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## BSISD trustees greenlight use of funds to create a foundation for the district

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer

During their board meeting Thursday night, Big Spring ISD trustees agreed to earmark \$6,000 to be used to start a foundation for the district.

"We are creating a foundation so anybody who wants to contribute money to the school district can do it and get a tax break. Write it off as a tax deduction," said Superintendent Chris Wigington. "Right now they can't do it."

According to Wigington,



the \$6,000 of district funds will be used to pay for the start up costs and will be returned once the foundation is stable.

"Once we get enough money, the taxpayers will get their money back," he said.

Currently, the district is working with its lawyers to go through the legal paperwork. Once created, the foundation will be overseen by a board, Wigington said.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Time marches on, with a bit more skip this weekend.

Daylight saving time officially re-emerges at 2 a.m. local time Sunday for most of the United States, so it's best to advance your clocks by 60 minutes before bed.

You'll lose an hour's sleep Saturday night, but gain more evening light in the months ahead, when the weather warms and

you want to be outdoors.

No time change is observed in Hawaii, most of Arizona, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam and the Northern Marianas.

Standard time returns Nov. 5.

The Commerce Department's National Institute of Standards and Technology says daylight saving time covers 238 days, or about 65 percent of the year.

## DPS urges drivers to practice safety during Spring Break

Special to the Herald

In expectation of increased highway traffic during the Spring Break holidays, the Texas Department of Public Safety is urging drivers to obey all traffic laws and use extra caution when driving.

Big Spring, Coahoma, Forsan, and Howard Collegestudents are all enjoying Spring Break this coming week.

"DPS is calling on all drivers to do their part to keep Texas roadways safe for travelers during the busy spring vacation season," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "By always driving sober, obeying traffic laws and keeping your attention on the road, Texans

can decrease their chances of being involved in a life-threatening situation or crash."

In addition, DPS Troopers and local law enforcement in the coastal areas of Texas will be enhancing enforcement efforts during Spring Break, watching for speeders, drunk drivers, and seat-belt violators.

DPS offers the following tips for safe travel during the Spring Break holiday:

- Slow down — especially in bad weather, construction areas, heavy traffic and unfamiliar areas.
- Eliminate distractions while driving, including the usage of mobile devices.

• Buckle up everyone in the vehicle — it's the law.

• Don't drive fatigued, and allow plenty of time to reach your destination.

• Drive defensively, as holiday travel may present additional challenges.

• Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained before your trip begins.

Slow down or move over for tow trucks, as well as police, fire, EMS and Texas Department of Transportation vehicles stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated — it's the law. Also, show the same courtesy to fellow drivers stopped along the road.

## Showing strength



Courtesy photo  
**Big Spring High School Steers powerlifter Justin Ornsby will be competing in the state powerlifting meet. For results of the team's regional contest, see Page 7A.**

## Gem & Mineral Show



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

**Koleton Goillandeau, 7, and his grandmother Martha Simmering of Big Spring inspect a table of turquoise jewelry at the Big Spring Prospectors Club's 48th Annual Gem and Mineral Show last Sunday. For a story about the show and more pictures, see page 3B.**

## A robust February jobs report points to resilient US economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. employers added a robust 235,000 jobs in February and raised pay at a brisk pace — signs that a resilient economy has given many companies the confidence to hire in anticipation of solid growth ahead.

With the unemployment rate dipping to a low 4.7 percent from 4.8 percent, the job market appears to be fundamentally healthy or nearly so.

Friday's employment report from the government showed that more people began looking for jobs last month, an encouraging sign that they've grown confident about their prospects. Hiring was strong enough to absorb those new job seekers as well as some of the previously unemployed.

The picture of an economy

on solid footing nearly eight years after the Great Recession ended has made it all but certain that the Federal Reserve will raise interest rates next week and signal the likelihood of additional rate hikes ahead.

February's jobs report was the first to cover a full month under President Donald Trump. During the presidential campaign, Trump had cast doubt on the validity of the government's jobs data, calling the unemployment rate a "hoax."

But just minutes after the report was released at 8:30 a.m. Eastern time, Trump retweeted a news report touting the job growth.

Later in the day, his spokesman, Sean Spicer, quoted Trump as saying of the jobs reports: "They may

have been phony in the past, but they are very real now," a comment that incited laughter, including from Spicer himself, during a press briefing.

Economists were mainly encouraged by the employment data.

"It's hard to find much to dislike in the February jobs report," said Michael Feroli, an economist at JPMorgan Chase, said.

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## Obituaries

### Eddie Duane Anderson



Eddie Duane Anderson, 89, of Valley Mills, Texas, passed away on Feb. 15, 2017, at Baylor Scott and White in Waco. A public memorial service is set for 2 p.m., Saturday, March 18, at Searsville Country Church, 686 FM 217, Valley Mills, Texas, with Dr. Lynn Parks officiating. A meal and time for visiting will follow.

Eddie was born on Sept. 24, 1927, in Corsicana, Texas, to Edwin Albert Anderson and Ethel Jewel Andrus. A longtime resident of China Spring, he spent his childhood in the west Texas towns of Monahans, Hamlin, Abilene, and Coahoma; as well as in Mt. Carmel, Ill., as his dad followed work in the oil fields. Eddie considered Coahoma his hometown, and held a particular love for its history and residents. It was there he met his sweetheart, Ritzy Reid. They married on Jan. 31, 1947, and recently had celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary.

His distinguished career with Veterans Administration Hospitals included awards for suggesting improvements that were accepted and implemented. He worked at hospitals in Kerrville, Big Spring, and Waco, Texas; Mountain Home, Tenn.; Tucson, Ariz.; Loma Linda, Calif.; and again in Waco, where he retired in 1990 as Chief of Building Management.

A U.S. Navy veteran, Eddie served at the close of World War II as signalman aboard the USS Donner LSD 20. A true wit, writer, historian and gifted storyteller, he was a repository of family information with a remarkable memory for detail. His devotion

to compiling both his and Ritzy's family histories was tireless, and his findings rich. He was an expert rifleman. He loved Texas and its history, as well as hunting, fishing, cooking, gardening, and exploring side roads. He was an outstanding craftsman bursting with ideas, and leaves behind many examples of his passion for design and woodworking.

Eddie was a second-generation Swedish American, a determined overcomer of obstacles and setbacks who worked his way up professionally by believing in self-improvement and lifelong learning. His success story would have made his father and immigrant grandparents proud. However, Eddie believed his greatest accomplishment to be his long marriage to Ritzy. He would tell people, "I've loved that woman since the sixth grade."

Survivors include his wife, Ritzy; daughter Terri and husband Jon Ker; daughter Karol and husband Grant Shumpert; grandchildren, Robyn and husband Dimitri Panayoton, Matthew Ker, Cheney and wife Debbie Anderson, Tristan Blackwell and wife Zainna Harmoush, and Skyler Blackwell; great-grandchildren Shane and wife Alex Howard, Hannah Howard, Ethan and Asher Anderson, Anora, Titan, Aivva Faye, and Primrose Blackwell; great-great grandchildren Oliver and Benjamin Howard; brother Ronnie Anderson; and beloved cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Eddie's name to Searsville Country Church, P.O. Box 667, Valley Mills, Texas. 76689, for benefit of the Texas Baptist Retiree Builders.

Please join us in remembering Eddie by visiting our memorial at <http://www.fossfuneralhome.com/>.

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### Thomas Alan Ludington



Thomas "Tom" Alan Ludington, 62, went on to be with the Lord on March 9, 2017.

He was born Aug. 8, 1954, in Providence, R.I. to Donald and Jean Ludington.

Tom followed his father's footsteps and served honorably as an E4 sergeant in the United States Air Force. He was stationed at Webb Air Force Base in Big Spring, Texas. He continued to serve his country through employment at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City as a Pneudraulic Systems mechanic until his departure.

He was an avid lover of the sky and became a pilot. He had a great love for airplanes and the ocean, and had recently begun building guns as a hobby. He will be lovingly remembered as a very loving father and a dedicated employee with great work

ethic.

Tom is survived by his wife, Bambi of Del City, Okla.; one daughter, Holly Jean Ludington of Big Spring, Texas; three stepdaughters, Tiffany Costa, Lacey Duhon, and Shasta Yarbrough; five grandsons, Zachary Ludington, Isaiah Ludington, Jaiden Ludington, Gavin Greathouse, and Luke Greathouse, all of Big Spring Texas; one great-granddaughter, Livy Jude Ludington; two sisters, Susan Ludington of San Diego, Calif., and Karen Ludington of Winnemucca, Nev.; and three nieces and one nephew.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Donald Ludington and Jean Ludington.

Private services will be held for the convenience of the family.

Online condolences may be signed at [www.yandafuneral.com](http://www.yandafuneral.com).

Arrangements are under the direction of Yanda and Son Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Yukon, Okla.

*Paid obituary*

### Ruth Walters Nicholson



Ruth Walters Nicholson, 89, of Big Spring, passed from this life on Thursday, March 9, 2017, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 13, 2017, at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel, with Bill Ivins, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating.

Ruth was born to William Andrew Walters and Jessie Leona Walters on Jan. 20, 1928, in San Angelo, Texas. She served the Lord and loved all of her family dearly. She married R.P. "Nick" Nicholson on Jan. 20, 1979, and he preceded her in death on May 10, 1999. She worked alongside him at Nicks Togs Men's Store at Highland Mall. She had also worked at Chaney's Jewelry for a number of years. She played bridge at the country club for many years.

She is survived by one son, Donald Wilson of Knox City; three stepchildren, Randy Nicholson and wife Diana, Dick Nicholson and wife Rebecca and Ann Beisler and husband Mike; one grandson, Britt Thornhill; stepmother, Sallie Walters; a sister-in-law, Bessie Walter; several nieces and nephews; and several step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, and eight brothers and sisters.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry, Big Spring, Texas, 79720.

Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral Home and Chapel. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com).

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### Francisco Garza Sr.

Francisco Garza Sr., 64, of Big Spring died Friday, March 10, 2017, at his home. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

### Betty B. Wales

Betty B. Wales, 75, of Big Spring died Friday, March 10, 2017, at a local nursing home. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

## Support Groups

#### 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.

#### MONDAY

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

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

#### TUESDAY

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

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

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

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- ROY ALTON MCGEE**, 45, no address given, was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- EDITH MELISSA DELAROSA ESPARZA**, 21, of 709 Andree Street was arrested on a charge of injury to a child/reckless bodily injury.
- JOLISA LYNN GRACE**, 27, of 204 S. Moss Lake Rd. was ar-

rested on outstanding warrants.

- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 2100 block of South Main Street.
- MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 800 block of East Interstate 20, and at the intersection of Eighth and Goliad streets.
- THEFT** was reported in the 3600 block of West Highway 80, and in the 3700 block of Hamilton Street.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITA-**

**TION** was reported in the 1800 block of Settles Street.

- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 4100 block of Dixon Street, and the 1500 block of South Main Street.
- DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2400 block of South Gregg Street, and the 700 block of Andree Street.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 3100 block of South Highway 80.

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of West Fourth Street. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- 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 300 block of Veterans Drive. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 5900 block of South Service Road. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- MEDICAL CALL** was reported on Coachman's Circle. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near mile marker 164 on Interstate 20. Two people were taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2600 block of Central. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 200 block of West FM 700.
- MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of Richie Road. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2100 block of South

Lancaster. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wasson Road. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2400 block of Birdwell. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1100 block of South Johnson. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of East 14th Street. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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## Local veteran to speak at county Republican meeting Monday

Local veteran Mike Tarpley will be the guest speaker for Monday's Howard County Republican Club meeting.

Members will meet at 11:30 a.m. for a Dutch treat lunch at the Howard College Cactus room. The meeting will follow at noon.

Tarpley will speak about how we, as a community, can best support our local veterans.

The meeting is open to the public.

## Jury duty for cancelled

The Howard County Court is cancelling the jury panel called for 9 a.m. Monday, March 13.

## Pence to make case for health care overhaul in Kentucky

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Mike Pence is set to rally support in Kentucky for a White House-backed health care overhaul, traveling to a state that has often been front-and-center in the battle over former President Barack Obama's sweeping health care law.

In Louisville, Pence is scheduled to tour an energy services company with Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin, part of an effort to reassure conservative Republicans who have raised objections to the House GOP health care proposal that would scrap the "Obamacare" health care law.

Pence has been the chief salesman for President Donald Trump's push to repeal and replace the health care law. The House is expected to vote on the bill in less than two weeks but faces fierce resistance from critics, including Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky, who has called the initial draft "Obamacare Lite." Several influential conservative groups, including Heritage Action, FreedomWorks and the Club for Growth, have come out against the plan.

Pence suggested this week that the Trump administration was open to negotiate changes to the bill, telling Fox News' Bret Baier that the legislation introduced in the House was simply the start of the process.

Conservatives have urged the White House to halt the extra money Obama's law gives states to expand the federal-state Medicaid program for 70 million low-income people. The GOP bill would end that additional funding in 2020 except for those already in the program, but conservatives want to ac-

## JOBS

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About a quarter of the job gains occurred in construction, which added 58,000 jobs, the most in a decade. Unseasonably warm weather likely inflated that figure, economists said. Last month was the second-warmest February since 1895, according to the Commerce Department.

Some economists cautioned that last month's outsized job gains might be hard to sustain. If warm weather did help elevate construction hiring in February, for example, it might also have the effect of subtracting from job growth that would normally occur in early spring.

"There will probably be some weather payback in March," Ted Wiseman, an economist at Morgan Stanley, said in an email.

Mining, which includes oil and gas drilling, added 7,700 jobs last month, the most in nearly three years. Energy companies have increased drilling in response to higher oil prices, reversing nearly two years of job losses. Oil prices have dropped this week, though.

