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new unit which, according

to early estimates, could cost

from \$200,000 to \$250,000.



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County commissioners act on broken chiller

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

The Howard County Commissioner's Court will have to dip into its rainy day fund to replace the county courthouse's 18-year-old chiller unit, according to Precinct 3 Commissioner Jimmie Long.

Commissioners gave the greenlight during a special meeting held Wednesday to seek bids for the

be installed.

Commissioners also gave the go-ahead to spend a little more than \$30,000 out of the county's maintenance fund to repair the broken chiller. This will serve as temporary measure until the new model can

"Right now we are doing a quick

repair until we can purchase a new chiller, order it, and get it in," said Howard County Judge Kathryn Wise-According to Long, the courthouse's

broken chiller has been working on half-strength for about a year before it went completely out. County Clerk Donna Wright told commissioners without working air conditioning, the heat in the building is already becoming uncomfortable.

"This morning (Wednesday), I came to work at 6:30 a.m. and it was 45 degrees in my car when I saw my thermometer. I came in and it was 80 degrees in my office and 70 across the hall. Right now — (the meeting was held beginning at 4 p.m.) — it's 88 my side and 78 across the hall," Wright

Wright's office is located on the first

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Boys & Girls Club drastically cuts camp prices

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

How much would you expect to pay to have a safe, character-building place for your young children to stay during the summer weekdays while you're at work? A place that feeds your sons and daughters breakfast and lunch, encourages them, and broadens their horizons with field trips to places around the Permian Basin?

Last year, Big Spring's Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club charged \$40 per week for its summer day camp program. This coming summer, they're charging significant-

"Our fees have dramatically gone down," said Boys and Girls Club Director Duane Shackelford. "We saw 90 to 95 kids during the summer this past summer, and they were paying \$40 a week. This summer our fees will be \$50 a month. I really expect our numbers to probably increase, I'm thinking at least 50 percent. I'm thinking somewhere in the neighborhood of 130 to 150 kids this summer."

Shackelford said the Boys and Girls Club summer program fills most of the gap created by school summer vacation.

"We're open during the summer for at least 10 weeks," he said. "We open our doors at 7:30 in the morning and we close at 5:30 Monday through Friday. In that day, they'll have activities here in the club: gym activities, art activities, they'll do movies, we'll entertain

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Lamun-Lusk holds pinning ceremony for new veteran

By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

The newest residents of

Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home who are also Vietnam veterans were honored Wednesday afternoon with a special pinning ceremony at the nursing home.

Officials with the Big Spring VA Hospital were on hand to honor the 19 men by presenting a special pin created especially for Vietnam veterans. Following the ceremony, the men and their families were treated to cake and refreshments in the nursing home's main dining hall.

Honored were: Jimmy Bex, U.S. Air Force; Richard Cortez, U.S. Marines; Eugene Drake, U.S. Army; Lenus Ernhart, U.S. Air Force; David Garcia, U.S. Army; Larry Hilton, U.S. Navy; Donald Keith, U.S. Army and U.S. Navy; Billy Kirk, U.S. Navy; Benito Klein, U.S. Navy; Huron Motley, U.S. Air Force; Guadalupe Paredez Jr., U.S.

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Welcome home, veterans



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Kristina Schaefer, a VA Hospital communication specialist, presents Lenus (Len) Ernhart, U.S. Air Force veteran, with a special commemorative pin created to honor Vietnam veterans for their service to their country. Big Spring VA Hospital officials, in conjunction with Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home, honored the nursing home's newest Vietnam veterans in a ceremony held Wednesday afternoon.

Arrington celebrates new district office in Lubbock



Herald Staff Report

WASHINGTON - Congressman Jodey Arrington (R-Lubbock) cut the ribbon on his new district office at 1312 Texas Avenue in downtown Lubbock Monday.

The ribbon cutting was organized by the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce and attended by approximately 150 people from Lubbock and the surrounding areas. "We are excited to be a part of

the revitalization of this great downtown area and near the crossroads of Marsha Sharp Freeway and Interstate 27, the axis of downtown commerce and community activity. With the new office, we are able to cut overhead costs, create more space for See JODEY, Page 3







Obituaries

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. Interment 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 at-

tended 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

Christene Beam



Christene Beam, 36, of Big Spring died Monday, March 6, 2017. Memorial service will be held

at 2 p.m. Friday, March 10, 2017 at Myers and Smith Chapel with Mona Lue Tonn officiating.

She was born Oct. 5, 1980, in Big Spring, Texas, to Velma Marie Green and Stanley Monroe Hendricks. She lived most of her life in Big Spring. She attended the Cowboy Church of Andrews. She was a

homemaker.

Motors, and Shroyer Motor Company. She enjoyed playing games and family gatherings.

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 including Nicole Bash, Ann Duncan and husband Buddy, Fran Houser, and Raymond Roberts Jr. and

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.

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.

Paid obituary

She is survived by her husband Tony Stanfill of Andrews; one son, Cameron Allen Young of Big Spring; one daughter, Madison Marie Stanfill of Andrews; her mother, Marie Young and husband Joseph of Big Spring; two sisters, Wanda Brown of Big Spring and Jessica Herron of Midland; two brothers, Aaron Hendricks Young, and Joseph Young II and wife Courtney, all of Big Spring; and a number of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and neph-

She was preceded in death by one son, Jackson

Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following ac-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 JOR-**DAN**, 50, of 1201 E. 17th St. was arrested o a charge of public intoxication.

• REBECCA LYNN COM-STOCK, 33, of 1409 S. Runnels St. was arrested on a warrant for criminal trespassing.

TORREY DANIELLE BAUM, 30, of 1002 N. Main St. Apt. #54 was arrested on warrants for theft of property (\$750 to \$2,500), failure to appear, expired registration, and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

 THERESA RENEA GAL-BRAITH, 34, of 440 S. Seventh St. in Slaton was arrested on a warrant for accident involving

damage to a vehicle (greater than

 BURGLARY OF A HABITA-**TION** was reported in the 1100 block of Mulberry Avenue, the 2500 block of Albrook Drive and the 600 block of Holbert Street.

 MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 1000 block of South Scurry Street.

• THEFT was reported in the 2500 block of Williams Road.

• DISTURBANCE was reported in the 300 block of South Owens 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 reducedprice 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 li-

- 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 https://westexags.com/. Deadline for applications for current A&M students is June 1, 2017.
- The Howard County Fair needs volunteers to cross stitch squares for the annual quilt fundraiser. The theme for this year's quilt is "It's a Jungle Out There." You can pick up a square from Cheryl Joy at the Heritage Museum during regular hours Tuesday through Saturday. Call Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674 for more information.
- Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

The next sacking session will be at 5:30 p.m. March 20 and 21 at the old Lakeview High School gym located at 1107 N.W. Seventh St. To get there, take Gregg Street north and turn left on Delaney, which is the block just past the Salvation Army retail store. Delaney turns into Seventh Street, you will go over the railroad tracks and the school is on

the left. If you want additional information about getting

your child on this program please contact your child's school.

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

bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There p.m. Newcomers' meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want

Cost is \$8 per person.

