) 434
9. COLORADO CITY- 438
10. SANDS- 438
11. FORSAN- 459
12. STANTON- (Team 2) 468
13. MEADOW- 476
14. PAINT ROCK- 494

### BOYS MEDALIST STANDINGS

1. Cameron Bailey - Christoval - 81
  2. Lathan Horwood - Sterling City - 83
  3. James Calvert - Christoval - 84
  4. John Porras - Coahoma - 85
  - T5. Heath Owens - Clyde - 86
  - T5. Trent McMillan - Garden City - 86
- ### BOYS INDIVIDUAL MEDALISTS
- Rogan Lowery - Garden City - 94  
Rass Rains - Klondike - 95  
Kason Proctor - Westbrook - 99  
Colton Harris - Jim Ned - 102  
Riley Eggmeyer - Garden City - 105  
Garrett Beard - Jim Ned - 106  
Seth Hernandez - Reagan County - 108  
Isaac DeLaCruz - Reagan County - 108  
Ave Ramirez - Reagan County - 120  
Ty Rivera - Westbrook - 121  
Owen Bynom - Jim Ned - 132

### GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS

1. FORSAN 364
2. JIM NED 404
3. CHRISTOVAL 413
4. CLYDE 416
5. SANDS 433
6. MEADOW 455
7. WESTBROOK 487
8. COLORADO CITY 499
9. PAINT ROCK 542

### GIRLS MEDALIST STANDINGS

1. Jillian Jones - Forsan - 82
  - T2. Razyl Yanez - Forsan - 88
  - T2. Taylor Tomlinson - Christoval - 88
  4. Logan Wood - Garden City - 90
  5. Mikaela Cates - Clyde - 91
- ### GIRLS INDIVIDUAL MEDALISTS
- Sam Raney - Garden City - 99  
Paige Baggett - Reagan County - 102  
Sydni Sparks - Coahoma - 108  
Kayla Inman - Stanton - 108  
Ally Burchett - Garden City - 114  
Madison Fussell - Jim Ned - 120  
Maggie Terry - Sterling City - 125  
Kirsten Church - Stanton - 128  
Sara Roach - Colorado City - 135



Courtesy Photo

**The Lady Buff golf team, above, holding their trophy after winning first place in the Coahoma Invitational. Pictured from left to right, Jillian Jones (Jr.), Sierra Huitt (Jr.), Alexis Stercks (So.), Alysa Le (Jr.), and Razyl Yanez (So.)**



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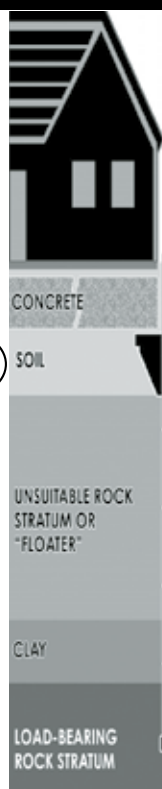
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### Time and the Leo Moon

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**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Whatever you do today, do it for you. If there’s nothing in it for you that you can think of off the top of your head, go deeper. What’s the real payoff? You wouldn’t be doing it if there weren’t one.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Your professional life will not be the only thing that flourishes as a result of your methodical, systematic and businesslike approach. Such a method will also improve relationships of all kinds.

**GEMINI (May 21-**

**June 21).** As for the person who helps you handle the task better than you could on your own -- this person may not be the ideal partner, but he or she is certainly worthy of the props you’ll generously give today.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** You know what a person is like in a particular context. Now change the context and find out more! You’ll be different, too. This process of mutual discovery is the stuff of life.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Do your detective work today. It’s not about snooping so much as it is about listening to what people tell you about their pasts, their points of view and their goals. Asking excellent questions will be half the battle.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Usually, you know right away whether an outcome is to your liking or not. With today’s project, snap judgments could hinder progress. If there’s even a small shadow of a doubt, live with the result for a few days, then decide.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** For a comforting feeling of belonging, hang out with people who are very much like you. But if it’s creativity or productivity you’re after, you’ll gain, give and learn more in a diverse group.

## Tomorrow’s Horoscope

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Because you’re a child at heart, you want to play. You’ll sense accurately who else wants to as well, so make the play date and follow through. This sudden need for fun will be very lucky for you.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** You’ve the sneaking suspicion that you can make your life better and more interesting on your own, but a certain charismatic character can definitely put you on the fast track to this end.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** The one without direct experience in your problem will be of little or no help and, in fact, could make things worse. Don’t waste time: Go straight to the expert.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** As you search for the right person to fill a certain opening in your life, consider that while people can, technically, change, they often don’t -- especially not just because you want them to. Go with current (not projected) stats.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** The rest of the world fades into the background as one person attracts you and reins you in. This feels at once like an exotic adventure and like coming home.