And as unemployment declines, hiring typically slows as the pool of available workers shrinks. Many small businesses are complaining that they cannot find workers with the qualifications they need. This trend could weigh on hiring in coming months.

Stock prices fluctuated throughout the day Friday, and the Dow Jones industrial average closed up a modest 44 points.

The February jobs data likely provided the final piece of evidence the Fed needed to raise rates after its next policy meeting Wednesday. It would be the Fed's third rate hike in 15 months. The Fed's inclination to tighten borrowing rates reflects how far the economy has come since the central bank cut its benchmark short-term rate to zero in 2008 and kept it there for seven years to support a fragile economy.

In December, Fed policymakers had forecast that they would raise rates three times this year. Those increases could lead eventually to higher loan rates for homes and cars as the economy further solidifies its gains. Econo-

mists said Friday's hiring data increases the probability of additional rate hikes.

"There are few factors more important to consumers than jobs," said Russell Price, an economist at Ameriprise Financial. "Overall, consumers are in great shape to support an accelerated pace of economic growth."

Average hourly pay rose 2.8 percent year over year in February, a decent gain though slightly below historical averages. In a healthy economy, wages typically rise at a roughly 3.5 percent annual pace. Though most of the job market's scars from the Great Recession have healed, some have still not. The number of part-time workers who would prefer a full-time job but can't find it remains nearly 25 percent above its level before the recession began in 2007.

celerate that to 2018 to save money.

## 3rd protester dies as S. Korea braces for more rallies

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korean police on Saturday braced for more violence between opponents and supporters of ousted President Park Geun-hye, who was stripped of her powers by the Constitutional Court over a corruption scandal that has plunged the country into a political turmoil.

Three people died and dozens were injured in clashes between police and Park's supporters after the ruling Friday, according to police, which detained seven protesters for questioning.

The Seoul Metropolitan Police Agency was planning to deploy nearly 20,000 officers and hundreds of buses to separate the two crowds, whose passionate rallies have divided the streets near the presidential palace in the past several weekends as the scandal worsened.

The court's decision capped a stunning fall for the country's first female leader. Park rode a wave of lingering conservative nostalgia for her late dictator father to victory in 2012, only to see her presidency crumble as millions of furious protesters filled the nation's streets.

The ruling allows possible criminal proceedings against the 65-year-old Park — prosecutors have already named her a criminal suspect — and makes her South Korea's first democratically elected leader to be removed from office since democracy replaced dictatorship in the late 1980s.

## Melania Trump begins to embrace new role as first lady

WASHINGTON (AP) — Melania Trump's invitation for high-powered women to join her at the White House was about more than the lunch they would eat, or the stated purpose of honoring International Women's Day.

It marked a "coming out" for the first lady, seven weeks into Presidential Donald Trump's administration. After spending a couple of weeks hunkered down at the family's midtown Manhattan penthouse while Trump launched his presidency in Washington, the former model whose husband says is a "very private person," is taking her first steps into her very public new role.

Mrs. Trump strode into the State Dining Room for her first solo White House event after an announcer intoned, "Ladies and gentlemen, the first lady of the United States, Melania Trump," and was greeted by the all-female group of about 50 people, including ambassadors, Cabinet members, at least one U.S. senator and stepdaughter Ivanka Trump.

Mrs. Trump asked guests for suggestions on how

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best to empower women and girls worldwide, possibly foreshadowing women's empowerment as an issue she would pursue as first lady. Trump said recently that his wife, who turns 47 next month, feels strongly about "women's difficulties."

"I will work alongside you in ensuring that the gender of one's birth does not determine one's treatment in society," she told guests, according to a tweet by a White House official.

## After 2 months, Mattis is only Trump pick at Pentagon

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jim Mattis is not lonely in the Pentagon, but two months into his tenure as secretary of defense not a single political appointee has joined him.

The retired Marine general, who took office just hours after President Donald Trump was sworn in, has sparred with the White House over choices for high-priority civilian positions that, while rarely visible to the public, are key to developing and implementing defense policy at home and abroad.

When the Obama administration closed shop in January, only one of its top-tier Pentagon political appointees stayed in place — Robert Work, the deputy defense secretary. He agreed to remain until his successor is sworn in. So far no nominee for deputy has been announced, let alone confirmed by the Senate.

The administration has announced four nominees for senior Pentagon civilian jobs, and two of those later withdrew. Trump's nominee to lead the Army, Vincent Viola, withdrew in early February because of financial entanglements, and about three weeks later Philip B. Bilden, the Navy secretary nominee, withdrew for similar reasons.

## Tsunami to lives, economy from persists 6 years on

TOKYO (AP) — Six years ago, more than 18,000 people died or went missing as a tsunami triggered by a massive quake engulfed coastal areas of northeastern Japan. Tens of thousands more people's lives were unraveled when they lost family members, friends, homes and livelihoods. The displacement widened as entire communities fled after meltdowns at the Fukushima Dai-Ichi nuclear plant.

Japan is marking the anniversary of the disaster Saturday with somber ceremonies in Tokyo and in cities and towns in the northeast. Most of the towns devastated in the March 11, 2011, disasters have only partially rebuilt, and local authorities are struggling to finance construction. Meanwhile, despite an abundance of jobs thanks to the rebuilding, the population in most of the region is falling

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## DAILY PRAYER

Dear Lord, Your divine gift of life is such a blessing. May we use our life to do good for You. Amen.

## The gift of flying

Linda Street Ely of Liberty has been a pilot twelve years. She has flown in competition eleven of those years. “When we bought our plane I started researching and discovered air racing. There is an all-women’s air derby, transcontinental four-day air race every year. Amelia Earhart and other female pilots started it in the 1920’s. I’ve done that four years in a row and have done well in competition. I loved it, but something was missing, namely my husband. I found out about the Sport Air Racing League which have shorter duration races and men and women are welcome. So we’ve been able to compete together for seven years.”

Linda grew up in an auto racing family in Indianapolis. “My grandfather raced at Indy, so racing was in my blood. When I discovered airplanes later in life, I thought the first thing you do is

race what you have, whether it’s your two feet, your car, bicycle, boat or airplane. I mostly compete in air racing but have competed in aerobatics, spot landing contests, flour bombing, punkin chunkin’ and tomato dropping. These events are held all over the country.”

Her favorite might be punkin chunkin’. “One time in Tennessee the target was an old portapotty. We would fly over and drop a pumpkin out of the airplane and try to hit the portapotty.”

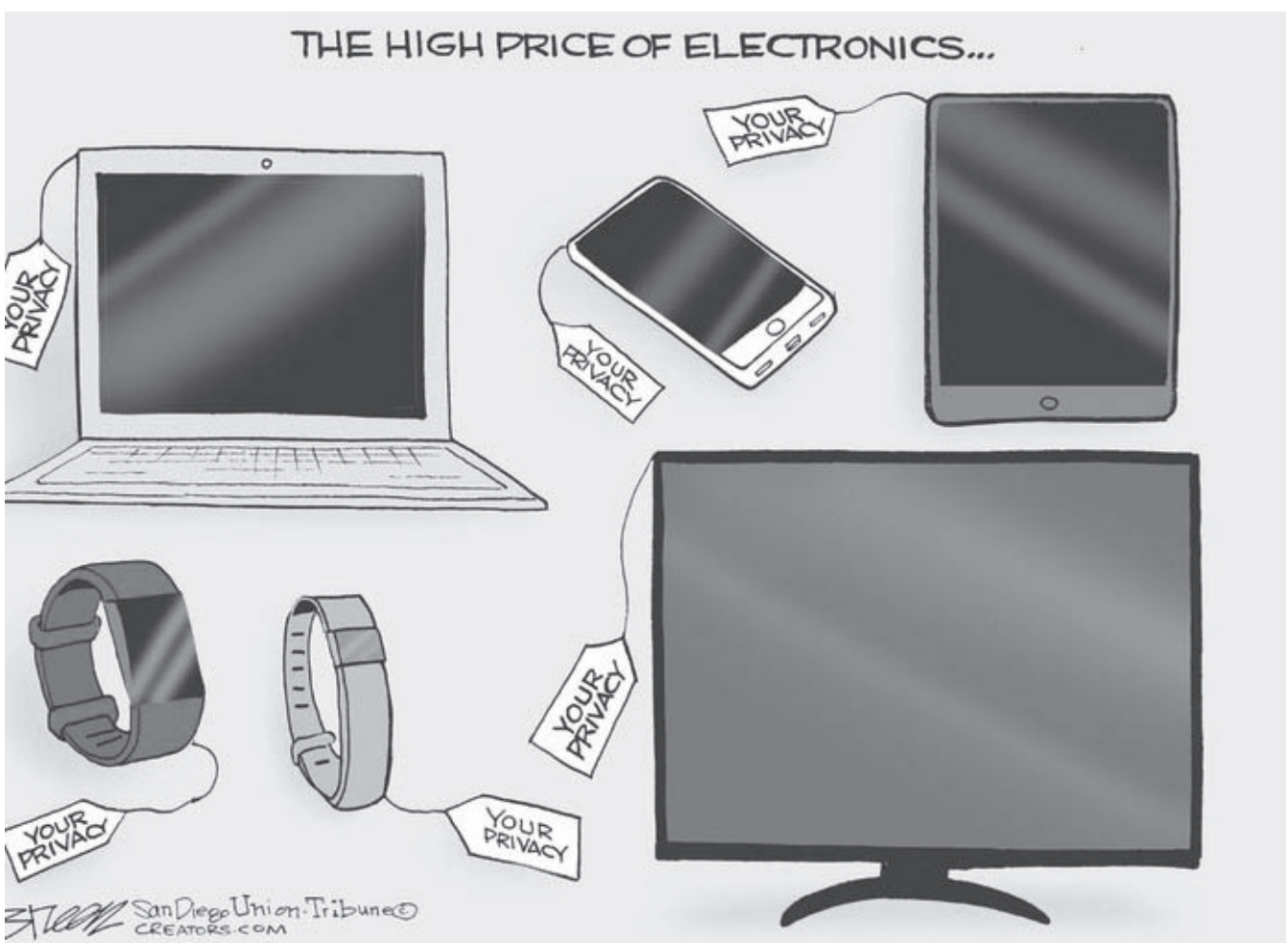
Linda and her pilot husband have been married ten years and they have a hangar full of trophies. “It’s a blast,” she says. “It is so much fun.”

She deserves some fun. In 2003 she lost her husband and two young children in a house fire. They were in an old family home in Virginia that Linda and her husband Mycol had recently purchased. Mycol and the kids had gone there to get it ready in advance of moving the family from the Houston suburb of Kingwood. Linda had stayed behind to make arrangements to leave her job.

Linda says that horrible experience made her grow spiri-

tually. She has written a book and makes speeches all over the world about overcoming personal tragedies. To assuage her grief, she went to an air show in Houston. She had been staying at the home of Mycol’s sister and her husband to try to figure out what she was going to do. “You don’t just flip a switch and stop being mommy. They took care of me like I was a newborn. They were going away for the weekend so I started looking on the internet about things to do in Houston and found out about an air show. I didn’t give a hoot about airplanes or air shows but it would get me out of the house. As I stood there at the air show watching the military demonstrations, aerobatics and World War II reenactments I kept thinking what it would be like to do that. That was a Saturday. On the following Monday I went back to that airfield, inquired at the flight school and took my first discovery flight that day.”

She considers her flying a gift from God. Her book is titled When We Move to Heaven.



## A reach for the stars

When folks strive greatly to take from life what matters most — learning

along the way that it’s mostly about giving — phrases like “giant strides” or “standing tall” come into play. It seems “Texan to the core” to do so.

Sometimes, though, along comes someone who learns early on that noteworthy accomplishments also can accrue from taking smaller steps, reaching higher and working harder.

Such was a delightful man named Richard (Dick) Collins, a favorite by any measure. On graduation day in 1948, he and 23 classmates proudly accepted diplomas at Chillicothe, TX, High School. Under four feet tall, this oldest of five children endeared himself to his family, school and the community, a pattern that defined him throughout life. He loomed large in giving back.

Having taken more in hard-scrabble values from the Great Depression than it robbed of him, this 18-year-old visited Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, hoping to study journalism there.

He wasn’t optimistic, since he had no folding money and little that jangled, but President Rupert Richardson bade him enroll, if he’d work in the kitchen. (It’s worth noting that while many students were on the “freshman 15” weight-gain list, he added height instead. At graduation

four years later, he had gained about a foot in height.)

Kitchen duty was short-lived. Soon he was writing sports for the campus newspaper, followed by work alongside coaches, promoting H-SU sports across the land.

Never forgetting his roots, he made sure to return to family gatherings — as well as those at H-SU—throughout his life. Even at age 86 — months before his death — he arose early, slapped a sandwich together and headed for Oklahoma City. He allowed himself just one stop so he could arrive by mid-afternoon for maximum time with family.

He led the laughter, requiring little coaxing to tell and-retell stories kin always wanted to hear.

“If you didn’t love Uncle Richard after just five minutes, you just weren’t paying attention,” said nephew Bob Renn, whose wife Debbie is writing a book about their hero.

Stories abounded at Collins’ Austin funeral recently and at his Chillicothe burial. Bill Allred, a favorite cousin, spoke of their African safari. Carlene Spicer, an H-SU colleague at whose home Collins and other campus visitors landed regularly, told about his once asking her to reach a book from a high shelf. Standing a millimeter over five feet, she said, “Dick, you’re the first person who has EVER asked me to reach for something.” He chuckled, “Well, that’s one more than has asked me.”

Collins loved life, serving as Sports Information Director at H-SU (and later, briefly at Howard Payne), as well as writing sports in Wichita Falls. Amaril-

lo, Abilene, Pampa and Austin.

