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# **BIG SPRING TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2017**



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# Obama's final year: US spent \$36 million in records lawsuits

WASHINGTON (AP) — The showed poor performance in files that were requested. Obama administration in its final year in office spent a record \$36.2 million on legal costs defending its refusal to turn over federal records under the Freedom of Information Act, according to an Associated Press analysis of new U.S. data that also

other categories measuring transparency in government.

For a second consecutive year, the Obama administration set a record for times federal employees told citizens, journalists and others that despite searching they couldn't find a single page of And it set records for out-

right denial of access to files, refusing to quickly consider requests described as especially newsworthy, and forcing people to pay for records who had asked the

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# Hope Mommies to host 5K run April 22

By SANDRENA KONING

Staff Writer

ABILENE — The Hope Mommies West Texas Chapter will be hosting their first ever 5K and 1 mile fun run on April 22 at Abilene Christian University. Pre-registration for the event is from now until March 22.

"We're hosting our first 5K and 1 mile fun run to raise awareness, but it's also as a fundraiser as well," Brooke Schuelke, Hope Mommies West Texas chapter president, said. We are having that in Abilene on April 22. It's our first year for the West Texas Chapter. The Dallas Chapter has done two in the past in the Dallas area. This is the first for the West Texas area. They have a lot of success. So we thought we should try it as well."

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The Big Spring Symphony performs during its January 2017 concert at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium. The symphony will return with guest artist and "Tex-Mex" music star Little Joe on April 1. Tickets are now on sale.

# Joe y La Famila to perform with Big Spring Symphony April 1st

#### By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Are you ready for some Tex-Mex?

Not food, that is, but music. Renowned entertainers Little Joe y La Familia will be joining with the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra for its Spring Pops concert April 1 at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium, no fooling.

"We're really excited about the show because Little Joe is one of the best-known singers and entertainers in 'Tex-Mex' music. He likes to call his music 'Tex-Mex' rather than Tejano," said Keith Graumann, conductor and music director for the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra. "He does songs both in Spanish and in English. I've listened to some of his CDs and he's a really great ballad singer. Some of his songs in English are reminiscent maybe of Frank Sinatra or



Little Joe

some of the great ballad singers of the past."

The concert will start at 7:30 p.m., and doors will open around 6:30.

Graumann said Little Joe has performed with a symphony orchestra before, but only briefly.

"This is only the second time they will have performed with a symphony orchestra. The first time was a short concert with the

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# "Tastes of the Symphony" returns

#### By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

When it comes to raising funds for its youth music scholarship program, the Big Spring Symphony Guild is appealing straight to the stomach. The guild will host "Tastes"

of the Symphony", a lunch

and fashion show at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 25, 2017, at First Presbyterian Church. The theme of the lunch is Eggstravaganza, according to guild member Suzanne Markwell, but not all the tasty treats will have eggs as an ingredients.

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# Nor'easter pounds coast, canceling flights, schools

NEW YORK (AP) — A powerful nor'easter pounded the mid-Atlantic and the Northeast early Tuesday, promptflight cancellations, school closures and warnings from city and state officials to stay off the roads.

The National Weather Service issued blizzard warnings for parts of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine and Vermont.

The storm was expected to dump 12 to 18 inches of snow on the New York City metro area with wind gusts of up to

The weather service's office near Philadelphia called the storm "life-threatening" and warned people to "shelter in place." Coastal flood warnings were in effect from Massachusetts to Delaware.

According to the airlinetracking website FlightAware, more than 5,000 flights Tuesday were canceled, including more than 2,800 in the New York City area, where about 200 passengers were stranded at John F. Kennedy airport. Amtrak also canceled and modified service up and down the Northeast Corridor. In New York City, the aboveground portions of the subway system were being shut down Tuesday morning.

In the nation's capital, the U.S. Office of Personnel Management announced a threehour delayed arrival for nonemergency employees at area federal offices — with an option of unscheduled leave or telework. Emergency employees of the federal government in the Washington, D.C., area were to report on time unless otherwise directed.

New York Gov. Andrew

Cuomo a state of emergency

Tuesday for all of New York's

62 counties, including New

York City's five boroughs.

The Democrat also directed non-essential state employees to stay home from work as authorities advised people to stay off the roads.

In Massachusetts, where forecasts called for 12 to 18 inches of snow, Gov. Charlie Baker encouraged motorists to stay off the roads and to take public transit only if absolutely necessary. The fast snowfall rates will "create hazardous driving conditions across the Commonwealth," he said.

Schools in New York City, Philadelphia, Boston and elsewhere were all closed

Juan Castro, of Pittsburg, California, waited at a hotel by the World Trade Center for his pre-dawn ride to a hospital where his sister was having surgery. The hospital had assured his family that the procedure would go on despite the weather. He was layered up and wore boots he'd bought just for the storm. Castro, a pastor, reasoned that the weather was OK with him. "It's beautiful," he said as the snow swirled on a Lower Manhattan street. "You've got to be positive."

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# **Obituaries**

# Ricky Lee Hughes Ricky Lee Hughes, 62, of Big



Spring, died Sunday, March 12, 2017, in a Fort Worth hospital.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 16, 2017, at 14th and Main Church of Christ with Rick Cunningham and Clark Tatum officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends

from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, 2017, at Nalley-Pickle

and Welch Rosewood Chapel.

He was born Oct. 10, 1954, in Big Spring, Texas, and married Leah Hughes June 10, 1973.

Ricky was a lifetime resident of Howard County and graduated from Sands High School in 1973. He was active in rodeo as a bull rider. He farmed in the Knott community over 25 years and owned Mr.

Survivors include his wife, Leah Hughes of Big spring; one son, Wes Hughes and wife Hailey of Stanton; one daughter, Kara Crenshaw and husband Bucky of Big Spring; his mother, Joe Hughes of Ackerly; one sister, Connie Zant and husband David of Ackerly; five grandchildren; four nieces and nephews; and numerous cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Calvin "Bud" Hughes; and his grandparents, Henry and Inez Sample, Alvie Hughes and Audie Hatten.

The family suggests memorials to the New Mexico Christian Children's Home, 1356 New Mexico 236, Portales, N.M., 88130; Medina Children's Home, 21300 State Hwy 16 North, Medina, Texas, 78055; or Foster's Home for Children, P.O. Box 978, Stephenville, Texas, 76401.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences may be made at www.npwelch.com.

coach for Howard College.

Scrubbs Car Wash.

Larry is survived by three children, Steve San-

He was preceded in death by his father, and one brother, Garry Sandridge.

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

Larry Sandridge

Larry Sandridge, 70, of Big Spring



Memorial service with Military Honors will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Myers and Smith Chapel with

died Saturday, March 11, 2017.

Pastor Joel Densman of Onion Creek Baptist Church officiating. He was born April 22, 1946, in Big Spring to Wanda and Curtis Sandridge. Larry was a Vietnam veter-

an of the U.S. Navy, having served on the U.S.S. Navasota. He was a contract welder for Conoco. He also worked for Dr. Virgil and Nell Sanders on their ranch, and as an assistant rodeo

dridge of Big Spring, Faye Lynn Clark and her husband Casey of Big Spring, and Terry Joe Sandridge and his wife Chelea of Big Spring; mother, Jerrye Hull of Big Spring; one sister, Wanda Gamble and her husband Perry of Big Spring; one stepbrother, Mike Hull and his wife Beverly of Big Spring; one stepsister, Vicki Laclair of Big Spring; 10 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

# Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following ac-

**EDWARD JEREMY** MOORE, 18, of 2509 Gunter Circle was arrested on warrants for expired driver's license and disregarding a stop sign.

