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# HERALD



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## Hernandez died from bullet fragment, sheriff says

By **ROBERT BARLOW**  
 Staff Writer

A bullet fragment from an accidental discharge of a stolen weapon is believed to have caused the death of a 12-year-old Big Spring boy. Jose Hernandez was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center last Wednesday, May 10, 2017, at approximately 7:50 p.m. with what was described as a gunshot wound, according to an information release from the Howard County Sheriff's Office last week. At a press conference held Tuesday afternoon, Howard County Sheriff Stan Parker said following the investigation, the cause of death was

found to be a bullet fragment that hit Hernandez in the chest while he and two other individuals were unloading weapons that had been reported stolen. "We discovered at the time of the shooting, two people from Big Spring had actually broken into a residence in another county south of San Angelo, and in that burglary they took a lot of household items as well as 28 guns," said Parker. "When they brought those guns back into Big Spring they picked up Jose Hernandez and they went to a residence north of town and began unloading them." According to Parker, it was at this time that a gun went off, sending a

bullet through the tailgate of the pickup that didn't hit anyone directly but fragments from the bullet and truck hit two people, one of them being Hernandez. "Unfortunately one of the guns was loaded and as they were removing it from the pickup it went off," Parker stated. Hernandez was previously reported as a runaway to the Big Spring



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## Lady Buffs golf takes home second



*Courtesy photo*  
 The Lady Buffs varsity golf team and girls head golf coach Dave Park with their second place trophy at the UIL 2A State Golf Tournament which was held Monday and Tuesday, May 15-16, 2017. See more on Page 7.

## Jury duty email scam making the rounds

By **ROBERT BARLOW**  
 Staff Writer

The Howard County District Court sent out a notice Tuesday morning warning people of a potential scam using the district court as a cover. At around 8:30 Tuesday morning, the district court began receiving phone calls stating that some individuals received an email appearing to be a jury summons from the county. However, this is not typical procedure for the delivery of jury summons and Laura Martin, deputy clerk, assures citizens this is not a legitimate email. "They're just saying they have an email stating they have jury on the 26<sup>th</sup>," Martin said. "But that's not how we work and that's not how we send them out, we send them by mail." The scam seems to be impacting email addresses associated with Kentwood, Moss, and Marcy schools, but could potentially impact anyone. The email contains information referring to Colleen Barton, the district clerk, and states that individuals are required to show up for jury duty on May 26. Some of those who received this scam email also mentioned it referencing a "Johnson County" in it as well. "We just know that we don't send them that way so it's got to be a scam," Martin said. Jury scams like this one have popped up across the nation and the intention is typically to collect sensitive data about the targeted individual. Some ask for money, others request social security numbers for verification. However, court officials normally do not ask for sensitive information like this through emails or over the phone and if you notice any suspicious behavior you should report it to the appropriate authorities. The court urges anyone who receives an email with a jury summons to understand this is not how the district court operates. For more information, contact the Howard County District Court. *Contact Staff Writer Robert Barlow at (432) 263-7331 ext. 234.*

## Trump faces fallout over Comey appeal, intelligence sharing

By **ERIC TUCKER, CATHERINE LUCEY and JULIE PACE**

Associated Press  
 WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump faced fallout Wednesday over revelations that he personally appealed to

now-fired FBI Director James Comey to abandon the bureau's investigation into former National Security Adviser Michael Flynn, allegations based on notes Comey wrote after the meeting. The White House has denied the report, which came amid a furor over the president's discussions with Russian diplomats in which Trump is said to have disclosed classified information.

In a bizarre twist on Wednesday, Russian President Vladimir Putin offered to turn over to Congress records of Trump's discussions. The White House has played down the importance and secrecy of the information Trump gave to the Russians, which had been supplied by Israel under an intelligence-sharing agreement. Trump himself said he had "an absolute right" as president to

share "facts pertaining to terrorism" and airline safety with Russia. Yet U.S. allies and some members of Congress expressed concern bordering on alarm. Putin told a news conference that he would be willing to turn over notes of Trump's meeting with the Russian diplomats if the White House agreed. He dismissed outrage

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## Obituaries

### Donna Jean Pace



Donna Jean Pace, 59, of Big Spring, Texas, died Wednesday, May 10, 2017.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, May 20, 2017, at the Dora Roberts Community Center in Big Spring from noon until 5 p.m.

