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Council to consider purchasing vintage planes for Hangar 25

By **ROBERT BARLOW**
 Staff Writer

Three vintage airplanes on a long-term loan to Hangar 25 Air Museum may become a permanent addition if the price is right.

Big Spring City Council members gave the go-ahead for city officials to negotiate a price for the three airplanes when they met Tuesday night in the city council chambers.

City Airpark Director Jim Little made requests for the purchase of the AT11, T33, and T28A that have been on display at the air museum for several years. Those planes are currently on loan to the museum by a benefactor. However, recently the owner has asked the museum to return the airplanes which would leave the mu-

seum with some potentially empty space to fill.

"Situations have changed a little bit. Our benefactor has encountered some life changing experiences and he's going to be getting rid of his boats, cars, and his airplanes, including those airplanes we have at the museum," stated Little. "These are very unique, antique airplanes, each of which was flown in at the time."

Little mentioned the benefactor offered the museum the first opportunity to purchase the airplanes. After some searching, Little said they were able to find some funds from oil revenue that the airpark receives from mineral rights and were designated to be used only for the "operation and maintenance of the airport and air-

port duties."

Little added he had talked previously with the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) and TxDOT (Texas Department of Transportation) Aviation about the idea of using funds that were designated for the maintenance and upkeep of the museum for the purchase of the planes.

"What we are asking tonight is for your approval for the city manager to get into negotiations on this and see what kind of a price we can get

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City council members sworn in



Raul Marquez was sworn in by Judge Timothy Green, retaining his seat for District 1 on the Big Spring City Council during Tuesday night's meeting. Terry McDonald and Howard Stewart, who both ran unopposed, were sworn in as well.

Corrected voting totals still show incumbents winning

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

The Howard County Election's office released corrected totals Monday of the results from Saturday's Big Spring and Coahoma city council elections, but the outcome was still the same.

Election Administrator Jodi Duck said in-person early voting numbers were accidentally counted twice in the overall results released Saturday night. The new numbers didn't change the outcome of the election with incumbents in both races still holding onto their seats.

In the Big Spring City Council District 1 race, Raul Marquez won his second term against challenger

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Food service outsourcing, elementary reconfiguration slated for BSISD trustee meeting

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

Big Spring ISD trustees are expected to take action on bids from outside companies to take over the food service program, hear an update on the reconfiguration of the district's kindergarten through fourth grade elementaries, say goodbye to a long-time member, and

welcome a new face when they meet Thursday.

Ending a multi-month discussion, trustees are expected to take action on bids from two companies — Aramark and SFP — to take over the district's food service program. District officials said the move is a cost saving measure. However, food service employees have shown up to the last few board meetings concerned about how the change will impact their jobs.

April 13 meeting, Assistant Superintendent Jay McWilliams reported both companies have said they plan to hire all the current food service employees.

"The first question ever asked when they showed up ... are all the people who work at this district guaranteed a job because if not, we might as well end this discussion. Both of them said it's a guarantee," McWilliams said during the April meeting.

In other business,

During the See **BSISD**, Page 3

Tardy Bells perform to crowd



The Tardy Bells handbell choir performed Sunday afternoon at First Presbyterian Church. The group is composed of 12 retired or currently inactive teachers, and their director Susan Dawes, a retired music teacher. The Tardy Bells played a mixture of religious and secular music. Watch for a story and more photos in June's "Living" Magazine.



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Obituaries

Pastor Rick "Ricky" Hope



Pastor Rick "Ricky" Hope heard his Father say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant," on May 8, 2017.

Service: 3:30 p.m., Thursday at First Baptist Church, 1800 E. Broad Street, Mansfield, Texas. Visitation: 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., before the service. Memorials: Donations may be made to KAIROS-Estes Unit; or to FBC Lillian Bicentennial Fund, in lieu of flowers.

Rick was born June 10, 1969, in Big Spring, the son of Charles and Carole Madry. He graduated high school in 1987 from Forsan High in Forsan. He received his bachelor's degree from Hardin-Simmons in Abilene. He received his master's degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. Rick served as Pastor of First Baptist Church in Lillian for 15 years, was chaplain of the Lillian Volunteer Fire Department, taught at several schools in the area, and was a youth minister at many churches. He served as clergy for KAIROS Prison Ministry and was recently honored to be the state chaplain for KAIROS, served on the board of the Texas Patriot's Tea Party of Johnson County, participated in Camp Gladiator, served on the executive board of the Southwest Metroplex Baptist Association, and was a missionary to several countries.

Rick was preceded in death by his brother, Steve Madry; and by his grandparents, LeRoy and Tommye Hollingshead, of Big Spring.

Survivors: Wife of 16 years, Danna; children, Kristy Harper, Cheyenne Elkins, Destiny Hope; mother, Carole Madry and father, Chick Madry, both of Big Spring; brothers, Brad and Mike Madry, Ronald Joe "JoJo" Hope; and a host of cousins, friends, and family all over the world.

Paid obituary

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 80 inmates at the time of this report.

• **RENEA RENNA BOOKER**, 35, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for theft of service (\$750 to \$2,500).

• **REBECCA LYNN COMSTOCK**, 33, was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **FRANK LEROY CORWIN**, 60, was booked by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **TERENCE QUINTEN CROSS JR.**, 18, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

• **BRYCE TAVIN GARZA**, 18, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

• **TRAVIS DWAYNE HARRIS**, 35, was booked by BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated and duty on striking a fixture or highway landscaping.

• **CHRISTOPHER HERNANDEZ**, 35, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for theft of property (\$500 to \$1,500).

• **STEVEN GLEN HILDEBRAND**, 49, was booked by BSPD

on a warrant for criminal mischief (\$750 to \$2,500); and by HCSO on a parole violation.

• **RUBEN CASTANEDA LOPEZ**, 33, was booked by BSPD on warrants for contempt of court and bail jumping/failure to appear.

• **KEVIN SALAZAR**, 20, was booked by HCSO on two warrants for possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).

• **ALEX SANCHEZ**, 31, was booked by HCSO on warrants for theft of property (\$100 to \$750) and driving with an invalid license.

• **COBE BRIAN SMITH**, 18, was booked by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespassing.

• **ISAAC JAMES TARIN**, 24, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for evading arrest or detention.

• **DAMIAN WESLEY BAILEY**, 26, was booked by BSPD on warrants for failure to yield right of way at a yield intersection, driving with an invalid license, open container in motor vehicle, driving while intoxicated, and violation of promise to appear.

• **OMAR KRUZ HERNANDEZ**, 20, was booked by BSPD on warrants for no driver's license, expired registration, and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

• **CODY JERMAINE HODG-**

ES, 38, was booked by BSPD on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to control speed.

• **CALEB JAMES LOVELESS**, 23, was booked by HCSO on warrants for expired registration, cell phone use in a school zone, and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

• **MICHAEL LEE MARBEITER**, 42, was booked by BSPD on a parole violation.

• **JOSE ALFREDO MELENDEZ**, 34, was booked by DPS on a charge of driving with an invalid license.

• **FRANCISCO OLIVAREZ**, 55, was booked by BSPD on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility and expired registration; and on charges of possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.) and possession of a controlled substance (less than 1 gram.).

• **JORDAN URIAH RODRIGUEZ**, 26, was booked by DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).

• **JOSE MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ**, 26, was booked by BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.) and unlawfully carrying a weapon.

• **JORGE VASQUEZ-CASTILLO**, 31, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for prohibited substance or item in a correctional facility.

Take Note

• Big Spring State Park will hold its annual Stargazing Party Saturday, June 3, at sunset. According to Park Manager Ron Alton, attendees should arrive by 8 p.m. in order to get a good parking spot. About 10 to 12 telescopes will be set up at the State Park pavilion by the West Texas Amateur Astronomy Club from Midland. Those present will be able to observe the moon, Jupiter, Globular Star Cluster M13 in Hercules, and Galaxies M81, M82, and possibly M104 "The Sombrero Galaxy." There should also be a pass-by of the Hubble Space Telescope for those present to observe; and, for those staying until 10 p.m. or later, Saturn will be rising in the east around that time. For more information contact the Big Spring State Park at 432-263-4931.

• Region 9 Prevention Resource Center will hold an event entitled "Alcohol: Rethink Your Drink" May 22 at the Region 18 Service Center, 2811 La-Force Boulevard in Midland from 1 to 5 p.m. Registration is free and open to the public. To register, visit <https://rethinkyourdrink.eventbrite.com>. For more information, contact Kevin Thompson at 432-333-4100, or by email at kthompson@pbrcada.org.

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center will be hosting the 2nd annual Asthma Camp, for kids between 9 and 12 years of age. The three-day camp is free, but an application must be picked up from your PCP and returned. The camp will teach students to manage their asthma and recognize triggers.

Spots are still available, but applications must be turned in no later than Friday. For more information, call your PCP or Amanda at 268-4699.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary Group is looking to expand. Positions are available for the Auxiliary group and the Teen Volunteer program. Must be 15 years of age to take part in the teen volunteer program. If you would like to volunteer please contact Heath White at 268-4850.

• Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 3200 Parkway, will host a reception Tuesday, May 9, at 2 p.m. to honor nurses during National Nursing Week. Compass Hospice is sponsoring the event by serving cake and refreshments. The public is invited to Parkview to help celebrate this special occasion.

• Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 3200 Parkway, will hold a celebration from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, May 19, 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.

• 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/bigspringtx. For assistance, you may contact Howard Stewart at 432-935-0582 or Beverly Grant at 432-967-0901.

• Each week Kindred offers free health checks from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Corner House Coffee Shop, 1701 Scurry St.