He won awards both as a journalist and a realtor. While in Austin, he struck up friendships with the late Darrell Royal and renowned golfer Ben Crenshaw. At the funeral, Crenshaw mentioned enjoying numerous rounds of golf with Collins. “It was Dick,” he said, “who first called me ‘Gentle Ben.’” (Dick wrote about all sports, favoring track and field, and covered several Olympics.)

Around age 50, Collins entered the real estate world, making his mark there, too. He was employed until his death, greatly lengthening his list of friends.

Modest to a fault and never yielding to use of the “why me?” line, he survived much. He endured two open-heart surgeries, and a serious injury on an H-SU basketball trip.

He worked long hours, and spent big chunks of time watching two TV screens. (One was always on the golf channel, the other on whatever might be “in season.”)

His “bucket list” never shortened. Whenever he marked an item off, he added another. He and cousin Bill had planned another trip to Hawaii about now, but death intervened. Oh, and that root-remembering thing: The bulk of his estate goes to H-SU, where he knew there still are wide-eyed freshmen showing up short of folding money.

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# Oil Report

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#7BH Muse-Newton "31-42", drill horizontal, El: NA  
 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field  
 1.75 miles southeast of Vealmoor  
 A-290, Section 31, Block 32, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey  
 Total Depth: 10,000 feet  
 Latitude 032.502912, Longitude -101.548061. Datum: NAD 27  
 332' FNL, 832' FEL of 961.08-acre lease  
 2305' FSL, 823' FEL of the survey

DE Operating, LLC  
 1401 Ballinger Street  
 Fort Worth, TX 76102-0000  
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#1 Morita, drill, El: NA  
 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field  
 7.50 miles northeast of Stanton  
 A-1757, Section 18, Block 34, T&P RR Co. survey  
 Total Depth: 10,500 feet  
 Latitude 032.101719, Longitude -101.392949. Datum: NAD 27  
 467' FNL, 467' FEL of 81.97-acre lease  
 467' FNL, 467' FEL of the survey

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#6AH FGR "27", drill horizontal, El: NA  
 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field  
 4.25 miles southeast of Knott  
 A-331, Section 27, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey  
 Total Depth: 10,000 feet  
 Latitude 032.389927, Longitude -101.570062. Datum: NAD 27  
 350' FSL, 1236' FWL of 326.17-acre lease  
 350' FSL, 1499' FEL of the survey

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#62SH Clark Unit "B 24-13", drill horizontal, El: NA  
 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field  
 6 miles northeast of Knott  
 A-1105, Section 24, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey  
 Total Depth: 10,000 feet  
 Latitude 032.410541, Longitude -101.540898. Datum: NAD 27  
 345' FSL, 1725' FEL of 516.11-acre lease  
 345' FSL, 1725' FEL of the survey

Callon Petroleum Operating Co.  
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#1AH Barclays Unit, drill horizontal, El: NA  
 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field  
 3.64 miles northwest of Big Spring  
 A-312, Section 21, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey  
 Total Depth: 8250 feet  
 Latitude 032.164777, Longitude -101.314937. Datum: NAD 83  
 251' FNL, 201' FWL of 522-acre lease  
 1065' FSL, 201' FWL of the survey

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#2AH Barclays Unit, drill horizontal, El: NA  
 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field  
 3.64 miles northwest of Big Spring  
 A-312, Section 21, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey  
 Total Depth: 8250 feet  
 Latitude 032.164748, Longitude -101.314928. Datum: NAD 83  
 282' FNL, 201' FWL of 522-acre lease  
 1035' FSL, 201' FWL of the survey

SM Energy Company  
 6301 Holiday Hill Road  
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 Lisa Hunt, Regulatory Tech  
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#0752WA Guitar South, drill horizontal, El: NA  
 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field  
 4.70 miles northwest of Big Spring  
 A-550, Section 1, Block A, Bauer & Cockrell survey  
 Total Depth: 9600 feet  
 X=746367.025, Y=232410.224. Datum: NAD 27  
 4610' FSL, 492' FEL of 1,480-acre lease  
 684' FNL, 492' FEL of the survey

CrownQuest Operating, LLC  
 P.O. Box 53310  
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#4AA Guitar Galusha, drill horizontal, El: NA  
 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field  
 8.10 miles northwest of Big Spring  
 A-571, Section 22, Block A, Bauer & Cockrell survey

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## Distinguished economist offers insight into Odessa's economy

By **Corey Paul**

Odessa American via AP  
 In terms of the drop of oil prices and the rig count, the recent bust mirrored the one that devastated Odessa in the 1980s.

But the fallout this time was not as bad in terms of job losses and other measures, showing the progress the city made in recent decades, Economist Ray Perryman told a group of city leaders and other government officials Thursday.

The economist estimated about 7,000 jobs lost in the Odessa area since the peak employment of 2014. But the jobs lost this time amounted to about 20 percent of the losses during the doldrums of the 1980s, Perryman found.

"It says No. 1 that the industry changed, but also we've changed," Perryman said. "The economy has become a lot more diverse than it was."

Despite that progress, the economist says there is more the city needs to do to blunt the effects of booms and busts. Perryman presented his city-commissioned study about industries the city should target and other ways local leaders can develop the oil-driven economy.

The ODC commissioned the 110-page study about six months ago, awarding the economist about \$150,000 to update a similar project from the early 1990s.

Perryman's job loss estimates are lower than some other economists, and such figures are notoriously difficult to peg amid the population

swings that accompany Odessa's boom and bust economy.

But the assertion that this bust was less severe is widely supported.

Still, Odessa is on an upswing from what Perryman described as "a humdinger of a downturn." Energy remains the defining aspect of the local economy. And that likely will continue for decades to come, Perryman said.

His recommendations ranged from specific industries city leaders should try to draw like wind energy companies to addressing "critical" local needs like a better public education system.

ODC President Jimmy Breaux, appointed to the role Thursday, said "we're going to look at the areas that Ray told us that he thought we might be a little more efficient in and see what we can do to help those areas."

One suggestion was using economic development money to improve the public school system.

Among Perryman's findings:

- Governmental officials should focus on drawing more diverse industries to the area to blunt the effects of oil price swings.

Fast growing fields that Odessa economic development officials target should include wind energy technicians, competing against areas like Lubbock, and "environmental side" work related to fossil fuels. Perryman said the latter is "not going to be popular"

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## Shell sells interest in Canadian oil sands

LONDON (AP) — Royal Dutch Shell has agreed to sell most of its interests in Canadian oil sands in two deals that will net \$7.25 billion for the Anglo-Dutch company as it adjusts to a period of lower energy prices.

Shell says a unit of Canadian Natural Resources Ltd. will buy Shell's 100 percent stake in the Peace River complex, including undeveloped oil sands leases in Alberta, as well as 50

percent of the Athabasca Oil Sands Project for \$8.5 billion. Shell will retain 10 percent of the Athabasca project.

Separately, Shell and Canadian Natural will jointly acquire Marathon Oil Canada Corp., which owns 20 percent of Athabasca, for \$1.25 billion.

Shell CEO Ben van Beurden says the deals are "a significant step in re-shaping Shell's portfolio in line with our long-term strategy."

### The Family of Greg Bodin

Would like to thank everyone for the great outpouring of love shown to us during this time of grief. Thanks for all the memorials made in his name, the floral contributions, the gifts, food, cards, calls, visits, and especially the prayers.

Thank you to all who attended his Memorial/Celebration of Life service and to all those who spoke so highly of him.

We wish to extend a special thank you to Pastor Ken Noble of Midland and Shaman Randy Granger of Las Cruces, New Mexico for the beautiful service, to the staff of the Heritage Museum for allowing us to use the facilities for his service, and to Bill & Charlsa Myers and their staff at Myers and Smith Funeral Home for all of your comforting help.

If we have failed to mention anything or anyone just know that we are aware of what you did and wish to thank you. May God bless each one of you as He has blessed us with the love shown to the family during this sad time.



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Total Depth: 8200 feet  
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2140' FNL, 1006' FWL of the survey

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Spraberry (Trend Area) Field  
3 miles northeast of Knott  
A-1086, Section 4, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 10,000 feet  
Latitude 032.444322, Longitude -101.617420. Datum: NAD 27  
100' FNL, 328' FWL of 462.39-acre lease  
2511' FSL, 328' FWL of the survey

#5HA Guitar Galusha, drill horizontal, El: NA  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field  
8.10 miles northwest of Big Spring  
A-571, Section 22, Block A, Bauer & Cockrell survey  
Total Depth: 8000 feet  
Latitude 032.184735, Longitude -101.363604. Datum: NAD 83  
1982' FEL, 2090' FNL of 960-acre lease  
658' FWL, 2090' FNL of the survey

#8BH Stanley Unit "48-01", drill horizontal, El: NA  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field  
3.50 miles southeast of Vealmoor  
A-994, Section 48, Block 33, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 10,000 feet  
Latitude 032.470183, Longitude -101.554206. Datum: NAD 27  
26' FNL, 330' FEL of 869.68-acre lease  
1887' FSL, 330' FEL of the survey

#2850WA Guitar North, drill horizontal, El: NA  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field  
10.60 miles northwest of Big Spring  
A-566, Section 17, Block A, Bauer & Cockrell survey  
Total Depth: 9600 feet  
X=719700.793, Y=253615.610. Datum: NAD 27  
650' FNL, 830' FEL of 3,360-acre lease  
650' FNL, 830' FEL of the survey

#2851WA Guitar North, drill horizontal, El: NA  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field  
10.60 miles northwest of Big Spring  
A-566, Section 17, Block A, Bauer & Cockrell survey  
Total Depth: 9600 feet  
X=719759.40, Y=253628.443. Datum: NAD 27  
650' FNL, 770' FEL of 3,360-acre lease  
650' FNL, 770' FEL of the survey

#2867WB Guitar North, drill horizontal, El: NA  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field  
10.60 miles northwest of Big Spring

## Dakota Access oil pipeline doesn't faze big rail shippers

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — The two biggest railroads shipping oil from North Dakota don't seem particularly concerned that the Dakota Access pipeline may be about to come online, as oil makes up only a small percentage of their business in the state.

The pipeline could begin operating as soon as next week, despite an unresolved legal dispute involving two Native American tribes seeking to shut it down. At capacity, it will be able to transport half of the oil production of North Dakota, the nation's No. 2-producing state behind Texas.

That isn't likely to be a big concern for the state's dominant rail shippers, BNSF Railway and Canadian Pacific Railway, which ship more coal and commodities such as grain than crude.

The pipeline's developer, Texas-based Energy Transfer Partners, said in court documents last year that it has long-term transportation contracts with nine companies that want to ship oil through the pipeline.

"We think it's going to be substantial," said Ron Ness, president of the North Dakota Petroleum Council, a trade group representing nearly 500 energy companies. "It's going

to move a lot of barrels from western North Dakota."

The pipeline could move enough oil to fill 500 or more rail cars each day, according to ETP. It is generally cheaper to move oil by pipeline than by rail, though it is still profitable to move it by rail, according to John Duff, operations research analyst with the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

Currently, it costs about \$6 per barrel to ship by pipeline and about \$10 per barrel to ship by rail, according to Justin Kringstad, director of the North Dakota Pipeline Authority.

BNSF Railway shipped more than 426,000 carloads of products from North Dakota last year — about half of which contained coal or grain — and "overall, crude oil never made up more than 5 percent of the total volume on our railroad," spokeswoman Amy McBeth said.

BNSF has invested more than \$1 billion in its network in North Dakota since 2013 and plans to pump another \$80 million into it this year, according to McBeth.

"As this pipeline or any other is completed, we believe rail will always provide a valuable transportation option," she said.

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but that Odessa has an ideal workforce for the growing industry.

"We are going to have to produce energy cleaner in the future than we have in the past, and that's just a fact," Perryman said. "And we should. And the same skills are required for that and importantly the same knowledge base. The people who know how to do this stuff are the ones who can figure out how to do it better. One of the biggest this area has in addition to its oil and gas reserves is the intellectual knowledge and capacity just in this region about oil and gas."

But local officials should continue to target more industries that support the oilfield such as companies supplying goods like sand. Other industries that local officials should target include more renewable energy manufacturing and support, health care delivery, distribution and warehousing, machinery manufacturing, chemical manufacturing, aircraft maintenance and parts, data processing, metal fabrication and transportation support services.

The Ector County Independent School District needs to improve public education, something Perryman described as "critical" at a time when even oilfield jobs increasingly require higher levels of education. The city should find ways to use economic development funds to help.

Regional alliances are an important tool for solving problems like water scarcity.

City leaders should use caution in consid-

ering revenue caps or avoiding new taxes so they make sure there is enough funding for surges in infrastructure demands that accompany a boom.

- The city needs more entertainment options, but Perryman said there has been progress in recent years, pointing to venues like the Wagner Noel and the city's ongoing effort to redevelop downtown Odessa.

City leaders should also consider asking voters to approve changing the eligible uses of economic development sales tax by switching it from category 4A to 4B structure so it can be spent on more quality of life improvements.

"You can't give a company enough incentives to come to a place they don't want to be, where people don't want to work," Perryman said.

- Government officials should seek more partnerships with energy companies on community projects, including educational programs, and advertise positive results.

- Government officials should promote diversity in community efforts.

- Government officials should seek more state and federal assistance with more aggressive lobbying. And they should promote the city more with advertising.

- There is promise in the City of Odessa's efforts to build business ties with Mexico, with a goal of promoting transportation and distribution of goods through Odessa.

But Perryman said the execution needs to improve and called for a "more focused and strategic approach" than in recent years. And Perryman urged caution amid talk of stricter

trade policies from the White House, saying "we've got to let the politics settle out before we can know where we can go with this."