Donna was born to Charles and Aliene Hill Morton in Dumas, Ark. Donna formerly owned The Soda Shop, a small café in Forsan, Texas; and later worked several years at Bargain Mart Discount Foods.

She is survived by her husband, David Pace of Big

Spring; two sons, Anthony Pace and wife Vanessa of Snyder, and Christopher Pace of Big Spring; and one daughter, Angela Lance and husband Blake of Coahoma; and 10 grandchildren. She is also survived by her brothers and sisters, Karen Chance, Judy Reynolds, Larry Morton, Tom Morton, and Rick Morton, all of Arkansas; and numerous nieces and nephews, great-nieces and -nephews, and a great-grandchild.

Donna was preceded in death by her father and mother, Charles and Aliene Morton of Arkansas; twin brother Don Morton of Arkansas (1982); a nephew; and a grandson.

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

### Dean Rawls



Dean Rawls, 72, died Monday, May 15, 2017, in a local hospital.

Private family services will be held at a later date.

He was born July 2, 1944, in Big Spring, Texas and married Loyce Kay Burcham Sept. 12, 1964, in Big Spring.

Dean was a lifelong resident of Big Spring and had worked various jobs as a mechanic and in the oil field.

Survivors include his wife, Kay Rawls of Big

Spring; two sons, Tommy Rawls and wife Olivia, and Steven Clayton, all of Big Spring; one daughter, Sherry Chandler of Louisiana; three brothers, David Rawls and Bobby Rawls both of Big Spring, and Harold Rawls of Houston; numerous grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, J.W. and Mary Bell Rawls; two daughters, Dena Hawkins and Misty Clayton; three brothers, Wesley Rawls, Billy Rawls, and Ricky Rawls; and one sister, Barbara Chandler.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory of Midland. Online condolences may be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

## Police & Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **ROBERT PAUL NEWTON**, 39, of 715 Dealy Rd. was arrested on a warrant for theft of property (less than \$100).
- **MARTIN KING NORWOOD**, 34, of 1077 CE 204 in Colorado City was arrested on outstanding warrants.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILD-**

**ING** was reported in the 100 block of North First Street.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 300 block of South Owens Street.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of Scurry and Third streets.

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 74 inmates at the time of this report.

- **ROBERT PAUL NEWTON**, 39, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for theft (less than \$100).
- **MARTIN KING NORWOOD**, 34, was booked by HCSO on warrants for failure to appear and theft.

## Take Note

The Big Spring Independent School District will hold a Summer Food Service Program at Big Spring High School, 707 E. 11th Place, June 5 through 30. Breakfast will be served from 8 to 9 a.m.; and lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Children 18 and younger are eligible to eat at no cost to the child, and do not need to attend BSISD schools or meet any income requirements. Adults can eat for \$1.25 per breakfast, or \$3.50 per lunch. This program is provided so that children in the community do not go hungry during summer months. For more information contact the BSISD Food Service Office at 264-3635.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center's "Our Healthy Circle" will host a presentation on "Colorectal Cancer Screening" by Dr. Valerie Bauer, a Texas Tech physician and surgeon, at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, May 18. The presentation will be given in the Physician's Lounge at Scenic Mountain, 1601 W. 11th Place. Early detection for any type of cancer is imperative, and colon cancer is no different. There are more than 200,000 diagnosed cases of colon cancer per year.

If you would like to attend the presentation, RSVP to Our Healthy Circle Advisor Amanda Duforat at 432-268-4699.

Region 9 Prevention Resource Center will hold an event entitled "Alcohol: Rethink Your Drink" May 22 at the Region 18 Service Center, 2811 LaForce 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](mailto:kthompson@pbrcada.org).

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.

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.

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](http://www.relayforlife.org/bigspiringtx). For assistance, you may contact Howard Stewart at 432-935-0582 or Beverly Grant at 432-967-0901.

The Howard County A&M Club is accepting applications from current A&M students. Students must be Howard County residents and will enroll for at least 12 hours. For more information and to find the application, visit <https://westexags.com/>. Deadline for applications for current A&M students is June 1, 2017.

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

### Sharon Jane (Daniels) Spargo

Sharon Jane (Daniels) Spargo, 79, of Belton, formerly of Burnet, died Sunday, May 14, 2017, in Belton.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, May 18, 2017, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Dossman Funeral Home in Belton.