**TODAY’S BIRTHDAY (March 8).**

There’s an angel over your shoulder, whispering messages of encouragement and nudging you toward opportunities to grow your spirit. New ideas cross-pollinate with what you already believe, and a special project is born. May brings familial warmth; colorful characters come in June. There’s a win in September. Libra and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 30, 22, 37 and 40.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION:** “My parents prefer my older sister and have for our entire lives. Even though I’m 35 now, this still bothers me. My parents always make more of an effort to spend time with her; they talk about her with pride, and they give her more responsibility than me. She is the executer of their will; she takes care of their house and dogs when they are on vacation. I would gladly help them, but all I seem to do is disappoint them. I’m divorced with two kids, and my sister is a successful lawyer who has never been married. Why can’t I let this go? I’m a Libra and my sister is a Pisces.”

Each relationship within a family is different and unique. Relationship-oriented Libras are sensitive to the subtle and not-so-subtle attributes of the

family dynamic. Out of your strong desire for fairness and balance in all things you assume you and your sister should share the same relationship with your parents even though you’re two completely different people. But balance can be achieved in a variety of ways. Think of the scales that are the symbol of your sign: On your sister’s scale are housesitting and bragging rights to her career; on your scale are the grandchildren you’ve provided and XYZ other traits. In some way it all balances out.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** His characterization of Walter White in “Breaking Bad” took Bryan Cranston from leading man to pop-culture icon status. The Pisces actor was born when the moon and Mars were in ambitious Capricorn and Jupiter and Leo were in the sign of the entertainment business. Look for Cranston to star opposite Nicole Kidman in the upcoming English-language remake of the French comedy-drama film “The Intouchables.”

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## Annie’s Mailbox ®

Friend Won’t Shut Up

**Dear Annie:** I have a friend of over 20 years who has become such a motormouth that I have begun to avoid contact. She talks non-

stop. If I call her, she immediately launches into a marathon monologue, and trying to break in with a comment doesn’t work. I once decided to let her talk until she ran out of things to say. Five hours later, she was still talking without coming up for air,

and I said I had to go somewhere and hung up.

I try to tell her this, but she just gets angry. I know that other people and even some her family members have distanced themselves because of this. I hate to drop her, but I see no other solution. -- Frustrated Friend

**Dear Frustrated:** Because you said she’s “become” a motormouth, I’m assuming she hasn’t always been one. Try to dig deeper when you can get a word in

edgewise; she has to breathe at some point. Try to see whether there are some underlying issues. Some people talk excessively as a way of suppressing or avoiding bothersome thoughts or feelings.

Others talk excessively simply because they think everyone will be fascinated by their stories or because they feel they’re not really being heard. You can try setting time limits on your conversations. (“I’d like to talk, but I only have 10 minutes for

this call. Then I need to get back to work.”) You might also try interrupting her, summarizing to her what you’ve understood so far and then leading that thought toward a conclusion. Ultimately, set whatever boundaries you need, and don’t feel guilty. Our time on this earth is precious, and no one should have to sit through a five-hour marathon monologue. In that time, you could have run an actual marathon.

**Dear Annie:** I’d like to respond to “Feeling So Bad,” the woman who was upset that her friend “Nancy” had passed away and the friend’s husband, “Bill,” hadn’t filled her in. Her husband, according to the writer, limited visits to his wife during her terminal illness. My wife, too, was diagnosed with a terminal and rare cancer. She, for some reason, felt embarrassment and shame, which I since have learned is completely normal. My wife didn’t want to be talked about, didn’t want to be seen with a wig or a scarf around her bald head and so forth. My orders from her were that no one

was allowed to visit or drop by at all. I did just as she said because meeting her needs during this awful time was more important to me (and to her) than worrying about our neighbors and friends. Indeed, other than our trips to and from treatment, she shut herself in the house. “Feeling So Bad” need not be upset. I suspect that “Nancy” told “Bill” that she wanted to deal with her sickness in her own way. I’ve learned that there is no right or wrong way to deal with the process of death. -- B.R.

