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Creating a piece of serenity



Kent Ivey, left, Cody Strickland, and Burr Williams plant some native foliage at the spring area in Comanche Trail Park Friday afternoon. The men are involved in a project to recreate the habitat of the area when man first came upon the spring. The project is meant to enhance the ongoing \$1.8 renovation of the historic spring.

By LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

Cody Strickland spent his Friday afternoon hands-deep in thick mud as he planted foliage along the spring area of Comanche Trail Park. Strickland is a member of a volunteer group of military veterans lead by Burr Williams, a Texas master naturalist, and Kent Ivey, to find and plant native foliage in the historic spring area to enhance the \$1.8 million renovation project. The group's goal is to plant

native foliage that would have been prevalent in the area when man first came to the spring. On Friday, volunteers were wading through muddy soil to plant species of grass, wildflowers, sedge, and grapevines they had collected about a week ago at a Lynn Fuller's ranch in Scurry County. This is just the first of many plantings. "I guess I'm going to have to get muddy," Strickland said while smiling as he removed a sedge from one of the pots to place in the hole he just dug.

Country music blared from his smartphone as he worked in the muddy soil and flowing water. Strickland, a U.S. Marine veteran from Big Spring receiving treatment at the VA Medical Center said he first signed on to the project after visiting the Big Spring State Park. "The Park Ranger was up there, and he started telling us a little about the area and how the three different

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

BSI premieres new STAAR video

By LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

A group of Big Spring Intermediate School students received a little bit of the rock star treatment Thursday afternoon.

Billed as "a once in a lifetime — yearly event" by its creators, the new STAAR music video was premiered in front of the school and staff in the BSI gymnasium. It's become a tradition now at BSI. Three years ago, Choir Director Billie Daves enlisted his long-time buddies — Corey Green, Jose Rameriz, and Jared Sanchez — to help shoot a comedic video starring a select group of students to be shown at the STAAR pep rally. A day after "We put the

STAAR test in its Place" — a parody of Megan Trainor's top hit song "All About That Bass" — went up on the BSI Facebook site in April of 2015, it had already been viewed 59,000 times. This year, Daves and the gang, used four hit songs — A-ha's "Take On Me," MC Hammer's "Can't Touch This", Lady Gaga's "Poker Face", and Katy Perry's "Firework".

Daves played the villain STAAR in the video while super heroes Kennedy Osborne, Devon Bennet-Christopher, Genevieve Bedinger, Eli Cobos, Toby Kirkham, Celestina Vela, Valerie Barrios, Skylyn Rivera, and Emily Matthews stepped up to stop

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BSI students, faculty, and staff watch the new STAAR video Thursday in the schools gymnasium.

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Parkview to celebrate National Nursing Home week

Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation, 3200 Parkway, will hold a celebration from 4 to 6 p.m. in observance of National Nursing Home Week. Hot dogs, chips, and drinks will be served.

Dimples the Clown, face painting, a DJ, train rides, game booths, and a bouncy water slide will be available to entertain youngsters, while adults can meet the staff, visit with Parkview residents, and see recent changes to the home. Parkview has recently undergone remodeling and renovation.

For more information, contact Parkview at 432-263-4041.

Howard County Republican Club meets Monday

Howard County Republican Club will hold its last meeting before summer break (June and July) on Monday, May 8, in the Howard College Cactus Room at 11:30 a.m. for a Dutch treat lunch with meeting to follow at noon. Special guest speaker will be Mayor Larry McLellan. For more information, contact Bo Fryar 432 270-8513.



Preparing to say goodbye

HERALD photo/Amanda Elston

Students in Cindy Plaia's first grade class at Moss Elementary School gather around the butterflies they raised in their classroom. According to Plaia, they have had the butterflies about three weeks. The butterflies will take part in 12th annual butterfly release hosted by Home Hospice this Sunday at the Dora Roberts Community Center from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.



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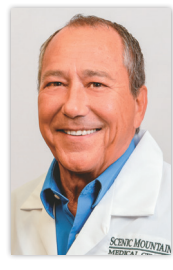
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Obituaries

Robert Lee Carlile Jr.



Robert Lee Carlile Jr. was born Jan. 7, 1954, in Big Spring to Robert and Koleta Carlile. He left this life peacefully Sunday evening, March 26, 2017, surrounded by family and friends. A Celebration of Life service was held Thursday, April 6, 2017, at Cypress United Methodist Church in Cypress, where he lived at the time of his death.

Bob, as he was known in his adult years, or Bobby, as he was known growing up, attended Big Spring schools, graduating from BSHS in 1972. He attended The University of Texas in Austin and graduated from Angelo State University with a BBA in business marketing. He lived most of his adult life in the Houston area, where he worked in sales and the insurance

industry.

Bob was grateful for the support he received from the American Cancer Society, which enabled him to take part in a clinical drug trial. He asked that anyone wanting to make a donation in his name give to the American Cancer Society so that others can receive the same support.

Bob is survived by his parents, Robert and Koleta Carlile; a sister and brother-in-law, Cathy and Jim Griffin; a brother, Bruce Carlile; two nephews, Casey Griffin and wife Katherine, and their children, Jack, Libby, and Emma, and Austin Carlile, and wife Laressa; a niece, Cara Griffin; and close friend and companion, Carola Uriona.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Kelly Carlile.

Bob's love for the great outdoors will continue into eternity as his final wish was to have his remains scattered over Scenic Mountain.

Paid obituary

Betty Latrell Welch



Betty Latrell Welch, 80, of Stanton died Thursday, May 4, 2017, at her residence.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Monday, May 8, 2017, at First Baptist Church in Stanton with the Rev. David Harp officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery, Stanton.

The family will receive friends from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, May 7, 2017, at Gilbreath Funeral

Home.

She was born April 4, 1937, in Ranger, Texas, and married Ben Franklin Welch June 16, 1957, in Grand Falls, Texas.

Betty owned and operated Dalashanta Dress Shop in Stanton for 13 years, and was very involved in the community. She was a member of First Baptist

Church and the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority for many years. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother and will be missed by all who knew her.

Survivors include her husband, Benny Welch of Stanton; one daughter, Carla Welch of Stanton; one son, Ron Welch and wife Robin of San Saba; two grandchildren, Garrett Welch and John Welch; one brother, Kenneth Elrod of San Diego, Calif.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, David O. and Minnie Bell Browning Elrod; and two brothers, Dale Elrod and Earl Elrod.

The family suggests memorials to Home Hospice, 111 E. 7th St., Suite A, Big Spring, Texas, 79720; or to Trulite Home Health, 310 St. Peter St., Stanton, Texas 79782.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences may be made at www.npwelch.com.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **MICHAELS ANTHONY CARRILLO**, 24, of 1806 Runnels was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

- **AMY ORTEGA ROMERO**, 43, of 2504 March Circle was arrested on a warrant for theft (\$50 to \$500).

- **ANTHONY JOSEPH YANEZ**, 25, of 1408 Oriole St. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

- **MANUEL SOSA IV**, 24, of 1810 Settles was arrested on a warrant for driving with an in-

valid license.

- **BRENNNA LEDAE HILL**, 25, of 601 W. 15th St. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

- **CARLOS MONTANEZ JR.**, 39, of 2002 Alabama St. was arrested on a charge of evading arrest or detention.

- **ENRIQUE GARZA JR.**, 25, of 606 E. 12th St. was arrested on warrants for driving with an invalid license and public intoxication.

- **VERLINCINA ANN SCOTT**, 21, of 1002 N. Main St. Apt. #43 was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- **DISTURBANCE** was re-

ported in the 900 block of North Lamesa Highway and the 3100 block of South Highway 87.

- **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported on the north service road near the intersection of Interstate 20 and Highway 176.

- **THEFT OF FIREARM** was reported in the 3600 block of West Highway 80.

- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of Fourth and Johnson streets.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 600 block of State Street.

- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 500 block of Goliad Street.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of South Gregg Street.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 900 block of Northwest First Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of Stadium.

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near mile marker 168 of Interstate 20. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Boulevard. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of Willia. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of Third and Gregg streets.

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 800 block of Comanche Park Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of Third and Gregg streets.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of West 11th Place. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of North Highway 87. One person was

transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of Johnson Street.

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of Fourth and Aylesford. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of Scurry. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 400 block of West FM 700.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **BUILDING FIRE** was reported in the 1400 block of East Sixth Street.

- **FALSE FIRE ALARM** was reported in the 400 block of West FM 700.

Take Note

The Big Spring Salvation Army and the Big Spring Center for Skilled Care are holding a fan drive to collect and distribute electric fans to those 55 and older in Howard County.

Those wishing to donate can take new or gently used box or pedestal fans to the Salvation Army headquarters at 811 W. Fifth St. Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.; or to the Center for Skilled Care at 3701 Wasson Rd. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Seniors 55 and older who need a fan should call the Salvation Army at

432-267-8239 or the Center for Skilled Care at 432-606-5012 to register and receive the distribution date.

Registration is now begin taken for cancer survivors/caregivers who will be attending the 2017 Howard/Glasscock County Relay for Life.

To register by phone or online call 1-800-227-2345 or www.relayforlife.org/bigspiringtx. For assistance, you may contact Howard Stewart at 432-935-0582 or Beverly Grant at 432-967-0901.

Raymond V. Gonzales Jr.



Raymond V. Gonzales Jr., 37, of Big Spring, died Thursday, April 27, 2017, in Arizona.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Monday, May 8, 2017 at Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Myers and Smith Chapel with Pastor Sam Segundo of Family Faith Center officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Raymond was born May 15, 1979, in Lubbock, Texas. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring except for a few years in Abilene and in Lubbock. He worked in the oilfield most of his life.

He is survived by two sons, Andre James Gonzales and Adam Christopher Gonzales, both of Big Spring; two daughters, Attalia Gonzales of Big Spring and Kandyce Gonzales of Oklahoma; his parents, Janie Valdez of Arlington, Joanne Garzes of Lubbock, and Raymond Gonzales Sr., also of Lubbock; brothers and sisters, Raymond Gonzales Jr., Lonnie Dale Layland, Alvin Wayne Sanders, Evelyn Marez, Migel Garzes Jr., Victoria Garzes, Christina Garzes, Jennifer Garzes, Alex Garzes, Jaime Castillo, Gina Valdez, Jay Edward Valdez, and Angelica Abbott.

He was preceded in death by his father Juakin Valdez in 2014; and a brother, Gabriel Gonzales.

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

Orvel "Red" Oringderff

Orvel "Red" Oringderff, 74, of Big Spring died Friday, May 5, 2017, at his home. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 76 inmates at the time of this report.

- **LISA NICOLE GOMEZ**, 29, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for failure to identify/fugitive giving false information.

- **ROBERT GUTIERREZ**, 47, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for hindering secured creditors.

- **AMY ORTEGA ROMERO**, 43, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for forgery of a financial instrument.

- **JOE C. TORRES**, 40, was booked by BSPD on warrants for parent contributing to non-attendance, theft of service (\$500 to \$1,500), and theft of property (\$100 to \$750).

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.

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Stars of BSI's new STAARs video are pictured from left, Kennedy Osborne, Devon Bennet-Christopher, Genevieve Bedinger, Eli Cobos, Toby Kirkham, Celestina Vela, Valerie Barrios, Skylyn Rivera, and Emily Matthews. Choir Director Billy Daves is pictured in back.

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STAAR's villainous deeds through song and dance.

The video took more than a month to film with students staying after school, coming in on weekends and on their Spring Break vacation and even giving up Easter Sunday. Daves and the participants tried to keep filming secret. The group referred to themselves as the Secret Squirrel Society.

As the young stars waited for the premiere, they all admitted to having a little bit of nerves.

"He (Daves) said the whole video is going to be silly overall, so I think there is going to be a lot of laughter involved," said Valerie Barrios.

And laughter did ensue from the student body as they watched the video along with loud cheering.

Next week, the next round of STAAR testing begins for Texas students. STAAR stands for "State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness." It's state-mandated tests to evaluate the students' comprehension of grade-level content.

At some grade lev-

els, students who do not pass the STAAR test or retests may be retained in that grade level for the next year. Although sixth graders are not subject to possible grade retention if they fail the test, they may be required to take extra course work in their weak subject area next year.

The pep rally and video are meant to help ease the tension the test can create in the student body. All the video's stars said they were

a little worried about the upcoming tests.

"I think it (the video) is going to bring a lot of encouragement to pass the STAAR," Celestina Vela said.

The video is expected to be posted soon to the the BSI Facebook site: <https://www.facebook.com/BSIintermediate/>

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

Fill the boot



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Big Spring firefighters were out in the sun all day Friday for their annual MDA "Fill the Boot" campaign. Funds raised from the campaign are used to fund research and help provided services for children and adults with muscular dystrophy.

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climates come to a point. It caught my attention," he recalled. "After hearing the story, this other volunteer, Kent Ivey, was telling us about the spring, what we were going to do over here, and wanted to know if we would be interested in giving back to the community."

Ivey was helping Williams of the Sibley Nature Center in Midland with his hunt to find natural foliages and came up with the idea to enlist veterans to the project.

He then connected with Akisha Williams, a volunteer coordinator at the VAMC.

"We've seen the interest grow," Akisha Williams said. "It brings veterans together and gives them the opportunities to learn new skills, develop some things and share some knowledge, and get out in the community."

Hours of traipsing around through grass, cacti, and mesquite trees to find and collect foliage has been worth it, Strickland said.

"I've already envisioned someone having a wedding here," he said. "That's priceless no matter how much you work."

Once completed, Strickland hopes the spring will become a place of serenity for the community.

"It's really good...to talk with the community and get back with the community," Strickland said. "Sometimes it hard for veterans to get out to the community. I've come a long way. I went from being a suicidal Marine to I can't stop smiling, and I love talking to people now. This place has been a blessing, and if I can give back to it, I am happy to now."

Burr Williams said he expected about 60 to 80 percent of the newly transplanted foliage from this first round to survive. "I envision this is as an ongoing maintenance program of scouting with the vets doing what we've done and adding to this," Ivey said. "The goal of this is to recreate the habitat as it might have been 500 years ago."

So far, Ivey said, ev-



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Cody Strickland plans some foliage at the spring area in Comanche Trail Park Friday.

everyone is having fun.

"You never know somebody until you worked side by side with them with a shovel," Ivey said. "I don't care how long you've known them until you have a shovel in your hand, you don't know that person. We got bonded pretty well, pretty quick."

Ivey wanted to include veterans in the project to help them become more involved with the community.

"Last time I thanked them for their participation, but I let them know they are leaving a part of themselves here in Howard County," he said. "The things they are planting now maybe are here a 100 years from now and so are they."

"I want to thank the VA staff because they have been very helpful," Ivey continued. "That will get better going along because they don't know who I am, but they were willing to work with me anyway. I came in there and as pushy as I am, they've been great."

Ivey hopes to continue with similar projects and invites the community to contact him with other ideas.

"It lets those guys become part of the community and part of the VA because, there it is, but it's like a castle

on the hill over there," he said. "It's hard to approach, but its not really once these guys get us going."

To contact Ivey or Williams, visit the projects Facebook group at "Friends of Comanche Trail Park" or contact Ivey at 432-816-7402.

Once completed sometime in fall, the renovated spring will feature attractions such as storyboards and educational signage, plaza seating for 1,000 people, observation decks, new artificial outflow which will create a waterfall and widened foot trails.

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Wallace Spraberry, 84, died Tuesday. Graveside service was at 10 a.m. this morning at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel.

Demetrio "JR" Mireles, 70, died Wednesday. Funeral mass will be at 1:30 p.m. today at Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Raymond V. Gonzales, Jr., 37, died Thursday, April 27, 2017 in Arizona. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Evangelina Arenivaz, 70, died Thursday. Services are pending.

Orvel "Red" Oringer, 74, died Friday. Services are pending.