A funeral service for Sharon will be held on Friday, May 19, 2017, at 10 a.m. at Dossman Funeral Home in Belton. Burial will follow at 3 p.m. at Skyvue Memorial Gardens in Mansfield, Texas.

Sharon was born on April 21, 1938, to Jack and Ruby (Rowland) Daniels in Lomax, Texas. She grew up and attended schools in Bug Spring. Mrs. Spargo married Alvia Spargo Jr. on Aug. 31, 1953, in Big Spring, Texas, and he preceded her in death in 1996. Mrs. Spargo worked for many years for Southwest Office Systems in Fort Worth before retiring in 1999. Sharon moved to Belton in 2004 and was a member of Lakeview Baptist Church in Belton.

Survivors include sons, Virgil Spargo of Coahoma, Texas, and Jack Spargo of Mansfield, Texas; daughter, Marlina Beasley of Belton; brother, Albert Daniels of Chugiak, Alaska; and sister, Wanda Murphy of Big Spring, Texas. Also surviving are 10 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in honor of Sharon to the American Cancer Society, 1700 Lake Success, Waco, Texas, 76710.

### Johnny Lee Hunt Sr.

Johnny Lee Hunt Sr., 67, of Big Spring died Tuesday, May 16, 2017, in a Midland hospital. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of Driver Road.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of East Third Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3600 block of West Highway 80. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Airport Road.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of Dawson. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of West 17th Street. 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.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3600 block of Calvin. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 Block of Auburn. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1100 block of South Scurry. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 900 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

## 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.

A Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

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# TRUMP

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over Trump's disclosures as U.S. politicians whipping up "anti-Russian sentiment."

Asked what he thinks of the Trump presidency, Putin said it's up to the American people to judge but his performance can only be rated "only when he's allowed to work at full capacity," implying that someone is hampering Trump's efforts.

Trump left the White House Wednesday morning to head to Connecticut where he was scheduled to give the commencement address at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

As for Comey, whom Trump fired last week, the FBI director wrote in a memo after a February meeting at the White House that the new president had asked him to shut down the FBI's investigation of Flynn and his Russian contacts, said a person who had read the memo. The Flynn investigation was part of a broader probe into Russian interference in last year's presidential election.

Comey's memo, an appar-

ent effort to create a paper trail of his contacts with the White House, would be the clearest evidence to date that the president has tried to influence the investigation.

Rep. Jason Chaffetz, Republican chairman of the House oversight committee, sent a letter to the FBI on Tuesday requesting that it turn over all documents and recordings that detail communications between Comey and Trump. He said he would give the FBI a week and then "if we need a subpoena, we'll do it."

The panel's top Democrat, Elijah Cummings of Maryland, a constant Trump critic, called the allegation of Trump pressure on Comey "explosive" and said "it appears like a textbook case of criminal obstruction of justice."

John McCain, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said late Tuesday that the developments had reached "Watergate size and scale."

Mitch McConnell, the Republican leader of the Senate, said simply, "It would be helpful to have less drama emanating from the White

House."

The person who described the Comey memo to the AP was not authorized to discuss it by name and spoke on condition of anonymity. The existence of the memo was first reported Tuesday by The New York Times.

The White House vigorously denied it all. "While the president has repeatedly expressed his view that General Flynn is a decent man who served and protected our country, the president has never asked Mr. Comey or anyone else to end any investigation, including any investigation involving General Flynn," a White House statement said.

Trump fired Flynn on Feb. 13, on grounds that he had misled Vice President Mike Pence and other officials about his contacts with Russians.

The intensifying drama comes as Trump is set to embark Friday on his first foreign trip, which had been optimistically viewed by some aides as an opportunity to reset an administration floundering under an inexperienced president.

When Trump fired Comey, he said he did so based on Comey's very public handling of the Hillary Clinton email probe and how it affected his leadership of the FBI. But the White House has provided differing accounts of the firing. And lawmakers have alleged that the sudden ouster was an attempt to stifle the bureau's investigation into Trump associates' ties to Russia's meddling in the campaign.

Mark Warner of Virginia, top Democrat on the Senate intelligence committee, said he would ask Comey for additional material as part of that panel's investigation. "Memos, transcripts, tapes — the list keeps getting longer," he said.