Meetings

- The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Tuesday of each month a 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library.
- The Christensen-Tucker Post-2013 Veterans of Foreign Wars meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at 500 Driver Road. For more information, contact David Leonard, Post Commander, at 432-816-6004. All combat veterans of foreign wars are invited to come.
- The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.
- Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Jimmy Ruth at 271-2176.
- Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 ½ Main St. All Masons are welcome.
- Membership to the Big Spring Native American Association is open to the public. People interested in Native American culture are encouraged to find out more about the organization by calling Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125,

Volunteer opportunities

- The Scenic Mountain Medical Center volunteer program is in need of volunteers. A variety of opportunities are open for members of the community. For more information, call Anita Cline at 268-4721.
- Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to visit patients. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Beverly Grant at 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 79 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). • **JESSICA FAYE BROOKS**, 29, was booked by BSPD on a charge of failure to identify/fugitive giv-
- ing false information. • MICHAEL ANTHONY CARRILLO, 24, was booked by BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).
- GINGER BRISSA COATES, 18, was booked by BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for evading arrest or detention. DAKOTA MACK MURPHREE, 21, was booked
- by BSPD on warrants for disregarding a stop sign, riding unsecured to a safety belt, violation of promise to appear, bail jumping/failure to appear, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, and violation of bond or protective order; and on a charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon. DOMINGO LUIS RODRIGUEZ, 28, was booked
- by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated. • 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. • ROBERT SNOWDEN, 33, was booked by BSPD
- on a motion to revoke probation for possession of a controlled substance (less than 1 gram). KATHY ELIZABETH WINN, 32, was booked
- by BSPD on warrants for possession of a controlled substance (1 to 4 grams) and possession of a controlled substance (less than 1 gram).

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1600

- block of Lancaster. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. 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 in the 1300 block
- of Baylor. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1900 block of Simler Drive. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1200 block of Dogwood. MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 300 block
- of Veterans Boulevard. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- FALSE FIRE ALARM was reported in the 700 block of East 11th Place.

Support Groups

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discus-Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live sion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30
 - Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.
 - A Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

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Kristina Schaefer, a VA Hospital communication specialist, left, presents a Vietnam veteran commemorative pin to Ivan White, center, in a special ceremony held at Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Nursing Home Wednesday afternoon. White is a veteran of three wars — World War II, the Korean Conflict, and Vietnam.

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Army; Leo Price, U.S. Air Force; Weldon Renken, U.S. Navy; Sherman Rice, U.S. Navy; Mitchell Templeton, U.S. Army; Jesse Watson Jr.; U.S. Navy; Ivan White, U.S. Air Force; Tommy Wilson, U.S. Marines; and Marvin Wise, U.S. Army.

Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez provides rehabilitation services and long-term nursing care exclusively to U.S. military veterans, their spouses, or Gold Star parents and was created by the Texas legislature. The state veterans home program is overseen by the Texas General Land Office.

CHILLER

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floor of the courthouse.

Long estimated the repairs to the 18-year-old chiller could take from three to four days to have the aging unit up to half speed again.

"We can prop it back up but that isn't the fix," Long said.

Commissioners hope to act on bids at their next meeting.

However, once the new unit is ordered, it could take up to 10 weeks to come in, said Terry Keesler, owner of Hester's Air Conditioning & Heating, who was advising the court on the issue. His company has been servicing and maintaining the existing unit.

Once in, Keesler estimated installation of the new unit could take up to 10 days, during which the courthouse would have no air conditioning at all. Commissioners hope the current unit will hold until after the heat of the summer when a new unit can be installed.

Long estimated the county's rainy day fund should stand at around \$2.2 million after the large purchase, but that figure is dependent on the bids.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 235, or email citydesk@bigspringeherald.com.

IRS strikes back as a gents make big dent in identity theft

WASHINGTON (AP) — The IRS strikes back: The tax agency reports tnat the number of identity theft victims plummeted last year after agents struggled for years to combat what has become a multibillion-dollar industry.

The number of victims dropped by 46 percent, to 376,000, the IRS said. These taxpayers had their identities stolen by criminals who used their Social Security numbers and birthdates to obtain fraudulent tax refunds.

The IRS stopped nearly 1 million fraudulent refunds from being issued last year. They totaled almost \$6.6 billion, the agency said.

"It's a much more challenging time for the cybercrooks," said Mark Ciaramitaro, vice president for retail tax products and services at H&R Block. "All of the easy paths have been closed."

Identity theft exploded from 2010 to 2012, and "for a time overwhelmed

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law enforcement and the IRS," said John Dalrymple, deputy IRS commissioner for services and enforcement.

Hidden beneath paint, a famed artist's wall decorations

CATSKILL, N.Y. (AP) — Not only did Thomas Cole paint the lush mountain landscapes that inspired the Hudson River School art movement of the 19th century, he also painted on the walls of his home.

Lost beneath layers of paint for more than a century, the patterned borders below the ceilings were rediscovered several years ago and are now revealed in their semi-faded glo-

The stylized depictions of drapery and fabric, painstakingly recovered by conservators, will be fully displayed when the Thomas Cole National Historic Site opens for the season in May. While not exactly lost masterworks, they offer new insight into one of America's most influential painters.

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them outside. We'll also do daily field trips. They may go bowling, they may go skating. This year, we're working on some field trips to take them to Midland, to some museums and that type of thing. We also entertain the idea, and we have in the past, gone to the library and participated in the summer reading program over there. We also utilize the museum, the local museum. We'll take them over there. So we want them to get a well-rounded view of who they need to be. Too many kids, they don't know what they want. But if we expose them to all different types of things, sooner or later they'll grasp and find a niche. And that's what we want to do for them."

Salvation Army Corps Officer Josh McKain said the Salvation Army, which administers the Boys and Girls Club, is planning fundraising activities

between now and summer to help offset the reduced cost for participants in the summer program.

"It's pretty obvious the \$50 a month fee isn't going to pay the bills," McKain said. "That was really just a leap of faith. Knowing that, "You know, what are we here for, if we're not truly giving an opportunity to those who might not otherwise be able to afford it. Even sponsorships. people can't even afford the \$50 a month, and we're able to help. But for anybody who wants to support what we do, you know, it roughly costs between \$220 and \$240 a month to come here per kid. So we really rely heavily on this community and on donors and businesses to get behind us and support what we're doing to be able to help our community and help these young people. Give them a place to come."

McKain said the Boys and Girls Club plans to give community members and businesses a chance to "adopt" one or more kids by paying to send them to the day camp.

"Hopefully before the summertime we're going to have an Adopt-A-Child type sponsorship, where they can help fund a child to come to summer day camp," he said. "I think it's probably like this for all non-profits, but summertime is our hard months.'

The Boys and Girls Club is currently taking enrollments both for the Summer Camp; and for its after-school program, which costs \$30 per month.

For more information about enrolling in one of the programs; or about donating to the Boys and Girls Club, call the Salvation Army phone number at 267-8239, and then press option 2 for the Boys and Girls Club on the electronic menu.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 263-7331 ext 232, or by email at life@bigspringherald. com.

JODEY

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throughout the district convenient access. This office will serve as a hub for constituent conversations and relationships, which is at the heart of good and effective representation," Arrington said.

Arrington's district office will also focus on troubleshooting and customer service; helping citizens from the district with services related to the VA, Social Security, Immigration, Medicaid, Medicare, health care and other related issues including service academy nominations.

Arrington said being on Texas Avenue "is a good reminder of where we come from and who we represent."

In addition to the office in downtown Lubbock, District 19 constituents are served by the Abilene office located at 500 Chestnut Street.

Congressman Arrington and his staff can be reached from anywhere in the district by calling 806-763-1611 or by e-mailing the office through their website, arrington.house.gov.

In December before he took office, Arrington announced he would merge the Big Spring office with district's other two offices located in Abilene and Lubbock.

He said the closure was part of a new strategy to be more active in the communities he serves.

"What I'm doing, I'm looking at the limited resources that we have for a district office and I'm looking at the size — we have one of the largest districts in the country with 29 counties to cover — I just think it makes more sense to reprioritize our resources and instead of investing in physical office space, invest in people who can with a cell phone and a laptop and a full tank of gas, make it out to the communities in this vast region," Arrington said in a December interview with the Herald..

Arrington added this new strategy is aimed at increasing his office's engagement into the community.

House panel OKs health bill, industry groups say 'no'

WASHINGTON (AP) House Republicans scored a pre-dawn triumph Thursday in their effort to scuttle former President Barack Obama's health care overhaul, but it masked deeper problems as hospitals, doctors and consumer groups mounted intensifying opposition to the GOP health care

After nearly 18 hours of debate and over two dozen party-line votes, Republicans pushed legislation through the Ways and Means Committee abolishing the tax penalty Obama's statute imposes on people who don't purchase insurance and reshaping how millions of Americans buy medical care.