Police officer free on bond in teen's suburban Dallas death

DALLAS (AP) — A white Texas police officer faces a murder charge in the shooting of a black teenager after being fired earlier in the week, authorities said.

Roy Oliver turned himself in Friday night, just hours after the Dallas County Sheriff's Office issued a warrant for his arrest in the April 29 death of 15-year-old Jordan Edwards. Oliver, a former officer in the Dallas suburb of Balch Springs, was later released after posting bail at the Parker County Jail in Weatherford, about 95 miles west of Dallas. His bond had been set at \$300,000.

The sheriff's office said in a statement the warrant was issued based on evidence that suggested Oliver "intended to cause serious bodily injury and commit an act clearly dangerous to human life that caused the death."

Oliver fired a rifle at a car full of teenagers leaving a party, fatally shooting Edwards who was a passenger in the vehicle. The teen's death led to protests calling for Oliver to be fired and charged. On Tuesday, the same day that the officer was fired, news broke of the Justice Department's decision not to charge two white police officers in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in the shooting death of a black man in 2016. And a white officer in North Charleston, South Carolina,

pleaded guilty that day to federal civil rights charges in the fatal shooting of a black man in 2015.

Edwards and his two brothers and two other teenagers were leaving an unruly house party in Balch Springs when Oliver opened fire on their car with a rifle. The bullets shattered the front passenger-side window and struck Edwards. It took a few moments for Edwards' 16-year-old brother, who was driving, and other passengers to notice that he was slumped over in his seat.

Police had said the teenagers' car was backing up toward officers "in an aggressive manner," but later said body camera video showed the vehicle actually driving away from the officers.

The investigation into the shooting "will continue and does not conclude with the arrest," sheriff's spokeswoman Melinda Urbina said.

Attorneys for Oliver and the family of Edwards didn't respond to requests for comment.

Oliver's firing Tuesday was for violating department policies in the shooting.

Records show that Oliver was briefly suspended in 2013 following a complaint about his conduct while serving as a witness in a drunken-driving case.

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Opinion

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—FIRST AMENDMENT

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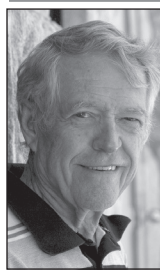
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The cisterns of Brenham

Sharon Brass had a career in the computer industry, then twelve years ago moved to Washington County where she became interested in local history. “If you move here, you cannot escape the history. It is so rich and so colorful and so fun. After all this is where Texas was born.”



TUMBLEWEED
SMITH

In early Texas history, Brenham (the county seat of Washington County) and Galveston were the two major economic centers of the state. Brenham was larger than Houston and Austin combined. During the reconstruction days after the Civil War, Union troops occupied Brenham from 1866 until 1869. Sharon says townspeople didn't like having them there. “We lost the war and their presence in town was just an everyday reminder of that.”

Union troops burned a block of downtown buildings. One housed the local newspaper, which had published editorials against the yankee soldiers. “In those days you had no way to fight fires except with a bucket of water,” says Sharon. “When the whole block was going up in flames, locals knew there was no way to stop the fire. Besides that,

Union troops stood guard to prevent residents from putting out the flames. Three months after it happened, there was another fire in downtown Brenham, also set by the Union troops. So the Brenham people got together and formed the first Brenham fire group that was called The Hook and Ladder Company. They started building cisterns almost immediately all over town.

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There were some around the downtown square. They were wooden structures above the ground at first. Over time, they got more advanced and started putting cisterns underground. These were built specifically to fight fires. As a result, today there are 26 cisterns under Brenham streets.”

Private cisterns were popular all over Texas, but Sharon says Brenham is the only city that had public cisterns. At a down-

town intersection, rainwater from the four buildings on each corner flowed into a cistern in the middle of the intersection. A park in downtown Brenham has one of the historic cisterns with a decorative plexiglas dome for viewing. It is an official state archaeological landmark. The park is named Toubin Park in honor of Leon Toubin who donated land for the park. Panels with printed information are situated around the cistern, giving the history of the early fire fighting methods. Sharon did the research on the project and has written a book, The Burning of Brenham. There have been efforts to make it into a movie.

The citizens bought a Silsby Fire Engine, which sits at the fire museum downtown. “This was so rare in its day. It would be the equivalent of having a space shuttle sitting there today. We were the first Texas town to get one and ours is the only one in Texas today. It was designed to pull water out of canals. There's a lot of them in New York where the fire engine was built. That makes it perfect to pull water out of cisterns. So our folks here in Brenham found this machine, imported it to Texas at great expense and were finally equipped to spray water on a fire. We're very proud of our antique fire engine.”

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you, Todd Darden

This is Marillyn Miears, I lived in Big Spring. I have been seeing comments about Todd Darden that have got me upset.

21 years ago just before my granddaughter was born I washed up blankets etc before was she born to get ready for her. I was having trouble with brown water. I complained so much about it, I even took a glass of (brown) water to a city council meeting and asked them if they wanted to drink it and all said no.

Anyway, the city, including Todd, came out to my house to find out what was going on. First they said bad pipes. I told them I had all new pipes un-

der the house. Well, Todd said he wanted to check it out himself.

He went under my house and checked it out and came back and said all new pipes. So, what they did was flush the hydrants once a week and that solved the problem.

Before you guys that are to quick to judge Todd, look in your own backyard before you are quick to condemn someone.

Thank you Todd for helping me, like going under my house when you could have sent someone else.

God bless you,

Marillyn Miears
Tacoma, Washington

Uncle Mort and horse sense

Horse sense--my 104-year-old Uncle Mort maintains--is much more than stable thinking. As a charter member of the “spit and whittle club” at the general store in the thicket, they weigh the world's weightiest problems, often with wild abandon.

If only two geezers show up, arguments are common, but not much is settled. With three or more present, however, it's a quorum.

Boiled down to the essence, they arrived at two major conclusions recently. First, they're pretty sure Americans' “up-tight” propensities--stemming from encounters with so many simultaneous problems--are like pendulums nearing the end of their arcs. They believe it's time for the pendulums to swing toward a “down loose” stance....

Their other conclusion concerns the saber-rattling of North Korea's “head man,” Kim Jong-un, who arrived at the vaunted perch by virtue of his birth. He's the grandson of the “founding dictator,” and he has so many titles, printing all of them would require both sides of a business card.

Little is known about Kim. Even the date of his birth is questioned, with ballots split between Jan. 8, 1984, and July 5, 1984. He MAY have attended a western university under an assumed name, and he MAY have ordered the demise of many people--his relatives included--whom he believed to be out of step with his whims and foibles. There are many other “mays” in

his resume, critical scrutiny of which began with his ascension to power in 2011.

Now, let's get back to his “titles,” all of which are subject to change without notice. We're likely missing some, but a quick perusal reveals that Kim Jong-un is: Chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea, Supreme Leader of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), Chairman of the Military Commission, Chairman of the National Defense Commission, Supreme Commander of the Korean

shortage shortly,” Mort said. “So far, we're convinced he's more bark than bite, and we think there's a surefire way to know when North Korea has serious missile capabilities.”

Huh? How could we possibly know?

Mort says so many missiles have fizzled, the 33-year-old wizard has authorized yet another organization. Its hundreds of members gather at missile sites several hours before launching.

“Just before they light the fuse on missiles, workers start the engines of trash trucks, front-end loaders and street sweepers, ready to clean up the mess they expect to rain down a few seconds later,” he explained. “Don't you know the sounds of those engines starting is encouraging to their nuclear scientists?” Mort joked. He says when the clean-up crew no longer shows up around the launch pad, we might assume that North Korea might be able to launch a missile to reach targets beyond its own zip code.”

Sometimes Mort and his friends share stories they pick up at Sunday school. They all laughed about the unfortunate answer provided by Modeen (not her real name) when her husband Ron (not his real moniker, either) was asked by a friend if he has a pacemaker.

Modeen and Roy have been married 62 years, and since her hearing is better, she often answers for both of 'em.

“No, he's had open-heart surgery, but he doesn't have a pacemaker,” she volunteered. “If he did, I'd turn it up a few notches.”

Dr. Newbury is a speaker in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. Comments/inquiries to: newbury@speakerdoc.com. Phone: 817-447-3872. Website: www.speakerdoc.com.

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What we've seen and heard so far is that he has an “honorary doctorate” from HELP University (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia), holds conferences with basketball's Dennis Rodman and visits his “royal barber”--the same one who cut Fred Flintstone's hair years ago.

“What we've decided is that with all the noise he's rattling, they're liable to face a saber



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DAILY PRAYER

Your path, Lord, is always before us, may we choose the right path. Amen.

Foot health tips

From the Wound Healing Center at Scenic Mountain

April is National Foot Health Awareness Month and a time when the experts at The Wound Healing Center at Scenic Mountain suggest people take a moment to stand up for their feet. According to the American Orthopaedic Foot & Ankle Society, the average person takes 10,000 steps each day which adds up to more than three million steps per year.

The Wound Healing Center at Scenic Mountain treats chronic foot and leg wounds that are often caused by underlying conditions such as diabetes and vascular disease. It is estimated that 25 percent of the 29.1 million people living with diabetes will develop a diabetic foot

ulcer and without treatment the wounds can lead to amputation or death.

“The statistics are truly startling when you realize that about 60 percent of non-traumatic limb amputations are performed on people living with diabetes,” said Scott Covington, MD, FACS, CHWS, chief medical officer with Healogics, Inc., which manages the Wound Healing Center at Scenic Mountain specializing in the treatment of chronic wounds and non-responsive conditions.

There are preventative measures everyone can do to improve foot health. The Wound Healing Center at Scenic Mountain offers the following foot care tips:

Check your feet for sores or other injuries every day.

You may have an injury, but cannot feel the pain.

Wash your feet every day and dry them with care, especially between the toes.

Trim your toenails as needed after you’ve washed and dried your feet.

Wear properly fitting shoes that do not rub or pinch your feet.

Always wear socks or stockings with your shoes, and never walk barefoot or while wearing just socks.

Physical activity can help increase circulation in your feet. Consult your healthcare team to see which physical activity is right for you.

The Wound Healing Center at Scenic Mountain offers comprehensive wound care and leading edge treatments including hyperbaric oxygen

therapy, negative pressure wound therapy, bio-engineered skin substitutes, biological and biosynthetic dressings and growth factor therapies.

For more information on the treatment of diabetic foot ulcers or chronic or infected wounds, contact The Wound Healing Center at Scenic Mountain 432-268-5370

About Wound Healing Center at Scenic Mountain

The Wound Healing Center at Scenic Mountain is a diagnostic and therapeutic center for acute and chronic problem wounds. We offer an evidenced based, systematic approach to healing chronic wounds utilizing an interdisciplinary team approach. Patients may be referred by a physician, other health care practitioner, or self-referred. A physician will complete a history and physical, order diagnostic tests, if indicated, and determine a plan of care following established

clinical practice guidelines. Treatment will focus on the causation of the wound, co-existing conditions that impact wound healing, and topical wound management. Services offered include:

- Wound consultation/evaluation, diagnostic and ongoing assessments, and treatment
- Non-invasive vascular studies
- Specialty wound dressings
- Bio-engineered skin grafts/substitutes
- Compression therapy
- Wound cultures, debridements and biopsies
- Treatment of wound, skin and bone infections including antibiotic therapy
- Patient and family education to improve outcomes and minimize reoccurrences
- Pressure off-loading devices and footwear
- Negative pressure wound therapy
- Hyperbaric oxygen therapy

AP Explains: Why the sick will face coverage problems



AP photo

In this Friday, March 24, 2017, file photo, protesters gather across the Chicago River from Trump Tower to rally against the repeal of the Affordable Care Act, in Chicago. The Republican push to replace the Affordable Care Act was revived by a small change to their plan designed to combat concerns over coverage for those with pre-existing health conditions.

By TOM MURPHY

AP Health Writer

The Republican push to replace the Affordable Care Act was revived this week in Congress by a small change to their plan designed to combat concerns over coverage for those with pre-existing health problems.

The change helped get the bill through the House of Representatives in a tight vote Thursday, but experts say it may make little difference in the hunt for affordable coverage for these patients.

The bill proposes setting aside an additional \$8 billion over five years to help states cover those who may be subject to higher insurance rates because they’ve had a lapse in coverage. That’s on top of about \$100 billion over a decade for states to help people afford coverage and stabilize insurance markets.

The problem, experts say, is that the money is unlikely to guarantee an affordable alternative for those who get coverage under a popular provision of the Affordable Care Act that prevents insurers from rejecting people or charging higher rates based on their health.

“Many people with pre-existing conditions will have a hard time maintaining coverage because it just won’t be affordable,” said Larry Levitt, a health insurance expert with the Kaiser Family Foundation, which studies health care issues.

The ultimate impact on those with pre-existing conditions remains unknown. The bill now heads for the Senate, where it is expected to change, and the plan leaves many important coverage decisions up to the states. Still, it is making some who are now covered by the Affordable Care Act nervous.

John S. Williams, an attorney in New Orleans whose multiple sclerosis medication costs \$70,000 a year, buys insurance through the Affordable Care Act’s marketplace. Without protections for pre-existing conditions he fears he would have to close his law practice and find a job that of-

fers a group insurance plan.

“We always hear about job growth and business creation — being able to have affordable health care drives that,” Williams said.

“I have tremendous satisfaction with owning a business, but I know that if I can’t get coverage, I would be forced to get a different job. I can’t not have coverage for my multiple sclerosis.”

Here’s how coverage may change for those with pre-existing conditions under the plan:

WHAT CHANGES?

States will be able to get federal waivers allowing insurers to charge higher premiums to people with pre-existing illnesses who have let their coverage lapse. States can then use federal money to fund government-operated insurance programs for expensive patients called “high-risk pools.”

HOW DO THESE POOLS OPERATE?

Patients who couldn’t get or afford insurance could apply for coverage through these high risk pools, which existed before the Affordable Care Act was passed. Even though they were charged far higher rates, up to double the amount paid by consumers with no serious ailments, care for these patients is so expensive that government money was needed to fund the programs.

DO THEY WORK?

In the more than 30 states that had high-risk pools, net losses piled up to more than \$1.2 billion in 2011, the high point of the pools before the Affordable Care Act took full effect. Medical expenses outpaced premiums collected, and losses averaged \$5,500 per person enrolled. States used fees and taxes to make up the difference, and states sometimes made it more difficult to some to qualify for care.

IS THE FEDERAL MONEY ENOUGH?

An analysis by the health care consulting firm Avalere found that the money would only be enough to fund high-risk pools in a few small states. High-risk pools could fill up fast with patients who have a lapse in coverage,

People with pre-existing conditions could lose their insurance if they can no longer work due to their health. The Republican health plan also is expected to raise premiums for older people, who are more likely to have a pre-existing condition.

“This gets complicated fast,” Avalere President Dan Mendelson said.

About 2.2 million people in the individual insurance market have some sort of pre-existing chronic condition, according to Avalere.

Because the bill is expected to change, and because it leaves big decisions up to the states, it’s hard to say now what it would mean. Also, federal auditors have not had time to analyze the plan.

Proponents of the bill note that people in poor health would still be protected as long as they maintain coverage. If they don’t, the higher premiums they are charged would revert back to standard rates after 12 months, assuming the customer could afford to keep paying.

In the past, risk pools have not guaranteed coverage.

States have established waiting lists to get into their risk pools or restricted admission to the pools, since they ultimately have to balance their budget and they have no way to predict how high costs will climb.

“There is no guarantee in the law that people with pre-existing conditions would get access to affordable coverage,” said Kaiser’s Levitt.

Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the market or appraised value of your property
- the unequal appraisal of your property
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- the ownership of the property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board (ARB) that applies to and adversely affects you.

Informal Review

For an informal review, please contact the Glasscock County Appraisal District at 432/354-2580.

Review by the ARB

If you cannot resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the ARB.