Terri Adams Davis

Terri Adams Davis, 59, of Big Spring died Sunday, May 7, 2017, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **STEVEN GLEN HILDEBRAND**, 49, of 804 Andree St. was arrested on a charge of criminal mischief (\$750 to \$2,500).

• **TRAVIS DWAYNE HARRIS**, 35, of 600 W. Camanche Ave. in Rush Springs, Okla., was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated and duty on striking a fixture or landscaping (greater than \$200).

• **CHRISTOPHER HERNANDEZ**, 35, of 600 E. 12th St. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

• **COBE BRIAN SMITH**, 18, of 1507 Sycamore St. was arrested on a charge of criminal trespassing.

• **BRYCE TAVIN GARZA**, 18, of 1505 Johnson St. was arrested on a warrant for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

• **REBECCA LYNN COMSTOCK**, 33, of 1409 S. Runnels St. was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **TERENCE CROSS**, 18, of 3313 E. 11th Place was arrested on a warrant for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

• **RUBEN LOPEZ CASTANEDA**, 33, of 1100 Pickens St. was arrested on outstanding warrants.

• **FRANKIE LEROY CORWIN**, 60, of 800 E. 15th St. was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **ALEX SANCHEZ**, 31, of 401 Yong St. was arrested on a warrant for theft of property (\$100 to \$750); and on another outstanding warrant.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 100 block of Lockhart Street.

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1400 block of South Runnels Street.

• **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 300 block of South Main Street.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 600 block of Holbert Street.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 2800 block of Apache Drive.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1100 block of East 19th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of South Gregg Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block of North Moss Lake Road.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of East 14th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of South Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Tucson. 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 800 block of East 14th Street.

Support Groups

WEDNESDAY

• **RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy)** a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

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

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

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Shoulder work to begin for Big Spring's US 87

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer
Construction work along the inside shoulder on U.S. 87 just south of Interstate 20 in Big Spring was expected to begin today, according to an announcement by the Texas Department of Public Transportation (TxDOT) – Abilene office.

The work is part of the \$125 million project to construct the U.S. 87 by-pass around the west of Big Spring. Work on the northern section of the by-pass begin in February of this year. The southern section, now called the William B. Crooker Memorial Highway, was completed in the summer of 2016 and is open to traffic.

TxDOT estimates the current shoulder work will take

about three weeks.

"Motorists should expect brief delays and variable, intermittent lane closures on US 87 for approximately three weeks during this phase of the project," Mary Belle Turner, public relations officer for TxDOT's Abilene District stated in a news release.

"TxDOT reminds drivers to be especially watchful when traveling through this and all roadway work zones," she continued.

The northern section of the four-lane by-pass is budgeted for \$68 million and will include overpasses at I-20 and also the Union Pacific rail line, retaining walls, drainage structures, and illumination. The estimated completion date is early 2019.

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out of it," said Little.

Little went on to discuss that the antique planes could be purchased for much less than normal market value and if the city decided to sell the planes in the future, it would most likely make its money back and then some. The motion was approved with six votes by the council. City council member Jim DePauw abstained from the vote, citing he was a board member of the Hangar 25 Air Museum.

In some house-keeping business, Municipal Judge

Timothy Green sworn in three city council members for their new terms.

Raul Marquez recently won the District 1 election and retained his seat with the city council. However Justin Myers for District 3, who did not run for re-election, left his seat and was replaced by Terry McDonald, who ran unopposed in the election. In addition to this, Howard Stewart, who also did not face a challenger for the seat, was also sworn in to the District 4 position. He replaced the former representative Steve Waggoner, who resigned earlier this year because he moved

from the city.

City Manager Todd Darden presented Myers with a plaque for his time with the council and thanked him for the service.

"It's been our distinguished honor and pleasure to serve under your leadership on the council," said Darden. "We wish you well and hope you come back again and run for another term."

Other news covered at the meeting included:

- The council approved a motion for permission to advertise for bids for the striping of roads in the seal coat project.
- Ace Little was presented an award for his 36-year ca-

reer in the radio broadcast industry by Mayor Larry McLellan. Little is KBST Radio's news/sports reporter. He recently celebrated another milestone by calling his 1,300th sports games.

• Approved a contract with Texas First Replacement Services Group to provide an interim city attorney Marianne Landers Banks for the temporary replacement of Kaye Edwards, who resigned at the last meeting.

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Trump meets with Russia's top diplomat

By **VIVIAN SALAMA** and **JOSH LEDERMAN**

Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump welcomed Vladimir Putin's top diplomat to the White House Wednesday marking his highest level face-to-face contact with a Russian government official since taking office.

The talks come one day after Trump fired the FBI director, who was overseeing an investigation into Russia's interference in the 2016 presidential election.

Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov arrived at the White House and entered from its exclusive West Executive entrance, out of range for reporters to ask questions.

Before that session, Lavrov stopped at the State Department to see Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, who said the get-together was a chance for the two to "continue our dialogue" and "exchange of views" that they started last month in Moscow. During that trip, Tillerson said relations with Russia were at a low and needed to be rebuilt.

A Russian plan to stabilize Syria after more than six years of civil war was the most urgent foreign policy topic on the Trump-Lavrov agenda. But their meeting will be impossible to separate from the Trump administration's unfolding political drama in Washington, where FBI and congressional investigations are looking into possible collusion between Trump campaign associates and the Kremlin related to the 2016 election.

U.S. intelligence agencies have asserted that Moscow meddled in the election to help Trump's chances of victory.

Putin asked Trump to meet with Lavrov when the two leaders spoke by phone last week, according to a person with knowledge of the call. The person insisted on ano-

nymity in order to discuss the private conversation.

During his appearance with Tillerson, Lavrov feigned surprise when asked whether James Comey's firing as FBI director cast a shadow over the U.S.-Russia talks.

"Was he fired? You're kidding. You're kidding," Lavrov told reporters sarcastically before waving his hand dismissively and leaving the room. Tillerson ignored questions about Trump and Comey.

Less than a month into Trump's presidency, he fired his national security adviser, Michael Flynn, saying Flynn misled senior administration officials about his pre-inauguration talks with Sergey Kislyak, Russia's ambassador in Washington.

In a Senate hearing Monday, former acting Attorney General Sally Yates said she warned Trump's White House in January that Flynn "essentially could be blackmailed" by the Russians because he apparently had lied to his bosses about his contacts with Kislyak.

Trump has said he has no ties to Russia and isn't aware of any involvement by his aides in any Russian election interference. He calls the various investigations a "hoax" driven by Democrats still bitter that their candidate, Hillary Clinton, was defeated last year.

But his hopes for a possible rapprochement with Moscow, so regularly repeated during the campaign, have been derailed. Ties soured further in April after the U.S. blamed a Russian ally, Syrian President Bashar Assad, for a deadly chemical weapons attack on civilians and Trump ordered that some 60 cruise missiles be fired at a Syrian air base in response.

After Tillerson visited Putin and Lavrov in Moscow on April 12, Trump said flatly, "Right now we're not getting along with Russia at

all."

Still, Tillerson's meeting provided a blueprint for how the former Cold War foes might go about improving ties.

A main focus is Syria, where both governments want to end a civil war that has killed up to 400,000 people, contributed to a global refugee crisis

and allowed the Islamic State group to emerge as a global terrorist threat. The continued fighting between rebels and Assad's military has complicated U.S. efforts to defeat IS.

Lavrov was conveying a Russian plan to end the violence, after hashing out an agreement with Iran and Turkey last week.

It focuses on the creation of four de-escalation zones. Critical details need to be finalized and the U.S. response has been cautious, with top officials such as Defense Secretary Jim Mattis saying they're still studying the concept and its various unanswered questions. The would-be safe zones would not cover areas where the U.S.-led coalition is fighting IS.

Despite the lack of clarity, the possibility of a meeting between Trump and Lavrov would in itself be a sign of some progress.

The Russian diplomat hasn't visited Washington at all since 2013, a year before Russia's annexation of Ukraine's Crimea region and two years before it intervened militarily in Syria to help Assad remain in power.

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a district official is expected swear in returning trustees Julie Harris, District 3; and Manny Chavira, District 6. The two incumbents will be joined by first time board member Thomas Olague. All three candidates ran unopposed for their position, prompting trustees to cancel the election.

Olague will replace outgoing board member Irene G. Rodriguez who has served on the board for more than 20 years but opted not to run again in this election.

Also during the meet-

ing, Superintendent Chris Wigington is expected to give a report on the district's decision to reconfigure the four elementary schools to cater to grade level specific schools for the upcoming school year.

At the end of April, the district announced Moss and Marcy elementary schools would become kindergarten through second grade campuses. All third graders in Big Spring ISD will attend Washington Elementary School. Goliad Elementary School will become a fourth grade only campus.

The move is being made to help improve academic learning, Wig-

ington said shortly after the announcement.

Board members will meet at 5:15 p.m. Thursday at the Big Spring High School, 707 11th Place.

Other items listed on the agenda:

- Consider donations to various departments.
- Consider bids for depository.
- Consider a resolution to the Texas Association of School Boards for Superintendent of the Year nomination.
- Consider personnel and financial matters.
- Reports on the food service program and Big Spring Junior High School Building.

ELECTION

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Tracy Parker by a margin of 8 votes instead 5 which was reported in earlier election stories. Marquez earned 60 votes total, 19 from in person early voting and five from ballots received by mail.

Parker received 52 votes, 22 from early voting, and four from ballots returned by mail.