The city calls the effort the Mexico Initiative, and Perryman listed it as a "strength" that could lead to economic growth.

"It's going to come to a point where you are going to have to engage people in Mexico who know how to put together deals in Mexico," Perryman said. "That's just how it works."

- Odessa's population will expand by about 57,700 people by 2040 and bring the number of residents to more than 215,000, per the economist's projection. Perryman forecast employment to grow by about 1.7 yearly through 2040, resulting in more than 37,400 net new jobs. Meanwhile, Perryman expects real personal income and real retail sales to increase by about 3.81 percent and 4.13 percent per year, respectively, which "will support modest increases in overall living standards."

- Future busts should not last decades.

"We can no longer have a 25 year downturn, because the world is going to need the energy," Perryman said, pointing to demand growth in emerging markets and developments like increased exports of liquefied natural gas.

The early 1990s, when Perryman did his initial study for the city, were marked by falling production, a weak market and talk of Peak Oil.

"It an entirely different world than it was then," Perryman said. "And for us it's a very good world."

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# Steer track team captures championship at Invitational

By STEVEN BELVIN  
Contributor

For a while San Angelo Central gave Big Spring a run for it's money in both the boys and girls races. In the end however, Big Spring proved why it has one of the best track programs in the area — speed, and lots of it.

Both the Steers and Lady Steers came away impressive champions in the Big Spring Invitational Friday at Blankenship Field.

Central stayed close to Big Spring until the final three events of the meet, after that Big Spring put the titles away with strong production in the 200 meters, 1600, and 1600 relay events. The stars for the Lady Steers were numerous on the 1600. Runners Havien Rushing, Austyn Montgomery and Chloe Bustamante finished first, third and fourth as the Lady Steers outscored Central 20-11 in that event.

That was followed by a dominating performance by the 1600 relay team of Anissa Ramsey, Samantha Solis, Amber Martinez, and Kaitlyn Mathews, who ran a 4:15.04, two seconds faster than second place Abilene Wylie. Even more impressive was the fact that the Lady Steers dropped the baton on the second and third exchanges. Still Kaitlyn Mathews ran down the Wylie anchor leg to win in easy fashion.

The Lady Steers showed their superior speed, winning the 400 relay; going 1-2 in the 100 with Kailey Mathews and Rachael McCalister; and they also won the 400 relay, running 49.36, two seconds faster than the second-place finisher.

Kaitlyn Mathews easily won the 400. Lindsey Brooks won the 200. Kailey Mathews finished in the long jump (16-4) and Kaitlyn Mathews won the triple jump (38-0).

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Courtesy photo

The Big Spring Steer Powerlifting team poses for a picture after their Regional 1 meet in in Sundown Friday.

## Big Spring Steer Justin Ornsby earns trip to state powerlifting competition

Special to the Herald

Big Spring High School Steer Justin Ornsby won his weight class at the Region 1 powerlifting meet Friday, earning a spot at the state competition set for the end of March

According to Head Coach Eddy Parker, seven Big Spring Steers attended the meet held at Sundown. Ornsby's win means a

crack at the THSPA State Powerlifting meet on Friday, March 25 in Abilene.

"We are extremely proud of the boys," Parker said.

Aaron Carrol also received a 5th place medal in his weight class. Cruz Martinez, Morris Norman, Ivan Delgado, Dylan Tredaway and Jordan Dunn competed hard in their weight classes but came up short on receiving a medal.



AP Photo/Tony Gutierrez

Dallas Mavericks forward Dirk Nowitzki (41) of Germany gestures after sinking a three-point basket in the second half of an NBA basketball game against the Brooklyn Nets in Dallas, Friday, March 10, 2017.

## Nowitzki, sluggish Mavs put away Nets 105-96

DALLAS (AP) — Now that Dirk Nowitzki has joined the exclusive 30,000-point club, the Dallas Mavericks can get on with the business of trying to finish a turnaround season with an improbable playoff berth.

They took the next step despite a bit of a 30K hangover.

Harrison Barnes scored 21 points, Nowitzki had 13 after a slow start in his first game since reaching the milestone and the sluggish Mavericks beat the lowly Brooklyn Nets 105-96 on Friday night.

The Mavericks, three nights after a raucous in-game celebration

for Nowitzki, trailed in the fourth quarter with the NBA's worst team missing leading scorer Brook Lopez because of an ankle injury. But they pulled away and matched a season best with a fourth straight win.

"We struggled because they were playing well and they were playing harder than us," Dallas coach Rick Carlisle said. "At halftime we talked about it and I thought we had a better second half."

Nowitzki, who missed his first four shots after making the first six on his historic night, had a pair of 3-pointers early in the fourth, the first

putting Dallas ahead to stay at 77-75.

Isaiah Whitehead scored 24 points for the Nets (11-53), who have dropped 36 of 40 games but were coming off a pair of strong showings against likely playoff teams — a win at Memphis and a loss at Atlanta. Brooklyn finished a season-high, eight-game road trip.

"I just think we hit a wall as a team, but I'm proud of the guys for their effort tonight," said Jeremy Lin, who had 18 points. "I think everyone in here, probably everyone who has been on this road trip, is feeling it a little bit."

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## Hawks fall to Wranglers in regional semi finals 56-75

By MARISSA LOFTIN  
Sports Editor

The Howard College men's basketball team faced the Odessa College Wranglers last night in the semifinal round of the Region V Tournament, and fell short losing 56-75.

The Hawks could not get any rhythm to start the game, and it wasn't until under two minutes remaining in the first half that Howard College made their first field goal. No matter what Howard College did, their shots just would not fall.

The first half of the game only consisted of strong defense from both teams.

The Wranglers were not having much success on offense either, and

run away with the game, they were still only able to manage a 13-31 lead at halftime.

The Hawks found themselves down by 22 points with just about 13 minutes remaining in the game, but started to look more alive on offense and gain a little momentum. Howard College started going shot for shot with Odessa, but unfortunately the Hawks were down by 20 at that time.

The Westerners realized they had sealed the deal when they started slowing the pace of the game, eating the clock and resting starters with a little over 10 minutes remaining.

The loss meant the elimination from the Region V Tournament for the Hawks.

## Americans rally past Colombia in 10 innings in WBC, 3-2

MIAMI (AP) — Retired manager Jim Leyland was back at his familiar perch on the dugout steps Friday night, looking tense as he watched his U.S. team go hitless until the sixth inning and flirt with a devastating defeat before pulling out a 10th-inning win in its first game at the World Baseball Classic.

"Now you know why I'm not managing anymore," Leyland said with a laugh.

He and his players could smile only after Adam Jones hit the winning RBI single with two out in the 10th to beat Colombia 3-2.

The Americans improved their all-time WBC record to 11-10. They failed to make the finals in the three previous events and next face the Dominican Republic, the defending champi-

ons.

"I'm hoping this win takes a little bit of pressure off and we can relax a little bit," Leyland said. "You don't relax against the Dominican Republic, but at least the guys feel good they got a win under their belt."

U.S. starter Chris Archer retired all 12 batters he faced. Archer, coming off a 9-19 season with Tampa Bay, struck out three and needed only 41 pitches to get through four innings.

He left the game well shy of the limit of 65 pitches for the first round because the Rays had requested that Archer pitch only four innings, Leyland said.

"It was tough, but we stuck to the plan," Archer said.

Colombian starter Carlos Quintana

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# BSHS powerlifting team showing strength



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The Big Spring High School Steers boy's powerlifting team competed in the Region 1 tournament in Sundown on Friday. Pictured above and left, Jordan Dunn, right, Dylan Treadway, and at left, Jared Paredez, lift in various meets throughout this year's season.

Pictured above is Coach Parker, Carlie Roberts, Serenity Garcia, and Coach Arista. Roberts and Garcia both advanced to the State Powerlifting Meet held in Waco, Texas, on Friday, March 17.

## BSHS

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The Steers sealed the deal in the 1600 run, scoring 12 points while Central didn't score. Then the 1600 relay team of Aaron Martinez, Jeremiah Rushin, C.J. Harris, and Ian Gonzales thrilled the crowd with a victory, running a season-best 3:22.

Gonzales, the defending state champion in the 800, cruised to a easy win, running 1:58.89. He also ran on the winning 800 relay team.

Martinez won the 400 (51.55) and the Steers trio of Leon Mathews, Rene Villa and Jermiah Rushin went 1-2-3 in the 100 meters. Russin also won the 300 hurdles and also ran on the winning 400 relay team, teaming with Jaiden Ludington, Harris, and Mathews (43.47).

## MAVS

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Seth Curry made three of four from 3-point range and scored 18 points for the Mavericks, who held on to 10th place in the Western Conference and stayed within 1½ games of eighth-place Denver, which beat Boston at home.

Dallas (28-36) won its sixth straight home game and improved to 17-9 since dropping a season-worst 16 games under .500 with a loss at Minnesota on Jan. 9.

The Mavericks, riddled by injuries early in the season, are 6-2 since the All-Star break as they chase what would be their 16th playoff trip in 17 seasons.

"The hope was we get to a point where we could get healthy and give ourselves a chance," Carlisle said. "We appear to be in that position. Now there's virtually zero margin for error."

The Mavericks were without new center Nerlens Noel, who was held out because of left knee soreness. He came from Philadelphia at the trading deadline.

### TIP-INS

Nets: Coach Kenny Atkinson said he didn't expect Lopez to be out long. He said Lopez sprained his left ankle early against the Hawks but played through it. ... Trevor Booker scored 15 points with a team-high seven rebounds, but the Nets were outrebounded 47-35.

Mavericks: Carlisle said Noel would be re-evaluated to see if he's available after missing the front end of a back-to-back.... J.J. Barea had nine points and three assists in 14 minutes in his return after missing 20 games with a left calf strain. He has missed 42 games because of injuries, 37 because of the recurring calf issue.

### YOGI'S FORMER TEAM

Dallas rookie Yogi Ferrell had 17 points in his first game against the team he played 10 games for early in the season. Ferrell was with Brooklyn's Long Island team in the NBA Development League when the Mavericks signed him in late January because they didn't have a healthy point guard.

### ANOTHER FAMILIAR FACE

While Ferrell faced the team that gave him his first shot at the NBA, Nets forward Quincy Acy played against his hometown team, where he started the season before the injury issues at point guard forced the Mavericks to waive him. The former Baylor standout smiled widely after hitting a 3-pointer 19 seconds into the game and finished with 12 points. "I wish we could have kept him here," Carlisle said.

### UP NEXT

Nets: Host the Knicks on Sunday, their first home game in nearly a month.

Mavericks: Seeking a 5-0 finish to the home-stand against Phoenix on Saturday.

## WBC

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was also dominant, holding the Americans hitless until Brandon Crawford singled with two out in the sixth. Quintana was then pulled because he had thrown 63 pitches, and Colombia's 2-0 lead was soon gone, too.

William Cuevas gave up an RBI double by Jones and threw a wild pitch that allowed the tying run to score in the sixth.

"I was very hurt with the outcome," Quintana said in Spanish. "We had many chances to get

the victory. We didn't come here for a vacation. Every pitch was with all energy possible."

With one out in the 10th, Christian Yelich and Crawford walked against Guillermo Moscoso, and both advanced on a groundout. The noisy crowd of 22,580 was on its feet when Jones lined a single on an 0-2 pitch and was mobbed by his teammates.

"I've had a lot of good moments with the Orioles," Jones said, "but this one ranks up there pretty high."

Pat Neshek struck out Jesus Valdez with two on to end the

Colombian ninth. Tyler Clippard pitched around a walk in the 10th to earn the win.

The Americans star-studded lineup managed just six hits.

"At times we were probably trying to do too much," Leyland said. "We were probably a little anxious."

Marcus Stroman is scheduled to start for the United States against the Dominican Republic's Edinson Volquez before a sellout crowd Saturday night. The Dominicans won their opening game Thursday against Canada.

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A-919, Section 2, Block 36, T-3-S, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 9700 feet  
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#9 Solomon, drill, El: NA  
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A-142, Section 71, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. survey  
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X=895624, Y=316139. Datum: NAD 27  
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SWR 36 (H2S)

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#16 Solomon, drill, El: NA  
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## Border Patrol 'tunnel rats' plug underground passages

SAN DIEGO (AP) — They are known in the U.S. Border Patrol as "tunnel rats" — agents who go in clandestine passages that have proliferated on the U.S.-Mexico border over the past 20 years to smuggle drugs.

The Associated Press joined the Border Tunnel Entry Team, as it is formally known, inside an incomplete tunnel that was discovered in San Diego in 2009 — 70 feet deep, 3 feet wide, 2,700 feet long and equipped with a rail system, lighting and ventilation.

Here are some questions and answers about the team's work:  
**HOW MANY TUNNELS ARE THERE?**

Authorities discovered 224 border tunnels originating in Mexico from 1990 to March 2016, including 185 that entered the United States, according to the latest U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration annual survey. Many are shallow holes, but some are elaborately constructed with hydraulic lifts, water pumps and rail cars.

The vast majority are in Arizona, where smugglers connect to underground drainage canals in Nogales, and in California, where construction noise gener-

ates less attention amid warehouses of an industrial area of San Diego, across from densely packed homes and businesses in Tijuana.

**WHAT ARE THEY FOR?**

Tunnels are generally used for multi-ton loads of marijuana because the drug's bulk and odor are difficult to conceal for motorists and pedestrians who enter the United States at official border crossings, the preferred method for smuggling methamphetamine and heroin.

In 2015, authorities seized cocaine in connection with two California tunnels, including one that ran underwater from a house in Mexicali, Mexico, to the All-American Canal near the city of Calexico.