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You will receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening or on a Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD plans to introduce at the hearing to establish any matter at issue. The law provides that before a hearing on a protest or immediately after the hearing begins, you or your agent and the CAD shall each provide the other with a copy of any materials – whether in paper or electronic form – intended to be offered or submitted to the ARB at the hearing. (Multiple copies of these materials typically must be brought to the hearing so that each ARB member has a copy of all the materials to review.) To the greatest extent practicable, the hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative

will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. In most cases, the CAD has the burden of establishing the property’s value by a preponderance of the evidence presented.

In certain protests, the chief appraiser has the burden of proving the property’s value by clear and convincing evidence. You should review ARB hearing procedures to learn more about evidence and related matters. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office or from the Comptroller of Public Accounts at comptroller.texas.gov/forms/50-132.pdf.

You should not try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they have not talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

Review by the District Court, an Arbitrator or SOAH

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you are not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 60 days of the date you receive the ARB’s order. In certain cases, as an alternative to filing an appeal in district court, you may file, not later than the 45th day after you receive notice of the ARB order, a request for binding arbitration with the county appraisal district. In certain cases, you may appeal to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH). An appeal to SOAH is initiated by, not later than the 30th day after you receive notice of the ARB’s order, filing with the chief appraiser of the county appraisal district a notice of appeal. Appeals to district court, binding arbitration, or SOAH all require payment of certain fees or deposits.

Tax Payment

You must pay the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute, the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken or the amount of taxes due in the previous year.

More Information

You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at

Glasscock County Appraisal District
PO Box 155, 124 N. Main Street
Garden City, TX 79739
Phone: 432/354-2580

You can get additional information on how to prepare a protest from the Comptroller’s publication, *Property Tax Basics*, available on the Comptroller’s Property Tax Assistance Division’s website at comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/docs/96-1425.pdf.

Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB*

Usual Deadline

On or before April 30 for residence homesteads and May 31 for all other property (or within 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are not allowed after the ARB approves the appraisal records for the year.

Special Deadlines

For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the determination was delivered to you.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change did not result from a protest you filed), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the change was delivered to you.

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually Feb. 1) or no later than the 125th day after the date you claim you received a tax bill from one or more of the taxing units that tax your property. The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

* The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or legal, state or national holiday.



Matthew Jonas /The Daily Times Call via AP

In this April 18, 2017, file photo, investigators stand by as debris is removed from a house that was destroyed in a deadly explosion in Firestone, Colo. The home explosion that killed two people was caused by unrefined natural gas that was leaking from a small abandoned pipeline from a nearby well, fire officials said Tuesday, May 2, 2017.

Colorado governor wants map of gas lines after fatal blast

DENVER (AP) — Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper said Wednesday the state should have comprehensive maps of oil and gas pipelines to help prevent a repeat of a fatal house explosion blamed on an old, severed gas line.

Hickenlooper said that may require a new law, and the Legislature is unlikely to pass one this year because the session is almost over.

"But I don't think it's unreasonable for that to be public information," he said.

Hickenlooper spoke a day after investigators announced that an April 17 explosion that killed two people was caused by odorless, unrefined gas leaking from the severed underground pipeline.

The line was believed to be abandoned but was still connected to a gas well with a valve turned to the open position, investigators said.

The underground flow line was 1 inch (2.5 centimeters) in diameter and had been severed within 10 feet (3 meters) of the home, officials said. Investigators said they do not know when or how the line was cut.

State regulations require abandoned lines to be disconnected and capped. Investigators have said they do not know why that was not done.

With 54,000 active oil and gas wells, Colorado has thousands of similar lines, known as flow lines. They carry oil or gas from a well to a storage tank or other collection point.

The Colorado Oil and

Gas Conservation Commission, which regulates the industry, said it does not have complete records of the locations.

"Some of these old wells that are abandoned, I'm not sure if people even know where the flow lines are," said Hickenlooper, a Democrat and a former petroleum geologist. "We'll try to go to every data source we can get."

He said it could take two years to compile the data.

Immediately after investigators announced their findings about the explosion, Hickenlooper ordered inspections of all flow lines within 1,000 feet of occupied buildings.

The order, issued by the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, requires energy companies to give the state GPS location data on their flow lines. A commission spokesman did not immediately respond to questions about whether that data would be sufficient to create a flow line map.

The explosion was in Firestone, about 30 miles (48 kilometers) north of Denver. Mark Martinez and his brother-in-law, Joseph William Irwin III, were killed. Erin Martinez — Martinez's wife and Irwin's sister — was badly burned.

The families issued a statement Wednesday thanking community members for their support.

Authorities said the Firestone Police Department is investigating their deaths, and

Weekly Oil Report

New Locations:

Howard County

Callon Petroleum Operating Co.
P.O. Box 1287
Natchez, MS 39121-0000
Ryan Emery Regulatory Specialist
(281) 589-5200

#2AH Wright Unit "29-20", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
19.21 miles northwest of Big Spring
A-348, Section 29, Block 33, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 8500 feet
Latitude 032.293856, Longitude -101.381534. Datum: NAD 83
430' FSL, 1024' FEL of 640-acre lease
430' FSL, 1024' FEL of the survey

Callon Petroleum Operating Co.
P.O. Box 1287
Natchez, MS 39121-0000
Ryan Emery Regulatory Specialist
(281) 589-5200

#6SH Wright Unit "29-20", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
19.21 miles northwest of Big Spring
A-348, Section 29, Block 33, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 8100 feet
Latitude 032.293885, Longitude -101.381542. Datum: NAD 83
460' FSL, 1023' FEL of 640-acre lease
460' FSL, 1023' FEL of the survey

Sabalo Operating, LLC
P.O. Box 2907
Corpus Christi, TX 78403-0000
Ryan Bergeron, Consultant
(512) 478-3456

#1AH The King "45-04", drill horizontal, API #42-227-38870
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
3.75 miles southeast of Vealmoor
A-1314, Section 40, Block 32, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9000 feet
Latitude 032.488429, Longitude -101.521362. Datum: NAD 27
272' FSL, 486' FWL of 647.48-acre lease
272' FSL, 486' FWL of the survey

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Corpus Christi, TX 78403-0000
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(512) 478-3456

#1AH Big El "45-04", drill horizontal, API #42-227-38869
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
4.15 miles southeast of Vealmoor
A-297, Section 45, Block 32, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9000 feet
Latitude 032.488767, Longitude -101.513516. Datum: NAD 27
330' FWL, 280' FNL of 639.94-acre lease
2207' FEL, 280' FNL of the survey

Callon Petroleum Operating Co.
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Natchez, MS 39121-0000
Ryan Emery, Regulatory Specialist
(281) 589-5200

#1AH Wyndham "A1", drill horizontal, API #42-227-38961
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
3.47 miles northwest of Big Spring
A-1663, Section 30, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 7800 feet
Latitude 032.74935, Longitude -101.295125. Datum: NAD 83
794' FNL, 1003' FWL of 520-acre lease
794' FNL, 1003' FWL of the survey

Callon Petroleum Operating Co.
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Natchez, MS 39121-0000
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#2AH Wyndham "A2", drill horizontal, API #42-227-38962
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
3.47 miles northwest of Big Spring
A-1663, Section 30, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 7800 feet
Latitude 032.174906, Longitude -101.295116.
Datum: NAD 83
824' FNL, 1003' FWL of 520-acre lease
824' FNL, 1003' FWL of the survey

West Texas Gas, Inc.
211 N. Colorado St.
Midland, TX 79701-0000
Phone #: NA

#01 Mustang, drill, El: NA
Wildcat Field
4.85 miles northwest of Big Spring
A-561, Block A, Bauer & Cockrell survey
Total Depth: 460 feet
Latitude 032.281611, Longitude -101.552805.
Datum: WGS 84
1000' FNEL, 1750' FNWL of 1-acre lease
1000' FNEL, 1750' FNWL of the survey
SWR 36 (H2S)

Borden County
Surge Operating, LLC
7850 N. Sam Houston Pkwy West
Houston, TX 77064-0000
Connie Swan, Agent
(918) 621-6533

#8AH Rakshasa "48-01", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
18.40 miles northeast of Vealmoor
A-1184, Section 48, Block 31, T-4-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,000 feet

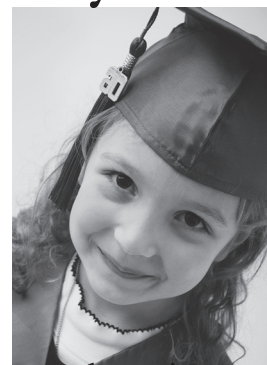
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Hickenlooper has said the state will look into whether anyone broke state laws or regulations.

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Shell earnings double as energy prices rebound

LONDON (AP) — Royal Dutch Shell says first-quarter earnings more than doubled as energy prices rebounded and the company benefited from a cost-cutting drive announced when oil was at a 12-year low.

The Anglo-Dutch energy giant said Thursday that profit adjusted for changes in the value of inventories and excluding one-time items rose to \$3.75 billion from \$1.55 billion in the same period last year. Net income jumped to \$3.54 billion from \$484 million.

CEO Ben van Beurden says Shell has either announced or completed \$20 billion of asset sales that will strengthen the bottom line. He says Shell is "rapidly transforming through the consistent and disciplined execution of our strategy."

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Nuke waste debate: Turn it into glass or encase in cement?

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Congress should consider authorizing the U.S. Department of Energy to study encasing much of the nuclear waste at the nation's largest waste repository in a cement-like mixture instead of turning it into glass logs, according to a new report from the U.S. Government Accountability Office.

Doing so before burying the waste would be less expensive than a process called vitrification to turn the waste into the glass logs, said the report issued Wednesday.

The process called grouting might also allow waste at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation in a remote part of southcentral Washington state to be treated more quickly, the report said.

The waste is left over from plutonium production for nuclear weapons, including the bomb dropped on Nagasaki, Japan that led to the end of World War II.

The Energy Department replied that it agreed with the office's recommendations but Washington state officials still believe the best way to safely deal with the waste and protect the environment is by turning it into glass.

"We remain firm in our conviction that vitrification, or glass, is the superior process," said Alex Smith, manager for the state's Department of Ecology's Nu-

clear Waste Program. There have been numerous delays in treating the waste stored in tanks at Hanford. Smith said state officials fear a study on a different way to deal with the waste could "redirect critical funding away from the ongoing work to get treatment processes up and running by 2023."

U.S. Sen. Maria Cantwell, a Washington Democrat, also voiced concerns that launching a new study could delay the work.

"We can't afford to get distracted from the job at hand," Cantwell said.

Hanford has about 56 million gallons (211 million liters) of waste stored in underground tanks until it can be treated for permanent disposal. Some tanks date back to World War II and are leaking.

Another 42 million gallons (159 million liters) of similar waste from nuclear weapons production is stored at the government's Savannah River Site in western South Carolina near Georgia.

The process to encase waste there in the cement-like mixture called grout has been used for small amounts of the waste.

Ground was broken at Hanford in 2002 for a \$17 billion vitrification plant — one of the federal government's most expensive construction projects — to separate much of the waste into high-level and low-level radioactive material.

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1435' FSL, 2310' FEL of the survey

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Total Depth: 9000 feet
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Datum: NAD 83
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273' FSL, 2605' FEL of the survey

#5NU Barbee "B 47-38" (Allocation "D"), drill horizontal



Brett Coomer/Houston Chronicle via AP

In this Tuesday, April 25, 2017, photo, Marc Rocha paints a model at USM Inc. in preparation for the upcoming Offshore Technology Conference in Houston. There's no manual for making an 8-foot-long scale model of an oil tanker. Exploration companies don't send instructions for how to re-create their ever-more-sophisticated inventions in miniature. The Houston Chronicle reports that's up to John Richard. He is the lead model technician at USM.

Energy industry models featured at Houston conference

By LYDIA DePILLIS

Houston Chronicle
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With dexterity that belies his thick, large muscular hands, Richard constructs a wire circuit that will illuminate tiny LED lights on a diorama of an offshore rig. It's a mix of art and engineering, and Richard is surrounded by the tools of both: paint sprayers and power tools. 3-D print-

ers and laser cutters, and a room full of people working on computer models.

"It's a good feeling to know that you can reproduce anything," Richard said.

Every year, the stars of the show at the mammoth Offshore Technology Conference are the models: intricate reproductions of ships, plants, rigs, compressors, engines and drill bits, all nested in dazzling displays, vying for the attention of passers-by. Companies use models to illustrate how their technologies work without bringing in the product, which can weigh thousands of pound and cost a lot to transport and help make sales.

"Models offer an excellent opportunity to showcase unique capabilities in an engaging way for visitors," said Lisa Albiston, vice president of marketing communications at the energy services firm TechnipFMC. "They offer individuals an educational experience and the opportunity to learn more about the complexities of the oil and gas industry."

Dozens of those models are painstakingly constructed in a featureless warehouse off Interstate 45 in Houston, by artisans like Richard, who, with over 30 years in the business, has learned the process from start to finish.

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Richard is the lead model technician at USM, which has built models for OTC since the show started in 1969. The warehouse floor was recently filled with boxes that headed to the early-May show, marked with the names of industry giants: NOV, Hess, Halliburton.

USM has built about 30 models, and handles the rest for companies that have brought them in from out of town, delicately trucking them to and staging them in booths at NRG Park.

Model-making has been around for centuries, but the craft has changed almost as much as the buildings and new technologies that it mimics.

When a Hungarian immigrant engineer named Steve Johnson started United Scale Models back in 1956, they were mostly made of wood and wire, requiring years of training to machine and glue together.

In the beginning, Johnson taught model makers in the kitchen of his one-bedroom apartment, and construction took place in the living room.

Later they leased a facility in Bellaire and built a custom facility in 1998. Johnson's sons, Paul and Chris Johnson, took over the family business in 2012.

These days, model-making is still a highly skilled trade, practiced by a small number of craftsmen and women — just over 6,000 in the U.S., according to the Census Bureau.

Before the advent of

3-D digital imaging that allows engineers to virtually prototype their new products, most complicated construction projects required a miniature version before they could be built.

Rather than prototyping, the primary purpose is now marketing, whether to show off the new product at trade shows or demonstrate the concept to potential financiers. And as the uses of models have changed, so have the skills required to construct them.

By way of demonstration, Richard held a part of a full-scale model drill bit. It's quite a bit lighter than the real version, made out of plastic rather than steel — but otherwise a 100 percent accurate replica spit out of a 3-D printer.

Decades ago, Richard would have carved it out of wood, after calculating the dimensions by hand.

"I'd have to break the drawings down and then scale it," he said. "You didn't push a button and the answer was there."

In 1999, USM started using 3-D printers, which add layers and layers of plastic on top of each other to create an infinite array of shapes. Now the company has boxlike laser cutters, which can precisely cut a vast array of materials.

A room-sized spraying operation has largely replaced brushes to coat parts with sleek layers of paint. All of that technology has sped up the process, allowing USM to produce upward of 300 models per year in less time with fewer people.