**Dear B.R.:** I appreciate hearing the perspective of someone who has such a personal experience with this issue, and it may bring “Feeling So Bad” some peace, too. Thank you for sharing.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

A vital defensive principle

North dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ Q 10 4 2  
♥ Q 7 3  
♦ A Q J 5 3  
♣ A

**WEST**  
♠ K 7 3  
♥ A J 9  
♦ K 8 2  
♣ J 10 8 4

**EAST**  
♠ 6  
♥ K 6 4 2  
♦ 7 4  
♣ K 7 6 5 3 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ A J 9 8 5  
♥ 10 8 5  
♦ 10 9 6  
♣ Q 9

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass  
3 ♠ Pass 4 ♣

Opening lead — jack of clubs.

Suppose you’re declarer at a given contract and can’t make it if the missing cards are divided one way, but can make it if the cards are divided another way.

In that case it is surely reasonable to plan your play on the assumption that the adverse cards are divided favorably. It would be counterproductive to assume a lie of the cards that is sure to result in defeat.

This principle should always be followed by declarer, and the very same principle, in reverse, applies to

both defenders. They must assume declarer has a hand that allows defeat of the contract.

West was put on his mettle in this deal where declarer won the opening club lead, led dummy’s queen of spades at trick two and finessed. West won with the king and realized that his best chance — and possibly his only chance — to sink the contract was to shift to the jack of hearts!

South could not recover from this blow. If he covered the jack with dummy’s queen, East would win with the king and return a heart to set the contract. And if he played low from dummy, West’s jack would hold the trick, after which the ace and another heart would produce the same result.

Observe that if West had led the heart ace or nine at trick three, or returned any other suit, declarer would make the contract simply by playing correctly.

It is not difficult to justify West’s highly unusual play of the heart jack at trick three. His only realistic hope of stopping the contract lies in scoring three heart tricks before declarer can regain the lead, which in turn means crediting his partner with the king of hearts. Once this assumption is made, the jack must be led to cater to the possibility that South might have three (or four) hearts to the 10.

Tomorrow: The importance of timing.

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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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“MR. WILSON’S GOIN’ IN THE HOSPITAL FOR SOME TESTS. IS HE STUDYIN’ TO BE A DOCTOR?”

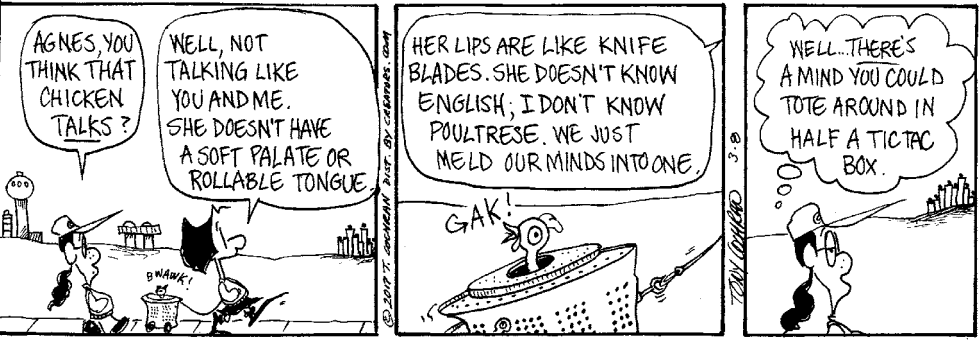
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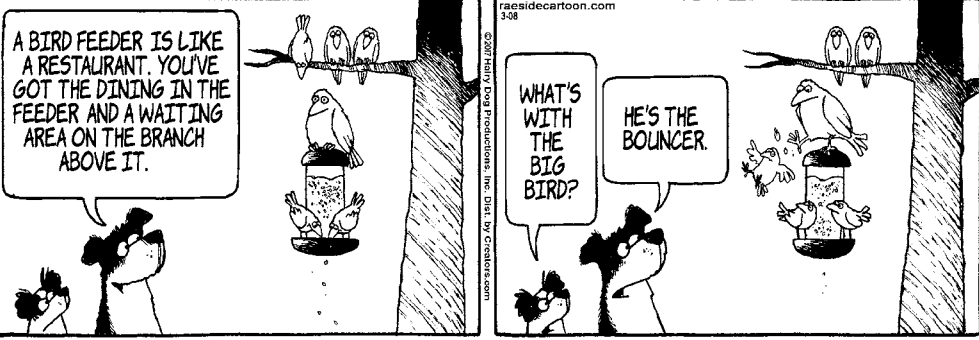
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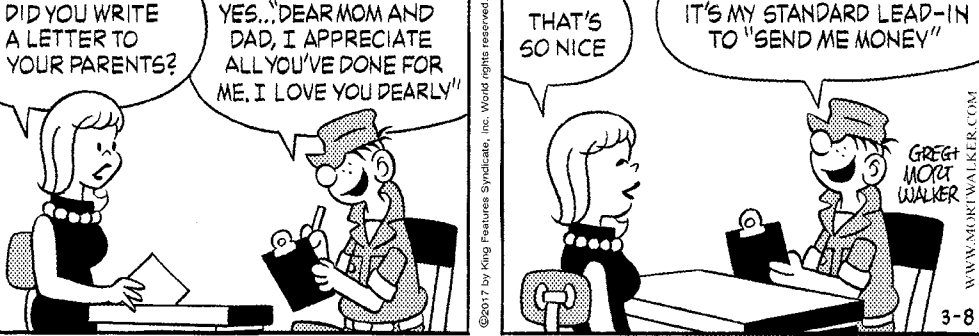
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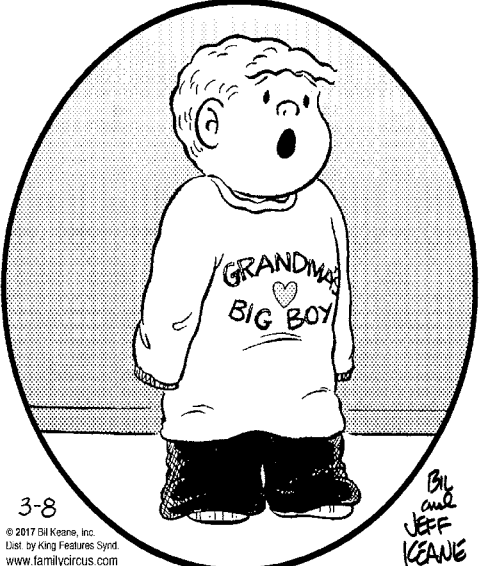