The tunnels, which the DEA generally attributes to Mexico's Sinaloa cartel, cost between \$1 million and \$2 million to build and take months to complete, said Chris Davis, supervisory special agent with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations. That investment quickly pays off with profits from smuggling if crews escape detection, he said.

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## Con artists prey on immigrants fearing a Trump crackdown

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It was a scam, carried out by one of a number of con artists who have been exploiting immigrants' heightened fears of deportation by posing as federal agents and demanding money, authorities say.

Such scams have been around for a long time, but there has been a flurry of reported cases since Donald Trump was elected president on promises to get tough on immigrants in the country without permission.

Police in Lynn, Massachusetts, warned immigrants to be on guard last month after a family reported getting a call from a person who claimed that Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents would raid their home if they didn't wire money.

In Illinois, authorities are looking into reports from about 10 Chicago-

area residents with ties to Ecuador who said a woman posing as a lawyer reached out through text messages and Facebook, falsely warned people they had a pending immigration case and demanded money for visa and tax help.

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# A memorable week awaits Bay Hill without The King

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — A bottle of Musk Monsieur — the cologne that announced Arnold Palmer was near — is still on his desk at Bay Hill.

Next to it, a plastic cup holds pens Palmer used to sign autographs, too many to count. Even when his health kept him from hitting a ceremonial tee shot at the Masters, he would spend as many as three hours a day carefully putting golf's most famous (and legible) signature on whatever his army of fans sent him.

For the most part, everything was just as Palmer left it when he packed up from Bay Hill Club & Lodge last spring and headed home for the summer in Latrobe, Pennsylvania. Only this time, he didn't return.

This year's Arnold Palmer Invitational, the first since the beloved tournament host died last September at age 87, is sure to bring strong emotions for some, stories for all and reminders of the King at just about every turn.

"You always heard his laugh coming out of this office. You always smelled his cologne coming up these stairs," said Cori Britt, the vice president of Arnold Palmer Enterprises who handled so many of his corporate relationships. "Little things like that you miss on a day-to-day basis."

This will be Orlando's chance to say goodbye — the public and private services in September were in Latrobe — though the buzz word for Bay Hill is "celebration."

The tournament commissioned a 13-foot bronze statue of Palmer, similar to the one at his alma mater Wake Forest, which was to be unveiled for the tournament volunteers on Saturday. It was positioned behind the first tee at Bay Hill.

Two stacks of plastic crates filled with trophies, medals and other items that had been in his Latrobe office will be placed around Bay Hill for spectators to see and remember.

An opening ceremony will be held Wednesday on the practice range for players to hit a ceremonial shot and sign the golf ball. And in perhaps the most touching reminder of his presence, Palmer's cart will be stationed behind the 16th tee — his favorite viewing spot — with two bags of clubs

on the back, just like always.

"It's a reminder that he's still with us," tournament director Marci Baker said. "The players will be able to see that he's still there."

Still to be determined is how to handle the finish. For so many years, Palmer would head out to the 18th green to watch the conclusion, and a handshake from the King was as valuable as the prize money or the silver sword that goes to the winner.

Among the options are for the defending champion, the family or even this year's tournaments hosts to do the honor. Curtis Strange, Peter Jacobsen, Graeme McDowell, Annika Sorenstam and former Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge have been asked to serve as hosts.

"We'll be taking some of the Arnie's responsibilities for the week and representing him, which is impossible to do," McDowell said. "How are you supposed to do that? It's impossible to fill those shoes. It's a massive void."

Tiger Woods, an eight-time winner, will not play this year because he says his back needs more rest and treatment.

Some players, such as Robert Dameron, have gone on Twitter to single out those who have not signed up for the Arnold Palmer Invitational this year, even though early commitments have come from 14 of the top 25 in the world, including four of the top six.

Tournament organizers are more interested in who's playing rather than who couldn't come. They're more interested in the future.

"You play this year and then never play again? I have as much an issue with that," Paul Casey said. "I want to see a legacy."

Palmer once joked in 2013 that he would break Rory McIlroy's arm if he didn't play. McIlroy showed up two years later and was treated to a meal and has been back ever since. It was particularly important last year because of Palmer's health.

"I played the last couple of years because I knew it might be the last time he would be there," McIlroy said. "Obviously, he's passed and you want it to be a great tournament, a great memory. But look, there's going to be

guys who miss it for personal reasons and scheduling reasons, and that's understandable. ... I just hope they're not vilified."

Bay Hill always will be linked to Palmer. It was in 1965, the same year that Walt Disney announced he was buying 27,000 acres to build a theme park in Orlando, that Palmer played an exhibition at Bay Hill. He loved it so much that he set out to buy it. Palmer took full ownership in 1975, and his tournament moved there in 1979.

The Bay Hill logo is a colorful umbrella, and it will be stitched into golf bags and even on some players' shirts. Among those playing is Sam Saunders, Palmer's grandson who spoke so eloquently at his funeral two days after the Ryder Cup.

"It's going to be a very emotional week, but I think it should be a celebration," Saunders said. "There's still moments of sadness, and we obviously miss him. People come up and say, 'I'm sorry for your loss.' The truth is, we all lost somebody that meant a great deal to us and did a lot for all of us. It's not just me."

Everyone has a story.

Just about everyone has a letter from Palmer, who routinely wrote to players after a victory, no matter what tour they were on.

When he died, there was still a pile of items to sign. Palmer's staff returned the items with regrets, but the work is not done. Britt said some who had an item returned will get something in the mail signed by players at the Arnold Palmer Invitational, with a notation they are acting on Palmer's behalf.

Regardless of who plays, or even who wins, the focus likely will stay on one of golf's most important figures.

"For guys like me, who grew up in the Tiger Woods era, you feel the Tiger impact and you don't really feel the Arnie impact," McDowell said. "Arnie was probably more important in the modern game than Tiger. I mean, that's a big statement. Tiger transcended the sport. Arnold was the first golfing superstar, really, the first guy that did it all — beloved by the fans, became an entrepreneur, a philanthropist and just a loved superstar."

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### Rock around the clock

For nearly half a century, the Big Spring Prospectors Club has fostered love of the lapidary arts in West Texas through its Gem and Mineral Show



**HERALD photos/Roger Cline**  
Top to bottom, left to right: Big Spring's Betty Roberts works with heated glass to form tiny works of art; glass beads at the 48th Annual Gem and Mineral Show last Sunday; Allayna Burrow, 4, and her dad Grant Burrow watch Delbert Speed of Dallas crack open a geode; vendors selling ceramic pottery at the show; a display honoring club member of the year Dotty Long; a display of stone art.

**By ROGER CLINE**  
Staff Writer

After last weekend's rendition, the Big Spring Prospectors Club has been hosting its annual Gem and Mineral Show for 48 years. That may sound like a long time until you consider the ages of some of their materials.

"The geodes are from Chihuahua, Mexico," said Delbert Speed of Dallas, who was cracking open the round rocks with sparkly crystalline centers at the show. "I'm breaking either Choyas or Trancas. They come out of the Tranca Ranch or the Choya Ranch in Chihuahua, Mexico. The geodes are between 70 and 90 million years old. They were formed in the air bubbles of ancient lava flows, and the miners that dig them out dig them out of a lava flow that is down to about 70 to 90 feet now. The tunnel that they dig them in is anywhere from 4 to 5 feet tall and 5 to 6 feet wide, and they just follow the lava flow down and dig them out on their knees."

Other vendors and club members had fossils on display, formed by geologic processes from remnants of creatures millions of years old; or arrowheads used long ago by early residents of what we now call America.

Crowds turned out to see these displays, as well as the jewelry and polished stones worked by area artisans.

"We're having a great crowd," said Prospectors Club Secretary/Treasurer Lola Lamb at the event on Sunday. "We had a big bunch yesterday, and it's really picking up now. We had over 600 yesterday. Today, it's picking up now since noon. I figure we'll have maybe at least that many today."

The show centered around displays set up by club members and other lo-

cal artisans from around the area. Patrons of the show had the opportunity to vote on their favorite display, and this year, the most votes went to the display of Linda Page and Linda Johnson of Midland.

In addition, Dotty Long of the Big Spring club was named 2016 Club Member of the Year.

"[Long] sells ads before the show and she is in charge of the snack bar at the show," said a placard honoring Long at a display in the show. "It requires a lot of planning and running around gathering supplies. During the show she can be seen working wherever she is needed. At closing time, she is there until the building is ready for inspection. No matter what is asked of her, she says 'I'm not sure I know how, but I will try.' That is just her attitude."

The placard also said Long makes cabochon stones and beaded necklaces.

Lamb said that the show is the club's sole fundraiser for the year.

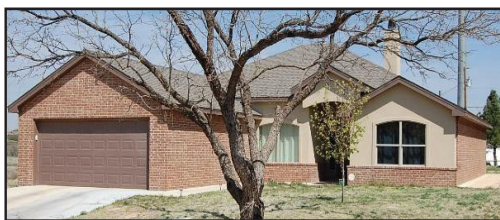
"We're a non-profit organization so it's made up of members that are interested in collecting and working with the rocks and displaying them. This show is our only fundraiser that we have that supports our club," she said. "We're totally self-contained, and this show is our way of making money to pay for our utilities and what have you. The merchants here in town are our supporters because they have a book that we publish, and their ad is in that book, and then everybody that goes to the show gets one of the books to keep. That's how we can have the free admission to the show."



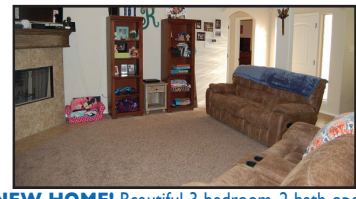
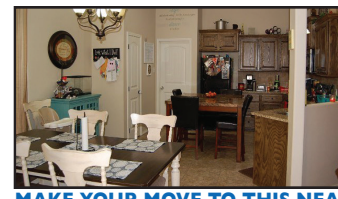
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# Masterpiece restored: Stolen Stradivarius will sing again



mer's to patch a few spots. It was unplayable because it had no strings and the sound post inside was broken. But when Bruno Price of Rare Violins of New York first laid eyes on the instrument, he was pleased it was so well-preserved. He and the Totenbergs believe Johnson couldn't have played it all that often.

"For us, in the restoration of the violin, it was purely conservation rather than any serious repairs of any kind," Price said. "So, in a way, the violin is probably in better shape for having been stolen — a horrible thing to say."

Price and his staff took their time with the restoration, trying to make as few major repairs as possible. They sealed some cracks, fixed the broken sound post and replaced the neck, which must be done periodically anyway.

For Totenberg's three daughters — Jill, a public-relations executive; Nina, the legal-affairs correspondent for National Public Radio; and Amy, a federal judge — there was no question that Wang would play the violin first.

"I'm not sure she assumed it, but all three of us assumed it," Nina Totenberg said. "She really is like the fourth Totenberg sister."

For Wang, the instrument presents its own challenges, even though she's been playing her own Stradivarius for two decades. She had about a month to practice before the concert, a timetable she compares to a jockey hopping on an unfamiliar racehorse just before a race.

"To be able to really know a violin of that caliber, you need years. You need years to really know the nuances and to bring out the certain colors and bring out the different varieties of sound," Wang said. "But we'll make the best out of it."

In this Wednesday, March 8, 2017 photo, the Ames Stradivarius violin is seen in New York. After a meticulous restoration that took more than a year, the Ames Stradivarius violin that was stolen from violinist Roman Totenberg is about to return to the stage. Violinist Mira Wang, a former student of Totenberg's, will play the instrument at a private concert in New York on March 13. (AP Photo/Seth Wenig)

AP photo

WASHINGTON (AP) — After a meticulous restoration that took more than a year, a Stradivarius violin that was stolen from violinist Roman Totenberg and missing for decades is about to return to the stage.

Mira Wang, a violinist who immigrated to the United States from China 30 years ago to study under Totenberg, will play the instrument at a private concert in New York on March 13, and more performances after that are possible.

The violin known as the Ames Stradivarius is one of roughly 550 surviving instruments made by Antonio Stradivari, history's most renowned violin maker. Built in 1734, it's likely worth millions of dollars, although it hasn't been appraised since it was recovered.

It was stolen in 1980 while Totenberg was greeting well-wishers after a performance in Boston, and wasn't recovered until 2015, three years after Totenberg died at age 102.

The presumed thief, journeyman violinist Philip Johnson, was himself dying of pancreatic cancer when he showed his ex-wife a locked violin case in his

basement. Nearly four years after his death, she took the violin inside the case for an appraisal and learned it was the stolen Stradivarius. It was soon returned to Totenberg's family.

It's not clear how often Johnson played the instrument, but The Washington Post reported that he played it in public as recently as 2011, the year he died.

For Totenberg's three daughters, who like their father had given up hope that they'd ever see the violin again, its recovery has been a series of joys. Jill Totenberg compared it to "Christmas, even though we're Jewish."

They'll hear it again at Wang's performance for the first time since it disappeared. "I'm sure we'll all cry. I'm absolutely sure of it. Whether we cry at the same time is something else, but we definitely will cry," she said. "When that violin was returned to us, we really felt like our father was back in the room with us that day."

Another happy surprise: 35 years after it disappeared, the violin wasn't in bad shape. Johnson couldn't take it to a repair shop without being discovered, and he used Super Glue and El-

mother's arms and attempted to sit on the ground. Eventually his mom was able to pick Alfie up again and he reluctantly handed the queen the bouquet.

The 90-year-old queen is also a great grandmother and didn't appear fazed by the meltdown. She smiled at the boy and his parents throughout the encounter.

# Royal tantrum! Boy throws fit meeting Queen Elizabeth II

LONDON (AP) — A 2-year-old boy in England wasn't very impressed with a chance to meet Queen Elizabeth II and showed it by throwing a tantrum in front of her majesty.