"That's what this whole bill was about, kicking people who weren't politically popular," Ways and Means Chairman Kevin Brady, R-Texas, said of

Obama's overhaul. It was a victory of high symbolism because Obama's so-called individual mandate is perhaps the part of the statute that Republicans

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Chapel.

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Texas 'bathroom bill' advances after 13 hours of testimony

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A North Carolina-style 'bathroom bill" has cleared a first vote in Texas after 13 consecutive hours of public comment dominated by transgender-rights supporters who oppose the measure.

A Senate committee early Wednesday advanced the proposal that would require people to use public bathrooms that correspond with the sex on their birth certificates. The bill has drawn backlash from big businesses including Google and the NFL. The 7-1 vote came nearly 21 hours after the start of

the hearing that packed the Texas Capitol. Parents of transgender schoolchildren were among more than 400 people who signed up to give often emotional testimony. Republicans pushing the bill say they're trying to

protect women's privacy in bathrooms.

The proposal now goes to the full Senate but faces resistance in the House.

Retired Houston firefighter dies from injuries in 2013 blaze

HOUSTON (AP) — A retired Houston fire captain has died from injuries he suffered four years ago in a deadly restaurant and motel fire that claimed the lives of four other firefighters.

Houston fire officials said in a statement that William Dowling died Tuesday of complications from his injuries, which included brain damage and the loss of his legs.

Dowling, a father of three, was 43.

He was a 13-year veteran of the fire department when he responded in May 2013 to a restaurant fire that spread to an adjoining Southwest Inn.

The roof of the structure eventually collapsed, trapping firefighters inside, injuring more than a dozen and causing the deaths of the four firefight-

A federal report later said several factors contributed to the deaths, including the lack of an adequate sprinkler system.

SXSW to remove immigration warnings from festival contract

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The South by Southwest festival will remove language from contracts that had warned bands and performers that U.S. immigration agents could be notified over serious contract violations.

SXSW announced the changes Tuesday ahead of the massive music, film and technology showcase starting later this week. It comes after a New Yorkbased musician announced he was pulling out of the festival over immigration language in his con-

Word of the contract language caused swift reaction on social media and comes amid heightened fears of immigration crackdowns under President Donald Trump.

SXSW organizers have said the clause about notifying "appropriate U.S. immigration authorities" had been a safeguard in case artists did something truly egregious, like starting a brawl or causing safety issues.

SXSW says the language will be removed starting in 2018.

Ex-postal worker in Texas pleads guilty to soliciting bribes

MCALLEN, Texas (AP) — Prosecutors say a former U.S. Postal Service worker in South Texas has pleaded guilty to accepting bribes to provide addresses of some mail-in ballot recipients in 2014

Noe Olvera of Mission pleaded guilty Tuesday in McAllen, in a plea deal, to soliciting bribes during an election.

Olvera faces up to 15 years in prison.

An indictment unsealed in December says Olvera he was unsure why the train was in October 2014 accepted more than \$1,000 to provide the information to a political worker, who was involved with school district and other races.

A statement Tuesday from prosecutors say Olvera provided names and addresses about people on his route related to the Hidalgo County sheriff's race.

Sheriff Eddie Guerra has denied any knowledge of the incident and says he never engaged in any criminal mail-in ballot scheme.

Passengersays 'trainjust kept coming' toward bus on tracks



A freight train smashed into a charter bus in Biloxi, Mississippi, on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, pushing the bus 300 feet down the tracks authorities said. Authorities worked for more than an hour to remove passengers, Biloxi Fire Chief Joe Boney said, taking the injured people to area hospitals and cutting through the bus's mangled body to extract the final two people. (AP Photo/Kevin McGill)

By KEVIN MCGILL and JEFF AMY

Associated Press

BILOXI, Miss. (AP) — A freight train crashed into a bus full of Texas tourists visiting Gulf Coast casinos, killing four in Biloxi, Mississippi.

Forty people were hurt, seven critically. The cause of the Tuesday afternoon crash remains under investigation.

Witnesses told Mississippi news outlets the bus appeared to have been stuck on the tracks when it was hit. The crossing is on a steep embankment and has a sign warning drivers that it has a low ground clearance.

Authorities on the scene said it took more than an hour to get everyone aboard the bus out of the wreckage. Two people had to be removed with metal-cutting equipment. The CSX Transportation locomotive pushed the bus about 300 feet before coming to a stop with the mangled bus still straddling the tracks.

Jim DeLaCruz, a passenger who was in the back of the bus with his wife, told The Sun Herald (http://bit.ly/2mg9WGz) that they were trying to get off. "The bus tried to clear the tracks and got stuck right in the middle and it couldn't budge, and the train just kept coming and kept coming," he said.

Police chief John Miller said stopped on the tracks.

"We don't know if there were mechanical issues or what was taking place," he said.

Miller said the Echo Transportation bus had come from Austin, Texas, carrying passengers to one of Biloxi's eight casinos. Ameet Patel, senior vice president of regional operations for Penn National Gaming, owner of Hollywood Gulf Coast Casino in Bay St. Louis and Boomtown Biloxi Casino, said the bus was traveling from the Hollywood casino to the Boomtown casino at the time of the crash.

The weeklong trip was organized by a senior citizens' center in Bastrop, Texas, about 30 miles east of Austin. Some passengers boarded in each city Sunday. They also were supposed to visit New Orleans and then return home Saturday, according to a flier about the tour posted by Texas media.

The names of the dead were not immediately released.

Michelle Crowley of the Biloxi fire department said 40 people were injured; of those, seven were in critical condition.

A woman who lives about a block from where the train and bus finally came to a stop after the train crashed into the bus says she heard a "loud boom" and knew immediately what had happened.

Cecelia McDonald said she ran out of her house and saw a scene of carnage.

Witnesses told The Sun Herald of Biloxi that the bus was stuck on the tracks for about five minutes before the train hit. Some people were getting off the bus as the driver tried to move it, and at least one person was shoved under the bus when the train hit, said Mark Robinson, a Biloxi na-

Robinson told WLOX-TV that people trying to get off were either thrown underneath the bus or run over by the train and that "body pieces were thrown everywhere."

A nearby car was used as a stepladder after the crash to get people off the bus, and emergency workers pulled passengers through windows.

Robinson said he thinks the

train track, which is on an embankment, poses safety issues. "It's too steep there," Robinson

said. In addition the sign warning of a low ground clearance, the crossing has a bell, lights and

crossing arms. Biloxi Fire Chief Joe Boney says rescuers needed one hour and four minutes to clear everyone from the wreckage. Two peo-

ple had to be cut out of the bus. Vincent Creel, the city spokesman, said 48 passengers and the driver were on the bus.

The train was headed from New Orleans to Mobile, Alabama, at the time of the crash, said CSX spokesman Gary Sease. He said the train crew was not injured. The single track is the CSX mainline along the Gulf Coast, passing through densely populated areas of southern Mississippi.

Federal Railroad Agency records show 10 trains a day typically use the track, with a maximum speed of 45 mph.

Records show there have been 16 accidents at the crossing since 1976, including in 1983 and 2003, each of which involved one fatal-

A delivery truck also was struck at the same crossing in January, WLOX-TV reports. No one was injured in that crash.

The bus was marked as belonging to Echo Transportation, which Texas corporate records show is a unit of a company called TBL Group, based in Grand Prairie, near Dallas.