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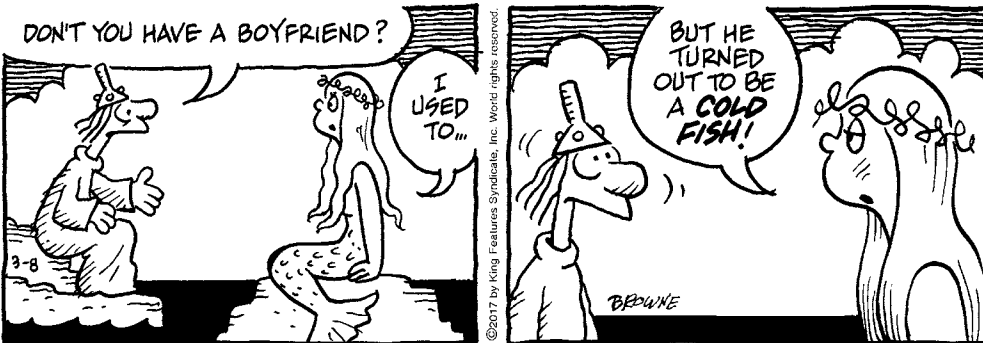
THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



“I don’t think I’m as big a boy as Grandma thinks.”

HAGAR



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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, March 8, the 67th day of 2017. There are 298 days left in the year.

Today’s Highlights in History:

On March 8, 1917, Russia’s “February Revolution” (referring to the Old Style calendar) began in Petrograd; the result was the abdication of the Russian monarchy in favor of a provisional government that was overthrown later the same year by the Bolsheviks.

Count Ferdinand von Zeppelin, 78, creator of the rigid airships bearing his name, died in Berlin. The U.S. Senate voted to limit filibusters by adopting the cloture rule.

On this date:

In 1702, England’s Queen Anne acceded to the throne upon the death of King William III.

In 1817, the New York Stock & Exchange Board, which had its beginnings in 1792, was formally organized; it later became known as the New York Stock Exchange.

In 1854, U.S. Commodore Matthew C. Perry made his second landing in Japan; within a month, he concluded a treaty with the Japanese.

In 1874, the 13th president of

the United States, Millard Fillmore, died in Buffalo, New York, at age 74.

In 1930, the 27th president of the United States, William Howard Taft, died in Washington at age 72.

In 1942, Imperial Japanese forces occupied Rangoon (Yangon) during World War II.

In 1965, the United States landed its first combat troops in South Vietnam as 3,500 Marines arrived to defend the U.S. air base at Da Nang.