Corrected results from the Coahoma City Council race to fill two at-large positions are as follows: Brandy Manning brought in 48 votes, 9 of those during early voting; Holt garnered 52, 12 from early voting; TJ Rueda earned 11 of which 3 were cast early; and John Mulkey received 3 from early voting and one from a ballot received by mail.

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Harvey C. Hocker, 85, died Saturday. The family will receive friends from 6:00 PM until 7:00 PM tonight at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will begin at 7:00 PM at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Evangelina Arenivaz, 70, died Thursday. Vigil service will be at 7:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 10:00 AM Saturday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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

Janet Meyer Rouille, 71, died Saturday. Services are pending.

Terri Davis, 59, died Sunday. Services are pending.

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This week I'll start off with the large print fiction books then finish with the fiction books. "Sunrise Canyon" by Janet Dailey (LP F DAI J) begins the New Americana Series. Before he left for Afghanistan, Jake O'Reilly had a beautiful wife, a baby on the way, a wonderful life. Three years later, his wife is dead, and he is so haunted by his memories of war that he can't bring himself to go home. When his wife's grandfather persuades him to come work on his ranch where Jake's daughter is living, he agrees even though he is reluctant to expose his little girl to the man he has become. His daughter doesn't recognize the brooding stranger, but the beauty of the ranch and the immediate connection Jake feels with his wife's cousin slowly begin to heal his wounds.



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In "Fatal" by John Lescroart (LP F LES J), Kate is happily married with two wonderful children and a beautiful home. Everything changes when she and her husband attend a party and meet Peter and Jill. Kate and Peter exchange a few words, but Kate is overcome with desire for Peter. An innocent crush develops into an obsession resulting in one passionate encounter between the two. Not long after their affair, a masked man barges into the cafe where Kate is sitting with her best friend, firing an assault weapon into the crowd. This tragedy is the first in a series of horrifying events that will show Kate just how grave the consequences of one mistake can be.

"The Tea Girl of Hummingbird

Lane" by Lisa See (LP F SEE L) tells the story of how Li-yan and her family align their lives around the farming of tea for generations until a stranger appears bringing the modern world to their lives. Li-yan begins to reject the customs that shaped her early life. When she has a baby out of wedlock, she leaves her near an orphanage. While Li-yan leaves her village for an education, a business, and city life, her daughter is raised by loving adoptive parents. She wonders about her origins, and Li-yan longs for her lost daughter.

In "Never Let You Go" by Chevy Stevens (LP F STE C), Lindsey Nash escaped with her young daughter and left an abusive relationship. Her ex-husband was sent to jail, and Lindsey started a new life. Lindsey has her own business and a teenage daughter who needs her more than ever. When her husband is released from prison, Lindsey believes she has left the past behind her, but she gets the sense that someone is tracking her. Her boyfriend is threatened, her home is invaded, and her daughter is shadowed. Lindsey is convinced it is her ex-husband, but he claims he is a different person. Has he really has changed? Is the one who wants her dead closer to home than she thought?

"The Mother's Promise" by Sally Hepworth (F HEP S) is a novel about

the unbreakable bonds between mothers and daughters and the new ways in which families are forged. Alice Stanhope and her daughter, Zoe, have

all four of them must confront their darkest fears and secrets-secrets of abandonment, abuse, estrangement, and the deepest longing for family.

In "Under the Knife" by Kelly Parsons (F PAR K), biotechnology tycoon Morgan Finney's grief turns to rage when his beloved wife dies of complications during a surgery led by Dr. Rita Wu. He vows to kill Rita just as he believes she killed his wife. He will systematically destroy her life.

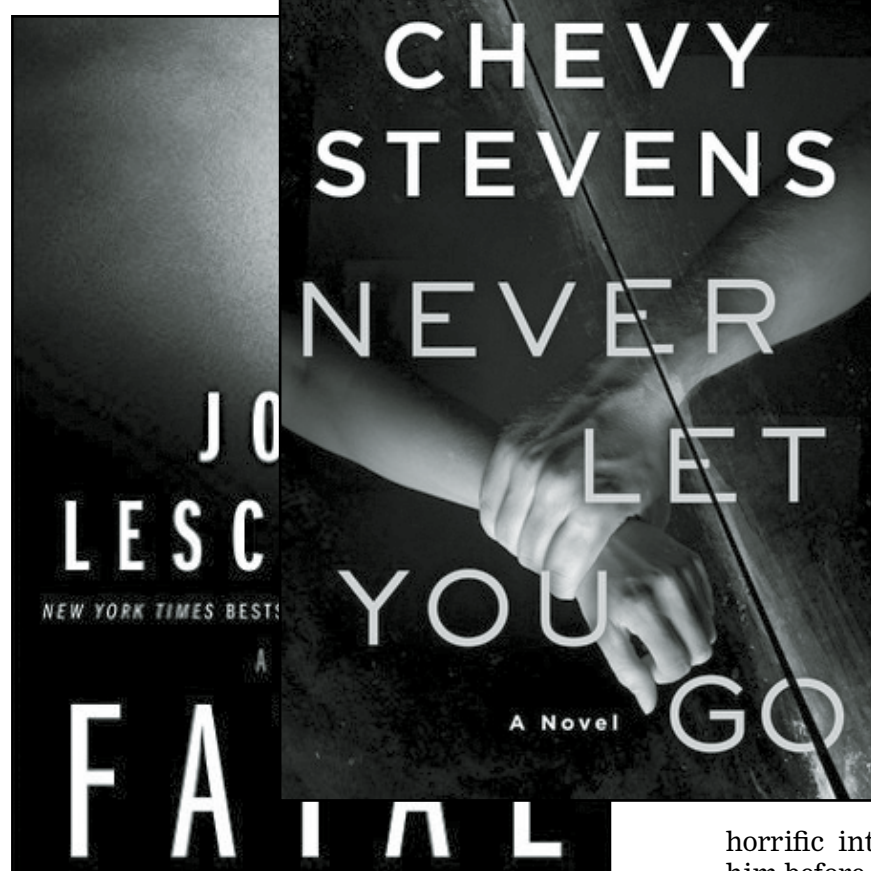
He will take what is precious to her just as she took what was precious to him. Aided by a mysterious man, Finney uses advanced medical technology to ruin Rita's reputation and bring her to the brink of madness. Alone and fighting for her sanity and life, Rita reaches out to her former lover for help. Together they must fight to uncover Finney's

horrific intentions and race to stop him before it is too late

That's all for this week so I leave you with a quote from Lloyd Alexander:

"Keep reading. It's one of the most marvelous adventures that anyone can have."

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been a family of two. Zoe has always struggled with crippling social anxiety, and her mother has been her constant and fierce protector. With no other family, and the identity of Zoe's father a mystery, their team of two works until Alice gets sick and needs to fight for her life. Alice reaches out to her nurse and social worker as her only hope to find stability for Zoe. As the four of them come together, a chain of events is set into motion and

Roger's Retro Reviews: To Kill a Mockingbird

In 1960, Harper Lee published her novel "To Kill a Mockingbird"; two years later it was made into a film starring Gregory Peck in one of American moviedom's most beloved roles, small-town lawyer Atticus Finch.

The film version of "To Kill a Mockingbird" is told from the perspective of six-year-old Jean Louise Finch (Mary B a d h a m), known by all as "Scout"; and her older brother Jem (Phillip Alford). The siblings are the children of Atticus Finch (Peck), a widower and lawyer in the small town of Maycomb, Alabama. We're treated to several vignettes of the children's lives. Scout witnesses Mr. Cunningham (Crahan Denton) paying her father for legal work with a sack of hickory nuts. This prompts a discussion about whether Mr. Cunningham is poor (he is) and whether the Finches themselves are poor (they are, but not to the degree that Mr. Cunningham is). Scout and Jem meet another young boy named Dill (John Megna), who stays for a couple of weeks each summer with his Aunt Stephanie (Alice Ghostley), the Finch's next-door neighbor. Jem, Scout, and Dill tell rumors about the mysterious Boo Radley (Robert Duvall), who never seems to leave his house. Rumor has it that he is some sort of ogre who once stabbed his own father (Richard Hale) in the leg, and is now kept chained up inside the house.

The town judge (Paul Fix) pays a visit to Atticus, asking him to defend a young black man, Tom Robinson (Brock Peters), who has been accused of raping a white girl, Mayella Ewell (Collin Wil-

cox). Atticus agrees. At Tom's arraignment hearing, Mayella's father, Bob Ewell (James Anderson), approaches Atticus and questions him about his intentions in the case. He becomes irate when Atticus says he intends to legitimately do his job of defending the young man.

That night, Atticus guards his client in the jailhouse against an angry mob set on lynching the defendant. The appearance of Scout, Jem, and Dill, who had followed Atticus to the court, defuses the mob's anger and quite probably saves the lives of Tom and Atticus.

The rest of the movie relates the trial, the reaction of the town to the trial and Atticus' part in it, and the aftermath. I don't know that spoilers are really an issue with this movie because it's a classic of American cinema, but on the off chance you haven't seen it or read the book, I'll stop the plot synopsis there.

Other characters of note are Sheriff Heck Tate (Frank Overton); the Finch's neighbor, Miss Maudie Atkinson (Rosemary Murphy); and the Finch's housekeeper Calpurnia (Estelle Evans).

The movie and the book aren't identical. The book is told purely from Scout's point of view, giving much



of her thought narration as she tries to process the events from her child's perspective. While Scout is still a quite important character on screen (she's still the narrator, from an adult's vantage), the movie does give her brother Jem a larger role, and many of the sequences are portrayed from his viewpoint. For instance, in the movie, it's Jem, not Scout, who discovers some small gifts that Boo Radley leaves for the siblings; and Atticus takes Jem, not Scout, to visit Tom Robinson's family at their farmhouse.