 JOSUE JONATHAN PENA, 35, of 614 State St. was arrested on warrants for failure to appear and speeding.

• CARRIE CHRISTINE LOYA, 20, of 711 N. Aylesford was arrested on warrants for failure to appear, expired registration, and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

 JAMES DEWAYNE HEAD-RICK, 45, of 1311 Madison was arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended or invalid license.

• TAMMY KAY LOCKHARD, 40, of 1306 W. Third St. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

 ROBERT RUBEN SAN-CHEZ, 52, of 1023 Stadium Ave. was arrested on a warrant for public intoxication.

• LANCE JORDAN KING, 26, of 7116 W. McCoy St. in Odessa was arrested on a warrant for theft of property (\$100 to \$750). • **KEITH JOHNSON**, 55, of 1400

S. Runnels St. (Rear) was arrested on a warrant for theft of property (\$100 to \$750).

 CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported near the intersection of Centerpoint Road and County Road 37.

 BURGLARY OF A BUILD-ING was reported in the 3300 block of East FM 700.

 MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the intersection of Third and Owens streets.

# Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/ EMS reported the following ac-

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1500 block of Stadium. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. MEDICAL CALL was re-

ported in the 1800 block of South Gregg Street. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 2600 block of Ann. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. MEDICAL CALL was report-

ed in the 1200 block of East 11th Place. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Cen-

• MEDICAL CALL was re-

ported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1600 block of South Runnels Street. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1000 block of Northwest Second Street. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

 MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway Road. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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ported in the 1800 block of North firearm by a felon; and on warrants for violation of Highway 87. One person was tak- promise to appear and speeding. en to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

 MEDICAL CALL was reported at the intersection of Highway 87 and County Road 54.

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1300 block of Mesquite.

 MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway Road. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

ported in the 1800 block of South Gregg Street. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

# Take Note

• Forsan Elementary School has scheduled Pre-K and Kindergarten pre-registration for Monday, April 3, through Friday, April 7 in the elementary office located at 500 West Main in Forsan, Texas. The school office will be open for registration between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

In order to be eligible for Pre-Kindergarten, the student must be four years old on or before Sept. 1, 2017, and meet at least one of the following criteria: Must be unable to speak or comprehend English; the household fully qualifies for free or reducedprice lunches; the family is homeless; one or more parents are on active-duty military service or have been injured or killed while serving on active duty;

If your child meets one of the above criteria, please bring the child's birth certificate, social security card, immunization records, proof of residency (utility bill with name and physical address), proof of income (paycheck stub for ALL household income), and enrolling

or the child is in foster care

• The Howard County A&M Club is accepting applications from high

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parent/guardian

er's license.

school students who are graduating this May and have been accepted to Texas A&M University for fall 2017. Students must be Howard County residents and will enroll for at least 12 hours. Deadline for applications is April 3, 2017. For more information and to find the application, visit https://westexags.com/. Deadline for applications for current A&M students is June 1, 2017.

 The Howard County Fair thanks everyone who has picked up a crossstitch square for the annual quilt fundraiser. There are still a few squares left, so if you can do one, please see Cheryl at the Heritage Museum during regular hours, Tuesday through Saturday.

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Jesse Esquibel Jr.



Jesse Esquibel Jr., 59, of Odessa, formerly of Big Spring, died Saturday, March 11, 2017. Private family services will be held at a later date He was born Feb. 13, 1958, in Lub bock to Celia and Jesse Esquibel Sr. He grew up in Big Spring but spent most of his adult life in Odessa. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marines. Jesse worked most of his life in the oil field and was a Catholic. Jesse is survived by two daugh

husband Joe of Big Spring; three grandchildren; and two nephews. Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral

ters, Jessica Chavez of Odessa and LeeAnn Rodg

ers of San Antonio; one sister, Janie Acosta and her

Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

# **Sheriff**

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

ported having 84 inmates at the time of this report. BRENT HAYDEN BOWIE, 21, was booked by DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana (less

than 2 oz.). **HECTOR RUBEN CASTANEDA**, 33, was booked by BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.) and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• SAMI MOHAMED ELTOUM, 38, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for driving under the influ-EDITH MELISSA ESPARZA, 21, was booked

by BSPD on a charge of injury to a child, elderly, or disabled person. JAMES EDWARD FLOYD JR., 28, was booked

by BSPD on a charge of no driver's license. • JOLISA LYNN GRACE, 27, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for bail jumping/failure to appear; and on a capias warrant for theft (less than \$100).

 CHRISTI GRANT HARRISON, 47, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for speeding.

 CATO ZANE KENLY, 26, was booked by HCSO on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear.

• EMILY ANN KEY, 25, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for bail jumping/failure to appear; and on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

 ERIC RICHARD LAHTINEN, 37, was booked by HCSO on two charges of possession of a controlled substance (1 to 4 grams).

FARRELL REY MCCULLOUGH, 54, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for driving while intoxicated.

• ROY ALTON MCGEE, 45, was booked by BSPD

on a warrant for criminal trespassing. JEREMY EDWARD MOORE, 18, was booked by BSPD on warrants for expired driver's license

• JOSUE JONNATHAN PENA, 35, was booked • MEDICAL CALL was re- by HCSO on a charge of unlawful possession of a

> • LUIS ADOLFO PENA, 42, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for driving while intoxicated.

> • AVEL ABREO RAMIREZ, 70, was booked by BSPD on charges of criminal trespassing and theft of property (less than \$100).

• BRYSON O'NEIL VANDERBILT, 32, was

booked by STE on a warrant for bail jumping/failure to appear. • TONI SUE WEGNER, 48, was booked by HCSO

on two charges of possession of a controlled substance (1 to 4 grams).

 LITTLE JOHN WINFIELD, 54, was booked by • MEDICAL CALL was re- BSPD on warrants for evading arrest or detention, and resisting arrest, search, or transport.

# **Support Groups**

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

This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or

about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

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



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San Antonio Symphony, but this is the longest," he said. "This is the most pieces he will have performed with an orchestra. That's thanks to John Ontiveros, our local musician, who plays trumpet with his band. He's a regular band member, and John has done a lot of the new arrangements with orchestra for them. Gracie Acosta is also a horn player...a trumpet player. Each of them has performed regularly with Little Joe for many

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"Each person will get a tray

with six little cups," Markwell

explained. "Each cup has a lid

and a different type of food. There

will be a variety of food. Each cup

will have a cap, and If you don't

registration

Ontiveros and Acosta, as well as the rest of Little Joe's "Familia," will appear on stage with the orchestra, Graumann

"He'll have his regular band members on stage, his full band, which is, I think, two keyboards, a guitar, and bass, and drums," he said. "And his horn section. For the past five or six years we've done a Spring Pops concert and we've done rock and roll, and 'reminiscing' concerts like music from the Eagles, and so we decided to finally have Latin music at our Pops concert."

The orchestra will play without Little Joe on the concert opener and on the first piece after intermission, Graumann said.

"The symphony is going to open with very vibrant and rhythmic Latin pieces. The first of the pieces is called "Huapango" by Moncayo," he said. "The other piece we'll do is called "Dances From Estancia" by Ginastera.

With the popularity of Little Joe y La Familia, and also because of the local connection of Ontiveros and Acosta, Graumann predicts a large turnout for the concert.