Little Alfie Lun was set to hand the queen flowers at the unveiling of a new war memorial in London on Thursday. Instead, he wriggled out of his



# Forrest Fest coming up in Lamesa



Courtesy photo

A visitor to a previous year's Forrest Fest takes a swing at a pinata during the festival. This year marks the 17th anniversary of the two-day poetry and art festival located in Lamesa's Forrest Park.

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The 17th annual Forrest Fest festival of the arts is scheduled for April 20 to 22 in Forrest Park in Lamesa.

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According to the event organizers, this year's events will include a day of community service at assisted living centers, the senior citizen center, and the boys and girls club. A poetry workshop featuring Rusty Battenfield, presented by Connie Williams, will be held on Saturday afternoon.

Other guests will include Middle Eastern musicians, a belly dancer, and "slam" poets as well as academic poets.

Books and CD's will be available for purchase. A barbecue lunch is scheduled for Saturday afternoon. There is no charge for the event; however, donations will be accepted.

Organizers say Forrest Fest is a drug- and alcohol-free event, and it is a family- and pet-friendly venue.

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**Thursday:** Lasagna with meat sauce, zucchini, tossed green salad, lemon pudding, garlic bread, milk.

**Friday:** Fish nuggets, tartar sauce, ketchup, French fries, coleslaw, pineapple tidbits, milk.

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# Queen Elizabeth II

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Michelle Lun, left, holds on to her son Alfie, 2-years-old as they meet Britain's Queen Elizabeth II at the unveiling during the the unveiling of a national memorial honouring the Armed Forces and civilians who served their country during the Gulf War and conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan in London Thursday March 9, 2017. Britain's Prince Philip stands at right. (Toby Melville/Pool Via AP)

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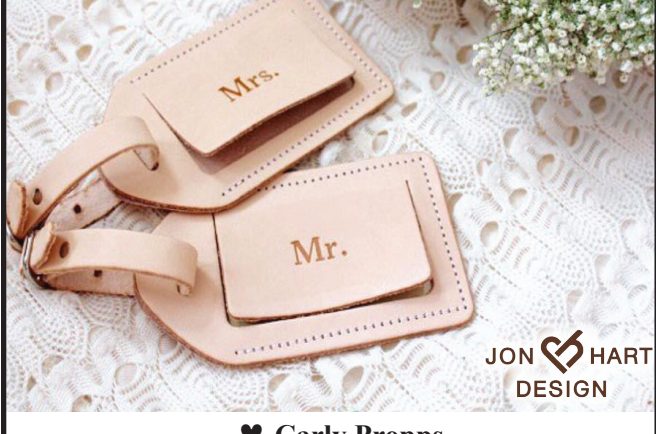
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# Roger's Reviews: Kong: Skull Island



You know the story of King Kong, right? It's pretty well-worn these days: Expedition to an uncharted island...there's a lot of big animals and dinosaurs on the island as well as a giant gorilla who kills people and has a penchant for beautiful women...expedition captures gorilla and takes him back to New York, where he goes berserk and falls off the Empire State Building. Right?

"Kong: Skull Island," the latest attempt at dusting the cobwebs off the giant monkey franchise, hits a lot of the original notes, but changes it up a bit too.

The movie starts out as an American and Japanese pilot each crash-land on Skull Island during World War II. Both pilots survive the crash, and start going after one another when they are interrupted by a giant gorilla. Flash forward 30 years.

Now it's the '70s. Bill Randa (John Goodman) is a bigwig with the mysterious Monarch Corporation. He and his sidekick Houston Brooks (Corey Hawkins), some kind of scientist of the nutty (or perhaps not so nutty, given the way the film goes) variety, browbeat a senator into adding them into an expedition to the newly discovered-by-satellite Skull Island. They go around collecting folk to go with them, including Col. Preston Packard (Samuel L. Jackson) and his Army unit, who have a bit of time on their hands because the Vietnam Conflict has just ended; Capt. James Conrad (Tom Hiddleston, yes, Loki himself), a veteran tracker and outdoorsman who only agrees to go for a boatload of cash; and Mason Weaver (Brie Larson), a beauti-

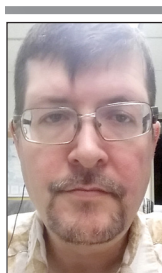
ful anti-war photographer who gets in on the action for some reason.

The group head off to Skull Island, ostensibly to do geographic surveys of the island by dropping bombs ("seismic charges") and recording the vibrations they release in the earth. The island is ringed by a perpetual hurricane-force storm, which makes travel to and from the island iffy.

The ship captain won't approach the island, so the Randa convinces the expedition to fly there in helicopters. They get through the storm okay, and start looking around and dropping their bo...er... seismic charges, when WHAM! They're attacked by a large monkey.

Kong, who, in this version, seems to be at least half as tall as that Empire State Building he climbed in the original movie, obliterates all the helicopters in a frenzy of destruction. About a dozen people survive, including all the important people and a few random soldiers here and there. One Army captain, Jack Chapman (Toby Kebbell, who also has a credit as Kong? I guess he did some roaring? I'm not exactly sure), is stranded alone with the wrecked cargo chopper some distance from the rest of the survivors, who are in two main groups, one led by Packard and the other by Conrad. Packard begins to develop a kind of revenge thing for Kong (the monkey did just wipe out half his unit after all, never mind that they were dropping bombs on said monkey's home), and drums up a mission to rescue Chapman as an excuse to get to the chopper for explosives to kill the gorilla.

The movie is feeling pretty grim at this point.



ROGER CLINE

Then Conrad's group discovers an ancient stone wall and a group of silent, painted natives plus... John C. Reilly? Yep, the comedic actor portrays the aged American pilot who crash landed years ago...his name is Lt. Hank Marlow. And he utterly changes the tone of the movie, injecting a bright ray of levity into what was a dark horror film be-draggled survivors struggling to survive against giant unknown horrors.

Anyway, Marlow tells the group that Kong actually protects the island, and, indeed, the world, from some giant lizard-y monsters called Skull Crawlers, setting up a conflict between Packard and the rest of the group.

Ever eaten two things that, separately, taste bad, but when you mix them together, taste oddly good? Me either, but that's kind of how this movie works. I was feeling a little disappointed at the beginning of the movie, thinking it was going to be just a straight horror survival flick with one giant monster or encounter with Kong after another. When Reilly showed up, his off-tone humor kind of threw me for a loop. It seemed very out of place in the movie. I wasn't sure I liked either one of these elements, but let me tell you. I think they kind of work together. The dark, dangerous feel is still there, but whenever it gets too oppressive, good old Marlow is there to lighten things up. They play off one another very well in my opinion.

There are a lot of nods to the original 1933 black-and-white production of "King Kong." Most of the stuff on the island is very familiar as the first half of that movie, there's just no trip back to New York and no Empire State Building.

It's not a perfect movie. There's nothing really deep or thought-provoking here. There is some sort

of lingering looks between the photographer Mason and Kong, but he never swipes her and carries her off to his jungle home the way he does in the original, and there's no element of "'Twas beauty killed the beast."

But it's surprisingly good. Your mileage may vary on John C. Reilly's performance. As I said, I was a bit gobsmailed by him at first, and then his peanut butter mixed nicely with the rest of the film's chocolate to make two great tastes that taste great together. Eight stars out of 10. One final note, appropriately placed after the score...stick around after the credits.

### Kong: Skull Island

Director: Jordan Vogt-Roberts

Writer: Screenplay by Dan Gilroy, Max Borenstein, and Derek Connolly; Story by John Gatins

Production company: Legendary Pictures, Tencent Pictures

PG-13, 2 hrs., Action/Adventure/Fantasy, March 10, 2017

Roger saw this movie at Big Spring's own Cinemark Cinema 4, located in Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. For more information visit [www.cinemark.com](http://www.cinemark.com) and enter the ZIP code 79720.

## New Isabel Allende novel coming this fall



AP photo

This April 15, 2014 photo shows Chilean author Isabel Allende during an appearance at the Americas Society in New York. Allende's next novel is a love story set in Brooklyn and South America about a human rights scholar and an immigrant from Guatemala. The novel is called "In the Midst of Winter," although it is scheduled to come this fall, Atria Books told The Associated Press on Friday, March 10, 2017.

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scheduled to come this fall, Atria Books told The Associated Press on Friday. According to Atria, an imprint of Simon & Schuster, the book begins with a snowstorm and chance meeting in Brooklyn, and flashes back to Chile and Brazil in the 1970s.

Allende, a Chilean-American, is one of the world's most popular novelists. Sales for her work top 65 million copies. Her best-sellers include "The House of the Spirits," "Eva Luna," and "Daughter of Fortune."

## KBSB looks forward to spring trash-offs



### Special to the Herald

Keep Big Spring Beautiful met Monday at Howard College, and discussed two upcoming trash-off events: Big Spring's "Don't Mess With Texas" trash off planned for April 8, to be quickly followed by the start of weekly "Toasty Tuesday Twilight Trash-offs" on April 11. Dates and times for those events will be announced at the next KBSB meeting.

In other business, the 30 members present heard reports on current projects including:

- Main Street Project Phase 2, report by Terri Telchik.
- Code Enforcement, report by Thomas Hodges.
- "Don't Mess With Texas" Art Contest, report by Peggy Skiles.
- Recognition programs, report by Liz Hafley.
- Youth membership drive, report by Eric Escamilla.

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## BBB offers advice during National Credit Education Month

When was the last time you checked your credit report? An annual review of your credit report is important to verify all outstanding debts and helpful in maintaining a strong defense against identity theft.

In recognition of National Credit Education Month, Better Business Bureau serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin encourages you to be in control of your finances, and a big part of that is checking your credit report regularly.



HEATHER MASSEY

Your credit report has information about your finances, bill payments and bankruptcy history. Employers, insurers and other businesses use your credit report to evaluate your applications for a credit card, loan, insurance or renting. In Texas, employers have the right to do credit checks using government-maintained databases; however, the Fair

Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) requires that employers give written notice that a credit check will be done.

The FCRA requires each of the nationwide consumer reporting companies—Equifax, Experian and TransUnion—to provide you with a free copy of your credit report, at your request, once

every 12 months. To pull your free and government-authorized credit report, visit [annualcreditreport.com](http://annualcreditreport.com).

The importance of pulling your credit report is to ensure the information being reported is accurate, complete and up-to-date. According to the Federal Trade Commission, having a copy of your credit report helps guard against identity theft. When looking at your credit report, look for these red flags of identity theft:

1. Any inquiries not initiated by you;
2. Any debts reported that are not yours; or
3. Contact information such as your address, that is changed without your approval

When pulling your annual credit report, BBB offers the following advice:

- Be wary of unsolicited emails and pop-ups. Beware of “imposter” websites that claim to offer free credit reports or free credit scores. Only [annualcreditreport.com](http://annualcreditreport.com) is authorized to give you the free annual credit reports you’re entitled to by law. Also, [annualcreditreport.com](http://annualcreditreport.com) does not approach consumers via email, telemarketing or direct mail solicitations.

- Don’t give out your credit card number. Many websites like [mint.com](http://mint.com) and [creditkarma.com](http://creditkarma.com) offer access to your free credit score for free and you don’t have to enter your credit card number at any time. However, if a site does require your credit card information before sharing your credit score, it could be a sign that it plans to charge you or enroll you in a monthly service, so you might want to consider going elsewhere.

- Pull your children’s credit report. As child identity theft remains a national problem, it can be just as imperative to pull your child’s report as it is to pull your own. While the credit reporting agencies do not knowingly maintain credit files on minor children, you can contact the credit reporting agencies directly to see what information, if any, they have about your child to avoid a financial mess for them in the future.

- Dispute inaccuracies. If you find inaccurate information on your credit report, immediately contact the reporting agency you pulled the report from and file a dispute. Inaccurate, derogatory information can lower your credit score, and in some cases, may indicate fraudulent activity.

Heather Massey is the regional director for the Permian Basin office of Better Business Bureau serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin. Heather is available for media interviews and speaking engagements.

## Thank you banner



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Weaver & Ferguson, 105 W. 4th Street, was a recent recipient of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce’s “We Appreciate Your Investment in our Community” banner.