Racism is a perennial theme in American history, and "To Kill a Mockingbird" is a wonderful tale of racism examined, confronted, and fought against. Peck's portrayal of Atticus' passionate defense of the equality of all people

is inspiring. Scout's struggle to understand, and her own instincts to lash out against hatred embodied in her classmates, are childlike, but not unreasonable.

But most of all, Harper Lee's story holds up after more than 50 years of civil rights movement, Rodney King, and Black Lives Matter, by simply showing the problem through the eyes of a child.

A product of the '60s, "To Kill a Mockingbird" uses the word "Negro" as a non-pejorative for black people, and certain people in the film do use the other, more offensive

N-word.

"To Kill a Mockingbird" is a relevant, well-acted, film; true to the spirit (if not the exact detail in every respect) of Harper Lee's novel. Nine and a half stars out of 10.

To Kill a Mockingbird
Director: Robert Mulligan
Writer: Screenplay by Horton Foote, based on the novel by Harper Lee

Production company: Brentwood Productions, Pakula-Mulligan

Not rated, 2 hrs. 9 min., Crime/Drama, Dec. 25, 1962



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Texas adoption bill OK's rejection of non-Christian parents

By MEREDITH HOFFM

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Many state-funded Texas adoption agencies routinely deny non-Christian, gay, and unmarried applicants on religious grounds — and now they are backing legislation being considered Tuesday by the state House designed to protect them from potential lawsuits.

The private organizations, which are paid by the state to place foster children with adoptive families, want to continue the practice and are seeking legal protections through Texas' "Freedom to Serve Children Act," which is up for consideration Tuesday in the GOP-controlled House. If it clears the House, the bill heads to the even more conservative Senate and then for an approval signature by Gov. Greg Abbott, who has not commented on the bill.

The bill would be the nation's second allowing state-funded adoption agencies to reject families on religious grounds. South Dakota passed similar legislation in March but it's too soon to measure its practical effects.

While the Texas proposal may not pass constitutional muster, that hasn't stopped the state's lawmakers before, who have recently approved a voter ID law and abortion restrictions that were overturned in court.

Randy Daniels, vice-president of Child and Family Services for the Dallas-based Christian child welfare organization Buckner International, said religious agencies are terrified of lawsuits for turning away parents.

"We want to make sure we can practice within the framework of our sincerely held religious beliefs," said Daniels.

Buckner only accepts Christian heterosexual couples who have been married for at least four years, in addition to some single individuals — which is more liberal than many other faith-based groups, which refuse single parents, said Daniels.

"These are our requirements, and we're clear, this is just who we are," said Daniels. "We want to make sure that groups like Buckner continue to have a place at the table because we bring solutions."

The state's child welfare system is overburdened with about 3,800 children currently up for adoption. Private firms receive state funding to



AP photo

In this Jan. 10, 2017, file photo, Texas Speaker of the House Joe Straus, R-San Antonio, stands before the opening of the 85th Texas Legislative session in the house chambers at the Texas State Capitol in Austin, Texas. State-funded adoption agencies backing Texas legislation that would sanction the rejection of prospective parents on religious grounds already routinely deny non-Christian, gay, and unmarried applicants because they are wary of their beliefs or lifestyle. But now they also want legal cover in case of potential lawsuits.

handle the "vast majority" of adoptions, said Patrick Crimmins, a Department of Family and Protective Services spokesman.

Republican sponsors of Texas' bill say it is designed to retain providers by shielding them from possible court fights.

"We want to make reasonable accommodations so everyone can participate in the system," said state Rep. James Frank of Wichita Falls. "Everyone is welcome. But you don't have to think alike to participate."

Megan Lestino, vice-president of public policy for the National Adoption Council, said she knows of faith-based adoption agencies denying LGBT and other prospective parents around the country — which upsets families but does not violate the law unless the state fails to present other

options.

"Equal protection requires that there's another option for every family," said Lestino. "And there typically is some option for every family."

Four states have passed legislation protecting private adoption agencies only, which Cooper said was seen by some to "codify" existing practices and fall within legal limits. South Dakota, and now Texas, seek to go further.

Frank said his bill directs state child services to ensure that other outside adoption providers without religious objections are made available to help would-be adoptive parents who get turned away by any who do raise objections.

But Rebecca Robertson, the American Civil Liberties Union of Texas' legislative and policy director, said

the state — whose only faith providers are Christian — is lacking in such options. She would not address the ACLU's plan to fight the law if it passes, but said she is currently focused on "trying to keep a bad bill from passing."

"If organizations are turning people away and those people are unable to be served that's a violation," she said. "I know this bill would make that happen at multiple levels in this state welfare system."

Robertson also said the proposal violates the Constitution since it involves taxpayer dollars.

"When Texans come to the table, the government has to treat all Texans the same," she said. "This is state-sponsored discrimination."

Mexico and police chief slam Texas' new 'sanctuary city' ban

By PAUL J. WEBER

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Mexican government, San Antonio's police chief and others slammed Texas' new "sanctuary cities" law on Monday, saying that requiring local law enforcement to help enforce U.S. immigration law could lead to racial profiling and will fan distrust of the police by the state's many Hispanics.

The law, which takes effect in September and which critics say is the most anti-immigrant since a 2010 Arizona law, will allow police officers to ask about the immigration status of anyone they detain, including during routine traffic stops. Republican Gov. Greg Abbott signed the law Sunday evening on Facebook Live with no advanced warning. A few dozen people protested outside his mansion in Austin on Monday.

San Antonio police chief William McManus ripped into the Republicans who pushed the law through despite the objections of every big-city police chief in the state. The Migration Policy Institute estimates that Texas is home to more than 1.4 million people who are in the country illegally, including 71,000 living in the San Antonio area.

McManus and the other police chiefs, including those in Dallas and Houston, say it will create a chilling effect that will cause immigrant families to not report crimes or come forward as witnesses over fears that talking to local police could lead to deportation. Critics also fear it will lead to the racial profiling of Hispan-

ics and put officers in an untenable position.

"It's either skin color or language. What else does someone have to base it on?" McManus said, referring to an officer's reason for inquiring about a person's immigration status. "That leads to profiling. Profiling leads to lawsuits. In my opinion, there is nothing positive this bill does in the community or law enforcement."

Nevertheless, McManus said his department will abandon a policy that prohibits officers from asking about a person's immigration status.

"We're going to have to take it off the books," said McManus, adding that it will probably have to spend a year now training his roughly 2,400 officers on immigration law.

The law also drew rebuke from Mexico, which is Texas' largest trading partner and shares close ties to the state. The country's foreign ministry said in a news release that the law could trample on the rights of Mexican citizens who choose to live just across the border and promised to "closely follow" the situation

after the law takes effect.

"These types of actions criminalizes even more the topic of immigration, foments racial discriminatory acts and reduces collaboration between the immigrant community and local authorities," the ministry said.

The law also requires police chiefs and sheriffs — under the threat of jail and removal from office — to comply with federal requests to hold criminal suspects in jail for possible deportation. Republicans have a strong majority in the Legislature and shoved aside Democratic objections, even as President Donald Trump's efforts to withhold federal funding for sanctuary cities have hit roadblocks in federal courts.

"Isn't this quasi-insane that we have to pass a law to force law enforcement officers to comply with the law?" Abbott said Monday on "Fox and Friends."

Texas took the unusual step Monday afternoon of asking a federal court in Austin to preemptively find the law constitutional in anticipation of lawsuits from cities and minority rights groups. One of the first legal challenges came from the League of United Latin American Citizens on behalf of a small border town near the Mexico border called El Cenizo. The city has had a "safe haven" ordinance since 1999 that prohibits city employees from asking about a person's immigration status, according to lawsuit, which LULAC attorney Luis Vera said was filed in federal court Monday.

The term "sanctuary cities" has no legal definition, but Republicans want local police to help federal immigration agents crack down on criminal suspects in the U.S. illegally.

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Abortion foes cheer series of advances, as opponents protest

By DAVID CRARY and
CLARICE SILBER

Associated Press

PHOENIX (AP) — From the U.S. Capitol and the White House to far-flung battlegrounds in Arizona, Iowa and elsewhere, it's been a dramatic fortnight in the debate over access to abortion and birth control. Foes of abortion celebrated a series of advances and claimed new momentum, as abortion rights supporters mounted protests to try to blunt it.

Planned Parenthood, the anti-abortion movement's prime target, called it "the world's worst week for women's health."

Among the developments in recent days:

—House Republicans passed a health care bill that would halt most federal funding to Planned Parenthood for a year and expand restrictions on private insurance coverage of abortion.

—President Donald Trump issued an executive order on religious liberty that will likely make it easier for employers to drop coverage of contraceptives from their health care plans. The secretary of Health and Human Services, conservative physician Tom Price, said he would act swiftly "to safeguard the deeply held religious beliefs of Americans who provide health insurance to their employees."

—Trump appointed a prominent anti-abortion activist, Charmaine Yoest, to serve at HHS as assistant secretary of public affairs. Yoest, as president of Americans United for Life from 2008-2016, played a key role in the enactment of scores of state laws restricting abortion access. Her appointment was lauded by Vice President Mike Pence, who declared in a speech, "For the first time in a long time, America has an administration that's filled top to bottom with people who stand without apology for life."

—Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad signed a bill banning most abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy. A similar bill has reached the governor's desk in Tennessee; a third such measure is pending in Missouri. Similar laws are in effect in at least a dozen other states, and Trump has promised to sign a federal 20-week ban if it can survive a potentially difficult path through Congress.