"We expect a pretty full auditorium,

different desserts along with tea

and water. A fashion show will

be included featuring the cloth-

ing from various local boutiques

along with door prizes, and a si-

lent auction. Tickets for the ap-

proximate two-hour event are \$20

"The funds we raise go toward

our student scholarship fund,"

Markwell said. "Every spring we

give out scholarships to young

musicians. It's about \$300 and

we have open seating, so if you have a favorite place you like to sit in the auditorium we suggest that you come early for the 7:30 performance," he said.

Tickets are available at the door, or prior to the concert from Blum's Jewelers, The Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, the Convention and Visitors Bureau offices, Heritage Museum of Big Spring, and H-E-B.

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helps pay for things like private lessons or music camps. This year we hope to expand to junior high school students and give out \$150 scholarships.'

To purchase a ticket, see any guild member or call 432-270-

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

RECORDS

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government to waive search and copy fees.

The government acknowledged when challenged that it had been wrong to initially refuse to turn over all or parts of records in more than one-third of such cases, the highest rate in at least six years. In courtrooms, the number of lawsuits filed by

news organizations under the Freedom of Information Act surged during the past four years, led by the New York Times, Center for Public Integrity and The Associated Press, according to a litigation study by the Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse at Syracuse University. The AP on Monday settled its 2015 lawsuit against the State Department for files about Hillary Clinton's time as secretary of state, at AP's request, and received \$150,546 from the department to cover part of its legal fees.

The AP has pending lawsuits against the FBI for records about its decision to impersonate an AP journalist during a criminal investigation and about who helped the FBI hack into a mass shooting suspect's iPhone and how much the government paid to do it.

Of the \$36.2 million in legal costs fighting such lawsuits last year, the Justice Department accounted for \$12 million, the Homeland Security Department for \$6.3 million and the Pentagon for \$4.8 million. The three departments accounted for more than half the government's total records requests last year.

The figures reflect the final struggles of the Obama administration during the 2016 election to meet President Barack Obama's pledge that it was "the most transparent administration in history," despite wide recognition of serious problems coping with requests under the information law.

#### want to try one, you can put the cap back on." The lunch will include three

Early

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can be completed at active.com, with keyword search: Hope Mommies. All registration packets with T-shirts in addition to swag bags can be picked up before the race from 8:30-9:30 a.m. Photo ID is required with online registations to pick up the packet and bag. Group pick-up can be arranged through online registration.

walk-up registration option as well," Schuelke said. "So people can come even if they haven't pre-registered. That will be on the morning of the 22 at ACU is where we are having the race.

"We will also have a

"It's going to be \$30," she continued. "The price will just jump up \$5 more dollars on the 22nd of March. Then walk up registration is \$40 dollars. We also have a kids registration option from age 2-12 for \$20 dollars. The price goes up in the same increments. That just gives them a T-shirt and a couple of extra little things for kids. It gives

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them a chance to kind of participate as well." The family oriented

apiece.

event will also include; a silent auction, vendors, live music, food, family entertainment and a special memorial with a ballon release. "We have a silent auc-

tion that will be going on from 8:30 until about 11:30 a.m.," Schuelke said. "We're going to have live music. Food is going to be provided from 11 a.m. to noon, by a the Second Chance Cowboy Church local to Abilene. We're going to have bounce houses for families and for kids. As well as vendors setup from the sponsors. Also a hope baby memorial. This is kind of like a memorial event as well. We're going to have a little special area where moms and families can go and see their babies names and just have that special remembrance. As well as a ballon release, to end our whole event."

"The whole schedule is actually posted on the active.com website," she continued. "We also have a Facebook event page and the link to that is on the bottom of active.com."

Winners for the silent auction will be announced at 11:30 a.m. and they must be present. Proceeds from the auction will directly benefit the West Texas **Hope Mommies Chapter** ministry.

"We have up to 50 items donated," Schuelke said. "The biggest things we have are; an Aaron Watson signed guitar, a lot of gift baskets, quilts, spa and photography gift certificates, a wine basket, golf membership, museum certificate, it's a big variety of different things. The main thing we do is called Hope boxes and these boxes are \$5 apiece.

"That's really the main part of our ministry we're making the money for," she continued. "We want every mom to have one of these boxes. We've kind of gathered numbers of how many hospitals might need in a year. These moms can also make in honor of their babies. So, we have a lot of gatherings where we put these together. It's kind of therapy for the moms too. Just to know they're helping others though their pain.

We also have retreats. That's something we would love to give scholarships for with women in West Texas. We also have a monthly gathering. Once a month we meet in person and just do lots of different things. Some of the money will go towards those gatherings as well. We have lots of things budgeted with this money."

There will be special evening of "Light in the Darkness" for Hope Moms on March 21, the night before the race at 7 p.m. in Abilene.

"Friday night, night before the race we're also having a special night just for the moms." Schuelke said. "We'll have a guest speaker and special music. A memorial as well. The theme of the whole night is the light and the darkness. We're going to be kind of doing a memorial

"We're going to have a night of encouragement and a dinner provided," she continued. "Just kind of a special night for moms to have set aside. Friday night is free. It's just for Hope Moms. There's no child care. It's just a women's get together."

The mission of Hope Mommies is to bring the hope of Christ to mothers grieving pregnancy and infant loss. "This ministry was

started back in 2010, and we basically work to give comfort, hope and community to families going through loss." Schuelke said. "Chapters are pretty new to the ministry. I started the West Texas Chapter which serves the; Midland/Odessa, Abilene, San Angelo and Lubbock areas. All the small towns in between."

RSVP through registration website; Active.com, email westtexas@hopemommies. org or Facebook for more information. Hotels will be available at a discounted rate.

Registration website: www.active.com

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Bank teller Jana White said her plans for riding out the storm included "lots of hot chocolate and a couple of sappy movies.'

"It's a reminder that winter is always ready to take shot at you, so you have to stay prepared," the 23-year-old Trenton, New Jersey, resident said. "We've got food and snacks and drinks, so as long as the power stays on we should be in good shape."

In Maryland, Gov. Larry Hogan declared a state of emergency and urged residents not to be lulled into a false sense of security due to the mild winter.

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

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Jesse Esquibel, Jr., 59, died Saturday. Services will be held at a later date.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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Dear Lord, May we live this day and all oth- the United States is good enough ers knowing it is a gift from you. Amen.

# **Encountering resistance from both sides**

his should be the moment President Donald Trump cleans up Obamacare with a broad smile on his happy face.

He won the Electoral College — and as his predecessor Barack Obama liked to say, "Elections have consequences." Trump's Republican Party controls the House and the Senate, should which mean there are no sand traps or water hazards on his golf course.



DEBRA J. SAUNDERS

Problem Trump finds himself in the land where it's often easier to vote no than to vote yes. Members of his own political party and conservative think tanks became standouts because of their principled opposition to Obamacare. Now their party wants them to support a plan championed by House Speaker Paul Ryan that doesn't live up to their pre-2017 rhetoric.

The House plan keeps two popular provisions of the Affordable Care Act — adult children can stay on their parents' health plans up to age 26 and insurers can not deny coverage based on pre-existing conditions.

Ryan reconfigures other provisions. His House plan ends the individual mandate that required most adults to get coverage or pay a fine; instead it requires insurers to add a 30 percent surcharge for individuals who allowed their coverage to lapse. Some conservatives complain that the surcharge is a mandate by another name. The House plan ends premium

subsidies, but replaces them with tax credits for middle-income earners who buy their own coverage. That's a different form of entitlement spending, critics

Probably the hardest change politically is a switch to a formula that tells insurers they can't charge older consumers more than three times what they charge young adults. The House plan would allow health care providers to charge seniors up to five times what they charge 20-somethings — a change offset by higher tax credits for Americans aged 60 to 65. The new formula should make coverage more attractive to the youth market the system desperately needs. The Affordable Care Act reim-

bursed 31 states that increased their Medicaid enrollment for families earning up to 138 percent of the poverty level. The House plan would continue the full federal subsidy until 2020, when the system would switch to block grants for states. Conservative critics want to end the full federal subsidies in 2018. Trump has signaled he is open to accommodating them.