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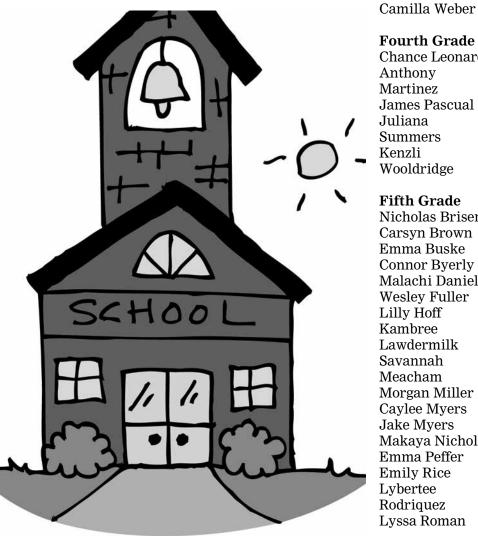
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City shows pitfalls of school choice as issue goes national

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Hailed nationally as a success story on school choice, Hartford in the two decades since a desegregation order has seen growing racial integration and new levels of academic achievement. That is, at least for students who win seats at magnet schools through a lot-

Traditional public schools still educate about half the city's children, but they are not moving in the same direction. The schools serve disproportionately more students from disadvantaged backgrounds, have lower graduation rates and their racial isolation remains as severe as ever.

With U.S. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos stressing alternatives to traditional public schools, Hartford illustrates a key challenge: how to manage the loss of students, and the funding that goes with them, for the schools and communities left behind.

The disparities pain parents like Natalie Langlaise, whose 8-year-old son Justin attends the dilapidated Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School. A proposal to shutter the hollowed-out, 1920s-era Gothic hilltop school building has only heightened a sense of neglect among many in the poor, largely African-American neighborhood.

"School days are supposed to be happy days," Langlaise said. "It's like, 'Come on man, our kids deserve

A poor city in a wealthy state, Connecticut's capital city responded to the 1996 Sheff v. O'Neill desegregation ruling with market-oriented solutions. The legislature created a network of magnet schools and school choice options to attract a mix of city children and suburban whites. The lottery system was needed because of strong demand for the new options, but critics complain it reinforces a two-tiered system, with one for traditional public school kids and another for those at their school of choice.

In the aggregate, officials say, students today are better off. The graduation rate for the 21,000-student Hartford Public Schools system has risen from 29 percent to 71 percent. While the improvements have not been evenly shared, Hartford School Board Chairman Richard Wareing likens the moral dilemmas of school choice to those posed by the board game Life-

"I know I'm helping somebody, but if somebody else is being left behind, how do I decide?" he said. "Is it the greatest good for the most people? For the most promising? For the most marginalized?"

The lottery and investment in magnet and charter schools have been sore subjects in some corners for years, but the tension became more visible in protests over the push to close the MLK school, which fell into disrepair. The district agreed to leave it open at least another year, but last fall consultants also suggested closing it, along with other north end schools, based on factors including academic performance

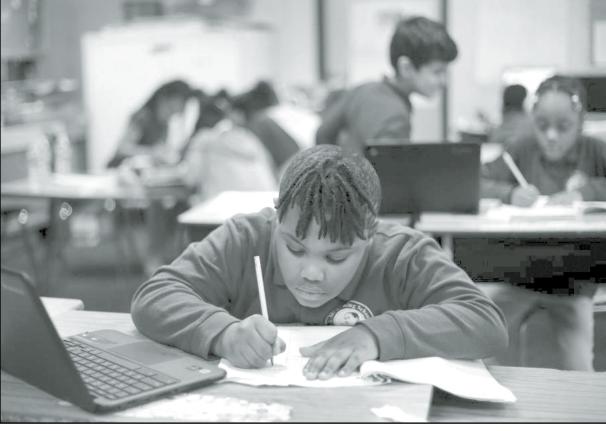
by Shiloh Baptist Church, has begun

addressing in his preaching and Bible studies the injustices he sees in local schools. While families of students who win a seat through the lottery at Capital Preparatory Magnet School feel as though they got into Harvard, he sees others stressed by a shortage of options. "The system is tainted," he said.

Langlaise, a single mother and college student, enjoys the sense of community at the MLK school. But for her it's not just the state of the building that shows neglect. At a school that relies on donations from churches and community groups for things like tissues, winter clothing for disadvantaged kids and after-school care, she sees it in the absence of art clubs, dance classes or other offerings beyond the basics.

"I love the idea of magnets and charters," she said. "But I want a winwin.'

Nationally, the Hartford experience echoes that of many other American cities including Los Angeles, Philadelphia and Detroit, where enrollment in traditional public schools has been dropping due partly to students leaving under school choice.



AP Photo/Elise Amendola

and In this Feb. 23, 2017 photo, Justin Beckles works on a project in his third-grade shrinking enroll- classroom at the Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School in Hartford, Conn A proposal to shutter the hollowed-out, 1920s-era Gothic hilltop school building The Rev. Maurice has only heightened a sense of neglect among many in the poor, largely African-Porter, of the near- American neighborhood.

> Although enrollment at the MLK school, for one, is only about half of what it was a decade ago, it doesn't cost any less to maintain the campus.

> The needs of the students, many living in extreme poverty, also weigh heavily on the neighborhood schools. A self-selecting group applies through the lottery, and special needs students and English language learners do not pursue seats at the magnet schools in the same numbers as others.

> And while the award-winning magnets have succeeded in creating alternatives to low-performing, segregated schools, the high percentages of blacks and Hispanics concentrated in neighborhood schools have barely budged. From 2002 to 2013, the average size of a Hartford magnet school grew from 357 to 483 pupils, with average white enrollment rising from 35 to 123. At traditional schools, over the same period, average enrollment dropped from 625 to 411 pupils, with the average number of whites falling from 28 to 20.

> There are also persistent allegations that magnet schools weed out and send back students who are behaviorally or academically unfit. Wareing

said he understands the practice was once more common, but he does not know of any study on the claims.

"The system we are in now perpetuates junk drawers," said Aldwin Allen, a north Hartford parent who sent his own children to magnet schools and directs school-based services for the Village for Children and Families. "The things we throw into this

drawer are children." So how can Hartford even out the disparities?

Wareing, the school board chairman, said the first step would be to have magnet schools take in a higher, proportionate share of high-needs students. One possibility is to have families opt out of the lottery, rather than opting in, although he noted the school board does not control the lottery and any changes would have to consider the regional desegregation

"You cannot expect a school that has a hyper concentration of highneeds students," he said, "to be able to accomplish the same kind of things that a school with a much, much lower percentage of needs student will be able to accomplish."

Twins make academic history with top GPAs at NY high school

VALLEY, N.Y. (AP) — Teenage identical twins have made academic history at a Long Island high school

WCBS-TV reports that Locust Valley High School seniors Nick and Matt Rizzo have the top two highest grade-point averages in their Nassau County graduat-

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ing class. Nick earned the spot as valedictorian while Matt will be named salutatorian.

The pair says they have always competed inside the classroom. Both teens also enjoy online strategy games and bowling when they're not hitting the books.

The Rizzo twins thank their parents for pushing them to achieve. Both boys have college offers from different states, so this may be their last school year together.

The twins say they are considering giving a combined speech at graduation. The duo will walk across the stage in June.

at schools they would have been assigned to attend or have the option to attend under district policy.