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9826' FSL, 2580' FEL of 2,280.56-acre lease
273' FSL, 2580' FEL of the survey

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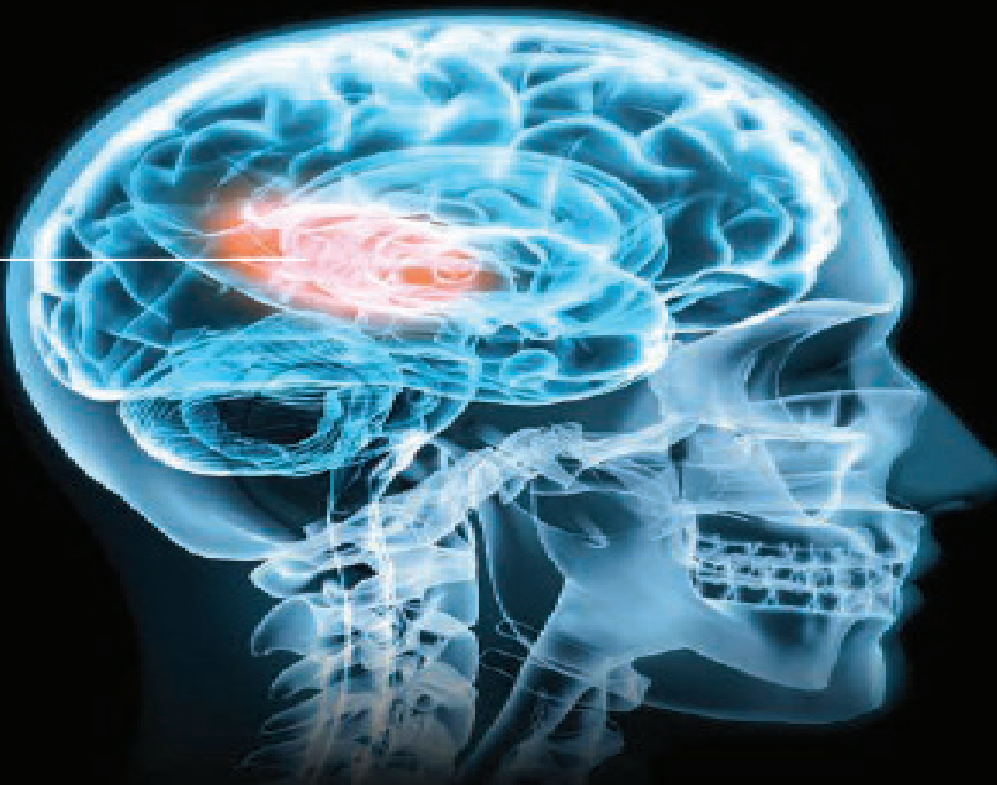
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U-Lazy "S" (Ellenburger) Field, re-completion, El: 2619' GR
12 miles north of Gail
A-151, Section 15, Block 30, T-6-N, T&P RR Co. survey
660' FSWL, 1436' FNWL of the survey
Latitude 032.9418265, Longitude -101.4383837
Total Depth: 8651 feet. PBTB: NA. Logs: Gamma Ray/CCL
Daily Potential: 33 Bbbls 38.0 gravity oil w/ 415 BWPD
Pumping. GOR: tstm
Spud: 12-19-16. Completed: 2-26-17. Pay: NA
9-5/8" @ 2726 feet w/ 1,565 sx.
7" to 8631 feet w/ 1,055 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 4005 feet
Perfs: 8631-8651

#4403H Haystack "6A" and "6", API #42-173-37353
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2628' GR
17.40 miles southwest of Garden City
A-418, Section 7, Block 36, T-4-S, T&P RR Co. survey
475' FNL, 1022' FWL of the survey
Latitude 031.7987250, Longitude -101.7664074
Total Depth: 9007 feet. PBTB: 14,346 feet.
Logs: Gamma Ray (MWD)
Daily Potential: 997 Bbbls (gravity oil: NA)
w/ 1,889 BWPD
Flowing. GOR: 1491
9-5/8" @ 8424 feet w/ 787 sx.
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Yeater throws shutout, Forsan beats Fort Hancock 9-0 in bi-district championship

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**
Sports Editor

The Forsan varsity baseball team made their way to Ft. Stockton, Texas on Friday to take on the Mustangs of Fort Hancock in the bi-district championship playoff game. The Buffaloes grabbed the win in shutout fashion with a final score of 9-0 and are now the bi-district champions of 2017.

Forsan's runs were thanks to a score by Blaze Yeater on a ground out and a score by Kolby Watson on a sacrifice fly in the bottom of the first, an RBI single and steal of home, both by Ricky Prater, in the third, a balk by Austin Dargen on an error, a balk by the Mustangs' pitcher that drove Watson across the plate, followed with back-to-back RBI singles by Prater, Ehren Hillger and Taylor Christian in the fourth.

Yeater had a heck of a game on the mound as he went the distance, only allowed one hit, walked three and sat a total of nine.

The Buffs collected a total of nine hits for the game. Prater led the way to victory as he went 2-4 on the day with three runs batted in.

"It was a good way for us and a great way to begin the playoffs. Yeater pitched a complete one-hit shutout and the defense played really solid behind



Pictured above are the members of the Forsan Buffalo varsity baseball team after their 9-0 shutout defeat over Fort Hancock with their 2017 Bi-district Championship trophy on Friday, May 5, 2017.

Courtesy Photo

him, never giving Fort Hancock a chance," said head baseball coach Stephen East. "This was one of our better games defensively and on the mound all season, and it's a great time to have those parts of the game really shine. We were able to hit the

ball really well tonight, but I was especially pleased with the pitching and defense."

The next playoff game for the Buffs is TBD at this time. For any further information please contact Marissa Loftin at sports@bigspringherald.com.

Odor delivers knockout as Texas beats Seattle 3-1 in 13th



AP Photo

Texas Rangers starting pitcher Yu Darvish is greeted in the dugout after the end of the seventh inning of a baseball game against the Seattle Mariners, Friday, May 5, 2017, in Seattle.

SEATTLE (AP) — A stellar performance by the Texas bullpen gave the Rangers enough time for Rougned Odor to come through with the missing big hit.

Odor hit a two-run home run in the 13th

inning and the Rangers got six innings of shutout relief pitching to beat the Seattle Mariners 3-1 early Saturday.

"For him to step up in that situation poised, and we've seen him do it before, and put a great

swing on a pitch he was able to get out of the ballpark. ... He's full of confidence anyway but something that will allow him to build off," Texas manager Jeff

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Coahoma baseball comes to close after playoff defeat vs. Early

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**

Sports Editor

It was a long night for the Bulldog varsity baseball team as they concluded their best two-out-of-three playoff series against the Early Longhorns. After winning game one on Thursday (see Friday's Herald for the story on game one), Coahoma came up short in Friday's pair of games, 9-3 in game 2 and 6-2 in game 3.

Game Two: Coahoma 3 - Early 9

The Longhorns came out strong in the first inning as they plated seven runs with a score by Tristan Horton on an error, a two-RBI single by C.J. Hanley, back-to-back RBI singles by Jonathan Morales and Ryan Hill, and a score by Morales on an error.

Following two ground outs and a pop out induced by Bulldog pitcher Landon Grant to shut down Early in the second inning, Coahoma managed to bring a run across, thanks to a steal of home by Gaige Hill.

The Longhorns increased their lead to 9-1 with an RBI single by Morales and a score by Kyler Merler on a ground out in the third.

The Bulldogs answered with two runs of their own that came when Logan Franklin was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded, which drove Bracy Bacon in for a score in the third, followed with an RBI double by Bacon

in the fourth.

Unfortunately that was not enough to get it done as both teams were held scoreless for the remainder of the game, giving Early the 9-3 victory in game one.

Grant, who was tagged with the loss, started the game on the mound for the Bulldogs. He threw for two innings, surrendered nine runs on six hits, walked four, and struck out one. Avry Burgans entered the game in the third inning, allowed zero runs on one hit, walked two and sat two. Fletcher Mashburn came in the game in the sixth, surrendered zero runs on zero hits, walked none, and sat two.

Coahoma collected a total of six hits. Adam Clark led the way with two.

Game Three: Coahoma 2 - Early 6

Game two began with strong defensive performances from both sides as both teams were held without a run scored throughout the first three innings.

That all changed in the bottom of the fourth when Hill, of Coahoma, stepped up to the plate and singled on a line drive out to right field, bringing Mashburn and Clark in for a pair of runs.

Early came right back in the following inning and tied the game up at two with an RBI single and a steal of

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Astros blow late 4-run lead, rally past Angels 7-6 in 10th

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Although Dallas Keuchel pitched into the ninth inning, the Houston ace was frustrated by his inability to finish off the Los Angeles Angels.

His talented Astros teammates still got the job done in extra innings.

Carlos Correa singled home Jose Altuve in the 10th, and the Astros blew a four-run lead in the ninth before rallying for a 7-6 victory over the Angels on Friday night.

Keuchel remained unbeaten while pitching seven-hit ball, but the AL Pitcher of the Month was chased by three straight singles that weren't hit terribly hard. Kole Calhoun eventually capped the small-ball rally with

a tying RBI single off Ken Giles (1-1) with two out.

"It was really frustrating," Keuchel said after missing out on his second complete game in three starts. "I wish they would have gotten some of those soft hits earlier in the game. It would have been easier on me, but that's really poor by me, and it's just really frustrating."

No matter for the AL leaders: Altuve singled, stole second and scored on Correa's line drive off Bud Norris (0-1) in the Astros' fifth victory in six games.

"He was able to steal the base, and

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AP Photo

Houston Astros' Brian McCann, center, celebrates his three-run home run with teammates during the seventh inning of a baseball game against the Los Angeles Angels, Friday, May 5, 2017, in Anaheim, Calif.

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Aldridge steps up to help Spurs down Rockets 103-92

HOUSTON (AP) — LaMarcus Aldridge had been criticized through two games of the Western Conference semifinals for not doing enough for the San Antonio Spurs.

On Friday night, with the Spurs now without Tony Parker, he shook off his slow start to this series with a huge game that propelled his team to a 103-92 victory over the Houston Rockets and a 2-1 lead.

Aldridge and Kawhi Leonard scored 26 points apiece in San Antonio's first post-season game without Parker since 2001, which ended an NBA record of 221 straight playoff appearances for the Frenchman. The 34-year-old was injured in the fourth quarter of Game 2.

"You can't replace Tony Parker. He's a Hall of Famer one day, but I think guys just came out with a sense of urgency and just played hard," Aldridge said.

Aldridge had managed just 19 points combined in the first two games, but stepped up in the wake of Parker's season-ending leg injury, scoring nine points in the fourth quarter to help the Spurs pull away.

"I do what the team needs," Aldridge said. "Tonight this was needed and I did it. So I'm always going to try to be aggressive out there and try to make things happen."

Game 4 is Sunday night in Houston.

James Harden led the Rockets with 43 points after scor-

ing just 13 in Game 2. But he had only five assists and complained about the officiating all night.

"We had several opportunities," Harden said. "As a unit we couldn't get it going consistently."

Coach Gregg Popovich started rookie Dejounte Murray in San Antonio's first game since Parker's quadriceps injury, instead of moving Patty Mills into the starting lineup. Mills had 15 points in 30 minutes and Murray scored just two points in 15 minutes.

"We started off pretty slow, but I think we did good," said Leonard, who had 10 rebounds and seven assists. "We got a win, but definitely still have to make some adjustments."

The Spurs led by six when Aldridge scored all of their points in a 7-2 run to make it 85-74 with about five minutes left.

"Aldridge sooner or later is going to go off because he's an All-Star," Houston coach Mike D'Antoni said. "Nothing they did should have bothered us. We just didn't play



Houston Rockets guard James Harden (13) drives past San Antonio Spurs guard Danny Green (14) during the first half in Game 3 of an NBA basketball second-round playoff series, Friday, May 5, 2017, in Houston.

AP Photo

well."

Houston scored six straight points soon after that to get within eight, but Danny Green made two 3-pointers in less than a minute to push the lead to 94-82 with less than

three minutes remaining.

San Antonio was up by six entering the fourth quarter and had a five-point lead with about 7 1/2 minutes remaining when Harden was given a technical foul for complain-

ing after not getting a call. Leonard made the free throw to make it 78-72.

The Spurs led by four at halftime and pushed the lead

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Banister said.

The game lasted five hours and was tied from the fourth inning on despite plenty of scoring opportunities for the Mariners. Odor finally broke the tie, hitting his sixth homer of the season into the right field seats off reliever Emilio Pagan (0-1).

Sam Dyson, Tony Barnette, Matt Bush (2-0) and Alex Claudio combined to shut out Seattle after starter Yu Darvish allowed one run in seven innings. Seattle's only run came on Robinson Cano's home run leading off the fourth. The Mariners were 0 for 12 with runners in scoring position.

"It goes that way sometimes, just didn't catch a break offensively," Mariners manager Scott Servais said. "We certainly had opportunities. Our guys really competed well all night."

Seattle missed a chance to win in the 10th after Jean Segura led off with a double. Ben Gamel failed to get down a sacrifice bunt and struck out on three pitches, and Cano was intentionally walked. The inability to get the bunt down loomed after Nelson Cruz flew out to center for the second out that likely would have been deep enough to score Segura. Kyle Seager grounded out to first to end the threat.

"Bunting is not as easy as it looks," Barnette said. "I made some good pitches, the first one was pretty much right at his face and luckily he fouled it off. That helped change the inning around."

Seattle lost two pitchers to injury in the span of two batters in the 11th. Jean Machi left with two outs after walking Carlos Gomez and suffering from a nerve issue in his right thumb that made it difficult to feel the ball. Evan Marshall, just called up from Triple-A on Friday, was given time to get ready, but on his second pitch to Joey Gallo, he screamed in pain and grabbed at the back of his right leg as he dropped to the ground. He had to be helped off the field, and after another

lengthy delay, Pagan struck out Gallo.

Servais said Marshall would be out a significant amount of time with a hamstring injury.

Texas scored in the first thanks to replay. Elvis Andrus' fly ball down the right field line was originally ruled foul, but replay showed the ball touched off Ben Gamel's glove in fair territory before landing foul. Andrus was given a ground-rule double, and Delino DeShields scored.

"Our guys stayed engaged, continued to play and made some plays," Banister said.

SOLID STARTS
Darvish topped 100 pitches for the fourth time in his last five starts, getting through seven innings mostly untouched. He walked four batters, but offset control issues by allowing only six hits and three times leaving runners stranded at second. His best escape came in the seventh when Guillermo Heredia walked and reached third with one out thanks to a wild pitch. But Darvish struck out Jarrod Dyson and got Segura to fly out to center.

Seattle starter Yovani Gallardo was just as good as Darvish. Gallardo allowed four hits in six innings and rebounded after giving up four earned runs in two of his previous three starts.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Rangers: Texas made a small move in its minor league system, trading catcher Pat Cantwell to Toronto for a player to be named later or cash. Cantwell was at Triple-A Round Rock.

Mariners: Seattle made a flur-



AP Photo

Mariners right fielder Ben Gamel leaps for, but can't catch a fly ball hit by Rangers' Elvis Andrus near foul territory that was ruled a ground-rule double after review in the first inning of their game against Seattle, Friday, May 5, 2017.

ry of roster moves, highlighted by left-handed starting pitcher James Paxton landing on the 10-day disabled list due to a strained forearm. Seattle also optioned starting catcher Mike Zunino to Triple-A Tacoma as he continued to struggle at the plate with a .167 batting average. The Mariners recalled infielder Mike Freeman, catcher Tuffy Goswisch and Marshall to fill the open roster spots.

UP NEXT
Rangers: Martin Perez (1-4) makes his seventh start of the season. Perez has allowed three runs or less in four of his first six outings but the Rangers are just 1-5 in games he has started.

Mariners: Chase De Jong (0-2) makes his second start since moving into the rotation after Felix Hernandez went on the disabled list. De Jong gave up six earned runs against Cleveland in his first start.

DOGS

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home, both my Merler.

The Longhorns managed to ice the game with an RBI single by Devyn Burns, a HBP with the bases loaded, a score by Morales on an error and an RBI single by Tristan Horton all in the sixth inning, and backed it up with their defense as they kept the Bulldogs from crossing the plate for the rest of the game. This insured their 6-2 victory in game two and for the three-game playoff series.

Alex Biddison started the game on the mound for Coahoma. He tossed for five innings, surrendered two runs on five hits, walked two and struck out eight. Mashburn entered the game in the sixth inning, allowed four runs on four hits, walked zero and struck out three.

It was another six-hit game for the Bulldogs with Biddison and Mashburn contributing two hits a piece.