The House plan would end Obamacare taxes on medical devices and so-called Cadillac health plans. The GOP plan also would end the employer mandate that the right sees as a job-killer.

Rachel Boyard of the Heritage Foundation summed up the opposition when she said, "If you ask the average American person what Obamacare really means, it means that the insurance plans that they used to have that they liked were canceled and replaced with plans that cost you know 20, 30, 50, 100 percent more than they used to." She doesn't see the Ryan plan delivering pre-Obamacare health care. The tax credits, she added, "will just give people money." It especially angers the right

that the Ryan plan rewards the 31 states that expanded their Medicaid rolls, rather than reward states that did not.

Bovard sees an easy remedy — let Congress pass the same re-

peal measure that both the Senate and House passed in 2015.

Bad idea, countered House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy at a press conference Friday: "If you just repealed the bill, you would double your premiums and you would collapse the market."

McCarthy did not add that when Congress passed the repeal bill, Republicans knew that Obama would veto it. They had nothing to lose. McCarthy stood with Commit-

tee chairmen Greg Walden of Energy and Commerce, Kevin Brady of Ways and Means and Diane Black who chairs the Budget Committee. These are the Republicans who have to do the heavy lifting — and they know that means not losing moderate Republicans who want lowincome families to feel secure about their health care. 'Sometimes when you have

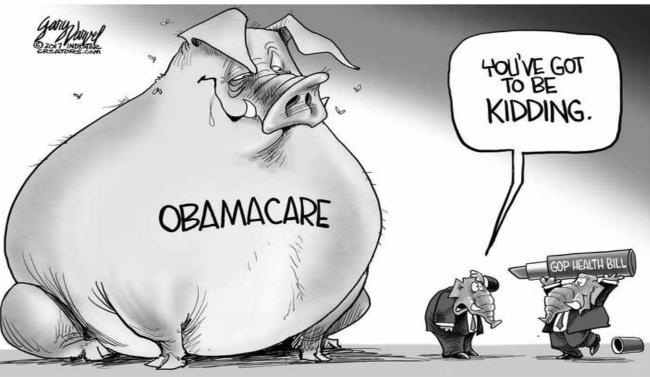
pushback on one side and the other side from a political spectrum, vou might have found the sweet spot," McCarthy argued.
At a Politico event Thursday, Senate Majority Leader Mitch

McConnell suggested Republicans have to get out of their default position of "sparring" and get into "governing mode." Sparring has become the domain of Democrats. During the

Obama years, they were outraged at Republican obstructionism. Now they call their obstructionism "resistance" — without even a hint of irony.

Health giant Humana has announced it will exit the exchanges in 2018. Last month Aetna CEO Mark Bertolini told the Wall Street Journal that Obamacare has entered a "death spiral." Trump's election win has allowed the left to dodge the bullet it created.

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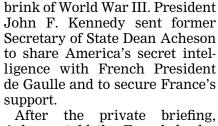


# Why the Cuban Missile Crisis matters today

en. Charles de Gaulle, a French hero and statesman who did not lack for self-esteem, once stated,

"When I want to In October 1962,

after U.S. charges that the Soviets had installed offensive nuclear missiles in Cuba — just 90 miles from the mainland — the United States and the Soviet Union teetered on the dangerous



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Acheson told the French leader that Kennedy had personally authorized him to show the general the then-top-secret surveillance photographs the White House possessed. But de Gaulle waved off Acheson's offer: "No, no, no, no. The word of the president of

for me." he had been "totally against the Nearly three decades later, in

August 1990, after Iraq's Saddam Hussein had invaded Kuwait, President George H.W. Bush and his secretary of state, Jim Baker, began the tricky and timeconsuming hard work of putting together an international coalition of nations to pressure Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait.

Bush — largely because of the personal relationships he had established with world leaders as ambassador to the United Nations, as ambassador to China and as an eight-year vice president — was able to win backing for action from the U.N. Security Council, which included the Soviet Union. The team of Bush and Baker was able to enlist a remarkable coalition of troops from 32 nations — including France, Great Britain, Egypt, Syria, Sweden, Australia and Morocco — and to persuade Germany, Japan and Kuwait to foot most of the bill for the military operations that drove Saddam's army out of Kuwait.

That was then, and this is now. Last year, we heard reckless and baseless comments from some celebrity developer/reality show host that, for example, the first African-American president of the United States is not an American, that the U.S.' "real unemployment rate is anywhere from 18 to 20 percent" and that in 2002

war in Iraq," but now reckless

and baseless comments are coming from the most powerful man

in the world. Forget about the stupid charge that the Hillary Clinton campaign diabolically and brilliantly schemed to win the votes of 3 million to 5 million people voting illegally on Nov. 8 but failed to obtain a mere 75,000 votes in only three states — Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin — to win the presidency. Donald Trump, our 45th president — with no evidence, no witnesses and less credibility — accuses Barack Obama, our 44th president, of personally breaking the law and wiretapping him.

profound Beyond raising doubts about Trump's fitness to handle the responsibilities of his office, this latest chapter reminds us that a president's maturity, judgment and character do matter. When that inevitable global crisis does arrive and the United States seeks the crucial backing of the leaders of other nations, does anyone believe that a major leader, echoing the words of Charles de Gaulle in the Cuban missile crisis, will assure us that "the word of the president of the United States is good enough"?

To find out more about Mark Shields and read his past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate webpage at www.creators.com.

#### Fort Worth man tied to 4 killings set for execution Tuesday

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A Fort Worth man convicted of killing a father and his infant son in 1987 is set to be executed Tuesday evening.

Sixty-one-year-old James Bigby fatally shot 26-year-old Michael Trekell and suffocated Trekell's 4-month-old son Jayson on Christmas Eve 1987 at their Arlington home. Within hours, evidence showed he also killed two other men, believing they along with Trekell were conspiring against him in a workers' compensation case he filed against a former employer.

Bigby was never tried for those men's killings.

At his trial in 1991, Bigby grabbed a loaded gun from behind the judge's bench during a court recess and tried to abduct the judge.

Bigby would be the fourth inmate executed this year in Texas and the sixth nationally.

#### Senate panel approves revisions to Texas voter ID law

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A Senate panel has approved changes to Texas' strict voter ID law that includes tougher penalties for people found guilty of trying to get around the rules while casting a ballot.

But the proposal Monday cleared a first vote in the Legislature without calls to make more photo identifications acceptable. Under the current law, showing a concealed handgun license is good enough to vote, but not a college ID.

The new bill aims to bring Texas' voter ID law into compliance with a federal court ruling last year that found the measure discriminatory. The revisions include making permanent an option allowing people without required ID to vote by sign-

It also creates a criminal penalty of two to 10 years in prison for lying on an affidavit.