According to the Times, Comey wrote in the February memo that Trump told him Flynn had done nothing wrong. Comey said he replied that "I agree he is a good guy" but said nothing to Trump about limiting the investigation.

The newspaper said Comey was in the Oval Office that day with other national security officials for a terrorism

threat briefing. When that ended, Trump asked everyone to leave except Comey, and he eventually turned the conversation to Flynn.

The administration spent the first half of Tuesday defending Trump's disclosure of classified information to senior Russian officials. National Security Adviser H.R. McMaster said the president's comments were "wholly appropriate." He used that phrase nine times in his briefing to reporters.

The highly classified information about an Islamic State plot was collected by Israel, a crucial source of intelligence and close partner in the fight against some of the America's fiercest threats in the Middle East. Trump's disclosure of the information threatened to fray that partnership and piled pressure on the White House to explain the apparently on-the-spot decision to reveal the information to Russian diplomats in the Oval Office.

A U.S. official who confirmed the disclosure to The Associated Press said the revelation potentially put the source at risk.

# Chelsea Manning released after 7 years in military prison

By JIM SUHR

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Pvt. Chelsea Manning, the transgender soldier convicted of giving classified government materials to WikiLeaks, was released from a Kansas military prison early Wednesday after serving seven years of her 35-year sentence.

U.S. Army spokeswoman Cynthia Smith told The Associated Press that Manning was released from Fort Leavenworth military prison, but that she couldn't provide any further details.

Manning tweeted after she was granted clemency that she planned to move to Maryland. The Crescent, Oklahoma, native has an aunt who lives there.

Manning, who was known as Bradley Manning before transitioning in prison, was convicted in 2013 of 20 counts, including six Espionage Act violations, theft and computer fraud.

She was acquitted of the most serious charge of aiding the enemy. President Barack Obama granted Manning clemency in his final days in office in January.

Manning, a former intelligence analyst in Iraq, has acknowledged leaking the materials, which included battlefield video. She said she wanted to expose what she considered to be the U.S. military's disregard of the effects



AP photo

**In this undated file photo provided by the U.S. Army, Pfc. Chelsea Manning poses for a photo wearing a wig and lipstick. Manning, the transgender soldier convicted in 2013 of illegally disclosing classified government information, will remain on active duty in a special status after her scheduled release from prison Wednesday, May 17, 2017.**

of war on civilians and that she released information that she didn't believe would harm the U.S.

Critics said the leaks laid bare some of the nation's most-sensitive secrets and endangered information sources, prompting the State Department to help some of those people move to protect their safety.

Several ambassadors were recalled, expelled or reassigned because of embarrassing disclosures.

Manning, who was arrested in 2010, filed a transgender rights lawsuit in prison and attempted suicide twice last year, according to her lawyers.

Obama's decision to commute Manning's

sentence to about seven years, including the time she spent locked up before being convicted, drew strong criticism from members of Congress and others, with Republican House Speaker Paul Ryan calling the move "just outrageous."

In a statement last week — her first public comments since Obama intervened — Manning thanked that former president and said that letters of support from veterans and fellow transgender people inspired her "to work toward making life better for others."

"For the first time, I can see a future for myself as Chelsea," she said. "I can imagine surviving and living as the

person who I am and can finally be in the outside world. Freedom used to be something that I dreamed of but never allowed myself to fully imagine." Her attorneys have said Manning was subjected to violence in prison and argued the military mistreated her by requiring her to serve her sentence in an all-male prison, restricting her physical and mental health care and not allowing her to keep a feminine haircut.

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Police Department and was believed to be living with one of the two suspects involved with the crime, Parker said.

The names and ages of the other individuals involved have yet to be released, but they will be charged by the county south of San Angelo for the burglary, Parker said. However, no charges have been filed against them for the death of Hernandez.

Parker went on to say they do not believe the shooting was "direct or intentional" but he does believe more charges will be filed following the conclusion of the investigation.

The investigation being conducted by the Howard County Sheriff's Department and the Texas Rangers is still ongoing and Parker expects a possible conclusion to be reached next week where District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson will look at the case and decide if charges need to be placed on the individuals involved.

"Hopefully within the next week or to we will get everything in writing and can present it to the district attorney and let them take it from there," said Parker.