"We simply got outhit and struggled with the breaking ball tonight," said head baseball coach Bryan Jacobs. "We are two very evenly matched teams and it really could have gone either way, but it just didn't fall our way tonight. A 16-win season is nothing to hang our heads about, especially on a team that only featured two seniors."

This loss closes out the season for the Coahoma varsity baseball team. They finished with a 16-10 record on the season.

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NBA Playoff Capsules

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SPURS 103, ROCKETS 92
HOUSTON (AP) — Kawhi Leonard and LaMarcus Aldridge scored 26 points apiece to help San Antonio, now without Tony Parker, beat Houston to take a 2-1 lead in the Western Conference semifinals.

Aldridge had managed just 19 points combined in the first two games, but stepped up in the wake of Parker's season-ending leg injury, scoring nine points in the fourth quarter to help the Spurs pull away.

Game 4 is Sunday night in Houston. James Harden led the Rockets with 43 points after scoring just 13 in Game 2. But he had just five assists and complained about the officiating all night.

The Spurs were playing in the postseason without Parker for the first time since 2001, ending an NBA record of 221 straight playoff appearances for the Frenchman. The 34-year-old was injured in the fourth quarter of Game 2.

Spurs' Tony Parker has surgery on ruptured quad tendon



San Antonio Spurs guard Tony Parker is carried off the court after being injured during the second half of Game 2 of a second-round NBA basketball playoff series against the Houston Rockets, Wednesday, May 3, 2017, in San Antonio.

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Spurs say veteran guard Tony Parker has undergone successful surgery to repair a ruptured left quadriceps tendon.

The team said Friday's procedure was performed by Spurs physician Dr. David Schmidt and a timeline for Parker's return will be determined later.

The 34-year-old Parker was injured Wednesday night as the Spurs evened their second-round playoff series

against the Rockets at 1-1. Game 3 was Friday night in Houston.

The Frenchman averaged 10.1 points in the regular season, but had raised that to 15.9 points on 53 percent shooting in eight playoff games. It will be up to Patty Mills, rookie Dejounte Murray and others to pick up the slack against James Harden, Patrick Beverley, Lou Williams and the rest of Houston's sharp-shooting guards.

SPURS

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to 52-43 early in the third quarter. San Antonio was up by 10 soon after that before the Rockets used a 10-1 spurt, with all the points from Harden, to cut it to 56-55 midway through the quarter.

Jonathon Simmons hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer to leave San Antonio up 72-66 entering the fourth quarter.

Harden picked up his third foul with 5:18 left in the first quarter when he ran into Pau Gasol and crashed to the court while attempting a 3-pointer. Harden was outraged at the call, flipping over on his stomach on the court and kicking his legs in disbelief.

He remained upset after a timeout, approaching a referee and arguing the call, before finally calming down.

TIP-INS
Spurs: Parker had sur-

gery on Friday to repair the ruptured quadriceps tendon in his left leg. The team said a timeline for his return will be determined later. ... Gasol had 12 points and nine rebounds. ... Green had 11 points.

Rockets: Trevor Ariza made five 3-pointers in the first half, but none after that. ... Patrick Beverley received a technical foul in the fourth quarter. ... Capela finished with 12 points and 16 rebounds. ...Houston lost for the first time at home this postseason after winning their first three games.

ALDRIDGE IN HOUSTON

Aldridge has a history of big playoff games in Houston, posting the two highest-scoring games of his postseason career here by scoring 46 and 43 points in the first round against the Rockets in 2014 with Portland.

"I don't know what it is but I just like playing

here," he said. "And tonight I just tried to take my shots and be confident and even if they didn't fall I just stayed with it."

THEY SAID IT

Green on Murray's play against veteran guard Beverley: "You've got a guy like Pat Beverley — a junkyard dog — hounding him up and down the court. It's not an easy task, but I think he got a little more comfortable as the game went on."

UP NEXT

After Sunday's game in Houston the series moves back to San Antonio for Game 5 on Tuesday night.



Houston Astros' Brian McCann hits a three-run home run against the Los Angeles Angels during the seventh inning of a baseball game, Friday, May 5, 2017, in Anaheim, Calif.



Houston Astros' Carlos Correa, left, and George Springer celebrate after defeating the Los Angeles Angels in a baseball game, Friday, May 5, 2017, in Anaheim, Calif. The Astros won 7-6 in the 10 innings.

ASTROS

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I was able to come through with the hit," Correa said. "That tells you a lot about this team. The depth on this team is unique."

Brian McCann hit a three-run homer in the seventh, and Josh Reddick had an early homer and an RBI single as the AL-leading Astros (20-10) improved to 16-5 against AL West rivals.

Chris Devenski pitched the 10th for his second save.

Albert Pujols hit his 595th career homer and Martin Maldonado also went deep for the Angels, who have lost four of six.

Jesse Chavez pitched four-hit ball into the seventh inning for the Angels, but left with two runners on. Jose Alvarez promptly surrendered McCann's second homer in three days.

"We're never down, (and) we're never out," Chavez said. "That's just the mentality we take. ... The boys came back, battled back for me and picked me up, and that's all we can do."

RECORD START

Houston matched the best 30-game start in club history set in 1973. The Astros also stayed right behind Washington (20-9) for the best record in baseball.

BIG RALLY

After Keuchel left, Mike Trout extended his hitting streak to a career-best 17 games with an RBI single off Giles, who blew a save for the first time in eight chances this season.

The Angels added runs on Luis Valbuena's groundout and Andrelton Simmons' single before Calhoun tied it.

MACHINE MASHES

Pujols connected for a 431-foot shot to center in the second. It was his 55th career regular-season homer against the Astros, who followed him to the AL one year after the slugger made the move from St. Louis.

BIG ARM

The Angels recalled reliever Keynan Middle-

ton from Triple-A Salt Lake for the first time before the game, and the 23-year-old right-hander made his big league debut by allowing two hits and a run in the ninth.

Middleton is the 21st pitcher and 36th player used by the Angels already this season, tops in the majors in both categories.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Astros: RHP Collin McHugh played catch at 45 feet at Angel Stadium for the first time since he was shut down with an elbow problem one month ago. He is nowhere close to returning to Houston's rotation from his posterior impingement, manager A.J. Hinch said. "You've got to continue to dangle the next step in front of him," he added. "We're in the infancy stage of a very long process to deal with it."

Angels: RHP Andrew Bailey had his second bullpen session in his return from a right shoulder injury. ... RHP Cam Bedrosian played catch at about 90 feet in his return from a groin injury.

UP NEXT

Astros: Lance McCullers Jr. (2-1, 4.08 ERA) makes his first start since nearly coming to blows with Mike Napoli when he threw behind the Texas slugger Monday. McCullers had 10 strikeouts in that impressive no-decision.

Angels: Longtime reliever JC Ramirez (3-2, 4.23 ERA) makes his fifth start of the season in the injury-plagued rotation. After a rocky start to his new assignment, he has given up just five earned runs in his last three starts combined.

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James scores 35, Cavs take 3-0 lead with 115-94 victory



AP Photo

Cleveland forward LeBron James drives to the basket past Raptors center Jonas Valanciunas (17), Raptors forward PJ Tucker (2) and Raptors guard Cory Joseph (6) during the first half of Game 3 of an NBA basketball second-round playoff series on Friday, May 5, 2017.

TORONTO (AP) — Last year, LeBron James and the Cavaliers had their postseason win streak end in Canada.

This time, Cleveland came across the border and kept right on rolling.

James scored 35 points, Kevin Love had 16 points and 13 rebounds, and the Cavaliers pulled away in the fourth quarter to beat the Toronto Raptors 115-94 on Friday night and take a 3-0 lead in their second-round playoff series.

"We knew we were coming to a hostile environment, we knew they were going to give us everything they had, no matter who was in the lineup," James said. "We just had to weather the storm."

DeMar DeRozan scored 37 points and Jonas Valanciunas had 19 for the Raptors, who were without three-time All-Star Kyle Lowry. They trailed by only two after three quarters before the Cavaliers quickly blew open the game.

Game 4 is Sunday in Toronto.

"We don't need to be thinking about a sweep or getting rest, we need to be thinking about what we need to do to execute defensively and offensively coming into Sunday," James said.

With his team on the brink of elimination, Raptors coach Dwane Casey looked at Game 4 a little differently.

"Sunday's game is about pride," Casey said. "You don't want to get swept, especially in your home building."

That won't be easy against the Cavaliers,

the first team since the Minneapolis Lakers in 1949 and 1950 to win their first seven playoff games in consecutive seasons.

Cleveland won 10 straight to begin the playoffs last year, a streak that ended when Toronto beat the Cavs in Games 3 and 4 of the Eastern Conference finals.

"We came in here (last year) and weren't prepared," Kyrie Irving said. "This year we understood what mindset we had to come in, especially in a rowdy arena like this."

Irving scored 16 points and Kyle Korver had 14 for the Cavaliers, who have posted three straight double-digit wins over Toronto. James had eight rebounds and seven assists.

"We were not giving up but they were better than us," Valanciunas said.

Norman Powell scored 13 points and Serge Ibaka had 12 for the Raptors, who shot a dismal 2 for 18 from 3-point range.

"Something we've done is knock down 3s all year," Casey said. "For whatever reason it's escaping us right now."

DeRozan said his team's long-range struggles were made even more "deflating" because Cleveland connected 13 times on 23 attempts from beyond the arc.

"It's tough to win a game when you only make two 3-pointers," DeRozan said.

Lowry sprained his left ankle in the third quarter of Game 2 and did not practice Thurs-

day. He worked out a few hours before Friday's game and was on the

court during warmups but hobbled back to the locker room before the

anthems.

"He was limping badly," Casey said. "He just couldn't go. He wanted to. The doctors and trainers and medical people were just telling him he shouldn't try to go because he was in so much pain."

Cory Joseph started for Toronto.

Even without Lowry, the Raptors trailed 79-77 to begin the fourth, but Cleveland pulled away as Toronto missed 10 of its first 11 field goal attempts to begin the final quarter.

"Nothing could fall for us, especially at the start of that fourth quarter," said DeRozan, who had just one point in the final quarter.

With Toronto struggling, James hit four free throws on either side of a 3-pointer to put the Cavs up 97-80 with 6:20 left.

"That stretch right at the beginning of the fourth quarter is what got us," Casey said.

The Raptors missed their first 12 shots from 3-point range before

Powell connected with 3:09 left in the third.

TIP-INS

Cavaliers: Tristan Thompson got in the face of Valanciunas after the Lithuanian center dragged James down to the court during a third-quarter skirmish. ... Thompson had 12 rebounds. The Cavaliers outrebounded the Raptors 49-25.

Raptors: Joseph started for the first time in 70 playoff appearances. ... Lowry is averaging 15.8 points and 5.9 assists in eight games this post-season.

LBJ BUMPS SHAQ

By shooting 9 for 16, James (2,047) passed Shaquille O'Neal (2,041) and took over third place for career postseason made field goals.

THREE OF A KIND

The Raptors have lost three straight for the first time since the All-Star break. Toronto lost three in a row from Feb. 8 to 14.

UP NEXT

Game 4 tips off at 3:30 p.m. EDT on Sunday.

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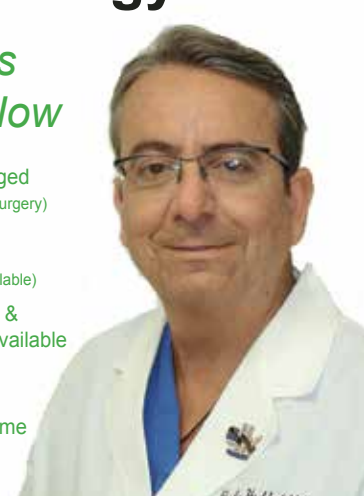
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Hear us, forgive us, heal us



By **ROGER CLINE**

Staff Writer

On Thursday, a crowd of local residents gathered at the downtown Heart of the City Park to beseech God to hear, forgive, and heal the people and institutions of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, and the United States.

The event was Big Spring's observance of the National Day of Prayer, set by federal law every year on the first Thursday in May.

"I think it went very successfully. We not only saw, but we could feel the unity and the love and the support of the citizens of our city," said event organizer Sam Segundo, pastor of Family Faith Center in Big Spring. "We are very pleased with the turnout. I know we live in a very busy society where all of us have a lot of duties and responsibilities and things that we really have to take care of, but we were really impressed and very blessed with the turnout. I'd like to invite everyone next year to our National Day of Prayer 2018. It will be the first Thursday of May, 12:15 to 12:45."

Segundo was joined in leading the prayers during the ceremony by several other local religious, civic, and community leaders.

The event was opened by Pastor Mark Lindsey of First Baptist Church, who gave a little history of the National Day of Prayer.

"Throughout the history of our nation, many presidents have called the nation to pray together," he said. "Ronald Reagan, in his proclamation for the National Day of Prayer in 1981, said 'Prayer is today as powerful a force in our nation as has ever been. We as a nation should never forget this source of strength. And while recognizing that the freedom to choose a godly path is the essence of liberty, as a nation, we cannot help but hope that more of our citizens would, through prayer, come to a closer relationship with their Maker.' The theme of our National Day of Prayer 2017 is 'For Your great name's sake,' and our prayer should be three-fold: 'Hear us, forgive us, heal us.'"

Other speakers during the event included Big Spring Chief of Police Chad Williams; Life Church Pastor Kevin Knudson; Nick Portocarrero, pastor of My Redeemer Church; Pastor Calvary Callendar of First Church of the Nazarene; Howard County Judge Kathryn Wiseman and Big Spring Mayor Larry McLellan; Director of the Life Center, Tracy Watson; BSISD Athletic Director Mitch McLemore; Howard College Academic Advisor Lauren Barber; Family Faith Center Co-Pastor Christina Segundo; Operations Director of KBST Media, Mark Richardson; State National Bank Vice President Jeff Ward. Gloria Pierce sang the National Anthem and "God Bless America" during the event, and Spring Creek Fellowship's Klint Bratcher sang the Christian praise song "Lion and the Lamb."



HERALD photos/Roger Cline
Clockwise from top: Pastor Sam Segundo of Family Faith Center at the 2017 National Day of Prayer; BSISD Athletic Director Mitch McLemore offers prayers related to education and community; Pastor Nick Portocarrero of My Redeemer Church prays in Spanish; Howard College Academic Advisor Lauren Barber offers a prayer; Howard County Judge Kathryn Wiseman prays for local, state, and national leaders; the crowd at the ceremony recite the Pledge of Allegiance; Klint Bratcher of Spring Creek Fellowship performs a song; First Church of the Nazarene Pastor Calvary Callendar offers a prayer.



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Reality TV star could help pick next Honolulu police chief



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In this June 4, 2014 file photo, Beth Chapman, left, and Duane Chapman arrive at the CMT Music Awards at Bridgestone Arena, in Nashville, Tenn. The chairman of the Honolulu Police Commission wants the wife of "Dog the Bounty Hunter" reality TV star Duane "Dog" Chapman to have a role in selecting the city's next police chief. Chairman Max Sword says he's known Beth Chapman personally for a long time and thinks her background in the bail bonds business will be helpful.

By **JENNIFER SINCO KELLEHER**
Associated Press

HONOLULU (AP) — The wife of "Dog the Bounty Hunter" reality TV star Duane "Dog" Chapman should have a role in helping select the next chief of the Honolulu Police Department, the police commission's chairman said.

Beth Chapman's background in the bail bonds business will be beneficial, Chairman Max Sword told fellow commissioners at a meeting

Wednesday where they explained their nominations for a five-member citizen panel that will help assess candidates vying to replace former Chief Louis Kealoha, who agreed to retire amid a federal investigation into corruption allegations.

"She deals with the police department almost every day. ... She's on the other side of the table, so to speak," Sword said.