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that has passed the state House of Representa-

Lawmakers approved House Bill 58 55-34 on Tuesday. The bill would let home-school dents try out for teams



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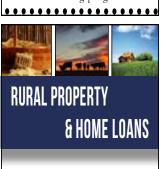
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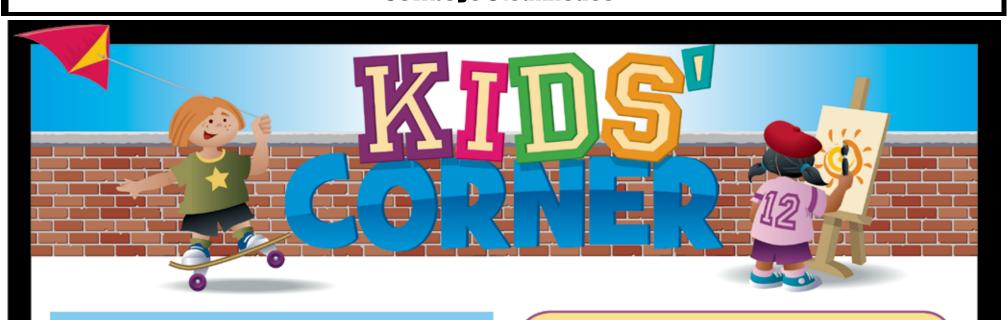
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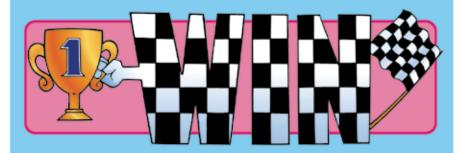
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The Beginning

In 1958, a group of record company managers came together and decided to start the Grammy Awards. At the time, rock 'n' roll music was becoming popular, but not everyone liked it or thought it was good, including some of the managers. Their goal was to make sure musicians continued to make good music by rewarding them for it.

The first event took place in the Grand Ballroom of the Beverly Hills Hotel on May 4, 1959. Awards were given in 28 categories for various types of music from country and western to rhythm and blues. Domenico Modugno won for Record of the Year and Song of the Year. Henry Mancini won for Album of the Year. Perry Como and Ella Fitzgerald won for Best Vocal Performance.

Since then, the awards have changed a lot, with many categories being added and some dropped. More awards are now given for everything from Best Rap Song to Best Comedy Album.

Fact or Fiction? **Award Challenge**

Every year, musicians from all over the world are awarded for their work at an event called the Grammy Awards. Here are some questions about some of the younger musicians that have received or been nominated for an award. How many can you answer correctly?

- Baylor Swift writes her own songs. Fact or Fiction?
- 2) Lorde is from New Zealand. Fact or
- 3) One of Lorde's most popular songs is "Royals." Fact or Fiction?
- 4) Beyonce used to be part of the girl group, Destiny's Children. Fact for
- 5)Michael Jackson sang with his brothers as a child. Fact or Fiction?
- 6) One of Michael Jackson's most popular songs is "Thriller." Fact or
- 7) Paty Kerry is a singer and a songwriter. Fact or Fiction?
- 8) Justin Bieber is from the United States. Fact or Fiction?
- 9) Some of Justin Bieber's fans are called "Beliebers." Fact or Fiction? 10) Jariana Grande sings "The Way." Fact or Fiction?

Fiction, Bieber is from Canada, 9) Fact, 10) Fiction, the singer's name is Ariana Grande name was Destiny's Child, 5) Fact, 6) Fact, 7) Fiction, the singer's name is Katy Perry, 8) Answers: 1) Fiction, the singer's name is Taylor Swift, 2) Fact, 3) Fact, 4) Fiction, the group's

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Cowboys to release QB Romo when NFL year begins

By SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Tony Romo's starcrossed career as the starting quarterback for the Dallas Cowboys will

A person with knowledge of the decision tells The Associated Press that the Cowboys will release Romo when the NFL year opens on Thursday. The person spoke to the AP on Wednesday on condition of anonymity because the team hasn't announced a decision

on Romo, who will get a chance to pursue a starting job elsewhere.

Romo will leave the Cowboys as the franchise leader in yards passing (34,183) and touchdowns (248). But he could never match the postseason success of Hall of Famers and multiple Super Bowl winners Roger Staubach and Troy Aikman.

A 10-year starter who joined the Cowboys as an undrafted free agent in 2003, Romo lost the job last season to rookie Dak Prescott after breaking a bone in his back in a preseason game.

When he was healthy again, Romo conceded the job to Prescott during a franchise-record 11-game winning streak. His departure has been expected ever since.

A trade was unlikely because Romo turns 37 next month, carries a \$24 million salary cap hit and has missed most of the past two seasons with injuries. But he should be attractive as a free agent to contenders wanting a quarterback, a list that could include Denver and Houston.

A release will free about \$5 million in cap space for the Cowboys, who can split the dead money from a \$19 million hit over two seasons.

Romo was 78-49 as the starter, but his playoff debut 10 years ago illustrated the postseason struggles ahead when he infamously flubbed the snap on what could have been a winning

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Texas rallies to beat Texas Tech 61-52 in Big 12 opener

By DAVE SKRETTA

AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Texas coach Shaka Smart drove home a very simple point to his players in the halftime locker room Wednesday night: If they didn't turn things around in a hurry, their season was over.

"When he said that," Texas guard Kerwin Roach Jr. said later, "everyone's flip switched."

Andrew Jones proceeded to pour in 15 points, Roach had all 13 of his after the break and the No. 10 seed Longhorns rallied past No. 7 seed Texas Tech 61-52 in the opening round of the Big 12 Tournament.

They'll play No. 11 West Virginia in the quarterfinals on Thursday night.

"I thought the second half, our guys really made a decision — the last 10 minutes or so just to be aggressive and attack," Smart said. "I told those guys, I said, 'What do you have to lose? You have nothing to lose. We have a great opportunity to attack. The game is not over."

Not by a longshot.

Jarrett Allen also had 10 points for the

Texas Tech's Niem Stevenson blocks a shot by Texas' Jacob Young (3) during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game in the Big 12 tournament Wednesday, March 8, 2017, in Kansas City, Mo.

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TCU routs Oklahoma 82-63 in opening round of Big 12 tourney

By DAVE SKRETTA

AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Jaime Dixon looked back at the seven-game losing streak that TCU carried into the Big 12 Tournament and felt oddly encouraged, thanks in large part to the number of close games the Horned Frogs played.

They took Iowa State to the wire. Ditto for West Virginia

and Kansas State. "I felt good about this team," Dixon said, "even though we had a long stretch of losing tight." Well, there was nothing tight about TCU's tournament opener. Vladimir Brodziansky had 20 points, Kenrich Williams added 19 and the eighth-seeded Horned Frogs routed No. 9 seed Oklahoma 82-63 on Wednesday night to roll into the Big 12 quarterfinals.

They'll play top-ranked Kansas on Thursday afternoon.

"It means a lot that we get to go on, but like coach said, we

can't get too high or too low," said TCU's Alex Robinson, who had 17 points and nine assists for sure. We've had some woes. without a turnover. "We have to treat every game the same, prepare for it like we did this one."

Javlen Fisher also scored 11 for the Horned Frogs (18-14). who used a 15-2 run to close the first half and assume control. then punched the Sooners (11-20) with a second-half run to put the game away.

Khadeem Lattin had 18 points and Kristian Doolittle scored 11 for the rebuilding Sooners, who had won lost their 20th game in a season for the first time in school history and won their tourney opener the last two sea-

But those teams were anchored by stars such as Buddy Hield, Ryan Spangler and Isaiah Cousins, all of whom graduated last year. This bunch didn't even have senior guard Jordan Woodard on the floor in the Sprint Center after he tore the ACL in his right knee with six games left in the season.

"It's been an emotional year, But we grew a lot this year, Lattin said. "I'm just excited for what we're going to do next

The game was tied 29-all with 3:59 left in the first half when Williams scored the first of back-to-back baskets, kickstarting the Horned Frogs' first

big run. Robinson added a 3-pointer, Brodziansky scored while getting fouled and Williams finally capped a 15-2 charge with a basket just before the buzzer that gave the Horned Frogs a 44-31

advantage. "That under-4 timeout in the first half, from that point on it seemed TCU dictated it," Oklahoma coach Lon Kruger said. "They did what they wanted to do. We were reacting for the next 25 minutes and again, I thought they played great. We didn't do the things we needed to do to make it difficult."