In 1966, Nelson’s Pillar, a 120-foot-high column in Dublin honoring British naval hero Horatio Nelson, was bombed by the Irish Republican Army.

In 1979, technology firm Philips demonstrated a prototype compact disc player during a press conference in Eindhoven, the Netherlands.

In 1983, in a speech to the National Association of Evangelicals convention in Orlando, Florida, President Ronald Reagan referred to the Soviet Union as an “evil empire.”

In 1999, baseball Hall of Famer Joe DiMaggio died in Hollywood, Florida, at age 84.

In 2014, Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370, a Boeing 777 with 239 people on board, vanished during a flight from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing, setting off a massive search. (To date, the fate of the jetliner and its occupants has yet to be

determined.)

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush arrived in Sao Paulo, Brazil, as he began a 6-day tour of Latin America.

House Democrats unveiled legislation to require the withdrawal of U.S. combat troops from Iraq by the fall of 2008; the White House said President Bush would veto it. In his first news conference since taking over command of U.S. forces in Iraq, Gen. David Petraeus said insurgents were seeking to intensify attacks and that it was “very likely” additional U.S. forces would be sent to areas outside Baghdad where militant groups were regrouping.

Five years ago: Syria’s deputy oil minister (Abdo Husameddine) announced in a video that he had defected from President Bashar Assad’s regime.

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Answer to previous puzzle

EMTS	ACTS	LONG
STEAL	CHAI	UBER
SUNBATHING	NOW!	
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INN	CELIBATE	
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OUCH	SNARL	FLAP
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Taxing org.
- 4 Criminals, to police
- 9 Sandals and sneakers
- 14 Large briny body
- 15 Originate
- 16 Bible excerpt
- 17 Big-eyed bird
- 18 Role player
- 19 Wipe clean
- 20 Face adversity well
- 23 Neck of the woods
- 24 Throw off
- 25 Eccentric
- 28 Bureaucratic snarl
- 32 More cherished
- 34 Horse fathers
- 37 In \_\_\_ of (instead of)
- 38 Face adversity well
- 44 Speck on a globe
- 45 Lasting marks
- 46 Peevish anger
- 49 Faced adversity well
- 54 CBS symbol
- 55 Specks
- 58 Whipped up
- 59 Face adversity well
- 64 In reference to
- 66 Christmas song
- 67 Hoops grp.
- 68 Scandinavian explorers
- 69 Some golf clubs
- 70 Yale student
- 71 Trifled (with)

DOWN

- 1 Weather map line
- 2 Overhaul electrically
- 3 Topped, as pretzels
- 4 HS junior’s exam
- 5 Engrave with acid
- 6 Have high status
- 7 Investigate in depth
- 8 Play, as a ukulele
- 9 Slender
- 10 Roll call reply
- 11 Handel’s Messiah, for one
- 12 Double-curve shape
- 13 Get a glimpse of
- 21 Dine
- 22 Jar cover
- 26 Moose cousin
- 27 See 57 Down
- 29 Fire residue
- 30 Pizzeria product
- 31 Miscalculates
- 33 Elevation: Abbr.
- 35 List shortener
- 36 Deception
- 38 All-knowing
- 39 Get a glimpse of
- 40 Symbolic tale
- 41 Casual top
- 42 Notable period
- 43 Nine-digit ID
- 47 Ready for print
- 48 French denial
- 50 Physicians’ org.
- 51 Abrasive mineral
- 52 OK to ingest
- 53 Keep from leaving
- 56 Implied but unspoken
- 57 With 27 Down, band instrument
- 60 Deception
- 61 Slight amount
- 62 Cram, with “up”
- 63 Other than that
- 64 Colony insect
- 65 Express disapproval

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# Nowitzki tops 30,000 points

DALLAS (AP) — Dirk Nowitzki ducked his head into a mob of teammates, with Dallas owner Mark Cuban clutching the side of his jersey before the Mavericks superstar found coach Rick Carlisle for a hug.

The celebration of 30,000 points came a lot faster than most would have imagined — except maybe the man who has watched from the bench for nine of Nowitzki's 19 seasons.

"Watching Dirk the last couple of days, there was no doubt this was going to happen tonight," Carlisle said.

Nowitzki scored the 20 points he needed for 30,000 in barely more than a quarter despite coming in with just five 20-point games this season, and the Mavericks celebrated with their second straight easy home win over the Los Angeles Lakers, a 122-111 victory Tuesday night.