"Cause she bails people out?" said Com-

missioner Loretta Sheehan, sounding incredulous.

Sword said he's known Chapman personally for more than 10 years. Sword's wife, Mona Wood-Sword, is the Chapmans' former publicist.

"This was a surprise to me, as everybody else," Wood-Sword said. "I think he was looking for somebody a little different."

A&E series "Dog the Bounty Hunter" was canceled in 2012. The Chapmans, who live in Honolulu, later starred in "Dog and Beth: On the Hunt," which aired on Country Music Television.

Chapman said she's honored to be considered and would gladly serve if selected. She noted that she's president of the Professional Bail Agents of the United States and has been fighting bail reform.

"The department needs a 'fresh start' after Kealoha's departure, she said. "Even if it turns out that our chief was acting correctly I think

that the black cloud that it brought over the department, it brought sort of a bad vibe over the whole Honolulu Police Department," she said.

Kealoha agreed to retire after receiving notice from the FBI that he's the target of an investigation. A federal grand jury is looking into allegations of civil rights abuses and corruption. Kealoha's attorneys have denied any wrongdoing.

Hawaii Attorney General Douglas Chin filed a lawsuit last year claiming the Chapmans' Da Kine Bail Bonds owes the state \$35,000. Chapman denied the allegations. Chin's special assistant, Deputy Attorney General Joshua Wisch, said Thursday the parties are trying to reach settlements. Wisch declined to comment on Chapman being considered for the citizen panel.

Sword said he wasn't aware of the lawsuit and that it doesn't change his decision to nominate her. There weren't specific criteria for commissioners to nominate two people, Sword said. The others on the list of 13 nominees include a former Honolulu mayor and a retired family court judge.

Each commissioner gets to vote for their top five picks.

Who's who in Howard County Nancy McNeese



Where do you work?/What is your job? Porters Grocery /Store Manager

Where were you born? Seagraves, Texas

What city do you live in? Big Spring

What hobbies, organizations, and/or clubs do you enjoy? Cooking, fishing, golfing, riding my Harley, playing with my boys (puppies)

What is your favorite book? Anything Patricia Cornwell

What is your favorite TV show? Fixer Upper

What is your favorite movie? I have 3.. Silence of the Lambs, Urban Cowboy, and Slingblade

Where would you visit if you could go anywhere? The New England States during fall foliage.

Keep Big Spring Beautiful club news

Keep Big Spring Beautiful met May 1, 2017, at Howard College.

During the meeting, member Eric Escamilla announced a new location for the group's Toasty Tuesday Twilight Trash Off.

This past Tuesday KBSB worked around the Wal-Mart area. Toasty Tuesday Twilight Trash Offs are planned throughout the summer, and KBSB invites everyone to come out and help clean up Big Spring.

Tammy DePauw discussed the Library's Summer Program. KBSB often partners with the library to do a community project. This program will consist of a skit, video, and discussion on litter, recycling and community.

The program is scheduled for June 21.

Liz Hafley will be heading up the "High Five" Program. KBSB members will be attending Porters, Wal-Mart and H-E-B to distribute and promote recyclable bags.

Keep Texas Beautiful is sponsoring an art contest. Six winners from Big Spring were chosen and will be sent in to Austin. These winners will be awarded by the state-level organization.

Planting new trees was discussed. This will be done in the fall when it is planting season.

The next meeting will be June 5. Meetings are held at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

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Tuesday: Breakfast: Pancake on a stick, grapes, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Ham macaroni, Italian bread, garlic broccoli, mandarin oranges, veggie cups, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Sausage breakfast pizza, apples, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Meatloaf bowl, roll, corn, mashed potatoes, fruit cocktail, garden salad, fruit cup, chocolate crackers, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Blueberry muffin, sausage patty, banana, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Pepper Jack enchilada, Spanish rice, baked beans, strawberries and bananas, garden salad, veggie cups, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: PBJ Uncrustable, orange smiles, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Pizza dippers with sauce, French fries, garden salad, sliced apples, fruit cup, milk.

Coahoma ISD

Monday: Breakfast: Pancake on a stick or cereal with buttered toast, chilled pineapple, fruit juice, milk, syrup, jelly; Lunch: Cheesy Frito crunch wrap basket with chips or Italian pasta salad with chicken, or ravioli, or stromboli (pepperoni and cheese) with marinara dipping sauce, green peas, yellow squash, Romaine spinach garden salad, fresh fruit, chilled fruit, wholegrain garlic breadstick.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Yogurt cup with Graham crackers or oatmeal with cinnamon buttered toast, fruit juice, fresh fruit, milk; Lunch: Chicken bites basket with seasoned fries or crispy chicken tenders salad or barbecue meatballs or ranch baked chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, Romaine spinach garden salad, fresh fruit, fruit slush cup, wholegrain roll.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Pancakes and sausage patty or cereal with buttered toast, chilled mixed fruit, milk, syrup, jelly; Lunch: Meatball marinara sub basket with seasoned fries or grilled chicken Caesar salad or homestyle pizza (cheese/pepperoni) or bone-in hot wings, sweet potato tots, carrot sticks with ranch, Romaine spinach garden salad, chilled fruit, fresh fruit, chocolate chip cookie.

Thursday: Breakfast: Sausage biscuit or oatmeal with cinnamon buttered toast, fruit juice, fresh fruit, milk, jelly; Lunch: Taco stick basket with chips and salsa or chicken taco salad or soft beef tacos or chicken quesadilla, Spanish rice, charro beans, salsa cup, shredded cheese, lettuce and tomato salad, fruit slush cup, fresh fruit.

Friday: Breakfast: muffin or cereal with buttered toast, chilled mixed fruit, fruit juice, jelly, milk; Lunch: ACTIVITY DAY, no snack bar. Chicken nuggets, seasoned fries, Romaine spinach garden

salad, fresh fruit, chilled fruit.

Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast: Pancake wrap with yogurt or cereal with toast, fruit juice, mandarin oranges, fresh fruit, milk; Lunch: Chicken sandwich or grilled cheese sandwich with tomato soup, seasoned corn, garden salad, fresh fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Blueberry mini pancakes or cereal with toast, fruit juice, applesauce, fresh fruit, milk; Lunch: Hot dog or mini corndogs, savory green beans, cookie, garden salad, fresh fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: French toast or cereal with toast, fruit juice, mandarin oranges, fresh fruit, milk; Lunch: Pizza or chef's salad, Italian vegetables, fresh veggie cup, garden salad, fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pocket or cereal with toast, fruit juice, pears, fresh fruit, milk; Lunch: Barbecue pork sandwich or sloppy Joe sandwich, baby carrots, pinto beans, garden salad, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Dutch waffle or cereal with toast, fruit juice, mandarin oranges, fresh fruit, milk; Lunch: Hamburger or fish sticks with roll, tater tots, California blend, garden salad, fresh fruit, milk.

Sands CISD

Monday: Breakfast: Breakfast bread slice, yogurt; Lunch: Lasagna or ravioli with meat sauce, bread stick, garden salad, Tuscan veggies, fruit cup.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Biscuit and sausage; Lunch: Chicken quesadilla, seasoned corn, charro beans, salsa, applesauce.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Stuffed bagel; Lunch: Sloppy Joe sandwich, fries, cucumber dippers, fresh fruit, cookie.

Thursday: Breakfast: Waffles and yogurt; Lunch: Salisbury steak, biscuit, brown gravy, roasted potatoes, garden salad, fruit cup.

Friday: NO SCHOOL

Big Spring Senior Center

Monday: Glazed ham, sweet potatoes, cauliflower, ambrosia, sugar cookie, bread, milk.

Tuesday: Oven-fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, pineapple tidbits, bread, milk.

Wednesday: Nachos with beef and beans, lettuce, tomato, cheese, sour cream, chips and salsa, Jell-O, peanut butter cookie, milk.

Thursday: Hamburger steak, mushroom gravy, new potatoes with cream sauce, broccoli, oranges, bread, milk.

Friday: Chopped barbecue on a bun, baked chips, baked beans, onion, pepper, tropical fruit, milk.

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Roger's Reviews:

Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2



In 2014, Marvel Studios released a new kind of superhero movie. "Guardians of the Galaxy" combined humor, a great retro soundtrack, interesting characters, and face-melting action for a witch's brew of awesome. Thursday night I watched the sequel, "Guardians of the Galaxy: Vol. 2," and the mix still works beautifully.

"Vol. 2" starts with a cool couple zipping down the highway in a 1970s-era Ford Mustang Cobra. The woman is Meredith Quill (Laura Haddock), future mother of Peter Quill aka Star-Lord (Chris Pratt). The man is a groovy outer space hipster named Ego (Kurt Russell), future father of the same. Pulling into a Dairy Queen, they park and head into the woods, where Ego shows Meredith a weird, outer space plant.

Cut to the present day. The Guardians of the Galaxy, including Star-Lord, Gamora (Zoe Saldana), Drax (Dave Bautista), raccoon look-alike Rocket (voiced by Bradley Cooper), and tiny infant tree Baby Groot (voiced by Vin Diesel), have been hired by some snooty golden-skinned aliens called the Sovereign, led by the imperious High Priestess Ayesha (Elizabeth Debicki) to protect their super-valuable batteries from a giant tentacled space-beast. After a great, hilarious battle, the Guardians take their reward – Gamora's blue/purple-skinned sister, Nebula (former Amy Pond Karen Gillan), and take their leave. One small hitch – Rocket has swiped a satchel-full of the batteries they were supposed to be protecting.

It doesn't take long before the Sovereign send a fleet of remote-controlled spaceships after the Guardians. Our heroes decide to head for the near-

est planet, accessible through a jump gate located on the other side of a "quantum asteroid field." This basically consists of asteroids that blink in and out of existence unexpectedly. Peter and Rocket manage (after some debate about who is the better pilot) to get the ship through the asteroids, but find the main part of the Sovereign fleet waiting for them



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– the bad guys just went around the asteroid field. Just as the Guardians are about to be blasted to smithereens, the enemy fleet just explodes, and we see a mysterious egg-shaped spaceship with some dude standing on top of it. The Guardians get while the getting is good, and zip through the jump gate, but their ship is quite damaged, and they crash land on the planet.

As they're looking around, the egg-shaped ship shows up. It's (guess who?) Ego, Star-Lord's dad, who has finally tracked down his wayward son. He has with him a beautiful, antennae-d alien girl named Mantis (Pom Klementieff). Ego invites Peter to his planet, along with Gamora and Drax, while Rocket and Groot stay behind to fix the ship and keep an eye on Nebula.

Next, we join blue-skinned Ravager Yondu (Michael Rooker) in a dive bar. Remember Yondu? He's the guy from the first movie with the vicious mentally controlled arrow, that actually turns out to be kind of a good guy in the end. Yondu and his crew have been booted out of the Ravagers by Stakar Ogord (the Italian Stallion himself, Sylvester Stallone), and the two have a confrontation in which Stakar makes it clear Yondu and his followers are persona non grata.

Back to Rocket and Groot and the spaceship repairs. It's night, and Rocket is blasting some (iirc) Glen Campbell "Southern Nights." But a group of bad guys start creeping up on the downed spacecraft. Fortunately, Rocket is ready for them. He's mined the area around the ship, and some impressive one-on-a-whole-bunch battle hijinks go down before the intruder's (it's the Ravagers, hired by Ayesha to track down the battery-stealing Guardians) numbers overwhelm the raccoonoid. Groot releases Nebula, who manages to kill a Ravager before revealing that she is just looking to escape and sells out Rocket and Groot for a ride out of there.

Back on Ego's world, Peter's dad reveals that he's actually a "Celestial," a godlike being. He lets Peter know that, as his son, he also has Celestial abilities, which Peter is actually able to manifest by creating a ball of light, and the two have a father-son lightball catch. Over the rest of the movie, Peter and the Guardians must decipher Ego's motive in contacting them, Rocket and Groot must escape from the Ravagers, and they'll have to fight off the Sovereign one more time.

Also watch for Marvel mastermind and cameo superstar Stan Lee, clad in space-suit, having a chat with a group of Watchers.

If possible, Guardians of the Galaxy 2 is even more Easter-eggy than its predecessor. That's not to say that the movie is just one long in-joke for comics fans; there's plenty of story, humor, and action for those not particularly well-versed in comics lore. But if you do know a thing or two, you'll definitely catch some things.

The soundtrack is exemplary, with selections from ELO, Fleetwood Mac, Sam Cooke, and Cheap Trick, as well as the aforementioned Mr. Campbell; and several others.

One slight potential problem – the plot is convoluted and fast moving. Some people might find it hard to follow just what's going on from scene to scene. As I said, this is a minor nitpick; I had no trouble, but then superhero/sci-fi movies are my jam. I just envision that some people might feel overwhelmed by the variety of characters and frequent jumps from storyline to storyline from one sector of the galaxy to another.

That said, Guardians of the Galaxy is probably my second-favorite movie thus far of 2017, losing out to "Logan" by a nose. Both are great superhero films, but "Logan" – while still eminently watchable – has a bit more gravitas and depth, in my opinion. It's honestly a close call. I rated "Logan" nine stars out of 10, and I'm giving "Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2" the same score. Nine stars out of 10.

Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2

Director: James Gunn

Writer: James Gunn; based on the Marvel comics by Dan Abnett and Andy Lanning; Star-Lord created by Steve Englehart and Steve Gan; Gamora and Drax created by Jim Starlin; Groot created by Stan Lee, Larry Lieber, and Jack Kirby; Rocket Raccoon created by Bill Mantlo and Keith Giffen.

Production Company: Marvel Studios

PG-13, 2 hrs. 16 min., Action/Adventure/Sci-Fi, May 5, 2017

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Charles and Jewell Matthews are celebrating their 60th anniversary on May 8. Charles and Jewell were married in Brandon, Miss., while Charles was enlisted in the United States Air Force, where he served 20 years.

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BBB offers advice for hiring a reputable mover



May is National Moving Month—one of the busiest times of the year for people to move homes, or even businesses. There are hundreds of moving companies to choose from, so where do you start?

Texas is one of the fastest growing states in the country, with hundreds of people moving here every day. Unfortunately, fake or shady moving companies exist, causing financial and emotional toll on people who have their belongings lost or damaged or find themselves scammed out of their money.



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Last year, BBB received more than 7,500 complaints against movers nationwide. Many complaints allege lost or damaged property, rude or hostile employees and pricing issues.

Better Business Bureau serving the Heart of Texas offers the following tips for hiring a trustworthy moving company:

- **Do Your Research.** Do some comparison shopping online, and use reputable sources, such as bbb.org when looking for a mover or professional moving company. Check that the company is licensed as required by the State of Texas, and that they have a valid TxDMV and USDOT number. Also, ask family and friends for referrals.

- **Get three free estimates.** Make sure the estimates are in writing, by email or as an attachment, and never accept a verbal quote or agreement. Ask the movers to visit your home for an estimate, or provide them with photos or videos to get the most accurate estimate possible. Consider going to the physical locations of the companies that give you estimates to check out their facility and equipment.

- **Read the contract carefully.** Before making a final decision, ask questions if you don't understand something; a professional mover will be more than willing to help. Read every document of the contract carefully before you sign anything. Also, get a copy of everything you sign, and don't sign any blank forms.

BBB also advises people to watch out for the following red flags:

- The company has no physical address and/or the trucks don't have their licensing displayed.

- The company isn't willing to come to your home for an estimate, and the estimates are too high or too low.

- The company requires a large up-front payment or cash only. A reputable mover takes credit cards.

- The mover can't answer your questions and they seem uncertain.

For more information about hiring a moving company and to find BBB Accredited Movers near you, visit <http://www.bbb.org/central-texas/national-moving-month/>.

Heather Massey is the regional director for the Permian Basin office of Better Business Bureau serving the Heart of Texas. Heather is available for media interviews and speaking engagements. You can reach her by phone: (432) 563-1880 or email: hmassey@permianbasin.bbb.org.