Oklahoma, despite missing five straight free throws, did trim its deficit to 55-48 midway through the second half. But the Horned Frogs responded with another run, this time fueled by Brandon Parrish, who hit his first two baskets of the game to help stretch the lead back out.

Part of the Horned Frogs' success came from a zone defense that gave Oklahoma fits.

"We noticed when switched defenses there was some confusion on the offensive end," Robinson said. "We figured we would stick with that, do whatever coach told us to do."

Fisher's basket gave TCU its biggest lead at 67-50 with 8:35 to play, and Dixon's squad stretched the advantage to 19 before cruising the rest of the way into a date with the Jay-

Ginobili, Lee lead Spurs by Kings in Leonard's absence

By RAUL **DOMINGUEZ**

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO (AP) – Manu Ginobili had 19 points, David Lee added 18 points and 10 rebounds and the San Antonio Spurs rallied without Kawhi Leonard to beat the Sacramento Kings 114-104 on Wednes-

day night. San Antonio won its ninth straight and extended its league record for 50-win seasons to 18 straight, the longest in league history.

Sacramento lost its sixth straight despite a season-high 26 points from Tyreke Evans and 15 from rookie Skal La-

The Spurs rested Leonard and LaMarcus Aldridge after the team rallied in four straight games, including a pair of overtime victories. Leonard averaged 33.8 points in 39.3 minutes in leading the Spurs to those come-from-behind

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their color as well."

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TCU's Jaylen Fisher (0) passes around Oklahoma's Khadeem Lattin (12) during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game in the Big 12 Conference tournament Wednesday, March 8, 2017 in Kansas City, Mo.

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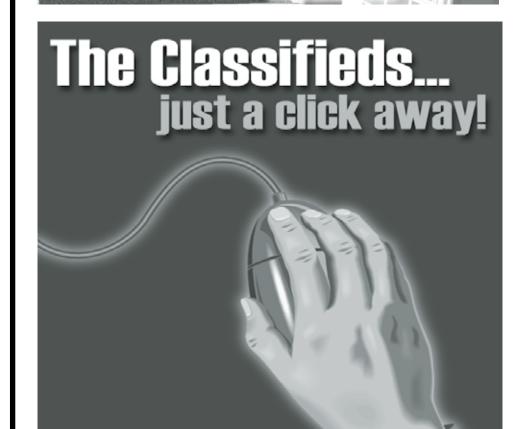
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Comfort is loose clothes and tight relationships. It feels good and cozy, until it doesn't. Because comfort is a little messy, and it can get (SET ITAL) too (END ITAL) comfortable, too messy. When that line is crossed, comfort changes to discomfort.

TAURUS (April

20-May 20). Energy cannot be destroyed, only transformed. You have been a part of many transformations that you are conscious of and many more that you are not. Today, change will occur around you, through you and because of you. GEMINI (May

21-June 21). The one skill that has the greatest potential to enhance (or ruin) your life is the skill of knowing how to find good relationships and avoid bad ones. Most people are not born knowing this skill. Study and thrive.

CANCER (June **22-July 22).** What you believe about people is what you know about them. It's hard to learn differently. All your questions and observations will follow the prior belief. Drop preconceived notions to the extent that you can, and ask again.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Let the others coast down Easy Street while you take the mountain pass. Challenging work is good for your mind, body and soul. Not to mention, you're extremely attractive

<u> Tomorrow's Horoscope</u>

to others as you take it on.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). In the words of the inimitable Talking Heads, "You may ask yourself, how did I get here?" You can bet that any answer you come up with will oversimplify things, but it's still good to ask. This will inform your next

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When you like someone but you can't put your finger on the reason why, give yourself a little shake and then try to reason it out. Relationships (business or otherwise) based solely on a person's charisma will be regrettable.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your social nature is amplified today. You like to get to know people, which of course is very different from trying to figure out "their deal" so you can offer advice and fix it (like some you know).

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

The bottom line is that the very predictability that would make you feel secure would also bring a level of boredom so severe it could be classified as dangerous.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Just when you thought you knew where you were going, a fog descends and the destination cannot be clearly seen. This is when you have to trust your map, engage your senses at a higher level and proceed with caution.

AQUARIUS (Jan. **20-Feb. 18).** You'll see the big picture today. For better or worse, the world is on a fast track to change and your role within it is changing, too, as you see new ways to help, contribute and get what you need from it. PISCES (Feb. **19-March 20).** Maybe

sometimes it's beneficial to your creative spirit to reason about unreasonable things. Today it's rather pointless. If the problem is logical, solve it through logic. And if it's not, feel your way through.

TODAY'S BIRTH-DAY (March 9). The love you give will be so sweetly received and redoubled. A trip you take before June will be magical. There's an exciting change in your professional life in April.

One good relationship could change the whole trajectory. There's good fortune to be mined in familial events. Together you'll build something unique. Capricorn and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 5, 33, 17 and 21.

ASTROLOGICAL

QUESTION: "I'm an

Aquarian born Jan. 23, 1972, and I am dating a Sagittarius (born Dec. 6, 1961). We seem like a match, as we're both very independent and require the same amount of time together, which isn't very much -about once a week. This is a relationship that seems to work for us, but other people don't see it as a relationship. I think we are very close, though, and getting closer. Can you explain why this might work for us?"

Aquarius sees relationships as another kind of friendship. With Mars in Aries, I'll bet you are driven by your work, your interests and your impulses -- and you're not into asking permission to do anything. Your Sagittarius has four luminaries in the

sign of the archer, so he's always on the go. The fact that you have once a week together is his version of a major commitment. Even when things progress to living together, you two will still be constantly doing your own thing, and enjoying one another on your own schedules. As for the ones who don't understand, they probably never will. Luckily they don't have to for you to have a fabulous time together.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Juliette Binoche, known affectionately as "La Binoche," is among the most internationally famous actresses of her generation. A Pisces sun. Mercurv and Mars are indications of remarkable imagination, talent and great powers of empathy. Her Venus in the sign of art and beauty (Libra) is rather obvious. Look for the luminous Pisces in the French drama "Dark

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Glasses."

Annie's Mailbox ®

Daddy's 'Little Girl' Dear Annie: I am absolutely at my wits' end and seriously thinking of divorcing my husband. My husband and I

have been married for 11 years. My stepdaughter is 26. She married three years ago after living with her boyfriend for a year. The problem is that she still places her dad over her husband. Her poor husband takes it because he is very meek and does whatever she

wears the pants in the family. She wants to be married, but she still wants to be Daddy's little girl. It goes beyond that. She still has him so high on a pedestal that it is ridiculous for a supposedly grown woman.

wants. She definitely

definite wedge between us, and it is serious. They live about two hours away. She and her husband both have jobs. Yet she calls and cries tears that she misses her dad. They still have date

She is driving a an appearance. He

nights; he has offered to go places with her if she does not want to go alone. If she calls and has a problem or something that needs to be fixed, he drops everything and runs to her. In my opinion, she chose to get married and have a husband. She needs to rely on him for things and cut the apron strings with Daddy some and be an adult. I am not begrudging visits; in fact, I encourage them. But I refuse to change our plans simply because she decides, spur of the moment, to make always takes her side that we should let her come and change our plans. This makes me the monster if I dare

say no. I think plans

should be made ac-

cordingly. We should all four do things together. We could do a dinner out, a day out, etc. My pleas fall on

deaf ears. How do you deal with a 26-year-old who thinks the world revolves around her? I don't see where she and her husband make any attempt to create their own friendships and have their own life. These are supposed to be the happy years when we can go out and do as we please, but it is far from that. I am about to give up and start taking vacations by myself. -- Desper-

Dear Desperate: You can take a vacation, but these problems will be waiting for you when you

ate in Montana

get back. So before you get out the suitcase, try getting in your husband's head. He seems to have a guilt complex that makes him feel the need to bend over backward to make his daughter happy. His fuzzy-headedness on the subject means that you end up having to be the voice of reason -- a voice unwelcome to his daughter and therefore unwelcome to him. (He has the overwhelming need to keep her happy, remember.) If you keep fighting the battle this way, you're destined to lose.