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Janet Meyer Rouille, 71, died Saturday. Memorial service was held at 12:00 noon today at Golden China Buffett.

Donna Jean Pace, 59, died Wednesday. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, May 20, 2017 at the Dora Roberts Community Center in Big Spring from 12:00 PM until 5:00 PM.

Gilbert Duron, 84, died Friday. Vigil service will be at 7:00 PM Sunday, May 21, 2017 at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 11:00 AM Monday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Thomas Mindling, 77, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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# Check this out at the Howard County Library

This week I have non fiction and fiction books to tell share with you. "The Reason For My Hope" by Billy Graham (234.25 GRA B) presents the essence of that transformative message: Salvation. It is biblical and timeless, and though simple and direct, it is far from easy. When we are lost or in danger or have made a mess of our lives, salvation is what we all long for. When we reach out for Jesus, the only One who can rescue us, salvation belongs to us. This saving message of the Gospel is the heartbeat of this preacher and evangelist. He has never forgotten the transformation of his own life, when he first said yes to God's gift of salvation. He has witnessed multitudes turn their hearts to the God of Hope.



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In "Frequency" by Robert Morris (248 MOR R), Robert shares how God communicates with us-through the Bible, circumstances, and even a whisper. He demonstrates how we can mature from hearing God's voice as His sheep to hearing His voice as a friend and then conveying His voice to others. When we understand the general and specific ways God speaks to us, we can begin to cultivate a life of deeper connection with our Creator. Through this connection, we gain a better understanding of how to recognize God's voice, value the voice of the Lord, and grow in a relationship with the Lord by developing consistent time with Him in His Word.

In "Without Rival" by Lisa Bevere (248.843 BEV L), Lisa shares how a revelation of God's love breaks the limits of comparison and competition. She teaches you to learn how to stop seeing others as rivals and

make the deep connections with your Creator you long for-connections that hold the promise of true identity and intimacy. With biblically sound teaching filled with prophetic insight for our day, Lisa uses humor and passion to challenge you to flip rivalry so it brings out the best in you, stop hiding from conversations you need to be a part of, answer the argument that says women are unfit, easily deceived, and gullible, and dismantle gender rivalry and work with the men in your life. It's time to step forward to live a life without rival.

"The Lost Children" by Mary MacCracken (371.94 MAC M) is a book about children so emotionally disturbed they cannot fit into society; it is also the story of a woman whose involvement with these children changed the shape of their lives forever. When Mary MacCracken joined a school for emotionally disturbed children as a volunteer, she quickly found herself rocked to the core. On the outside most of the children looked healthy, but locked away from love and any human contact, they struggled with life every day. Mary was a natural and gifted teacher. She used her instincts, observations, and common sense to establish a rapport with even the most difficult children. She helped them to take their first steps towards feeling love and trust. There are no miracle-workers in this story, just one remarkable woman who re-

fused to give up.

In "What You Don't Know" by Joann Chaney (F CHA J), Detective

can't escape condemnation. Seever is watching the show. When a series of new murders occurs, and the victims