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- Candace Megan McIntosh, 2606 Dow Dr., res re-roof, Val: \$6,000, Fee: \$40
- James Fryar, 3207 Duke Ave., res re-roof, Val: \$5,000, Fee: \$35
- Amparo Tijerina, 3004 Cactus Dr., res gas, Val: \$1,500, Fee: \$32
- Neal Roberts, 2904 Melrose Lane, res gas, Val: \$3,000, Fee: \$32
- Wood Shack, 608 N. Lamesa Highway, com addition, Val: \$5,000, Fee: \$35, com elec, Val: 0, Fee: \$25, total, Val: \$5,000, Fee: \$60
- John Sanchez, 2603 Chanute Dr., res gas, Val: \$500, Fee: \$32
- Donald James Green, 2212 Cecilia St., res gas, Val: \$1,000, Fee: \$32
- Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1601 W. 11th Place, res addition, Val: \$120,000, Fee: \$580
- Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1601 W. 11th Place, sign, Val: \$15,000, Fee: \$85
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- Jody Baker Consulting, 3204 Drexel Ave., res gas, Val: \$1,800, Fee: \$32
- Manuela Bernal, 2602 Albrook Dr., res re-roof, Val: \$3,000, Fee: \$25
- Hillside Properties II, 2911 W. Highway 80, demolition, Val: \$42,000, Fee: \$50
- Robert Woodard, 2608 Langley Dr., res elec, Val: \$1,500, Fee: \$25
- Jose Angel Castillo, 1606 Kentucky Way, Val: \$6,000, Fee: \$40
- Bobby Doe, 906 Nolan St., res elec, Val: \$650, Fee: \$25
- Cecil Stephens, 1907 Birdwell Lane, com elec, Val: \$2,000, Fee: \$60
- Shane Mayhall, 1103 E. 15th St., res gas, Val: \$190, Fee: \$32
- Westex Auto Parts Inc., 1510 Scurry St., com elec, Val: \$1, Fee: \$25
- Lee Harris Management LLC, 1500 Pennsylvania Ave.,

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- Kay Hulse, 4114 Dixon St., res re-roof, Val: \$4,300, Fee: \$35
- Robert Kelby Vise, 2808 Coronado Ave., res elec, Val: \$2,000, Fee: \$25
- Billy Jered Phillips, 103 Canyon Dr., structure (fence), Val: \$4,000, Fee: \$30
- Lori Little, 510 Highland Dr., res re-roof, Val: \$12,000, Fee: \$70
- Jeannie Louise Carroll, 1704 Harvard Ave., res re-roof, Val: \$8,500, Fee: \$55
- JL's Heating and Air Conditioning, 1206 E. Fourth St., com HVAC, Val: \$2,500, Fee: \$45
- 87 Auto Sales Inc., 111 S. Gregg St., res gas, Val: \$500, Fee: \$32
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- Rebecca Dawn Winters, 1724 Yale Ave., res gas, Val: \$1,000, Fee: \$32
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- J. Hopper Homes, 702 Colgate Ave., single-family housing, Val: \$175,000, Fee: \$825, res sewer tap, Val: \$265, Fee: \$265, total, Val: \$175,265, Fee: \$1,090.
- Lila Adkins, 1611 Osage Rd., res re-roof, Val: \$12,000, Fee: \$70
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- Carol Stephens Revocable Trust, 1907 Birdwell Lane, com elec, Val: 0, Fee: \$25
- Jack Gass, 2916 Melrose Lane, res re-roof, Val: \$6,200, Fee: \$45
- Mark Anthony Gomez, 511 Sgt. Paredez St., accessory building, Val: \$7,000, Fee: \$45
- Booyoung Texas LLC, 600 W. Interstate 20 N. Service Rd., res gas, Val: \$2,200, Fee: \$32
- Kara Smith, 1722 Purdue Ave., res elec, Val: \$2,200, Fee: \$25
- Sovereign Land and Properties, 1722 Purdue Ave., res addition, Val: \$40,000, Fee: \$210
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- Kerr Management Inc., 2527 Langley Dr., res gas, Val: \$1,000, Fee: \$32
- Limestone Ridge Apartments, 1401 N. U.S. Highway 87 Apt. #1002, com plumb, Val: \$1,000, Fee: \$30
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Public Records

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- Raymond Carroll, 712 E. 17th St., Big Spring
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US stock indexes edge higher after solid April jobs report

By **MARLEY JAY**

AP Markets Writer
 NEW YORK (AP) — The U.S. government said hiring bounced back in April, something investors had wanted to see, and stocks are slightly higher Friday afternoon. Energy companies are bouncing back along with oil prices. IBM is slumping after billionaire investor Warren Buffett said he sold a large part of his stake in the company.

KEEPING SCORE: The Standard & Poor's 500 index picked up 2 points, or 0.1 percent, to 2,392 as of 12:20 p.m. Eastern time. The Dow Jones industrial average slumped 11 points, or 0.1 percent, to 20,940 because of IBM's loss. The Nasdaq composite rose 6 points, or 0.1 percent, to 6,081. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks added 1 point, or 0.1 percent,

to 1,389.
JOBS: Employers in the United States added 211,000 jobs in April, according to the Labor Department. That was a relief to investors who were concerned about slower hiring and economic growth over the first three months of the year because. The VIX, an index that is interpreted as a measure of how nervous investors are, slipped. On Monday the index hit a 10-year low.

THE QUOTE: Scott Wren, senior global equity strategist at Wells Fargo's Investment Institute, said the April report was the latest in a long run of solid but mostly unexciting jobs reports. While many investors want to see stronger wage growth along with continued hiring, Wren said rising wages may cause trouble for the stock market

if economic growth remains slow: higher pay and limited growth could squeeze company profits.

"The market is likely to be concerned about wage gains and the impact on corporate margins as we move into 2018," he said.

CRUDE CONCERNS: Energy companies bounced back as the price of oil steadied. After steep losses the last two days, benchmark U.S. crude oil jumped 74 cents, or 1.6 percent, to \$46.26 a barrel in New York. Brent crude, the standard for international oil prices, added 60 cents, or 1.2 percent, to \$48.98 barrel in London. Oil prices have fallen hard as investors wonder if OPEC will extend a deal that trimmed oil production.

Occidental Petroleum rose \$1.59, or 2.6 percent, to \$59.61 and ConocoPhillips gained 48

cents, or 1 percent, to \$46.40.

IBM GETS BUFFET-TED: IBM fell after Warren Buffett said he's sold about 25 million shares of the technology and consulting company, about a third of the stake that his Berkshire Hathaway company had owned. Buffett started buying IBM stock in 2011. IBM faces stiff competition from companies including Microsoft and Amazon, which have focused on cloud computing services. IBM reached an all-time high of \$215 in early 2013. It fell \$3.94, or 2.5 percent, to \$155.11 Friday. About a year ago the stock was worth less than \$120 a share.

BLEMISHED: Cosmetics maker Revlon plunged after its sales in North America fell during the first quarter. That affected all parts of its business, as its consumer

and professional divisions both reported smaller profits and lower sales than they did a year ago. Revlon bought Elizabeth Arden in September and its sales were about the same as they had been a year ago. The stock gave up \$5.25, or 20.8 percent, to \$20.

MATERIAL MOVEMENT: Basic materials makers advanced. Dow Chemical gained \$1.48, or 2.4 percent, to \$62.90 and Praxair rose \$2.84, or 2.2 percent, to \$129.16. Fertilizer maker CF Industries climbed \$1.19, or 4.4 percent, to \$28.26.

HEALTH CARE SLUMP: Biotech drug companies slipped. Incyte sank \$3.70, or 3 percent, to \$121.30 and Biogen and \$6.41, or 2.4 percent, to \$262.19. Amgen fell \$1.63, or 1 percent, to \$162.66.

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Marriage Licenses

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 Matthew Cole Posey, 29, and Dominique Renee Martinez, 25, both of Big Spring.

District Court Filings

Plaintiff: West Texas Medical Associates
 Respondent: Bobby Emerson II
 Type of case: Contract – consumer/commercial debt
 Filing date: April 27, 2017

Plaintiff: Wells Fargo Bank NA
 Respondent: Leticia Johnson
 Type of case: Contract – consumer/commercial debt
 Filing date: April 27, 2017

Plaintiff: Big Spring Hospital Corporation
 Respondent: Jeffrey Stewart, Joani Stewart
 Type of case: Contract – consumer/commercial debt
 Filing date: April 28, 2017

Plaintiff: Cathey Construction Co. Inc.
 Respondent: Concho Valley Roustabout LLC
 Type of case: Civil case
 Filing date: April 28, 2017

Plaintiff: Toni Casey
 Respondent: Johnathan Casey
 Type of case: Divorce
 Filing date: April 28, 2017

Plaintiff: Shandie Brown
 Respondent: Nicholas Kim
 Type of case: Protective order
 Filing date: April 28, 2017

Plaintiff: Kelsey Hunter
 Respondent: Edwina Hunter
 Type of case: Divorce
 Filing date: April 28, 2017

Plaintiff: Geico Indemnity
 Respondent: Elexus Faith Pacheco, Rebecca Pacheco
 Type of case: Civil case
 Filing date: May 1, 2017

Plaintiff: Jessica Stephenson
 Respondent: Matthew Stephenson
 Type of case: Divorce
 Filing date: May 1, 2017

Plaintiff: Kendell Truitt
 Respondent: Brandon Truitt
 Type of case: Divorce
 Filing date: May 2, 2017

Plaintiff: Ford Motor Credit
 Respondent: Marcia Bennett
 Type of case: Contract – consumer/commercial debt
 Filing date: April 27, 2017, disposed May 2, 2017

Plaintiff: Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC
 Respondent: Elvis Johnson III
 Type of case: Contract – consumer/commercial debt
 Filing date: May 2, 2017

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

Defendant: Jon Leos
 Offense: Possession of marijuana less than 2 oz.
 Sentence: \$100 fine, \$352 court costs, 75 days in jail.
 Date: April 21, 2017.

Defendant: Jon Leos
 Offense: Evading arrest or detention
 Sentence: \$100 fine, \$292 court costs, 75 days in jail.
 Date: April 21, 2017.

Defendant: Jerry Martinez
 Offense: Assault causing bodily injury/family member
 Sentence: \$100 fine, \$342 court costs, 75 days in jail.
 Date: April 21, 2017.

Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Jerry L. Helm
 Grantee: Bruce and Marsha Allen
 Property: Lot 17 and 18, Blk. 22, Original Town of Coahoma
 Date: April 27, 2017

Grantor: Michael K. Pitts
 Grantee: Brenda and Payton Parker
 Property: Surface estate only of two tracts: Tract 1: W/100 feet of Lots 4 and 5, Block 2, Sunset Place Addition; Tract 2: Lot 6, Blk. 2, Sunset Place Addition.
 Date: April 27, 2017

Grantor: James Stanley Arnett
 Grantee: Texas Petroleum Land Management LLC
 Property: W/2 Sec. 20, Blk. 34, T-2-N, T&P Railroad Co. Survey
 Date: April 27, 2017

Grantor: James Stanley Arnett
 Grantee: Texas Petroleum Land Management LLC
 Property: Sec. 46, Blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P Railroad Co. Survey
 Date: April 27, 2017

Grantor: W.A. Burchell Jr.
 Grantee: Landon Burchell and Geraldine Burchell

Property: Surface estate only of Lot 41, Blk. 6, Monticello Addition
 Date: April 28, 2017

Grantor: Adan Vasquez Hinojos
 Grantee: Marcellous Weaver
 Property: Lots 2, 3, and 4, Blk. 1, North Park Addition
 Date: May 1, 2017

Grantor: Jeffrey and Jennifer Pinney
 Grantee: Kenneth De La Garza, dba F&G Construction
 Property: A 4.21-acre tract in Lot 9, Blk."D," Campestre Estates, Sec. 17, Blk 32, T-1-S, T&P Railroad Co. Survey.
 Date: May 1, 2017

Grantor: Loren Hanley Spencer and Shirrie Ann Spencer
 Grantee: Leonard Grady Storie and Gwendelyn Storie
 Property: Lots 3, 4, and 5, Blk. 20, South Haven Addition
 Date: May 1, 2017

Warranty Deeds With Vendors' Liens

Grantor: HET LLC
 Grantee: Nathan W. Greer and Amie L. Greer
 Property: A 19.61-acre tract in SW/4 Sec. 44, Blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P Railroad Co. Survey
 Date: April 28, 2017

Grantor: Carla Quinters
 Grantee: Dennis James Paige and Kiowa Dawn Paige
 Property: Lot 30, Bates Addition, Coahoma
 Date: April 28, 2017

Grantor: James Dennis Wells and Gail Wells
 Grantee: Cody Wells
 Property: A tract in SE/4 Sec 43, Blk 31, T-1-N, T&P Railroad Co. Survey
 Date: April 28, 2017

Grantor: William P. Jenkins
 Grantee: Jody Griffith and Christine Bedwell
 Property: A tract in E/2 Sec. 4, Blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P Railroad Co. Survey
 Date: April 28, 2017

Grantor: Charles Byron Harris
 Grantee: Raj A. Pandey and Bijaya Prakesh Tripathi
 Property: Lots 8, 9, and 10, Blk. 8, Hall Addition
 Date: May 1, 2017

Grantor: Terry Woods, independent executor of the estate of Harold Loyd Woods, aka Harold L. Woods, deceased; and Faye Woods by her attorney-in-fact, Terry L. Woods.
 Grantee: Jesus Medina
 Property: A 0.976-acre tract in NW part of Sec. 45, Blk. 31, T-1-N T&P Railroad. Co. Survey.
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US jobs report points to a healthy drop in underemployment

By **CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER**

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A burst of hiring in April provided a reassuring sign for the U.S. economy, reducing unemployment and bringing a broader gauge of the job market's health to its lowest level since the recession began nearly a decade ago.

Employers added 211,000 jobs, more than double the weak showing in March, the Labor Department said Friday. The unemployment rate dipped to 4.4 percent, a 10-year low, from 4.5 percent in March. Taken as a whole, the April jobs report suggested that American businesses are confident enough in their outlook for customer demand to keep adding jobs briskly despite a slump in the January-March quarter when the economy barely grew. The jobs report "does increase our confidence that the soft patch in the first quarter is over," Michael Gapen, an economist at Barclays Capital, said in an email to clients.

In an encouraging sign, the number of part-time workers who'd prefer full-time jobs has reached a nine-year low.

That trend suggests that many employers are meeting rising customer demand by shifting part-timers to full-time work. During much of the economic recovery, the number of part-timers remained unusually high, one reason why steady job growth failed to produce sharp gains in pay or consumer spending.

The shift to more full-time work has also helped reduce a measure of underemployment that includes people who aren't counted as unemployed: They are the part-

time workers who want full-time jobs as well as people who have given up their job hunts.

This broader figure reached 8.6 percent in April, the lowest point since November 2007, just before the recession officially began. In 2009, it had topped 17 percent.

That broader measure of underemployment has been cited by President Donald Trump and his advisers as a more accurate gauge of the job market's health than the unemployment rate.

In the meantime, employers keep hiring.

So far this year, employers have added an average of 185,000 jobs a month, matching last year's solid pace. It shows that so far the job market under Trump closely resembles the one Barack Obama presided over in 2016.

Friday's solid jobs report makes it highly likely that the Federal Reserve will resume raising short-term interest rates when it next meets in mid-June.

Investors have estimated the likelihood of a June rate hike at roughly 90 percent.

Beyond the strong hiring, the economy is showing other signs of health:

Sales of existing homes have reached the highest point in a decade. And a survey of services firms this week — including restaurants, banks and retailers — showed that they are expanding steadily.