Instead, you need to get him on your side of the issue, whether by going to therapy together or just by putting on

your own therapist cap and talking it out. Why does he feel compelled to help his daughter all the time? How does he think this will impact her and her marriage in the long run? With some clarity, he should see that this codependent behavior is unhealthy and does his daughter a disservice. She needs to learn how to rely not on her dad or even on her husband but on herself.

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Contract

By Steve Becker

The importance of timing

East dealer. Neither side vulnerable. ♥Q 10 9 4 2 EAST **♠** A 9 **♥**AK53 ♦ QJ 10 9 4 SOUTH **♠** Q 6 4 The bidding: West North

Pass 3 NT Opening lead – - two of diamonds. In many hands, declarer appears to have only a remote chance to make the contract. Nevertheless, he

is duty-bound to exploit whatever

chance he has

A simple illustration of this principle is provided by today's deal. West led a diamond, taken by declarer with the ace. South could count seven sure tricks and, in an effort to gain two more, set about

establishing the heart suit East took the jack with the king and returned a diamond. South won and led another heart. This play brought declarer to 10 winners, but before he could take them, East cashed three diamonds and the ace of spades to defeat the contract two The outcome indicates the impor-

tance of timing. Declarer's line of play was bound to fail, since there was no way he could score nine tricks before the opponents collected at least six of their own if he tried to develop dummy's hearts. South has but one chance to make the contract: He must try to

score two spade tricks before the opponents' diamonds become established. The bidding indicates that East has the ace of spades. Declarer's only real hope is that East was dealt the singleton or doubleton ace, and he should proceed accordingly At trick two, South should cross to dummy with a club and lead a low

spade. East has no choice but to play low, and South wins with the queen Declarer then returns a spade, and after West follows low, so does dummy. When East produces the ace, South has nine tricks It may be argued that South has to

be lucky to make the contract on this line of play, but when no other realistic option exists, luck is about all one Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

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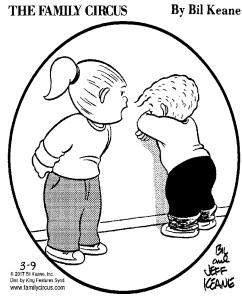
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"Remember, the last place you should look is in the closet by the front door. I'd never hide there.'







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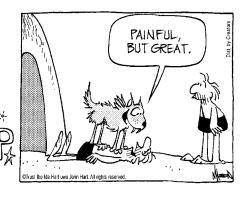
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, March 9, the 68th day of 2017. There are 297 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On March 9, 1841, the U.S. Supreme Court, in United States v. The Amistad, ruled in favor of a group of Africans captured by U.S. authorities after they had seized control of a Spanish schooner, La Amistad, that was transporting them to a life of slavery in Cuba; the justices ruled, 7-1, that the Africans had been illegally enslaved, and should be set free.

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In 1796, the future emperor of French, Napoleon Bonaparte, married Josephine de Beauharnais (boh-ahr-NAY'). (The couple later divorced.)

In 1862, during the Civil War, the ironclads USS Monitor and CSS Virginia (formerly USS Merrimac) clashed for five hours to a draw at Hampton

In 1907, Indiana's General Assembly passed America's first involuntary sterilization law, one aimed at "confirmed criminals, idiots, imbeciles, and rapists" in state custody. (This law was struck down in 1921 by the Indiana Supreme Court, but a new law was passed in 1927 that was repealed in 1974.) In 1916, more than 400

Mexican raiders led by Pancho

Villa attacked Columbus, New

Mexico, killing 18 Americans.

During the First World War.

Germany declared war on Portugal. In 1933, Congress, called into special session by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, began its "hundred days" of enacting

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. B-29 bombers began launching incendiary bomb attacks against Tokyo, resulting in an estimated 100,000 deaths.

New Deal legislation.

In 1954, CBS newsman Edward R. Murrow critically reviewed Wisconsin Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy's anticommunism campaign on "See It Now." In 1964, the U.S. Supreme

Court, in New York Times Co. v. Sullivan, raised the standard for public officials to prove they'd been libeled in their official capacity by news organizations. In 1977, about a dozen armed

Hanafi Muslims invaded three buildings in Washington, D.C., killing one person and taking more than 130 hostages. (The siege ended two days later.)

In 1987, Chrysler Corp. announced it had agreed to buy

the financially ailing American Motors Corp.

In 1992, former Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin (men-AH'-kem BAY'-gihn) died in Tel Aviv at age 78.

In 1997, gangsta rapper The Notorious B.I.G. (Christopher Wallace) was killed in a stillunsolved drive-by shooting in Los Angeles; he was 24. French journalist Jean-Dominique Bauby (zhahn doh-mee-NEEK' baw-BEE'), 44, died at a hospital outside Paris just after publication of his book "The Diving Bell and the Butterfly," which he'd dictated by blinking his left eyelid after being almost totally paralyzed by a stroke.

Ten years ago: Attorney General Alberto Gonzales and FBI Director Robert S. Mueller (MUHL'-ur) acknowledged the FBI had improperly used the USA Patriot Act to secretly pry out personal information about Americans.

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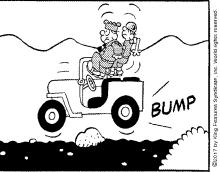
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field goal in Seattle.

The four-time Pro Bowler went 2-4 in the playoffs, never winning on the road or reaching the NFC championship game.

Owner Jerry Jones and Romo talked "Cowboy for life" when Romo signed the franchise's first \$100 million contract in 2013 - a \$108 million, six-year extension through

And there wasn't any reason to think it wouldn't happen as recently as two years ago after Dallas won the NFC East at 12-4 in Romo's last full season as the starter. The Cowboys beat Detroit in the wild-card round before losing to Green Bay in the divisional round after the famous catch that wasn't by receiver Dez Bryant.

In the second game of 2015, though, Romo broke his left

collarbone when he was sacked, and the Cowboys went 0-7 without him. He returned for two games and broke the collarbone again as Dallas sunk to last in the division at 4-12.

When Romo injured his back in the preseason against the Seahawks, Prescott had already shown promise in two preseason games. It carried over to the regular season with 11 straight wins after Dallas lost the opener. The Cowboys were the top seed in the NFC at 13-3 but lost their first playoff game to the Packers. Romo played just one series in his final season with Dallas, throwing a 3-yard touchdown to Terrance Williams in a meaningless regular-season finale at Philadelphia. His last snap in



a home regular-season game In this Sept. 28, 2014, file photo, Dallas Cowboys' Tony Romo celebrates a touchwas the last of three broken down run by DeMarco Murray during the second half of an NFL football game collarbones sustained in his against the New Orleans Saints, in Arlington, Texas.

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Longhorns (11-21), who were abysmal from beyond the arc for 35 minutes, only to heat up when it mat-

And that was enough to send a team that had lost seven straight, a bunch of them in close fashion, to a win that extended its season.

"We really dug in and started playing harder, you know?" Jones said. "One more degree."

Keenan Evans had 11 points and Anthony Livingston and Matthew Temple scored 10 apiece for the Red Raiders (18-14), whose NCAA Tournament hopes have evaporated over the past few weeks. The Red Raiders lost four of their last five in the

regular season, including a double-overtime loss to the Mountaineers and an overtime loss to Iowa But a deep run in the Big 12 Tournament just

might have been enough to rescue coach Chris Beard's team on Selection Sunday. For about 35 minutes, it looked as if the Red Raid-

ers were on their way.

They built a 12-point lead late in the first half and carried a 26-20 lead into the break. But the Longhorns began to methodically chop

into it, closing within 37-31 on a deep 3-pointer by Mareik Isom with 12:45 to go - to that point, the Longhorns had been just 1 for 16 from beyond the

Texas Tech answered with back-to-back baskets, but Texas proceeded to rip off a 16-2 charge over the next six minutes that gave the Longhorns their first lead of the game.