#### No move yet by Texas after court finds racial gerrymandering

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton says federal judges got it wrong in ruling that Republicans racially gerrymandered some congressional districts to weaken the voting power of minorities. But his office Monday didn't say what Texas may

propose any immediate fix after concluding that the Republican-controlled Legislature in 2011 drew maps with discriminatory intent. A Paxton spokeswoman says the state is evaluat-

do next. A three-judge panel in San Antonio didn't

ing its options. Paxton says the challenge to the old maps is moot since they were redrawn by a court in 2012 and never used in an election. The original maps were drawn the same year the

Texas Legislature passed the state's voter ID law. Another federal court is now considering whether that law, too, was crafted with discriminatory in-

#### Texas man who went missing killed by boat propeller

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Officials say a North Texas boater whose 2-vear-old was found in the woods after he went missing was killed when he Odessa American via AP was accidentally struck by the boat propeller.

The Tarrant County medical examiner's office said 38-year-old Matthew Meinert died underwater in Denton Creek in Roanoke. His body was found

Meinert launched a fishing boat March 6 from a Trophy Club ramp. His son, Oliver, was with him. About an hour later, his boat was found beached in a creek bed. A search then began.

Texas Game Warden Cliff Swofford tells the Fort couldn't find the fire. It was up in Worth Star-Telegram that the next morning, officials were walking through the woods near where the boat was found when Oliver walked up to them.

Swofford said he was "dry, scratched-up, scared and cold" but was fine.

# **Restoration of 1914 Austin** chapel halted after graves found tion and foundation of



In a March 7, 2017 photo, rehabilitation work of the Oakwood Cemetery chapel, in the heart of downtown area of Austin, Texas, has come to a halt after construction crews discovered human remains underneath it. The chapel is fenced off but access to the cemetery remains open.

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) Archaeologists work-

ing alongside contractors reconstructing the historic chapel at Austin's Oakwood Cemetery made a grim discovery in late November: human remains buried under the building. The Austin American-

Statesman (http://atxne. ws/2nvXcuO ) reports city officials say that they believe there might be about 25 graves underneath the chapel, which was built in 1914 on what was then the nonwhite portion of the segregated cemetery.

"My heart stopped when I heard that, in 1914, a chapel was built on top of graves," said Council Member Ora Houston, who represents the East Austin area around the cemeterv. "Because I'm sure. at that point, people knew there were graves in that part of the cemetery. The lack of human-

The discovery halted restoration of the chapel, which involved using 2012 bond funding to stabilize the structure and rehabilitate restrooms, doors and lighting. Workers have now completely removed the chapel's flooring, showing the discoloration in the ground of many grave sites. Archaeologists have identified bones, but haven't removed any from the site.

City officials are now making the discovery public and moving forward with a community meeting at 10 a.m. March 25 at Delores Duffie Recreation Center, 1182 N. Pleasant Vallev Road, to determine what to do next. A likely option is to exhume the remains, which could take several months.

City officials phasized that they are working closely with

the Texas Historical Commission to determine best practices to proceed. It's unclear how long the work will put off the chapel's reconstruction, but officials said removing the chapel isn't an option.

Oakwood, Austin's oldest cemetery, was founded in 1839. Historians believe the section around the chapel was full by 1890, so the graves likely belong to post-Reconstruction-era African-Americans. If exhumed, it might be possible to tell some characteristics of the people buried, but poor records make it unlikely they will be individually identified, officials said.

"There is little information to tell us who the individuals are who were buried in this section," Houston said. "What I know in my heart is that they contributed to the forma-

the community through their toil and labor."

The chapel was built as deaths in hospitals became more common and more memorial services began to occur outside homes, said Dale Flatt, founder of Save Austin's Cemeteries. It served first for memorials, then as a cemetery office. It's long been known, he said, that graves were right alongside the building.

The graves in that area of the cemetery mostly belong to African-Americans, but also include some Hispanics and any "pauper" whites who were unidentified when they died, Flatt said. Records have changed hands so many times that it's unknown exactly where people are buried, even for such prominent people as civic leader Jacob Fontaine, who is somewhere in that section of

the cemetery. Kim McKnight, the parks department coordinator who has worked on historic cemetery cautioned planning, against assuming the graves were always unmarked. They might have had wooden crosses that deteriorated or stones with markings that were worn away.

"Sadly, there are many precedents around the country where grave sites for communities of color have been disregarded," McKnight said. "We intend to move forward carefully and respectfully and, in doing so, hope to restore dignity to the grave sites discovered."

# Texas Burger charred in early morning fire

ODESSA - A Texas Burger restaurant was heavily damaged after it caught fire early this morning at 1507 N. JBS Parkway.

Odessa Fire/Rescue Division Capt. Larry Norrid said they received the call a little after midnight and when they arrived they found a lot of heavy smoke.

'They went in the interior and the ceiling somewhere," Norrid

The cause of the fire undetermined and under investigation at this time, Norrid said. The build-



ing was unoccupied at the time since it was closed for the night and no injuries were reported. It took firefighters approximately three to four hours to get the fire knocked down initially and crews were still putting out hot spots on the roof until 7:30 or 8 a.m., he said.

"Anytime you have a commercial structure fire it's gonna take more man power, more time, just everything is multiplied," Norrid said.

Craig Van Amburgh, Texas Burger's company spokesman, said he went by the location this morning and saw the extensive damage to both the kitchen and the dining room area. The company is currently diverting traffic to their location at 7850 E. Highway 191.







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# Eagles 11-5

By MARISSA LOFTIN

Sports Editor

PECOS — The Big Spring Steers varsity baseball team was on the road to Pecos where they prevailed over the Eagles in an 11-5 victory yesterday after-

The Steers opened the first inning with a double from Riley Henson, and another double from Noah Gonzales, which brought their first run across and established an early lead over the Eagles.

In the second inning, Matthew Tarrats and Cameron Mikels each broke off an RBI single, giving the Steers a 3-0 lead going into the third.

The Eagles were able to fight back, scoring four runs to take the lead in the bottom of the third in-

"We were able to stay composed and kept pitching to contact, allowing our defense to perform," said head coach Daniel Carrillo. "I believe it gave us confidence that carried on to our offense.'

Big Spring refused to let Pecos keep the lead. They came into the fourth inning with hot bats and smart base running, and brought five more runs across to put the Steers up by four 8-4.

"We have done a great job of creating traffic on the bases," said Carrillo. "Whether it be hits, walks, HBP, or simply just putting the ball in play and making the opposing team work."

Brantz Burchett hit a two-RBI single to tack on two runs to their lead in the seventh inning.

It was now up to the Eagles to try and overcome their six point deficit, but they weren't able to string anything together against the Steers defense.

Big Spring came out on top in a 11-5 victory over

"Seeing the team continue to grow on both offense and defense is exciting because this is about the time you want your team to start heating up." said Carrillo. "Hopefully it will continue, as we are one week away from our first district game."

Up next, the Steers will travel to Monahans on Thursday for a double-header, where they will take on both Alpine and Monahans.

# Lady Buffs dominate Eagles in double-header *18-3*, *18-1*

By MARISSA LOFTIN

SEAGRAVES — The Forsan Lady Buff varsity softball team made their way to Seagraves Monday morning, where they took on the Lady Eagles in a double-header. Forsan was simply unstoppable as they controlled every inning of both games, and were a force to be reckoned with at the plate. Seagraves just could not keep up, as the Lady Buffs prevailed in two blowout matches, 18-3 and 18-1.

#### Game One Forsan 18 Seagraves 3

Forsan set the tone of the game in the bottom of the first inning by establishing a 7-1 lead over the

The seven-run inning was thanks to a 2 RBI triple by Ashtyn Pearson, an RBI double by Hunter Seymore, an RBI single by Kaylee Morgan, a walk by

Ashlea Hardin, an RBI single by Kendall Phillips, and a steal of home by Brennan East. In the top of the 2nd inning, the Lady Buffs put a

defensive stop on Seagraves, getting three outs in "I think our pitcher and catcher are working to-

gether really well," said head softball coach Shanna Taylor. "which is good to see this early in district play."