—Republican lawmakers in Arizona and Iowa took steps to join a growing list of states that have acted to curtail public funding for Planned Parenthood, which is the leading provider of abortions in the U.S. but also provides a range of other health services that would be affected by the funding cuts.

In Iowa, the GOP plan is to create a state-run family planning program that excludes abortion-providing organizations such as Planned Parenthood. Iowa would give up federal Medicaid money and instead spend about \$3.1 million in state funds.

In Arizona, GOP lawmakers have included a provision in the state budget that diverts about \$2 million in



AP photo

Blanca Chico, an uninsured patient, uses Planned Parenthood Arizona to get her health services pauses in a nearby park near to where she lives on Tuesday, May 9, 2017, in Scottsdale, Ariz. Republican lawmakers in Arizona and Iowa took steps to join a growing list of states that have acted to curtail public funding for Planned Parenthood, which is the leading provider of abortions in the U.S. but also provides a range of other health services that would be affected by the funding cuts.

federal funding away from Planned Parenthood. Bryan Howard, president of Planned Parenthood Arizona, says the five clinics now in jeopardy serve many uninsured patients and could close if they lose the money. He said those funds have helped serve 20,000 people with contraception, cancer screenings and other non-abortion treatments.

Blanca Chico, a 39-year-old from Phoenix, said that as an uninsured patient, Planned Parenthood Arizona has given her health services at a reduced cost that she can afford. Chico, a mother of four, said she was able to get an intrauterine device for less than half its usual price because her clinic only made her pay what she was able to.

"They are helping a lot of people, because not everyone is able to pay for a consultation or all of the medication," Chico said. "And they only ask for a donation for the services."

Chico, who also has used the clinic for annual checkups and pap tests, said the proposed cuts would force her to find another provider.

"It's very complicated finding a place that is low cost and that I feel confident I can get the services," Chico said. "I have felt really satisfied with the clinic ... they have always helped me with everything."

Several other states where Republicans hold power have sought in previous years to curtail funding to Planned Parenthood.

After Texas cut off state funding to abortion providers in 2011, 82 family

planning centers closed in the state — a third of which were Planned Parenthood affiliates. A state report later found that 30,000 fewer women were served through a Texas women's health program after the changes. Planned Parenthood now has 35 clinics in Texas and served more than 126,000 individual patients last year, including those seeking abortions.

Under the GOP-backed health care bill that cleared the House last week, people who rely on Medicaid would be unable to get subsidized preventive care at Planned Parenthood health centers — including birth control, cancer screenings and testing for sexually transmitted diseases. Estimates by the Congressional Budget Office suggest that defunding Planned Parenthood would save roughly \$200 million in federal spending while reducing health care for perhaps 390,000 people.

The bill's fate is uncertain, with senators of both parties saying the House version will not survive in its current form. Activists on both sides of the abortion debate will be engaged in a heated lobbying battle over whether the Planned Parenthood defunding is maintained or scrapped in the revised version.

"We urge the Senate to keep these nonnegotiable provisions and quickly advance this bill to the president's desk," said anti-abortion leader Marjorie Dannenfelser, president of the Susan B. Anthony List. Dannenfelser and other leading anti-abortion activists threw their support behind

Trump in last year's election in part because of his pledge to sign a defunding measure.

Planned Parenthood and its allies have been organizing protests at the offices of Republican members of Congress who voted for the new health care bill.

"This is the worst bill for women's health in a generation," said Planned Parenthood's president, Cecile Richards. "It makes it harder to prevent unintended pregnancy, harder to have a healthy pregnancy, and harder to raise a family."

A few states where Democrats have at least a share of power have taken steps to ensure continued funding of Planned Parenthood and to protect access to abortion and contraception. In Montana, Democratic Gov. Steve Bullock vetoed a bill last week that would have outlawed most abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy. Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf has vowed to veto a similar bill if it reaches his desk, as well as a proposal to ban a commonly used second-trimester abortion procedure.

Overall, however, the anti-abortion camp says momentum is on its side. As evidence, they cite Trump's appointment of federal judges who are widely viewed as receptive to further restrictions on abortion.

"Folks are excited that we've got a different administration, so there's a sense of optimism," said Melanie Israel of the conservative Heritage Foundation. "Everyone is curious to see what's going to happen."

Amtrak engineer won't be charged in deadly crash

By MARYCLAIRE DALE

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The speeding Amtrak engineer involved in a derailment that killed eight people and injured about 200 others in Philadelphia won't face criminal charges, the city district attorney's office said Tuesday.

Prosecutors said they can't prove engineer Brandon Bostian acted with "conscious disregard" when he accelerated the train to 106 mph on a 50 mph curve.

Federal investigators concluded that Bostian lost track of his location, or "situational awareness," before the May 12, 2015, crash after learning that a nearby commuter train had been struck with a rock. They found no evidence he was under the influence of drugs or alcohol or distracted by a cell phone.

Lawyers Thomas R. Kline and Robert Mongeluzzi, who represent more than 30 victims and their families, described their clients as bitterly disappointed and said many remain in constant pain two years later.

"There is a longer for accountability when you are disabled and

in excruciating pain every day," Mongeluzzi said. "The person who was the primary and sole cause of this escaped punishment and you paid the price."

Kline believes that Bostian, now 34, should at least face reckless endangerment charges, if not the more serious charges that require a finding of intent.

"If he is allowed to escape responsibility, then it is an invitation for every culpable person who operates a vehicle — whether it be a train or a car or a bus or a boat — to say, 'I forgot where I was,'" Kline said.

But the District Attorney's Office concluded there was not enough evidence to prove that he consciously disregarded any risks to his passengers.

The train had left Philadelphia minutes before, heading toward New York.

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Opponents blast the Texas bill as a version of Arizona's immigration crackdown law, SB 1070, which sparked protests and led to legal challenges in 2010.

But the Texas and Arizona bills are not identical. Whereas the Arizona law originally required police to try to determine the immigration status of people during routine stops, the Texas bill doesn't instruct officers to ask.

Texas doesn't currently have any cities which have formally declared themselves sanctuaries for immigrants.

But Sally Hernandez, the sheriff of Travis County, which includes liberal Austin, has refused to honor federal requests to detain immigrants if the suspects weren't

arrested for immigration offenses or serious crimes such as murder. Hernandez softened her policy after Abbott cut funding to the county, saying decisions would be made on a case-by-case basis. She said before Abbott signed it that she would conform to the ban if it became law.



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Hawks' Lopez named MVP for all conference, all region teams



10 HC Hawks softball team members named to WJCAC All Conference team

Special to the Herald

After capturing the Region V West Championship and scoring yet another trip to Utah for the NJCAA Division I Softball National Championship Tournament, the Hawks softball team has landed several players on both the Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) All Conference team as well as the Region V West All Region team.

Headlining for Howard College is Kaylynn Lopez (KK), the sophomore infielder from Chula Vista, CA. Lopez was tapped as the first team designated player as well as Most Valuable Player for the WJCAC and split the MVP honor with Crystine Kistner of Midland College for the All Region Team.

"KK was the best hitter in the conference and she hit 7 homeruns against Midland and Odessa in eight games," said Kelly Raines, Hawks softball head coach. "Her power numbers are far and above anyone else's and she is very deserving of this honor on both the conference and regional level."

Lopez certainly wasn't alone in receiving recognition for the WJ-



Kaylynn Lopez

CAC conference. She was joined by teammates below:

Pitcher:

Kylie Shay
Celeste Villagrana
Mickaela Brown

Catcher:

Evelyn Loyola
Megan Darling

Infielder:

Jackie Mercado

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All Region Team 2017:

After winning three straight games to capture the regional title and punch their ticket to Utah, Howard College was well represented on the All Region team as well.

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Mickaela Brown

Catcher:

Megan Darling
Evelyn Loyola

Infield:

Jackie Mercado

Outfield:

Madoline Seumalo
DP/Utility:

Kaylynn Lopez

MVP:

Kaylynn Lopez, (Co-award with Crystine Kistner of Midland College)

"It's been a great season so far and we are excited about heading to nationals for the third time in a row. I thought our team had a great showing on the all conference and all region voting," said Raines. "We are certainly proud of our athletes and their performance but I am also really proud that the other coaches thought so highly of our kids."

Griffin dominates hometown Padres 11-0, Rangers hit 3 homers

By BERNIE WILSON

AP Sports Writer

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A.J. Griffin had an eventful two days back in San Diego, from visiting Balboa Park with his father to dominating his hometown Padres with a four-hitter for his second career shutout.

With Griffin rolling, Joey Gallo and Ryan Rua homered off Jered Weaver, and Robinson Chirras also went deep as the Rangers routed San Diego 11-0 Tuesday to stop a three-game losing streak.

"I haven't played a baseball game in San Diego in seven years now, which is kind of crazy if you think about that. It was really cool," said Griffin, who played at Grossmont High in suburban El Cajon and then at the University of San Diego.

Griffin (4-0) was pitching against the Padres for the first

time. All four hits off Griffin were singles, and the Padres got only one runner as far as third base. Griffin struck out four and walked one.

His parents and some friends were at the matinee game.

"My mom was pretty excited a little more excited than me, believe it or not. But that's what moms do, I feel like," Griffin said.

"It's huge," he added. "I like to win everywhere we go, but to be able to go out there and compete at this level is a blessing any day you are able to do it and just to have it so my parents didn't have to go too far to come see me, that was pretty nice. I enjoyed it. It was fun."