Average paychecks did grow more slowly in April, increasing 2.5 percent over the past 12 months, below March's year-over-year gain. Companies may not yet feel much pressure to raise pay to find or keep the workers they need. Typically, employers



AP photo

In this Nov. 20, 2015, photo, a UPS employee works inside the company's Worldport hub in Louisville, Ky. On Friday, May 5, 2017, the U.S. government issues the April jobs report.

feel compelled to pay more as the number of unemployed dwindles. In a strong economy, hourly pay gains tend to average around 3.5 percent.

One reason for the tepid wage gain is that hiring was strongest last month in lower-paying industries. One such category that includes hotels, restaurants, casinos and amusement parks added 55,000 jobs, the most of any major sector.

Health care, which includes some higher-paying jobs in nursing as well as lower-paid home health care aides, added 37,000 jobs in April. Banking and other financial services added 19,000.

Construction added just 5,000 jobs, after much larger gains earlier this year. Factories hired a net 6,000, the fewest for that category in five months. The report adds to evidence that economic

growth is rebounding in the current April-June quarter, with some economists forecasting that it could top a 3 percent annual rate, compared with the first quarter's 0.7 percent rate. Last quarter, consumers spent less in part because of low utility bills during an unseasonably warm winter. That's likely to prove a temporary restraint.

And the housing market is reaching new heights as home sales and construction march upward even though a limited number of properties are for sale.

The retail industry's woes continued last month, with stores adding just 6,000 jobs. That's below their long-run average and comes after retailers slashed a combined 55,000 jobs in February and March. Traditional chains like Sears and Macy's have been shedding jobs in the

face of ferocious competition from Amazon.com and other e-commerce companies. Many traditional retailers are rapidly building up their own online storefronts and expanding their warehousing and logistics divisions. But those functions are less labor-intensive and are unlikely to fully offset the job losses at physical stores.

Factories have mostly recovered over the past six months from nearly two years of struggle. Plummeting oil prices had caused drilling firms to slash orders for steel pipe, machinery and other equipment.

And weak growth overseas, plus a strong dollar, depressed exports. But oil and gas prices stabilized last fall. Growth is picking up in Europe and Japan and has stabilized in China. All that has helped lift factory output.

Housing crisis sparks fears of an end for Illinois town



This Oct. 13, 2015 file photo shows abandoned buildings which dominate downtown in Cairo, Ill.

By **SARA BURNETT**

Associated Press

A government plan to tear down a crumbling public housing complex in the southern Illinois town of Cairo has sent roughly 200 families searching for new homes and sparked fears that the once-thriving river city could be coming to an end.

Sitting at the confluence of the Mississippi and Ohio rivers, Cairo was

once a shipping hub, home to 15,000 people at its peak in the 1940s. But racial strife, flooding and economic troubles have left the town with just 2,600 residents, a vacant downtown, boarded up and abandoned buildings, and little habitable housing.

If the residents of the buildings slated for demolition are not able to find new homes in Cairo and end up leaving for other communities, the city's

population would be cut by 15 percent and the school district would lose nearly 40 percent of its student body.

"It'll be a ghost town," said Paul

Lambert, a 66-year-old retired security guard who was born and raised in Cairo, left for a while, but returned in 1974.

After 39 years in the same housing authority apartment, Lambert is now among the residents being relocated due to what the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has called "deplorable living conditions." If forced to leave, Lambert says he'll take his wife and 22-year-old son to join family in Tennessee. But, he says, "I'm not ready to do anything right now."

Built in 1942, the Elmwood and McBride apartments are now infested with rodents and bugs and have heating and plumbing that don't work properly, HUD says. Some residents say they're afraid to let their children play outside because of crime in the area. The federal agency took over the property and other local housing authority operations in February 2016, amid allegations that the former head of the Alexander County Housing Authority had used federal funds for meals, trips and benefits while the buildings deteriorated.

HUD announced last month it would close the buildings and relocate the residents, saying the cost to repair the complexes — estimated at more than \$41 million — is too much. Residents will get a voucher to use to-

ward housing and help finding a new place to live, with the first relocations starting this month.

But few properties are available in Cairo — pronounced KEHR'-oh — or in the rural areas surrounding it. HUD and the city are working with area landlords to try to get properties to meet agency standards, but the process is slow. Developers are unlikely to team up with HUD — the typical practice for affordable housing projects today — on new housing in an area where more than half of children live in poverty.

"For most private developers it's a long-term investment," said HUD spokesman Jereon Brown. "Right now that would be tough to do here."

The town — visited by the Lewis and Clark Expedition that explored what is now the western U.S. in the early 1800s and referenced in Mark Twain's "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" written later that century — started seeing people leave in large numbers after race riots in the 1960s. As major employers closed over the following decades, things got worse. Flooding has also been a problem for the city, which is surrounded by levees. But Andrea Evers, the local school superintendent who came to Cairo in 2012, says she thought things were looking up. The city was taking steps to bring business to its port and it sounded like a grocery store might open. Now she has classrooms full of students worried their lives will be uprooted. Students have written letters to new HUD Secretary Ben Carson, asking him to visit or help save their homes. Carson wrote back, telling Evers and the students that there were few options for the "nearly bankrupt" local housing authority and that the decision came only after much "hand-wringing."

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BONDS: Bond prices edged lower. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 2.36 percent from 2.35 percent. High-dividend stocks did fairly well Friday morning as telecommunications company's recovered from a hard loss the day before, and utility companies also rose. Banks traded lower.

CURRENCIES: The dollar rose to 112.64 yen from 112.42 yen. The euro

climbed \$1.0997 from \$1.0981.

OVERSEAS: France's CAC 40 jumped another 1.1 percent as investors hoped centrist candidate Emmanuel Macron will be elected president over the weekend. The CAC 40 is at its highest level since early 2008.

Britain's FTSE 100 was up 0.7 percent and Germany's DAX added 0.5 percent. The Hang Seng in Hong Kong lost 0.8 percent. Markets in Japan and South Korea were closed for holidays.



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CAUSE NO. P-14666

IN THE ESTATE OF SHIRLEY ANN PAIGE, DECEASED

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF SHIRLEY ANN PAIGE, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of SHIRLEY ANN PAIGE, DECEASED were issued on May 1, 2017, in Cause No. P-14666 pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to RODNEY K. PAIGE.

The residence of RODNEY K. PAIGE is 7006 Lenderman Road, Big Spring, Texas 79720. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 1st of May, 2017.

RODNEY K. PAIGE

#9382 May 7, 2017

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By Steve Becker

One play makes all the difference

West dealer. North-South vulnerable. NORTH ♠ 10 7 5 4 3 2 ♥ 10 ♦ 10 5 ♣ J 8 6 2 WEST ♠ K Q 8 ♥ A 9 5 2 ♦ A 9 6 2 ♣ 9 3 EAST ♠ A J 6 ♥ 7 3 ♦ K Q J 8 4 3 ♣ K 4 SOUTH ♠ 9 ♥ K Q J 8 6 4 ♦ 7 ♣ A Q 10 7 5 The bidding: West North East South 1♦ Pass 3♦ 3♥

minimum opening bid; he could bid three notrump; or he could double. After giving due weight to East's game-forcing raise to three diamonds, Harkavy elected to double, and everybody passed. As it turned out, South would have done much better to run to four clubs, but his pass of three hearts doubled was certainly reasonable. Harkavy led the ace and another diamond, following the standard procedure of trying to shorten declarer in trumps. Declarer ruffed and returned a low trump, whereupon Harkavy made the key play of the ace! He then led another diamond, which South ruffed, leaving West and declarer with only three trumps each. Declarer could then do no better than cash the K-Q-J of hearts and ace of clubs, after which he had to concede the remaining tricks to go down three - 800 points. The outcome would have been altogether different if Harkavy had followed low on declarer's trump lead to dummy at trick three. Had he ducked, as many players might have, he would have had ample cause to rue the day. Declarer would next have taken a successful club finesse and made the contract with an over-trick for a score of 930 points.

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box. Solution, tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

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Wanting to Break Free

Dear Annie: I am a somewhat attractive, financially independent woman in her 50s, and I've been



HOLIDAY MATHIS

Judicious Moon

When an endeavor is foreign to you, it's easy to underestimate the amount of work involved in making it happen. The more masterful the results the easier it looks. A judicious and fair Libra moon overhead reminds us that everything takes time, energy, intention and focus. Give accolades, and be careful not to overlook the efforts of others.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Memory isn't solely about the past. It's also a story you're telling yourself right now -- a story that can change how you think about yourself and what you do in the future. Is there a better way to frame your history?

Tomorrow's Horoscope

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The feeling of comfort you seek is something that can't be bought or conjured by anything you own. It's created through sharing and interacting. It's not what you have; it's what you do.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Things that serve a purpose will be beautiful to you. When you can't tell right away what the purpose is -- and you sense that there is one -- this begins an exciting process of discovery.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A certain relationship has been heavy on your mind, but you needn't worry. The relationship is built on a bedrock of contentment that is stabler than the rising and falling sea of emotional highs and lows that flows over it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). No one will remember the day. Everyone will remember the moment, though. You know the one -- the one you're currently putting your energy into and trying to make incredibly memorable.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You will build friendships with people with whom you have little in common. Social differences and economic disparities don't matter to you and are easy to downplay, especially when the soul-level match is such a good one.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Re: you and life. You're making an effort to stay in love with life these days, and life is really loving you back. Such a conscious effort won't always be necessary, but right now your efforts are well-spent.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll hear more than your share of logical arguments today, but you cannot be convinced by logic alone. You listen to the tone of things, which tells a far less linear but more truthful story.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have a way of making people feel special, as if they're getting an experience that no one else is getting. You may in fact treat everyone the same, but your "same"

is different from the way people are usually treated.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Altering another person's behavior is even more difficult than changing yourself, if it's even possible at all. Concentrate on cleaning up your side of the street and you'll be successful.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If you had to choose a set of troubles, you would most likely choose the very ones you're having today. These are, after all, quite solvable, especially given your particular skills and talents.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You can't force people to like each other, and even if you could, nothing created through might is sustainable. What lasts are compatible requirements and the mutual fulfillment of needs.

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Annie's Mailbox

divorced for 27 years. I have been involved with the same man on and off for the past 12 years. We became involved while he was separated -- or so I was informed. It took me a while to discover this was not totally

accurate, and we stopped seeing each other until he obtained a divorce. His children hate me, even though I was not to blame for his choice. He eventually cheated on me, and afterward I discovered that he had cheated several times during his 19-year marriage. I removed him from my life for quite some time but unfortunately let him back in after he claimed he was very much in love with me and did not want to be with anyone else. We went through counseling, and I thought we were moving forward, only to discover several months later he was chasing strippers. I was an even bigger idiot and still let him back in my life.

We do not spend holidays together, although I do see him weekly. We also work in the same town and are both well-known. I know he lies to his family, business clients and me so he can do whatever he wants. Though we had previously purchased a home together, he recently chose to purchase a different home in which to live.

His ego and arrogance are insurmountable, yet I have been unable to let him go and remove him permanently from my life. I truly need to find a way to extricate myself and move forward so that I can live a life with someone who actually wants to be with me. What is wrong with me, and how do I break this vicious cycle, seeing as this is clearly my issue and not his? -- Weak and on Bended Knee

Dear Weak: First, be nicer to yourself. Calling yourself an idiot or weakling only contributes to low self-esteem, which is most likely why you're hung up on this lowlife in the first place.

You're smart; you've got a good handle on the situation and what you need to do. Sometimes the head needs to lead the way and the heart will follow. In other words, start pretending you're really over this man and, in time, you will be.

To do this, you must first make a clean break. If you still have any assets together, disentangle them, and then cut off all communication. When you find your hand hovering over the phone -- dangerously close to his number -- call a friend instead, or just go for a walk. It might seem overwhelming, but just take it one day at a time. I promise it

will get easier. When he comes crawling back again -- and he will -- resist. You will feel infinitely stronger afterward.

Dear Annie: I am shocked when I am at a dinner party and see people eating before the hosts sit down with their meal. What if someone wants to make a toast or say a blessing before the meal? Is this the new normal in dining etiquette? -- Call Me Old-Fashioned

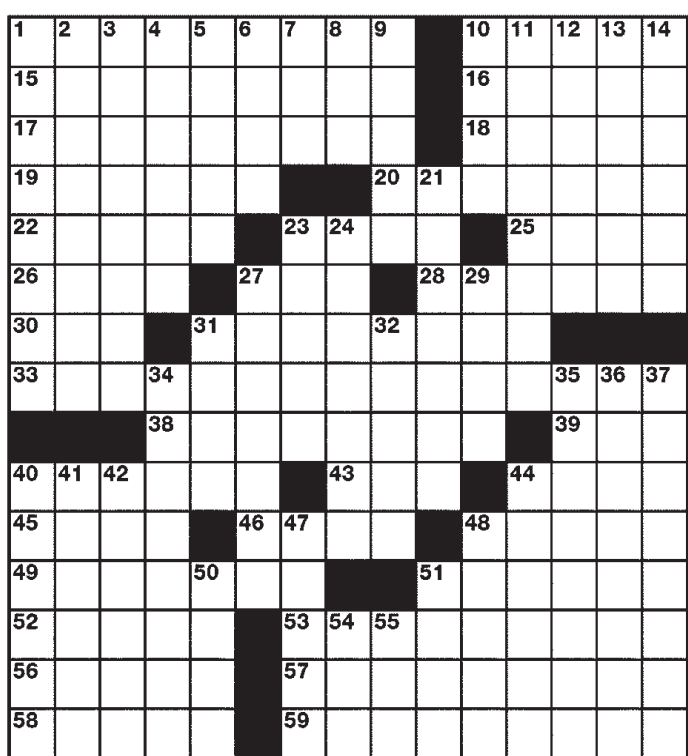
Dear Call: I'll only call you polite. Unless the host specifically insists otherwise (e.g., "Please, start eating before your food gets cold"), you should absolutely not begin eating until he or she is seated and there has been time to say grace. This gracious person took the time to prepare a beautiful meal to share with guests and shouldn't be treated like a waiter. So no, you're not old-fashioned. Good manners never go out of style.

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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
1 Intercom component
10 Digs deeply
15 First probe to encounter Venus
16 Antonym for "undercover"
17 Speed
18 *What Time Is It? You Mean Now?* author
19 Blew a fuse
20 Unfading
22 Beast with water-repellent fur
23 What Rihanna sometimes wears
25 Apt name for a barber
26 It might be found around a tree
27 Exclamation of frustration
28 Cookbook stats
30 Note promising notes
31 Where Burgoyne surrendered
33 New UN head
38 It's north of Dar es Salaam
39 *Garden of Earthly Delights* depiction
40 Leather products
43 *Il est ignoré dans l'alphabétisation*
44 Dutch Mill Dance product
45 Home-repair hemisphere
46 Mineral fact sheet details
48 It's designed for evening wear
49 "Alice" singer in Burton's *Alice in Wonderland*
51 Some vegetarian fare
- DOWN**
1 What Ares ate
2 Extended event
3 Part of some paper trails
4 Directory entry
5 Morse code-transcription machine
6 Get along
7 Result of excess heat
8 Start of some picture dictionaries' fifth pages
9 Early ___
10 One of a cerebral quartet
11 Catch accidentally
12 Word associated with March
13 Brief assignment
14 How ears are arranged
21 Two of the top-five American-made cars
23 *Alimentos exportados de Tailandia*
24 Likely to split
27 Prepares to catch
29 Overseer of the Muppets
31 ___ beans
32 Ziti and rigatoni
34 Water-purifying machine
35 Insurance policy procedure
36 Fade away
37 Word from the Greek for "six-months long"
40 RNA reconnection
41 Where leaves are gathered
42 Wake up
44 Kept away from
47 Undergo ion exchange, e.g.
48 First *Jeopardy!* announcer
50 Global commerce pact, 1948-1994
51 Didn't go away quietly
54 Fender protector
55 Narrow box on an application



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