The Lady Buffs sealed the win by bringing 11 more across in the second inning alone, which brought the score to 18-1 heading to the top of the

Seagraves attempted stringing together what would need to be a miraculous comeback, but fell very short as they were only able to score two more

So just like that, the Lady Buffs dominated the Lady Eagles in only two and a half innings of play.

Forsan had an incredible total of 15 hits and 14 stolen bases in the short duration of the game.

While Phillips, Destiny Mata, and Pearson all had multiple hits for the team this game, Morgan lead the team offensively with an RBI single, an RBI double, a 2 RBI triple and a run from stealing

#### Game Two Forsan 18 Seagraves 1

The Forsan Lady Buffs were able to take an early lead over the Seagraves Lady Eagles in the first inning due to a home run by Phillips, a double by Seymore and a stolen base by Lexie Gee.

Seagraves was held scoreless up until the third for the game

inning, where they brought their only run across

# Steers defeat Leonard returns with 31, Spurs top Hawks, tie for No. 1 seed



San Antonio Spurs forward Kawhi Leonard (2) drives to the basket against Atlanta Hawks defenders Thabo Sefolosha (25) and Kent Bazemore (24) during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Monday, March 13, 2017, in San Antonio.

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Spurs made mistakes, missed shots and looked lost at times offensively, yet Gregg Popovich was pleased.

Overcoming a season-high 23 turnovers with a strong defensive showing kept the Spurs from getting into real trouble with their coach and the Atlanta Hawks.

Kawhi Leonard scored 31 points in his return from a conhis first two attempts. cussion and San Antonio tied Golden State for the NBA's best record with a 107-99 victory on Monday night.

"I was really pleased that they continue to guard and hustle the way they did despite being sloppy with the ball," Popovich said.

San Antonio made a seasonhigh 16 3-pointers in its 19th straight home victory over Atlanta. The Spurs and Warriors are 52-14 with 16 games remaining, including the final regularseason matchup between them on March 29.

Atlanta point guard Dennis Schroder had 22 points and 10 assists. Tim Hardaway Jr. added 17 points, but the Hawks had their three-game winning streak snapped.

San Antonio's Patty Mills had 15 points and Danny Green added 14. The starting guards combined to shoot 7 for 12 on 3-pointers and the team finished 16 for

David Lee had 14 points in place of LaMarcus Aldridge, who missed his second straight game with a minor heart arrhythmia. Aldridge's status remains un-

"We just want him to get better, don't want to rush it," Leonard said. "That's something serious

with his heart." The Spurs were also without injured point guards Tony Parker and Dejounte Murray. but Leonard returned from a

the win in just four innings of play.

Going on a 9-0 run in the fourth, Forsan put the

The huge nine-run inning came from a stolen

base by Hardin, a single by Macey Evans, a sto-

len base by Mata, a stolen base by Pearson, a walk

by Seymore, a stolen base by Morgan, a single by

Keelee White, a stolen base by Gee, and a double

With hot bats, the Lady Buffs got off a whopping

18 hits in the game two of which were home runs:

game out of reach, yet again, for the Eagles and got

one-game absence after suffering a concussion in the second half against Oklahoma City last Thursday.

"I felt good," Leonard said. "Just like any other game. Our medicine team and trainers did a good job of getting me prepared.'

Leonard made five straight shots, including a step-back, fadeway jumper at the close of the first quarter, after missing

"Kawhi's a very special player, veteran Pau Gasol said. "It's nothing new. He's playing at a very high level. For him to come back after the mild concussion and play at this level and give us this lift, it means a lot to this team. It makes a big difference."

The Hawks cut a 15-point deficit to 89-87 on Hardaway's baseline drive and dunk, but were hurt by scoring just 21 points off the Spurs' turnovers.

"If you get turnovers, you have to get points out of them and we just didn't capitalize on that tonight," forward Paul Millsap

TIP-INS

Hawks: Atlanta has not won in San Antonio since Feb. 15, 1997. ... Mike Dunleavy missed his eighth straight game with an inflamed right ankle. ... The Hawks have 15 games remaining, including seven at home, as they battle for one of the East's top four seeds. Spurs: Popovich said Aldridge

underwent further tests Monday outside of San Antonio but his status remains unknown. "No, we're just going to wait until he comes back and assess him," Popovich said. "I think he'll be back either tomorrow morning or tonight, I don't know which." ... Leonard has scored at least 19 points in his last 28 games, including 20-plus in 24 of those out-

ings. ... Parker missed his third

straight game with back stiff-

ness. The 34-year-old has missed 13 games this season due to injury and sat out two others for rest.

HAPPY LEE

Lee has provided the Spurs with a needed boost in the frontcourt, especially with Aldridge out indefinitely.

The 33-year-old forward was a late addition to the team's roster, signing a two-year deal worth \$3.2 million on July 28. Lee had battled various leg injuries over the past several seasons, but has not missed any games this sea-

"I don't want to compliment David Lee too much," Popovich said, smiling. "I don't want him to get a big head. I want to keep him angry and wondering every minute whether he might play or not. He's had a great year for us, he's played well all season long.

We're lucky to have him." Lee is averaging 7.4 points, 5.6 rebounds and 1.5 assists in 65

games. DOING WELL

Leonard said his concussion occurred after he was hit on his jaw and near his temple.

"It was hard, but I mean you don't have to get hit hard to get a concussion," Leonard said.

"I didn't feel dizzy or like I was going to fall. I just was seeing blurry out of my left eye. I tried to shake it off. They ended up calling a timeout and it started getting really blurry. I told one of the coaches and I just went out. I got checked out."

After suffering a headache and having some sensitivity to light initially, Leonard was able to begin the concussion protocol Saturday and was cleared Monday.

**UP NEXT** Memphis on Hawks: Host Thursday night.

Spurs: Host Portland Wednesday night.

one by Phillips in the first and one by Mata in the

"We have a strong line up this year," said Taylor. "We keep getting better at hitting with every ball

Seymore led the Lady Buffs at the plate with four RBIs, going 2-3 in the game. She also led the team in stolen bases, contributing 3 to the team's total of 14.

The team will travel to Borden County to face the Coyotes this afternoon, which should be a little more competitive, according to Taylor,

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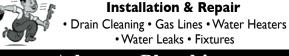
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**ARIES (March** 21-April 19). You've a success story to share. Be discerning, though. Certain friends will be too jealous to be genuinely happy for you. It's obviously less than ideal, but the friendship will be stronger when you're sensitive to such quirks.

**TAURUS (April** 20-May 20). You crave the joy that comes from letting go of control. The way to get exciting results is to set boundaries and then encourage your crew to go wild within

#### Tomorrow's Horoscope

the time.

those boundaries. **GEMINI (May** 21-June 21). You're thinking deeper and wider. Don't be surprised if the people around you do not see the same options that you see. You'll either show them the way or preserve a special route for yourself.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). This is not a zero-sum game. Your success will not come at the expense of anyone else. The cost will be paid by you and you alone. The rewards will go to you, too.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're not lost. You're just paying attention in a new way, which can be disorienting. Close observation can make the familiar seem unfamiliar. Take breaks. Observation takes energy. It's harder work than it seems.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Would happiness prevail if not for the current problem? No. The current problem itself is integral to happiness. You'll derive great satisfaction and pride from solving it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). While it would be foolish to aim to make mistakes, it's equally silly to avoid and fear them. The wise do not aim to live without folly. There will be much to learn in a tidy little mess.