Griffin was selected by Oakland in the 13th round of the 2010 amateur draft. He had reconstructive elbow surgery in April 2014, didn't pitch in the majors for two seasons and signed with the Rangers as a minor league free agent

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Spurs overcome Leonard injury, Harden to beat Rockets in OT

By RAUL DOMINGUEZ

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs were in a tough spot after Kawhi Leonard hurt his ankle in the second half.

That's when Danny Green and the Spurs' supporting cast stepped up.

Green scored seven of his 16 points in overtime, helping San Antonio top James Harden and the Houston Rockets 110-107 on Tuesday night to take a 3-2 lead in their second-round playoff series.

Harden had 33 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists. He had a chance at a potential tying 3-pointer in the final seconds of OT, but was blocked from behind by Manu Ginobili.

"I remember saying to a couple of the guys this is what we live for, these moments, to play in these situations," Spurs point guard Patty Mills said. "Game 5, at home, you just try to soak it up and play hard. I guess that's where all the passion comes out, at those moments. The diving on loose balls, coming up with whatever it may be, you're throwing your body on the line in those situations."

Leonard had 22 points and 15 rebounds in 38 minutes before exiting with an injured right ankle. He stepped on Harden's foot while running back in transi-

tion with 5:37 left in the third quarter and then played limited minutes before sitting out overtime.

The Spurs already were without Tony Parker, who will miss the rest of the playoffs after surgery to repair a ruptured left quadriceps tendon.

"It was frustrating because I wanted to play," Leonard said. "But I was happy seeing my teammates out there putting in a good effort and getting the win."

Leonard said he will play in Game 6 on Thursday in Houston.

Green made a go-ahead 3-pointer and converted a three-point play to make it 109-107 Spurs with 30.1 seconds left. He also made a foul shot down the stretch to help San Antonio hold on.

"I think we all made a decision to be aggressive," Green said of Leonard's absence, "regardless of what was going to happen. We weren't going to lose the game being on our heels."

Two questionable plays closed regulation with the game tied at 101.

Harden was whistled for a charge after dribbling all but a few seconds off the shot clock before driving to the basket on Jonathon Simmons. The Spurs failed to take a shot on their final possession, with Mills banking in a

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Correa, Beltran homer in big first inning; Astros top Braves

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Carlos Correa, Carlos Beltran and the Houston Astros got aggressive early against Bartolo Colon, then cruised while matching the best start in franchise history.

Correa and Beltran hit consecutive homers off Colon during a five-run first inning and the Astros beat the Atlanta Braves 8-3 on Tuesday night.

Houston is 22-11 and tied with Baltimore for the most wins in the majors. The last time Houston won 22 of its first 33 games was 1973.

"We did a great job of getting into the game obviously," manager A.J. Hinch said. "... It was a big inning for us."

Houston led 4-0 after Correa launched a three-run shot with no outs. Beltran followed his third homer this season.

Josh Reddick also homered for Houston,



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Houston Astros' Carlos Beltran (15) is congratulated by Yuli Gurriel (10) after hitting a home run against the Atlanta Braves during the first inning of a baseball game, Tuesday, May 9, 2017, in Houston.

connecting on his 100th career home run with a solo shot in the fifth.

Houston starter Charlie Morton (4-2) allowed

three runs — one earned — in 5 2/3 innings for his third straight win.

Colon (1-4) gave up eight runs and three

homers, both season highs, in 5 2/3 innings. His ERA ballooned to

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Pick 6: OU's Brown, Texas' Williams among top OL in '17

By RALPH D. RUSSO

AP College Football Writer

Two offensive linemen were selected in the first round of last month's NFL draft, the fewest since 1965.

In 2017, the big guys up front are positioned to bounce back.

With the help of former Auburn guard and ESPN and SEC Network analyst Cole Cubelic, a look at some of the draft-eligible offen-

sive linemen that will be vital to their team's performance in 2017 — and possible first-round picks in 2018.

"I think the first round is going to be loaded with tackles and guards," Cubelic said about next year's draft.

Mike McGlinchey, OT, and Quinton Nelson, OG, Notre Dame.

The Fighting Irish are hoping the left side of their line can help lead a turnaround from last season's 4-8 mess. McGlinchey is a moun-

tain at 6-foot-8 and 312 pounds, with potential to be the first offensive lineman taken in next year's draft.

The 6-5, 330-pound Nelson is a dominant run blocker. "He's an absolute mauler," Cubelic said.

Orlando Brown, OT, Oklahoma

The Sooners have to replace some top-flight talent at running back and wide receiver, but the offensive line should make life easy on the new playmakers.

Brown is the leader. At 6-7 and 340, Brown took a big leap forward from his redshirt freshman season to last year in fundamentals and technique. Athletically, he has all the tools. "He is your elite, prototypical tackle frame," Cubelic said.

Mitch Hyatt, OT, Clemson

Hyatt was a huge recruit who has been starting since his freshman season. He has

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The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Pennsylvanian, Canyon, and Strawn Formations, 1584 SWD Lease, Well Number 1. The proposed injection well is located 17.94 miles northwest of Big Spring in the Oceanic (Pennsylvanian) Field, in Howard County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 8,570 to 9,080 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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The Real Grandma

Dear Annie: My three children are all grown and married and are in their early to mid-30s. They have three children among them, ages 14 years, 10 years and 1 month.

When I first got married, many years ago, my parents hounded me constantly about when I was going to make them grandparents. Sadly, after I had my three children, they were "too busy" for my children, just as they had been "too busy" for my siblings and me. My mother was notorious for making "dates" with my kids that she didn't keep. Later, my parents

Tomorrow's Horoscope



HOLIDAY MATHIS

Transformational Moon

The Scorpio full moon is a magic cocoon that spins around us, shielding us from intrusion while we change form. It's the telephone booth where Clark Kent becomes Superman, the makeover chair, the tonic that Dr. Jekyll drinks, the flame that engulfs the old phoenix before it starts its young life. How do you wish to transform?

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Some things are best forgotten: pettiness, mistakes made out of ignorance, accidental slights... no good can come from dwelling there. If you can't forget, go on as though you have and you'll find that's almost as good.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Whoever said that you can't live in the past hasn't seen the glorious reenactments your vivid imagination is capable of achieving. Not only will you relive the scenario; you'll embellish and improve upon it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll play by

the rules today and respect those who enforce them. However, you'll apply the full extent of your might within those bounds. You're ferocious when you need to be.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). When you know you're right, you'll be willing to take great risks and use powerful tactics in order to support your side. But if there's even a shadow of a doubt about your correctness, approach cautiously and conservatively.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You've taken risks and weathered hard knocks. It's how you know the value of things. It's how you know the posers from the real deal. It's why people feel the magnetic pull of your presence.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're talented. Sometimes you need to be reminded of this fact. Put yourself in a position to succeed. Do what you do best, and let the praise that follows boost your confidence.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Even if there's little pay and no recognition attached, the sweat, satisfaction and general character building that happens with a job well-approached is reward enough. Besides, the harder you work, the luckier you get.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When William Blake suggested, "Love seeketh not itself to please nor for itself hath any care," he wasn't considering your co-de-

pendent tendencies. You're healthier in a love that (SET ITAL) does (END ITAL) please you, and abundantly so.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The guilty will catch themselves eventually. You may want to speed that along. Consider carefully if it's a worthy investment of your time. If you're in a position to prevent others from harm then the answer is yes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The confidence you have in yourself is the key that's going to help you gain the confidence of others. If you've never talked to yourself in the mirror to build yourself up, this is an excellent time to start.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). When you need the lesson, the teachers are everywhere. There are tomes of wisdom to be read in the eyes of strangers. There are sermons in the stones.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You can't make another person grow up. People do their own growing, often in spite of themselves. Nature gets the credit, really. You can, however, contribute to circumstances that favor growth. And so you will.

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Annie's Mailbox

did do a lot with my youngest child, but not with the other two, who were teenagers by then. This caused a lot of hurt feelings.

Now that I am a grandmother, anytime we have holiday and birthday gatherings (which are the only times we all get together), I feel as if my mother takes over my children and grandchildren -- as if she were their mother and grandmother. She even calls herself "Grandma-Grandma"! She acts as if I am not even there. When she's talking to my daughters and I try to join in the conversation, I am ignored, even though I'm careful not to interrupt. This happens every time.

At my child's birthday party this week, I had to wait my turn to hold my 1-month-old baby granddaughter. My mother brought her to me telling me that I shouldn't walk while holding her. Then she stood over me the entire three minutes I got to hold her. I told my daughter that I wanted a picture of me holding the baby, as I hadn't gotten one yet. So one of my kids took one, and yes, my mother even stood right over me with her face over my shoulder when the photo was taken, and then she promptly took my granddaughter back from me.

What can I do about this? It's impossible to say anything to my mother because she has an unreasonable temper. But this is my grandchild! My mom is very close to my youngest child and my brother's youngest child and has spent a great deal of time with them their entire lives, so it's not that she hasn't gotten to be a grandmother.

I'm not sure you can help me, but could you at least tell me that she is overstepping her boundaries and I have a right to feel hurt? -- Just Wanting to Be Grandma to My Grandchildren

Dear Just: Of course you have a right to feel hurt. But simply sitting with those hurt feelings does nothing for you or your relationship with your family. If talking to your mother about how you feel isn't a realistic option be-

cause she has a volatile temper, then talk to your children. They can help include you in conversations, ensure you have enough time holding the grandchildren and serve as moderators in general.

Even if your mother is on your last nerve, it's rare and wonderful that four generations get to spend time together, so count it as a blessing.