The 7-foot German became the sixth NBA player and the first international one to reach the milestone, joining four Hall of Famers and a future one in Kobe Bryant. Nowitzki is one of three to score all 30,000-plus with one team. The others are Karl Malone (Utah) and Bryant (Lakers).

Nowitzki scored Dallas' first eight points in slightly more than two minutes, matched the best first quarter of his career with 18 points and reached the hallowed mark on a 15-foot fadeaway jumper from the baseline over Larry Nance Jr. with 10:58 remaining in the second quarter.

The 38-year-old scored all of his 25 points — one shy of his season high — in the first half to send the Mavericks on their way to a 31-point lead in the third quarter.

"I made the first one and it was a 2, and then I made the first 3 and thought, 'Why not?'" said Nowitzki, who made his first six shots and had 11 rebounds in 24 minutes. "I threw another one up and it went in, and then the next three came right after that and I was just trying to ride it from there."

Dallas extended a franchise record with its 14th straight win over the Lakers, who got 13 points, 18 rebounds and 10 assists from Julius Randle in their eighth straight loss.

"I was a Kobe fan," said Randle, who grew up in the Dallas area. "I hated Dirk growing up. As I got older and wiser, obviously, I was really able to appreciate his greatness."

After the signature shot for 30,000, Nowitzki added a 3-pointer for 23 points in the first 14 minutes before the game was stopped as teammates mobbed the wide-smiling star near midcourt.

Nowitzki waded through the huddle to get to the bench for more hugs and hand slaps, then returned to the court to acknowledge the standing ovation.

The 2007 MVP was 9 of 12 from the field, 3 of 3 from beyond the arc and 4 of 4 on free throws before halftime. He missed his only shot of the second half.

"For me, this was a 13:02 microcosm of one of the greatest careers in the history of this game," Carlisle said. "Meticulous preparation, total commitment, unbelievable competitive spirit and a real flair for the moment."

Nowitzki finished the night at 30,005 points and has said he plans to play a 20th season. If so, he could have a shot at fifth-place Wilt Chamberlain, who has 31,419. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar is the career leader at 38,387.

With his ABA career included, Julius Erving is the seventh player to reach the mark.

Fans arrived with T-shirts draped over their seats that read "30K" behind a silhouette of Nowitzki's signature one-legged fadeaway jumper. And they stood each time the Mavericks brought the ball up the court when Nowitzki was two points away.

While the game was stopped, a short video tribute was played, followed by testimonials from former teammates and fans, even some Germans, during subsequent breaks in the game.

Jason Kidd, the point guard with Nowitzki on Dallas' only championship team in 2011 and second



Dallas Mavericks' Devin Harris (34) watches as Dirk Nowitzki (41) of Germany takes a shot that sinks giving Nowitzki his 30,000th career point in the first half of an NBA basketball game against the Los Angeles Lakers in Dallas, Tuesday, March 7, 2017.

in the NBA in career assists, joked that he should have passed more. Steve Nash, his best friend from the early years of his career, wondered what "ball hog" was in German.

The only glitch was Nowitzki's first attempt at 30,000, an airball on another fadeaway jumper 10 seconds into the second quarter.

"Every milestone makes you reflect a little bit," Nowitzki said. "It's been an amazing ride and a couple more baskets are coming and then it's time to ride off into the sunset."

**TIP-INS**  
Lakers: D'Angelo Russell and Jordan Clarkson led LA with 22 points apiece. ... Randle had his third triple-double of the season. ... The Lakers outscored Dallas 37-19 in the fourth quarter.  
Mavericks: Seth Curry scored 18 points, followed by Yogi Ferrell with 16, Wesley Matthews with 15 and Harrison Barnes with 14. ... Nerlens Noel had 11 points and 12 rebounds. ... G Quinn Cook had 10 on the last day of his 10-day contract. ... The Mavericks led 70-52 at the half. It was their first 70-point half since scoring 72 in the first half of a 130-128 loss to Houston in Game 3 of a first-round playoff series in 2015.

**NOWITZKI NUGGETS**  
Nowitzki had his 20th career half with at least 25 points. It was his first 25-point half since Nov. 16, 2008. The 18-point quarter was his highest since scoring 20 in the third quarter against New Orleans on Jan. 11, 2014.

**QUOTABLE**  
"Dirk has been a model player and terrific ambassador for our game. This latest accomplishment further establishes his legacy as one of the NBA's greatest players." — NBA Commissioner Adam Silver.

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