24-Nov. 21). Trust your instincts. They are creative, accurate, attractive, compelling and healthy. Whoever told you that you couldn't trust your instincts was acting out of self-interest at

SCORPIO (Oct.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). From Shakespeare to Disney, the dramatists agree that evil plans are most harmful to the one planning them. All you have to do is mind your own business and the drama will take care of itself.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). While it's cynical to think that people are being nice in hopes of future favors returned, it's not altogether wrong today, either. Luckily, the land of politics is one in which you're well versed. AQUARIUS (Jan.

20-Feb. 18). Managing expectations will be a very important part of your day. If you can master this (mainly by under promising and over delivering), you'll wind up a hero. PISCES (Feb. **19-March 20)**. If you downplay your ac-

complishments, you'll insinuate doubt in an otherwise neutral mind. If you praise yourself, it will only annoy. For today, you'll win socially by not discussing yourself at

all.

TODAY'S BIRTH-DAY (March 14). There's sunshine in your mind this year.

and the cheerfulness

you feel will touch lives in ways known and unknown to you. Get out of a competition in the early part of this solar return. Compete only with vourself. You'll accept an honor in May. Contracts favor you in July and October. You'll cash out in 2018. Gemini and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 10, 33, 28 and 45.

**ASTROLOGICAL** QUESTION: "I am very worried about my daughter. I'm afraid she has chosen the wrong man. Her birthday is April 29, 1984, and she was born at 2:45 a.m." Your daughter is a lovely but stubborn

Taurus with her love planet, Venus, in naive Aries. The good news is that this and other indications in her chart suggest that she may have several shortlived relationships, each with its own enjoyments and education. This particular relationship may fizzle for reasons connected with her job. So you don't have to worry about this lasting. The bad news is that your daughter is not likely to listen to you or anyone else in regard to her romantic choic-

es, and, in fact, the more people outwardly dislike her choices, the more she'll stand by them -- even if she's already grown bored by the romance. The best you can do is remain neutral and loving toward her, avoiding the subject of her romantic life altogether, or bringing it up in a lighthearted, disinterested way, as though you don't have a care in the world as to whether she's dating a doctor or a convict, as long as she's happy.

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By Steve Becker

#### Tug of war

South dealer. North-South vulnerable. NORTH ♦9852 ♥J1032 ♦K82 WEST **♠**J1063 **♠**Λ K J 10 9 8 The bidding:
West East

The play of some bridge hands

Opening lead — three of clubs.

can be likened to a tug of war, with each side trying to yank the other out of position. For example, take this deal where West leads a club against four hearts. East cashes two club tricks and plays a third round of clubs, hoping West will be able to ruff and force declarer to overruff with dummy's ten or jack. If East's plan succeeds, he will automatically

acquire a trump trick.

West cooperates by ruffing the third club with the five, and if declarer makes the mistake of overruffing in dummy, he eventually goes down one, losing both a trump trick and a diamond.

But if South is on his toes, he does not allow himself to be yanked out of position by this attack on his trumps. Instead of overtrumping West's five, which seems the natural thing to do, South discards the deuce of diamonds from dummy It is not difficult for declarer to

diagnose East's purpose in leading a third round of clubs, especially after West ruffs with the five. Furthermore, since South has a sure diamond loser in any case, he realizes he is better off to concede it at this point rather than weaken dummy's trump holding. Discarding the diamond from

dummy allows declarer to win the tug of war. Whatever West returns, South can get to dummy with the king of diamonds, lead the jack of hearts and finesse, then repeat the finesse to trap East's king. After drawing East's last trump, declarer trumps a diamond in dummy and winds up losing only the first three tricks to make his contract.

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"John." (These are pseudonyms. I don't want to share the real names for privacy reasons.)

Earlier this year, I married the love of my life, "Keith," after three very happy years together. Though we're in no rush to have children, we do want to have a family eventually. Family is important to both of us, and we are lucky to have good relationships with my small nearby family and Keith's

family of two brothers and three stepsisters, all of whom live across the country. Keith's eldest brother and sister-in-law are expecting a boy, and they just told us that they are thinking of

naming him ... "John." Though I'm thrilled for them, I am also crushed. Years ago, I mentioned to the soon-to-be parents in passing how I liked the name, and I can't help thinking they "stole" it from me. I do understand that I

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don't have a claim on this name. However, I'm having a tough time letting go of the resentment, and each time I hear people compliment the name choice, it's like a twist of the knife. I wouldn't want to be seen as copying them if I were to have a son of my own. What can I do? -- What's in a Name?

Dear WIAN: Get out the book of baby names and start perusing the millions of other choices available to you. I guarantee you'll find one that you like even better. And at the end of the day, there's nothing in a person's name more important than what's in his character.

Dear Annie:

This is in regard to "Trapped," who was preparing to leave her emotionally abusive husband.

"Trapped" should be able to work with an attorney to follow the statutes of the state in which she lives regarding how to serve her husband with a petition for dissolution and perhaps simultaneously get an order for protection. There should be no need for "Trapped" to meet with her husband face to face. Law enforcement or a process server could personally serve her husband. Of course, "Trapped" will have to make arrangements for an alternative living situation once her husband has been served. -- Retired

Attorney

**Dear Retired:** Thank you for bringing to attention that important point. Though "Trapped" wanted to tell her husband in person, it is, as you said, not necessary or even advisable.

If you or someone you know is in an abusive situation, there is help. Call The National Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-799-7233.

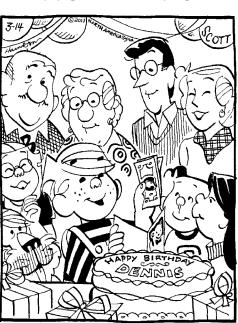
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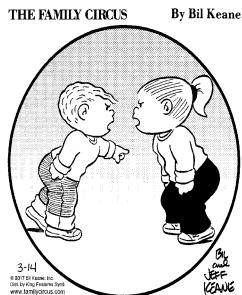
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#### DENNIS THE MENACE



Grampa picks the best birthday cards, ... ONES WITH MONEY IN 'EM!"

#### THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"You disagree with EVERYTHING I say, Dolly!" "I do not!"





# THINK AGAIN!!

YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE A NECK!

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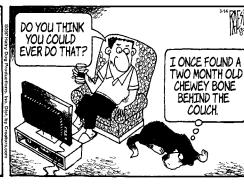
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# This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, March 14, the 73rd day of 2017. There are 292 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On March 14, 1967, the body of President John F. Kennedy was moved from a temporary grave to a permanent memorial site at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia. On this date:

In 1794, Eli Whitney received a patent for his cotton gin, an invention that revolutionized America's cotton industry.

In 1885, the Gilbert and Sullivan comic opera "The Mikado" premiered at the Savoy Theatre in London.

In 1900, Congress ratified the Gold Standard Act. In 1907, President Theodore

Roosevelt signed an executive order designed to prevent Japanese laborers from immigrating to the United States as part of a "gentlemen's agreement" with Japan. In 1923, President Warren G.

Harding became the first chief executive to file an income tax return, paying a levy of \$17,990 on his \$75,000 salary.

In 1939, the republic of Czechoslovakia was dissolved. opening the way for Nazi occupation of Czech areas and the separation of Slovakia. In 1951, during the Korean

recaptured Seoul (sohl).