Dear Annie: In response to "Crybaby," who is embarrassed by how easily she cries, I'd like to say that I always keep a pack of gum nearby. Even a little piece of gum helps me stay calm in emotional situations. I had another woman give me this tip at work when I first started my career, and I have been forever grateful. Just use half a stick, and don't chomp on it. That way, you don't look unprofessional. I have shared this tip many times with women when they have to talk to their bosses, and it has helped them. -- Under Control

Dear Under: I love hearing such simple, practical tips from readers. Thank you.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Heigh-ho, Sylvia

South dealer.
 North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
 ♠A Q 6
 ♥J 4
 ♦10 8 3
 ♣A Q J 7 6
WEST
 ♠J 4 3
 ♥A 10 9 8 5 3
 ♦4 2
 ♣8 2
EAST
 ♠10 9 8 2
 ♥K 7
 ♦J 9 7 6
 ♣K 5 4
SOUTH
 ♠K 7 5
 ♥Q 6 2
 ♦A K Q 5
 ♣10 9 3

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1♦ 2♥ 3♠ Pass
 3NT
 Opening lead — ten of hearts.
 When Sylvia first joined the club, she made it a point to always play in the expert game. Sylvia wanted to improve her game as quickly as possible, and she decided the best way to do this was to play with and against the best players in the club.
 More often than not, this turned out to be more of a learning experience for her partners than it was for Sylvia. Try as they might to teach her

the finer points, their efforts did not seem to help at all, since the peculiar workings of Sylvia's mind were impossible to fathom. Invariably, she either misunderstood or misapplied the advice offered by her distraught partners.

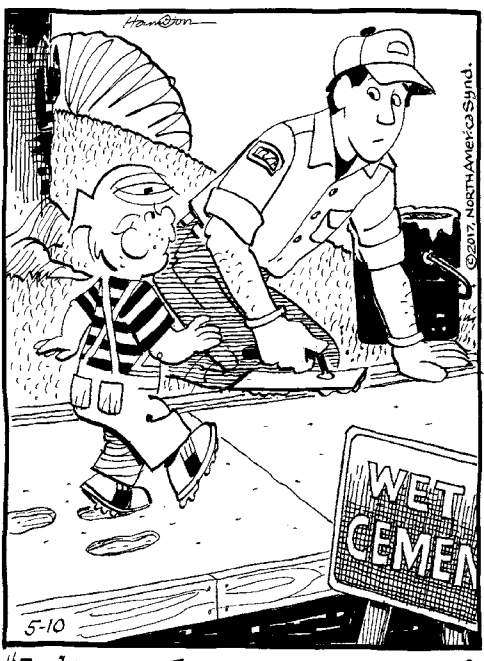
Sylvia's one saving grace was that occasionally, when she tried to apply a principle that had been drummed into her, she would serendipitously achieve a stunning triumph as a result of her misapplication of the principle.

Consider this deal where West led the ten of hearts against Sylvia's three-notrump contract. After dummy and East followed low, Sylvia, sitting South, also followed low! Undoubtedly, she was applying her own version of the holdup play that she had been told was so advantageous at notrump!

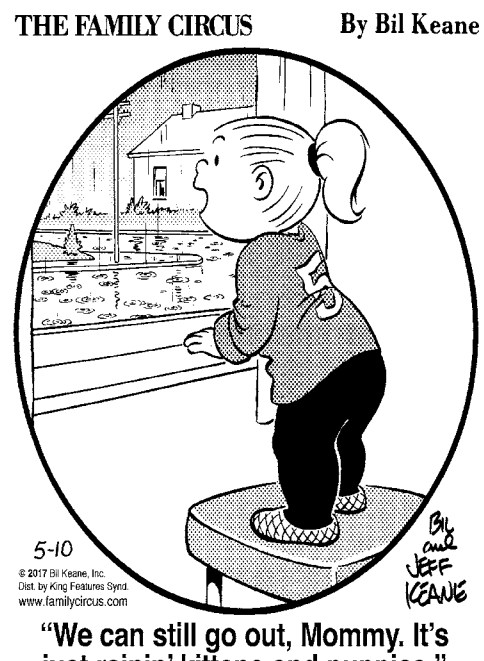
The extraordinary effect of this play was that, even though Sylvia could no longer make a heart trick, she could not be stopped from making the contract with an overtrick. But had she won the first heart with the queen and attempted a club finesse, as most players would have done, she would have gone down two.

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6:30 PM	Jeopardy!	Rosa de Guadalupe	Big Bang	CBS 7 ET	Caso Cerrado	News	Shepherd's Heart	PBS News-Hour	M*A*S*H	Fam. Guy	NBA Basketball: Conference Semifinal: Teams TBA.	MLB Baseball: Teams TBA.	NFL Live	18 Holes	NCIS (DVS)	Storage	The Last Alaskans	
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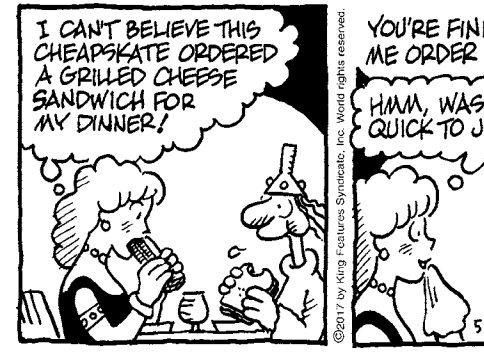
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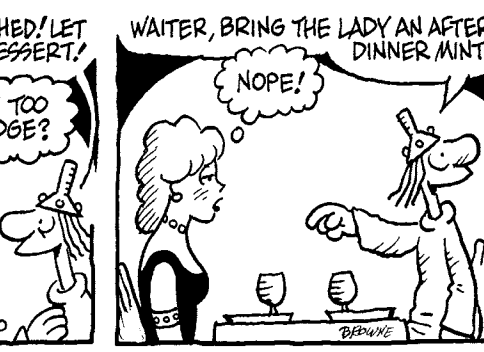
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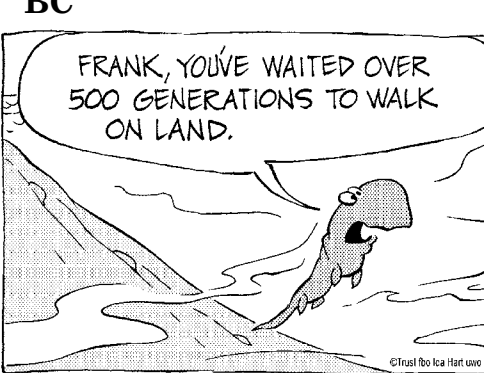
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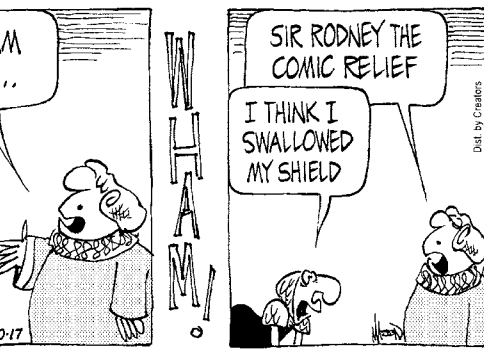
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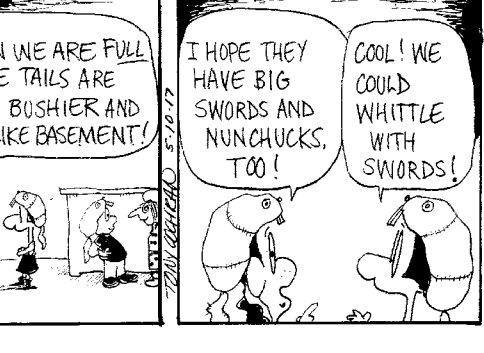
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BEETLE BAILEY



NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
 1 Minor mistakes
 6 Sandwich shop
 10 Nile serpents
 14 Be victorious in
 15 "Terrible" czar
 16 Final Four org.
 17 Love, in Italy
 18 Mail out
 19 Wide smile
 20 Kellogg's Michigan home
 23 As well as
 24 Misfortunes
 25 Blows one's top
 27 In the sky
 30 Clothesless practice
 32 Winter bug
 33 Second tries
 35 Blueprint details, for short
 38 Peas, for pea shooters
 40 Consumer advocate Ralph
 42 Physician's "Now!"
 43 Worker made of steel
 45 Scott of legal fiction
 47 Pie __ mode
 48 Bath sponge
 50 100 percent
 52 Boston nickname
 54 Bring together
 55 Hi-__ monitor
 56 Bright-hued display
 62 Actor Baldwin
 64 Colt's mother
 65 Japanese verse
 66 Applaud
 67 Shipboard greeting

DOWN
 1 Ear cleaner
 2 Capital of Peru
 3 Playing a fifth qtr., perhaps
 4 Trilogymidsection
 5 Exemplary
 6 Checkers and pucks
 7 At any time
 8 Pool-race pathway
 9 "You don't say!"
 10 Director __ Lee
 11 Recycling material
 12 Wall coating
 13 Smooths, in woodworking
 21 Talk host DeGeneres
 22 __ Kringle
 26 Letter carriers' employer: Abbr.
 27 Miles off
 28 Giggly Muppet
 29 Feature of '30s autos
 30 "That's obvious!"
 31 Computer operator
 34 Facts and figures
 36 Pay a visit
 37 Hang around
 39 Cry of wonder
 41 Not worth a __ beans
 44 Go on the road
 46 "And that would be . . . ?"
 49 J. Edgar Hoover, notably
 51 Having sworn to be truthful
 52 Parcel of land
 53 Conversation starter
 54 Baby kangaroos
 57 Diamond Head locale
 58 Easy run
 59 Simpsons sister
 60 "All right already!"
 61 Symbol in Tolkien novels
 63 Naval noncom

This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, May 10, the 130th day of 2017. There are 235 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
 On May 10, 1869, a golden spike was driven in Promontory, Utah, marking the completion of the first transcontinental railroad in the United States.