## Permits

Keith and Rebecca Crane, 1602 Lincoln, res elec, Val: \$500, Fee: \$25

Bobby D. Goad, 2503 Carleton Dr., res elec, Val: \$500, Fee: \$25

Robert E. Rainwater, 4219 Calvin St., res gas, Val: \$1,300, Fee: \$32

Don Michael Brodie, 4208 Bilger St., res re-roof, Val: \$9,116.50, Fee: \$60

George Ben Bancroft, 601 Avondale Dr., res re-roof, Val: \$31,578.67, Fee: \$170

Festival of Lights, 2800 Buffalo Trail, com elec, Val: 0, Fee: 0

Raul M. Cordova, 504 Douglas St., res gas, Val: \$100, Fee: \$32

Festival of Lights, #3 Whipkey Dr., com elec, Val: 0, Fee: 0

Festival of Lights, #4 Whipkey Dr., com elec, Val: 0, Fee: 0

Festival of Lights, #2 Whipkey Dr., com elec, Val: 0, Fee: 0

Festival of Lights, 2919 Whipkey Dr., com elec, Val: 0, Fee: 0

Festival of Lights, 3300 S. Gregg St., com elec, Val: 0, Fee: 0

Festival of Lights, 2801 Wasson Rd., com elec, Val: 0, Fee: 0

Festival of Lights, 804 Buffalo Trail, com elec, Val: 0, Fee: 0

Festival of Lights, 3603 Buffalo Trail, com elec, Val: 0, Fee: 0

Festival of Lights, 802 Buffalo Trail, com elec, Val: 0, Fee: 0

Festival of Lights, 507 1/2 Boykin Rd., com elec, Val: 0, Fee: 0

Green and Fillinghim PC, 1001 Scurry St., com HVAC, Val: \$3,500, Fee: \$45

La Contessa 2, 501 Gregg B, com elec, Val: 0, Fee: \$25

Frank Joy, 3918 Hamilton St., res re-roof, Val: \$4,800, Fee: \$35

Livingston Hearing Aid Center, 211 S. Johnson, com re-roof, Val: \$12,000, Fee: \$70

Norma Rodriguez, 1208 Marijo Ave., res gas, Val: \$1,000, Fee: \$64

Mark J. Barr, 600 Matthews, res re-roof, Val: \$17,000, Fee: \$95

Rondi Rochelle Rutledge, 805 Ohio St., accessory building, Val: \$3,000, Fee: \$25

Spring Town Plaza, 101 E FM 700 C-6, com elec, Val: \$1,400, Fee: \$25

Lynda Walker, 2704 Carol Dr., res re-roof, Val: \$9,200, Fee: \$60

Holly Cherylann Walker, 4401 Connally St., res re-roof, Val: \$6,700, Fee: \$45

Crossroads Collision, 1609 E. Fourth St., com elec, Val: \$2,000, Fee: \$25

Tim Salazar, 1509 E. Fifth St., res gas, Val: \$1,500, Fee: \$32

Surety Investment Co., 805 Scurry St., com re-roof, Val: \$11,000, Fee: \$65

Shanon C. Tissue, 2705 Central Dr., res re-roof, Val: \$8,000, Fee: \$50

Roy Hughes, 2709 Central Dr., res re-roof, Val: \$9,000, Fee: \$55

## Public Records

### Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:

Marcus Joe Anderson, 2621 Chanutte Dr., Big Spring

Steve Antoine, 1425 E. 6th St. #19, Big Spring

Corina Avila, 1800 Winston St., Big Spring

Katie Cole L. Baker, P.O. Box 3372, Big Spring

Tammy D. Bishop, 1410 Tucson Rd., Big Spring

Wayne Richard Buyce, 4042 Morningside Way, Canyon Lake

Raymond Carroll, 712 E. 17th St., Big Spring

Gloria Cerna, PO Box 55, Lamesa

Pedro Chavarria, 1408 E. Sixth St., Big Spring

Matilda Cortez, 302 N. St. Teresa, Stanton

Hannah Deaton, 19634 Atasca Oaks Dr., Humble

Tina Marie Ellis, 4002 Austin Ave., Snyder

Selena Bethani Enriquez-King, 100 E. Parker, Midland

Brittany Vanessa Escanuela, 1221 E. 17th St., Big Spring

Jose Enrique Faz, 509 N. Goliad, Big Spring

Juana Fierro, 406 N.W. 5th St., Big Spring

William Gene Garner, 704 Rosemont, Big Spring

Anthony Ray Garza, 117 E. Davis, Big Spring

Guillermo Gomez, 2107 Morrison, Big Spring

James Michael Griffin, 303 Butler St. #502, Atlanta

Christina Nichole Gutierrez, 2809 25th St., Snyder

Dylan Hammons, 4401 E. 11th Place, Big Spring

Adela Juarez Hernandez, 908 NW

First St., Big Spring

Matias Hernandez Jr., 620 E. 4th St., San Angelo

Kaleb Hill, 910 Baylor, Big Spring

Shatiya Lasha Jenkins, 4590 N. Texas #198, Odessa

Stephanie Ford Johnson, P.O. Box 483, Coahoma

Keith James Kochmick, 1003 Stadium, Big Spring

Aaron Christopher Mack, 2134 Bonham Ave., Odessa

Ruann R. Martinez, 1005 N.W. 2nd St., Big Spring

Heriberto Palafox Mora, 1311 Mobile St., Big Spring

Felicia Ornelas, 538 Westover No. 236, Big Spring

Nicole Preston, 1605 E. 11th Place, Big Spring

Gilbert P. Ramirez, 1614 Settles, Big Spring

John Roberts, 2208 Alabama, Big Spring

George Anthony Robinson Jr., 1905 Wasson Rd. #14, Big Spring

Andy Rodriguez, 1904 Runnels Street, Big Spring

Linda Eva Rodriguez, 2519 Gunter Circle, Big Spring

Juan Romero, 2504 March Circle, Big Spring

Veronica Romero, 103 Becker Road, Big Spring

Yuri Lozano Rubio, 421 Cedar, P.O. Box 173, Colorado City

Polly Ann Rusk, 4201 W. Highway 80, Big Spring

Stacie Lyanne Salas, 5102 Wasson Road, Big Spring

Shane Skaggs, 1 Courtney Place 301, Big Spring

Joe Anthony Villarreal, 2206 Cecilia, Big Spring

Ricky Lynn Waltenbaugh, 538 Westover Road Apt. # 133, Big Spring

Linda Cortez White, 6601 E. Robin-

son Rd., P.O. Box 429, Coahoma

Tamara Ruth Whitt, 3706 Connley, Big Spring

Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd. Apt. #28, Big Spring

### Marriage Licenses

Javier Ivan Beltrandelrio, 25, and Johanna G. Andazola, 26, both of Big Spring

Darrick Kyle Shifflett, 29, and Kristi Dawn Fontana, 41, both of Big Spring

Alfonzo Salazar, 41, and Brigette Marie Campos, 39, both of Big Spring

### District Court Filings

City of Big Spring, Coahoma Independent School District, Big Spring

ISD, City of Coahoma, City of Forsan, Forsan ISD, Howard County Water Control and Improvement District #1, Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District, Howard County Junior College District vs. CJ Fowler Properties, tax cases

Jefferson Capital Systems LLC vs. Roger Henson, contract – consumer/commercial debt

Jefferson Capital Systems LLC vs. Charlotte Cook, contract – consumer/commercial debt

Jefferson Capital Systems LLC vs. Rueben Hilario, contract – consumer/commercial debt

Jefferson Capital Systems LLC vs. Maria Valle, contract – consumer/commercial debt

Jefferson Capital Systems LLC vs. Mary Hewtiy, contract – consumer/commercial debt

Jefferson Capital Systems LLC vs. Linda Gail Koonce, contract – consumer/commercial debt

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Laura Yanez vs Lorenzo Yanez, divorce  
David Jones vs. Oscar Garcia, Marissa Garcia, contract  
Vickie DeHoyos vs. Daniel DeHoyos, divorce  
Leslie Rivera vs. Daniel Rivera Jr., divorce  
Beverly Ward vs. Kevin Ward, divorce  
Wells Fargo Bank NA vs. Roger Winters, contract – consumer/commercial debt  
Kimberly Cantrell vs. John Cantrell, divorce  
Charlotte Buchanan vs. Donnie Buchanan, divorce  
Big Spring Hospital Corporation dba Scenic Mountain Medical Center vs. Dodiene Franklin, Ramon Franklin, contract – consumer/commercial debt  
Crown Asset Management LLC vs. Viola Hernandez, contract – consumer/commercial debt  
Crown Asset Management LLC vs. Milton Perkins, contract – consumer/commercial debt  
Discover Bank vs. Hellen Ayers, contract – consumer/commercial debt  
Border States Electric Supply vs. Chris Alexander, contract – consumer/commercial debt  
Tony Garcia vs. Maria Garcia, divorce  
Integras Capital Recovery LLC vs. Loretta Mathews, contract – consumer/commercial debt

**County Court Judgements  
(The State of Texas is listed as the prosecutor in all county court judgements)**

Defendant: Johnny Rodriguez  
Offense: Driving with a suspended license with previous conviction or suspension without financial responsibility  
Sentence: No fine, \$292.10 court costs, time served.  
Date: Feb. 13, 2017

Defendant: Theodore Diaz  
Offense: Violation of protective order  
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$292 court costs, 90 days in jail  
Date: Feb. 21, 2017

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Offense: Violation of protective order  
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$292 court costs, 90 days in jail  
Date: Feb. 21, 2017

Defendant: Valerie M. Garcia  
Offense: Criminal mischief \$750 to \$2,500  
Sentence: Revocation of probation: \$250 fine, \$342 court costs, 77 days in jail  
Date: Feb. 13, 2017

Defendant: Dana D. Reid  
Offense: Driving while intoxicated  
Sentence: \$750 fine, 180 days in jail. Probated 12 months.  
Date: Feb. 16, 2017

Defendant: Valerie M. Garcia  
Offense: Theft of property \$750 to \$2,500  
Sentence: Revocation of probation: \$100 fine, \$342 court costs, 80 days in jail  
Date: Feb. 13, 2017

Defendant: Aaron DeLeon  
Offense: Possession of marijuana less than 2 oz.  
Sentence: Revocation of probation: \$500 fine, \$347 court costs, 27 days in jail  
Date: Feb. 13, 2017

Defendant: Ashley Miramontes  
Offense: Theft of property \$50 to \$500  
Sentence: Revocation of probation: \$500 fine, \$287 court costs, 28 days in jail.  
Date: Feb. 13, 2017

Defendant: Taylor Nicole Biedekapp  
Offense: Theft of property \$50 to \$500  
Sentence: \$500 fine, 180 days in jail. Probated 12 months.  
Date: Feb. 4, 2016

Defendant: Ryan Heath Sanders  
Offense: Driving with an invalid license with previous conviction or suspension without financial responsibility  
Sentence: \$500 fine, 180 days in jail. Probated 12 months.  
Date: Feb. 16, 2017

Defendant: Vincent A. Ossorio  
Offense: Evading arrest or detention  
Sentence: \$200 fine, \$234 court costs, one-time payment  
Date: Feb. 6, 2017

Defendant: Johnny Garcia Jr.  
Offense: Assault causing bodily injury  
Sentence: \$500 fine, \$332 court costs, 12 months probation. Deferred adjudication.  
Date: Feb. 2, 2017

Defendant: Ruben Dominguez  
Offense: Driving while intoxicated  
Sentence: \$750 fine, 365 days in jail, 90 days license suspension. Probated 24 months.  
Date: Feb. 7, 2017

Defendant: Danny Barbee  
Offense: Possession of marijuana less than 2 oz.  
Sentence: \$250 fine, \$352 court costs, six months probation. Deferred adjudication.  
Date: Feb. 1, 2017

Defendant: Gregory Lynn Cessna  
Offense: Possession of marijuana less than 2 oz.  
Sentence: \$750 fine, \$304 court costs. One-time payment  
Date: Feb. 3, 2017

Defendant: William Franks  
Offense: Resisting search, arrest, or transport  
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$292 court costs, 30 days in jail.  
Date: Feb. 6, 2017

Defendant: Tracy Patterson  
Offense: Criminal trespassing  
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$292 court costs, 30 days in jail.  
Date: Feb. 6, 2017

**Warranty Deeds**

Grantor: Sandra Pacheco fka Sandra Lobaton  
Grantee: Clay Harris  
Property: Lots 7 and 8, Blk. 26, Original Town of Big Spring  
Date: March 3, 2017

Grantor: Kenneth Ellis, Donald Smith Ellis, Timothy Rodgers Ellis

Grantee: White Management Services LLC  
Property: Four tracts in Sec. 4, Blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P Railroad Co. Survey; Tract 1: 1.348 acres, Tract 2: 1.067 acres, Tract 3: 1.21 acres, Tract 4: 0.46 acres  
Date: March 3, 2017

Grantor: Danny Barron Jr.  
Grantee: Maria Munoz  
Property: A 2.0-acre tract in N/2 Sec. 29, Blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P Railroad Co. Survey  
Date: March 3, 2017

Grantor: Mary Lou Solis and Jose Gutierrez  
Grantee: Jesse Silva and Pam Puga  
Property: Lot 18, Blk. 7, Wright's Airport Addition  
Date: March 6, 2017

Grantor: Anthony Patrick Williams  
Grantee: Thomas Sullivan Cope and Karen Anne Riffel  
Property: Lot 1, Blk. 2, Rosemont Addition  
Date: March 6, 2017

Grantor: Big B Properties LLC  
Grantee: Bruce Neagle  
Property: Lot 4, Blk. 4, Suburban Heights Addition  
Date: March 6, 2017

Grantor: Antonio Cervantes  
Grantee: Araceli C. Saucedo  
Property: Lots 6 and 7, Blk. 8, Amended Central Park Addition  
Date: March 6, 2017

Grantor: Jerrod and Stacy Beall  
Grantee: Beall Land LLC  
Property: A 10.0-acre tract in SE/4 Sec. 47, Blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P Railroad Co. Survey  
Date: March 6, 2017

Grantor: Aaron J. Mendoza, Enchantra Mendoza  
Grantee: Kaylean Fay Buckingham  
Property: Lot 7, Blk. 29, Cole and Strayhorn Addition  
Date: March 7, 2017

**Warranty Deeds With Vendors' Liens**

Grantor: Davie Matthew Jones  
Grantee: Jessica and Jonathan Arredondo  
Property: Lot 12, Blk. 4, Furrh addition, Coahoma  
Date: March 2, 2017

Grantor: Sherril New  
Grantee: Foust Consulting LLC  
Property: Lot 1, Blk. 47, Original Town of Big Spring  
Date: March 2, 2017

Grantor: Kim J. Long, individually and as heir of Dorothy Long, deceased  
Grantee: MSBAG Property Development LLC  
Property: A 25-acre tract in the west part of Sec. 31, Blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P Railroad Co. Survey  
Date: March 6, 2017

Grantor: Araceli C. Saucedo, aka Araceli Cervantes aka Aracely Saucedo aka Sally Saucedo  
Grantee: Mario S. De Hoyos and Stephanie De Hoyos  
Property: Lots 6, 7 and 8, Blk. 8, Amended Central Park Addition  
Date: March 6, 2017

**Texas unemployment rate for January holds at 4.8 percent**

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas' unemployment rate held steady in January at a seasonally adjusted 4.8 percent, the Texas Workforce Commission reported Friday. The Texas jobless figure for January was the latest statewide reporting period by the commission. Nationwide unemployment during February, the latest U.S. reporting period, was 4.7 percent. Amarillo and Lubbock had the lowest unemployment in Texas during January at 3.4 percent, according to a commission statement.