War, United Nations forces

In 1964, a jury in Dallas found Jack Ruby guilty of murdering Lee Harvey Oswald, the

accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy, and sentenced him to death. (Both the conviction and death sentence were overturned, but Ruby died before he could be retried.) In 1975, "Monty Python and the Holy Grail," a sendup of the legend of King Arthur, had its

world premiere in Los Angeles.

Academy Award-winning actress Susan Hayward, 57, died in Los Angeles. In 1980, a LOT Polish Airlines jet crashed while attempting to land in Warsaw, killing all 87 people aboard, including 22

members of a U.S. amateur

boxing team.

In 1990, the Soviet Congress of People's Deputies held a secret ballot that elected Mikhail S. Gorbachev to a new, powerful presidency.

In 1991, a British court overturned the convictions of the "Birmingham Six," who had spent 16 years in prison for a 1974 Irish Republican Army bombing, and ordered them released.

Ten years ago: The Pentagon released the transcript of a military hearing in which Khalid Sheikh Mohammed (HAH'-leed shayk moh-HAH'-med) said he operation from A to Z. President George W. Bush, speaking from Mexico, said he was troubled by the Justice Department's misleading explanations to Congress of

why it had fired eight U.S.

attorneys, but said the firings

"was responsible for the 9/11

were "entirely appropriate." Five years ago: President Barack Obama and his wife, Michelle, hosted a White House state dinner for British Prime Minister David Cameron and his wife, Samantha. Earlier, the two leaders announced that NATO forces would hand over

One year ago: The Senate voted 49-40 to confirm John B. King Jr. as the nation's educa-

Answer to previous puzzle

#### Newsday Crossword

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- 43 Maui or Oahu
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- **DOWN**

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- 8 Bunch of bees
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36 Performer's part 38 Jurassic Park beast

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# DeMarcus Ware announces his retirement from NFL

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — DeMarcus Ware won't be returning to either the Dallas Cowboys or the Denver Broncos as expected.

The 12-year NFL veteran is instead retiring from the NFL.

Ware announced his decision Monday

Next to a split image of the Cowboys and Broncos, Ware wrote. "After a lot of thought and prayer, I've decided to accept the unknown and retire from my NFL career. Tempting opportunities still present themselves for me to play and I feel better than I have in years. However, longterm health of quality of life outweigh the spark and passion to play that I once had."

Ware's decision is a shocker.

Just two months ago, he scoffed at those suggesting he might have played his last NFL game after he missed the Broncos' season finale to undergo lower back sur-

Hours before Ware announced his retirement, Broncos general manager John Elway said, "He's going to test the market to see what's out there. I told him that's probably the best thing to do at this point in time and we'll stay in touch and see where he is."

After he announced his retirement, the Broncos tweeted, "See you in Canton."

"DeMarcus, you are the epitome of what an NFL player should be," Elway tweeted. "Congrats on your Hall of Fame career & thank you for becoming a Bronco!"

Čowboys owner Jerry Jones said: "DeMarcus was everything we could have ever wanted in a player, a person and a representative of the Cowboys organization. He was one of the most dominant NFL players at his position in his era, and he was one of the most dynamic players in



AP Photo/Jack Dempsev

This Oct. 30, 2016, photo shows Denver Broncos outside linebacker DeMarcus Ware (94) smiling prior to an NFL football game against the San Diego Chargers.

Cowboys.

"We wish nothing but the best for DeMarcus and his family, and we appreciate and respect his contributions to the NFL and to our team."

In his Twitter post, Ware thanked "all the people in my life who had a hand in molding me into a great player and the God fearing man I am today. I thank the Dallas Cowboys and Denver Broncos for opportunities to experience what greatness feels like."

Ware retires with 138½ sacks, eighth on the career list.

The Cowboys' all-time sacks leader with 117, Ware joined the Broncos as part of Elway's defensive makeover in 2014 along with safety T.J. Ward and cornerback Aqib Talib.

Von Miller credited Ware with helping him become a superstar and Super Bowl MVP.

Late last season. Miller told The Associated Press: "The type of impact that he had on my life, you could just look at my career those years that he was here. If you look at 2011, 2012 and 2013 and then you look at the years that DeMarcus Ware was here -2014, 2015, 2016 — and on the field it may not be a big change, but the person that I am and the stuff that I've been exposed to

'You always want to

the history of the Dallas be a leader. You think you know what it takes and you think you have great ideas, but until you're like three feet away from it and you see like nah, he really doesn't do that or he does this instead of that. And it can just be the little subtle stuff like he comes in and watches film on his phone, it's the little stuff that you observe, that you take,' Miller said.

> "Like, I don't have to come in every day and make an announcement. I can just come in and do my work and say what needs to be said and get things done. I think I just had to calm down and what calmed me down was really just seeing how it was really supposed to be," Miller said. "I was full speed before, 100 percent. De-Marcus, he's like that, too, though. But just not all the time, you get to see there's a time and a place for everything, and in DeMarcus I got to see a great example of

> Ware totaled 81 tackles and  $21\frac{1}{2}$  sacks in Denver and had a terrific playoff performance two seasons ago with a dozen quarterback hits during the Broncos' run to their Super Bowl 50

# Baylor women No. 1 NCAA seed in Oklahoma City Regional

WACO, Texas (AP) Baylor is starting the NCAA Tournament at home again, and the Lady Bears wouldn't have to travel too far to get to the Final Four — if they can get through Oklahoma City.

After winning its seventh consecutive Big 12 regular season title, Baylor (30-3) is the No. 1 seed in the Oklahoma City Regional.

"We're familiar with Oklahoma City. We've had wonderful play there, and not so wonderful play. Hopefully we get there," coach Kim Mulkey said after the 64-team NCAA field was revealed Monday night. "It's a very, very tough regional we were put

SEC runner-up Misseed Washington (27-

3) and No. 4 seed Louisville (27-7). Tennessee (19-11), which has been in all 36 NCAA Tournaments, is the No. 5 seed.

The Final Four will be played in Dallas, about 100 miles from the Baylor campus at the home of the NBA's Mavericks, where the Lady Bears lost last season in the Elite

If the Lady Bears win their first two games at home — against Texas Southern on Saturday, and then either LSU or California — they would then go to Oklahoma City to the home of the NBA's Thunder, where last week they lost in the Big 12 Tournament final.



AP Photo/Sue Ogrocki

Baylor head coach Kim Mulkey gestures sissippi State (29-4) is in the second half of an NCAA college basthe No. 2 seed in the ketball championship game against West region, and will also Virginia at the Big 12 Conference tournaplay its NCAA opener ment in Oklahoma City, Monday, March 6, at home, as will No. 3 2017. West Virginia won 77-66.

Baylor had won two Big 12 Tournaments there the previous three years, but that is also where they were knocked out of the NCAA Tournaments in 2013 and 2015.

"It really didn't matter to us where we went," senior Nina Davis said. "We've been in Oklahoma City for a lot of different things, but we're really not focused on wherever we

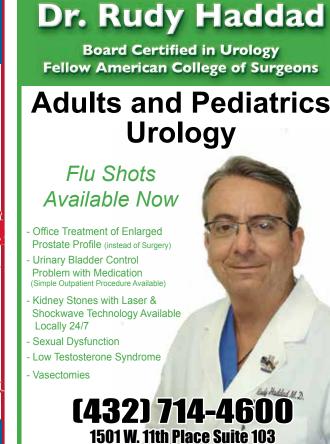
Baylor, a No. 1 seed for the fifth time in seven years, has won its last 10 NCAA Tournament games in the Ferrell Center, by an average margin of 29.4 points.

Some other things about the Oklahoma City Regional:









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