On this date:
 In 1774, Louis XVI acceded to the throne of France.
 In 1775, Ethan Allen and his Green Mountain Boys, along with Col. Benedict Arnold, captured the British-held fortress at Ticonderoga, New York.
 In 1863, during the Civil War, Confederate Lt. Gen. Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson died of pneumonia, a complication resulting from being hit by friendly fire eight days earlier during the Battle of Chancellorsville in Virginia.
 In 1865, Confederate President Jefferson Davis was captured by Union forces in Irwinville, Georgia.
 In 1924, J. Edgar Hoover was named acting director of the Bureau of Investigation (later known as the Federal Bureau of Investigation, or FBI).
 In 1933, the Nazis staged massive public book burnings in Germany.

In 1940, during World War II, German forces began invading the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Belgium and France. The same day, British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain resigned, and Winston Churchill formed a new government.

In 1941, Adolf Hitler's deputy, Rudolf Hess, parachuted into Scotland on what he claimed was a peace mission. (Hess ended up serving a life sentence at Spandau Prison until 1987, when he apparently committed suicide at age 93.)

In 1960, the nuclear-powered submarine USS Triton completed its submerged navigation of the globe.

In 1977, Academy Award-winning actress Joan Crawford died in New York.

In 1984, the International Court of Justice said the United States should halt any actions to blockade Nicaragua's ports (the U.S. had already said it would not recognize World Court jurisdiction on this issue).

In 1994, Nelson Mandela took the oath of office in Pretoria to become South Africa's first black president. The state of Illinois executed serial killer John Wayne Gacy, 52, for the murders of 33 young men and boys.

Ten years ago: British Prime Minister Tony Blair announced he would step down June 27.

Answer to previous puzzle

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San Antonio Spurs' Manu Ginobili (20) of Argentina blocks Houston Rockets' James Harden three-point shot attempt in the final seconds of overtime of Game 5 in a second-round NBA basketball playoff series, Tuesday, May 9, 2017, in San Antonio. San Antonio won 110-107.

SPURS

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3-pointer after the buzzer sounded.

Harden also played solid defense, helping hold Leonard and LaMarcus Aldridge to 15-for-42 shooting as he rotated assignments in Houston's smaller lineup.

"I was trying to keep them in front of me," Harden said. "Two All-Stars and even Pau (Gasol), who is 7-foot-something. I just tried to be aggressive and do the best that I can and help my team."

But the defensive effort and facilitating Houston's offense appeared to take a toll on Harden. He had four points on 1-for-6 shooting and four turnovers in the final five minutes of regulation and overtime. Harden, who finished with nine turnovers, said he was not fatigued despite playing 43 minutes.

"I just missed shots," Harden said.

The Spurs tried to exploit a size advantage over the Rockets' small lineup early, especially when Harden was guarding either Aldridge and Gasol. The Spurs' big men only managed 2-for-5 shooting in the opening three minutes, leading San Antonio to abandon the strategy midway through the first quarter and sub Simmons for Gasol.

Simmons responded by scoring 10 points on 5-for-13 shooting in 26 minutes.

Rockets: Houston has lost four straight best-of-seven series when it was tied 2-2. The last time the Rockets won a series after being tied 2-2 was in the 1995 Western Conference finals when they beat the Spurs. ... The Rockets have not lost to the Spurs in three previous postseason series. ... C Nene is out for the remainder of the postseason after tearing his left adductor in Game 4. ... The team that led at the half had won every game in the series until

Game 5. Spurs: Coach Gregg Popovich opted to start Mills after starting rookie Dejounte Murray in the previous two games in place of Parker. . Ginobili has 314 3-pointers in his postseason career, which is third in league history behind Ray Allen (385) and Reggie Miller (320).

Popovich screamed at Gasol after the veteran center failed to set a screen for Mills on the final play in regulation. The miscue helped contribute to the Spurs failing to take a shot at the close of regulation, forcing overtime.

"I think I made a wrong read," Gasol said. "It was tough because when they put a small on you, you have a tendency to go in. I saw a switch, but I should have stayed up because (Patrick) Beverley went with LaMarcus and we could have played off that. I made a bad, bad read on that play."

ASTROS

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7.22. "In the first inning, typical of the game plan, I was throwing a lot of fastballs, and they are all good hitters and they were prepared," Colon said. "They jumped on me."

Matt Kemp had two hits and an RBI as he extended his hitting streak to 10 games for the Braves, who dropped their fifth straight.

Colon is the only pitcher left in the majors to have played at the Astrodome. He made his only start there on July 20, 1999, when he threw eight innings in a win for the Indians, allowing just one run — a homer to Jeff Bagwell.

He didn't fare nearly as well Tuesday with Bagwell, long since retired, sitting behind home plate.

Correa's shot bounced off the batter's eye in straightaway center field. It was projected at 438 feet and might have been out even before offseason renovations which eliminated Tal's Hill and brought in the fence.

Beltran gave Houston back-to-back homers for the first time this season when he hit the 424th

of his career to the second deck in right field.

Colon settled after that, retiring the next 10 batters before Brian McCann reached on an error by short-stop Dansby Swanson with one out in the fourth. Houston didn't get another hit until Reddick's home run.

The Braves had just two hits before Ender Inciarte singled to start the sixth inning. Brandon Phillips reached on an error by Correa before an RBI single by Kemp with one out.

A run-scoring single by Nick Markakis got Atlanta within 6-2 before a two-out walk by Tyler Flowers loaded the bases. Morton walked Swanson to score Kemp, and Hinch replaced Morton with Chris Devenski, who struck out Danny Santana to escape the jam.

"It's hard to keep (going) down four, five after two or three consistently; it kind of wears at you," Braves manager Brian Snitker said. "We just keep fighting that uphill battle all the time."

Alex Bregman stretched his hitting streak to 10 games with an RBI triple in a two-run sixth that made it 8-3.

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been made steady progress from solid in 2015 to very good in 2016. This season the Tigers expect him to be one of the best offensive linemen in the country and a leader of an offense that will have plenty of new faces at the skill positions.

Martinas Rankin, OT, Mississippi State Rankin is a junior college transfer who redshirted his first season with the Bulldogs in 2015.

He needed some time to develop last season, but by the end of 2016 he was showing star potential.

"He has some nasty when he gets latched

on," Cubelic said. Frank Ragnow, C, Arkansas

How important is Frank Ragnow to the Razorbacks?

Arkansas coach Bret Bielema held his center out of full-contact scrimmages this spring to preserve a key asset.

Ragnow is a three-year starter who passed on a chance to jump into the NFL draft after last season when he graded out as the top offensive lineman in the country by Pro Football Focus.

Connor Williams, OT, Texas

Williams has grown into his massive frame during his two seasons at Texas while retaining quickness and athleticism. The 6-6, 320-pound junior is

the best player on an offensive line that has experienced players but needs better overall play.

Remarkably, Texas has not had an offensive lineman drafted since 2008.

Williams is likely to break that string.

EXTRA POINT

Six more draft-eligible offensive linemen looking to dominate in 2017: Trey Adams, OT, Washington; Mason Cole, C, Michigan; Tyrell Crosby, OT, Oregon; Martez Ivey, OG, Florida; Jamarco Jones, OT, Ohio State; Brock Ruble, OT, Florida State.

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RANGERS

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on Jan. 12, 2016.

Gallo and Rua each drove in three runs for the Rangers, who scored two more runs than they totaled in their previous four games combined.

This was the fourth time this season Griffin ended a team losing streak of three or more games.

"We just went out there and played today," he said. "We played some baseball instead of worked baseball, so that was pretty good."

Manager Andy Green said San Diego "was listless today offensively" and that Griffin slowed down the Padres with his curveball and then they couldn't handle his fastball.

"That's been a consistent problem for us. He exposed that problem. He switched speeds on us very, very well and we made very few adjust-

ments," Green said.

After splitting a two-game series, the teams head to Arlington for two more.

Weaver, 34, fell behind 5-0 in the first inning, which was highlighted by Rua's three-run homer to right-center and Nomar Mazara's two-run double.

Gallo hit a two-run homer to right with two outs in the third, his 11th home run this season, and Chirinos had a two-run homer to left off Kevin Quackenbush in the seventh. Weaver (0-4) lasted only three innings, allowing seven runs and six hits. Weaver has allowed 14 homers in 35 2/3 innings in seven starts.

In his last three starts, Weaver has allowed 22 hits, in-

cluding seven homers, and 22 runs — 17 of them earned. His ERA has climbed to 6.81.

"It was a battle that got away really quickly today," Green said.

Weaver said he was "grinding against myself. I feel good in the bullpen and then once I go out there and try to throw everything 100 percent, something's just not quite right.

Obviously it's been a struggle the last couple of starts. Nobody takes it harder than me. It's been frustrating, not being able to throw the ball the way I want to. I know it's right around the corner. I can feel it. I'm going to keep going out there and grinding. I'm going to figure this thing out."

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Griffin said he visited Balboa Park with his father on Monday. "And if anyone has not been, I recommend you do it because It's the best place in the world," he said.

Gallo's homer was estimated at 381 feet. He hit a homer estimated at 442 feet here in the 2011 Perfect Game All-American Classic for high schoolers.

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