The McAllen-Edinburg-Mission area had the state's highest jobless rate in January at 9 percent. Commission Chairman Andres Alcantar says Texas started 2017 on a high note, in terms of workforce, by adding 51,300 jobs in January. The professional and business services industry recorded the largest private-industry employment gain over the month with 14,000 jobs added, according to the Texas Workforce Commission statement.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If you're not seeing the situation as a game, how will you play to win? Plan several moves in advance. A temporary move backward can lead to a giant leap forward.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Everyone has different tolerances. You regularly take on work that others can't deal with, and there is also someone who would take the jobs you don't want. All you have to do is ask.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). No one (including you) knows all of you, though many will want to know more today as the reserved mood you're in casts a fog of mystery wherever you go.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If someone gets frustrated with you over something unimportant, it's either not about that at all or not unimportant. Either way, you'll meet frustration with patience, kindness and listening and defuse the whole situation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). What you are doing must enrich people's lives, or you

won't care to do it. The creativity and high standard of quality you bring to each endeavor will be essential to your success.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). For you, romance isn't so much a feeling you have about another person as it is a way of life. Your affection attracts beauty, and your beauty attracts affection.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Anyone who is informing you by telling you how to feel is not informing you. This applies to matters of news, gossip, interpersonal communication, art, commerce and more.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Whether your efforts are good enough to win, to be popular, to please -- this is not the point. The point is in making these efforts consistently and wholeheartedly until you finish what you started.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You will choose your best response to events from a range of possibilities. From a calm and centered place, you will have many more options than the person who is

emotionally entwined in what's going on.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). True love shouldn't be stressful. It should relax you -- make you healthier even. Love is healing. Amorous feelings have a mysterious way of adjusting your chemistry to support your immune system.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Avoid hearing or giving excuses; explanations will be equally unlucky today. On the other hand, it will be extremely lucky to acknowledge a less-than-optimal reality and describe how you're going to make it right.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 12). There will be more demands on you to be creative this year, which is what you wanted, though it does take a minute to get used to. You'll adjust your lifestyle to accommodate what's required of you over the next six weeks. Love is your touchstone and comfort in June, your fun and excitement in August. Cancer and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 30, 28, 5 and 12.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: The Virgo full moon is a self-help luminary focused on the productive habits that will contribute to our health and well-being. This luminous orb in the sign of practical magic comes complete with good, sensible ideas and the energy and guts to apply them. Avoid the tendency to watch how other people are taking care of themselves at this time. Comparison would only squander the opportunity here. By minding your own business and your own body, you could make some serious headway in the next two weeks toward improving your overall vitality.

The next planetary move is Mercury's zip into Aries, which starts a fresh cycle for the messenger planet. Besides communication, Mercury also rules daily matters of commerce. What will become immediately apparent is our need for novelty in our interactions and dealings. We're ready to join the future differently. There's a boldness and youthfulness

implied in this position of Aries. Following the lead of the younger generation will be a theme.

March 17 brings St. Patrick's Day and also a square of the Pisces sun and Saturn. The festivities may change in tone from a jovial intent to a realization about the many privileges, gifts and responsibilities involved in being a part of a group.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Electric, versatile and ever-glamorous diva Liza Minnelli was born when the sun was in vulnerable, theatrical Pisces and the moon in Cancer, the sign of mothers. It took great courage for Minnelli to follow in her mother's footsteps, being so intimately acquainted with the perils of show business, but her having Mercury and Venus in explosive, energetic Aries shows she has endless wells of bravery.

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HOLIDAY MATHIS

Virgo Health-Full Moon

The workload grows, and so will our capacity to handle it under the Virgo full moon. This influence favors all efforts to improve health, establish better habits and honor your body as the temple and vehicle you'll be riding into the future. It's also a cosmic signal to spend the next two weeks wrapping up projects and clearing the way for new adventure.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There's no joy in working for external approval. Even if you were to get the approval, the validation would be too superficial to conjure up any real satisfaction. For deeply satisfying results, do it for you.

Annie's Mailbox

Distraught by Estrangement

Dear Annie: A few years back, my stepson, "Jaime," at age 23, announced to his dad (my husband) that he would be changing

his middle name and last name, which are my husband's first name and last name, and using his mother's maiden name. He said he needed "space" from his dad and asked him to cease contact "until further

notice." We racked our brains but could think of nothing that warranted this -- no specific negative incident -- and he refused to explain why but was clearly emotional and upset.

Nonetheless, we have respected his wishes. After a year, my husband checked in with him to see whether he was ready to reconnect and got his head bitten off. Now nearly four years has passed with no word from him. We send birthday and Christmas gifts, and recently, when we were going to be visiting the area where he is attending school, we asked whether he would like to get together for dinner. Silence has always ensued.

We are heartbroken, especially my sweet and loving husband, who has been so devoted to Jaime and would do anything to heal whatever rift he has caused. We don't know from one day to the next whether he is alive or dead, whether he is happy or suffering. Plus, we just miss our boy.

What can we do? We have given up hope that, as everyone tells us, "he'll eventually come around." -- Hand-wringing Gets Me Nowhere

Dear Hand-wringing: Living with a Jaime-shaped hole

in your heart can't be easy, and I'm sorry you and your husband are going through that. Of course you're replaying events in your head, looking for anything that might explain the sudden cold front that swept over him, but it's possible that you'll never find an answer, and you must find a way to come to terms with that. If it helps, you and your husband could send Jaime a letter stating that if he's ever willing to open up about what happened, you would love to know so that you can make it right by him.

Then turn your focus to what you can control. The U.K.-based group Stand Alone offers resources for parents dealing with estrangement. Visit http://standalone.org.uk for more information.

Dear Annie: I would like to pen a reply to "Neil," who is grieving the loss of his wife.

As cliched as it sounds, time really does help one to heal from the loss of someone.

Fourteen years ago, my mother lost

her battle to breast cancer. For the longest time, I didn't want to deal with anything -- cooking, cleaning, etc. I did what needed to be done, but I didn't want to do anything with her clothes or go through the paperwork that she left behind. Four years ago, my boyfriend moved in with my father and me, and this gave me the courage I needed to move on and start to change. Two years ago, I started going through everything. I donated most of her clothes. I shredded paperwork that she'd been hoarding in the attic for 30-plus years. I started changing things up around the house.

There are still days when I miss her and feel sad, but those days are getting fewer and further between. -- Will in Newport

Dear Will: I've passed your letter along to Neil directly. I was touched by how many people wrote in to express their empathy for him. Thank you all for reaching out.

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS
1 Home for a quark
6 25 degrees, for Mars
10 It might span eras
14 Championship ring
15 Cognate
16 They're often a round
17 Schedule succession
18 Paradoxical phrase on some printed pages
20 One to beware, per a gag sign
22 Solo stoppers
23 Funds
24 Some state representatives, for short
25 "Wild and windblown" Nat King Cole subject
32 Self starter
36 Instrumentalist Rolling Stone called "revered"
37 Energy producer, in electrical devices
39 Bandwagon jumper's comment
40 What the sciatic nerve runs behind
41 Steals, maybe
43 Sotomayor, in the late '70s
44 Doesn't keep it down
49 Word on the non-sporting breed list
52 Wand holder
55 Tornado lassoer of legend
57 Petco purchase
58 2000 ESPY Female of the Decade honoree

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- 59 Sight in Baffin Bay
60 Kellogg's whole-grain subsidiary
61 "Puh-leeze!"
62 Emulate a chicken
63 Detailing result
DOWN
1 Chair
2 Virgil seeks her help in the Aeneid
3 Small scrap
4 Magic star of the '90s
5 Its hall of fame has a Glory Road
6 Metamorphic mineral
7 Major seller of cider apple
8 Rescind
9 Sticks in an arsenal
10 Amazon datum
11 Word of resignation
12 Heel's opposite
13 Charges
19 AFI's #4
21 Male Legend
24 Longtime Mideastern head of state
25 Spread widely
26 What spider-web strands are measured in
27 Lineage
28 " go!"
29 Turnover locale
30 \_ anno (date unknown, in bibliographies)
31 Uno de los puntos cardinales
32 Cutter's cousin
33 Otto: Venice :: \_ : Valencia
34 2011 Pac-12 joiners
35 Frees of dirt, perhaps
36 Vacation spots
38 Eighty-sixes
42 An executive producer of Selma
46 Romanov-era edict
47 Focus of State of the Plate research
48 Earthenware product
49 Sanctioner of annual Rolex Rankings
50 Word not in the Constitution, as Stanton noted
51 Vitamin-water flavoring
52 Food processor
53 Yucca relative
54 Artist born near Bem
56 Fave bud

Crossword grid with numbered squares for clues 1-63.

Answer to previous puzzle
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JEROMEKERN PITA
ONECUP YEARLY
RINK INAMERICAN
DNA IDA ERASE
LASCALA
MUSICHE TAXBASE
ISAMERICANMUSIC
SERB USS DENIARO
TRIO GHI ENTAIL

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# Dystopian fiction is selling like there's no tomorrow

By COLLIN BINKLEY

Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Save the light reading for later. In 2017, dystopian fiction is all the rage.

Gloomy classics depicting societies gone terribly wrong have shot to the top of best-seller lists like Amazon's in recent months, including George Orwell's "1984" and Margaret Atwood's "The Handmaid's Tale," prompting publishers to ramp up production decades after the books were first released. Others have followed close behind, such as Aldous Huxley's "Brave New World," Sinclair Lewis' "It Can't Happen Here" and Ray Bradbury's "Fahrenheit 451."

Some nonfiction works in the same vein have seen similar resurgences, including Hannah Arendt's 1951 "Origins of Totalitarianism."

Longtime staples in English literature courses, dystopian works are attracting new attention from casual readers and social book clubs. Local theater groups are adapting versions for the stage. College courses on dystopian classics are suddenly drawing long wait lists.

Much of the renewed interest has followed the November election of President Donald Trump, which publishers and scholars say is no coincidence.

"Definitely the election had an effect," said LuAnn Walther, editorial director of the paperback division at Knopf. "There's fear out there about what is going to happen, and I think these predictive books are helpful to people who are looking for the dangers the future might hold."

One edition of "1984" has seen sales jump by 10,000 percent since January, when Trump adviser Kellyanne Conway defended incorrect claims as "alternative facts" in a TV interview. It instantly drew comparisons to the type of government manipulation Orwell wrote about nearly 70 years ago.

"That was so perfectly Orwellian, that truth is variable and can be changed, and that there's a fact and then there's a counter-fact," said Peter Stansky, an Orwell biographer and a professor emeritus of history at Stanford University. "The current Trump situation has just caused a vast upsurge in interest."

Other critics have said Trump's views on immigration and the news media, while not unique, would fit neatly into the plot of a dystopian tale. In college classes on dystopian works, students have been eager to draw their own parallels. Dozens of U.S. movie theaters are screening a film version of "1984" in April as a protest against many of Trump's policies.

"Orwell's portrait of a government that manufactures their own facts, demands total obedience and demonizes foreign enemies has never been timelier," the group United State of Cinema, which is organizing the protest, wrote in a statement.

Those types of barbs are far from new in American politics. Critics of former President Barack Obama compared him to the watchful Big Brother in "1984" after a vast government surveillance program was detailed in 2013 leaks. Sales of the novel surged then, too.

In the case of Trump, some scholars say the comparisons are largely unjustified.

"On the face of it, there are absolutely no parallels," said Robert Colls, a professor of cultural history at Britain's De Montfort University who wrote a 2013 book on Orwell. "Trump was elected, and as far as I know he hasn't purged anyone or killed anyone."

Quentin Kopp, a leader of the nonprofit Orwell Society, said that there may be some similarities but that "it's easy to overstate these parallels or dig too hard." His



Books are displayed under a sign at the Harvard Book Store, Thursday, March 9, 2017, in Cambridge, Mass. Readers have been flocking to classic works of dystopian fiction in the first months of Donald Trump's presidency. Novels depicting dysfunctional societies have shot to the top of best-seller lists in recent months, including George Orwell's "1984" and Margaret Atwood's "The Handmaid's Tale." Publishers credit Trump's election for sparking demand. (AP Photo/Elise Amendola)

group seeks to promote Orwell's life and works but takes no political stance.

Some experts say readers often return to dystopian works during periods of great change, hoping to find out how they can avoid the nightmarish worlds the works depict. Beyond the U.S. election, readers might be jarred by events like the global refugee crisis, some say.

"There's a factor of activism that you can take away from reading dystopian fiction, reading it as a defense against who we might become," said Therese Cox, a doctoral candidate teaching a course on dystopian fiction at Columbia University. "It speaks to impulses and fears that we've had for a very long time."

Others say new adaptations of classic works have fueled renewed interest. Hulu is releasing a TV version of "The Handmaid's Tale" in April, telling the story of a woman in New England after an oppressive religious regime takes over. In June, a British stage production of "1984" is headed to Broadway.

John Morillo, who teaches a course on dystopias at North Carolina State University, said readers have long enjoyed dystopian fiction because it lets them experience the thrill of something horrific without the threat of real danger. But now he sees another benefit — it can offer readers a comforting reminder about the world today.

"Now maybe it's a sense that, well, it's still not that bad," he said. "They can close this book and say, 'Now there's hope for the future.'"

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