"They executed in the last 10 minutes of the game," Temple said, "and we didn't."

Roach began the run with a dunk, curled in back-

to-back 3s a few minutes later, added a couple of free throws and then converted an alley-oop dunk that forced Texas Tech to call timeout.

It didn't do much to shift the momentum. Isom answered a couple quick baskets by Texas

Tech with his second 3-pointer to make it 52-48 with 2 1/2 minutes left and, after a shot clock violation, Jones scored to give Texas a cushion. The Longhorns took care of the rest from the foul

"There's only one team in college basketball that ends with a win, that's on a Monday night in April," Beard said. "So as disappointing as our ending is,

the bottom line is it's an ending. **BIG PICTURE**

Texas looked like an entirely different team in the closing minutes, hitting three of its final four 3-pointers.

Then, a 16-for-20 performance from the foul line helped the Longhorns clinch the win.

Texas Tech shot just 36 percent from the field, went 5 of 19 from beyond the arc and struggled to get to the foul line. The Red Raiders only attempted

eight foul shots in the game. **UP NEXT**

Texas gets ready for the second-seeded Mountain-

Texas Tech wonders whether it is headed to the NIT next week.





scoring points in the first quarter, one shy its son low for opening period. They rallied the sec-

AP photo outscor-

Sacramento Kings guard Darren Collison (7) ing the drives to the basket against the San Antonio Kings Spurs during the first half of an NBA basket- 66-41 afball game, Wednesday, March 8, 2017, in San ter half-Antonio. time.

SPURS

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victories. Sacramento took advantage

of their absence in building a 25-point lead in the first half.

The Spurs shot 26 percent in

Antonio's first lead came with 6:27 remaining in the game on a 3-pointer by Patty Mills.

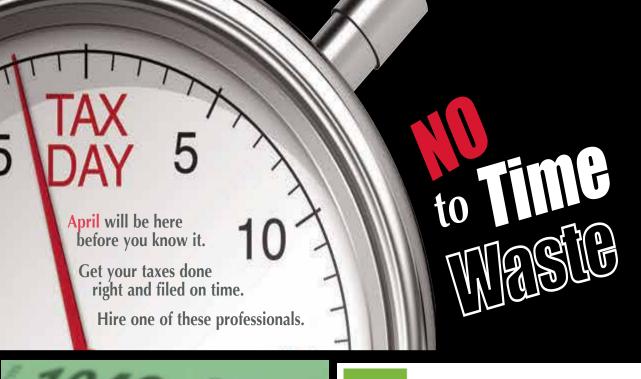
Mills had 17 point and Danny Green added 14 points as both hit four 3-pointers against the Kings.

TIP-INS

Kings: Sacramento has lost nine straight to San Antonio, including eight consecutive games at the AT&T Center. The Kings last victory was Nov. 15, 2014 at home and their previous win in San Antonio was Jan. 20, 2012. . G Buddy Hield has scored in double figures in five of his past six games. . G Arron Afflalo had scored in double figures in six straight games. . Labissiere's previous season high was 12 points against Denver on Feb. 23.

Spurs: Leonard has missed six games this season, including two for rest. The All-Star forward has also sat out two games due to a stomach ailment, one for sore left hand and another for a bruised quadricep. . Aldridge has also missed six games, sitting out three for rest, two due to a sore right knee and one for a stomach ailment. . Ginobili picked up his first technical foul since 2011 with 3:11 remaining in the first quarter after pleading for a foul from official Kane Fitzgerald.

San Antonio is 50-13, its third best record after 63 games.





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Scholarship opportunities

Howard County A&M Club scholarship applications

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. Deadline for applications for current A&M students is June 1, 2017.

Permian Basin UWCD 2017 scholarship contest

Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District (PBUWCD) is sponsoring a scholarship essay contest for graduating seniors who are planning to attend college.

Those who are eligible to apply for the scholarship must attend one of the four schools in the PBUWCD's District; this includes: Forsan, Grady, Sands, and Stanton high schools. There will be a scholarship offered to each of the four schools in the district and the winners of the contest will receive a \$2,000 scholarship to the

college of their choice. The essays are due no later than April 4, 2017. They may be submitted to the student's school counselor or the Permian Basin UWCD office at 708 W Saint Peter St., Stanton, TX 79782.

This year the topic for the essay will be: "Write a 1,000 word essay about the water cycle and discuss the importance of runoff and why it is crucial to our aquifers and for our very existence."

For further criteria and information, please contact your high school counselor or the PBUWCD office at 432-756-2136 or email pbuwcd.edu@gmail.com. You may also find information at www.pbuwcd.

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

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) in wealthy areas share — 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 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.

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Academic Star Student of the Week

Mackenzie Lane Forsan High School

Mackenzie Lane is a senior at Forsan High School and is ranked second in her class. She is a member and officer for the National Honor Society. She is a member of the varsity tennis team where she has competed in singles for three years.

While still in high school, Mackenzie has extended her education by being enrolled in several college courses.

During her free time, she enjoys reading and visits to the lake with family and friends.

Following graduation, Mackenzie plans on attending Texas Tech University to major in biology, working towards a degree in the medical

She is the daughter of Jimmy and Ellie Miller.



Congratulations, Mackenzie!

Steer Pride Corner

Holguin, Castillo earn \$8,000 scholarship from UTPB at regional science fair

Herald Staff Report

Big Spring Intermediate students Gissele Holguin and Ismael Castillo walked away with \$8,000 scholarships from the University of Texas — Permian Basin by placing first in their intermediate division at the Permian Basin Science & Engineering Fair held last Saturday in Odessa.

Holguin placed 1st out of eight entries in the energy: physical division and Castillo placed 1st out of 25 in the chemistry divi-

Both students qualified for the state science fair which will be held in San Antonio March 30.

Local results are as follows:

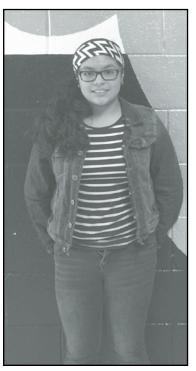
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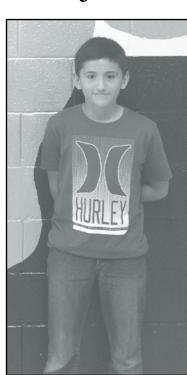
1st, Ismael Castillo (Big Spring) Energy: Physical 1st, Gissele Holguin (Big Spring)

3rd Grade Behavioral/Social Science 3rd, Paisley Osborn (Big Spring) 1st, Milly Owens (Big Spring)

Mathematics/Physics 3rd, Dominick Rawls (Big Spring)

4th Grade Earth/Space Science 1st, Liliana Anderson (Big Spring)





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Big Spring Intermediate students Gissele Holguin, left, and Ismael Castillo placed 1st at the University of Texas — Permian Basin (UTPB) Science Fair on Saturday, March 4 in their division. Each received an \$8,000 UTPB scholarship. Both students will be heading to San Antonio to the State Science Fair competition on March 30.

Bills would offer state facility funding for charter schools

in the Texas House and Senate would authorize state facilities funding for charter schools.

Charters are public schools whose students are subject to the same academic accountability standards as those in traditional public schools. But they don't get state funding to pay for buildings and facility maintenance.

Sen. Donna Campbell is proposing to shrink those funding gaps. She's also a leading proponent of "school choice" voucher plans seeking to offer public money for students attending private schools.

Campbell said Tuesday that traditional public schools get an average of \$1,400 per student annually for facilities, while charters get none.

Democrat- and Republicansupported House bills also are seeking charter school facilities funding.

Advocates say nearly 250,000 students attend Texas charter schools, and 140,000-plus are on waitlists for them



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