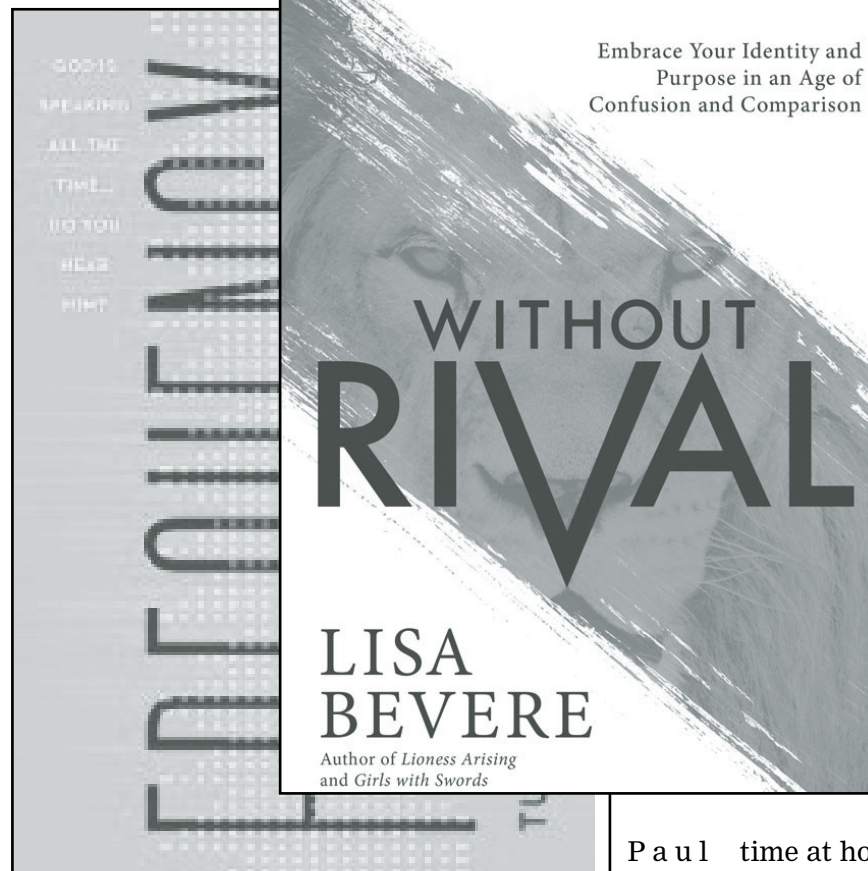
are all somehow connected to Seever, Gloria is once again thrust into the spotlight. Hoskins and Sammie realize this may be their chance to get their lives back, even if it means forfeiting their humanity in the process.

"The Wedding" by Nicholas Sparks (F SPA N) is a powerfully moving tale of love lost, rediscovered, and renewed. After thirty years, Wilson Lewis is forced to face a painful truth: the romance has gone out of his marriage. His wife, Jane, has fallen out of love with him, and it is entirely his fault. Despite the shining example of his in-laws and their fifty-year love affair, Wilson himself is a man unable to express his true feelings. He has spent too little

time at home and too much at the office, leaving the responsibility of raising their children to Jane. Now his daughter is about to marry, and his wife is thinking about leaving him. If Wilson is sure of anything, it is that his love for Jane has only grown over the years, and he will do everything he can to save their marriage.

That's it for today so I leave you with a quote from Lady Montagu: "No entertainment is so cheap as reading, nor any pleasure so lasting."

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Hoskins and his partner, Ralph Loren, solved one of the biggest serial murder cases of the decade seven years ago. They dug up thirty-three bodies in a crawl space belonging to the beloved Jacky Seever, a pillar of the community and a successful businessman. Sammie Peterson was the lead reporter on the case, and her byline was on the front page of the newspaper every day. Seever's wife, Gloria, claimed to be surprised as everyone else. Today Hoskins has been banished to cold cases, Sammie is selling makeup in the mall, and Gloria is trying to navigate a world where she

## Roger's Retro Reviews: Grease

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

"Grease" is the word, and it's a word synonymous with "nostalgia."

In 1978, John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John made a movie for folks nostalgic for movie musicals, nostalgic for the 1950s, and nostalgic for high school. These days, we're nostalgic for all these things, and also specifically for "Grease."

The movie starts out with a romantic montage of handsome Danny Zuko (Travolta) and beautiful Sandy Olsson (Newton-John) playing on a beach. At the end of the montage, Sandy frets because her vacation is over and she has to go back to Australia; Danny tells her that it's not the end, it's only the beginning.

After a spectacularly quirky animated opening credit sequence, the scene shifts to the first day of classes at Rydell High School, where it turns out Sandy's plans have changed and she's going to be attending school in America. Unbeknownst to her, Danny is head of the local greaser gang, the T-Birds, an organization that also in-

cludes Danny's cool friend Kenickie (Jeff Conaway); goofy, squirt-gun-wielding Doody (Barry Pearl); sweaty, cocky Sonny (Michael Tucci); and blond, awkward Putzie (Kelly Ward). The gang spends the first bit of their school year picking on nerd Eugene (Eddie Deezen), skipping class, and dodging Principal McGee (Eve Arden).

Meanwhile, Sandy befriends beautician wannabe Frenchy (Didi Conn), so named because she can do the French inhale with a cigarette. Frenchy is a member of Rydell's girl gang, the Pink Ladies, which include leader and tough chick (and Danny's ex) Rizzo (Stockard Channing); Marty Maraschino (Dinah Manoff), as she says: "You know, as in 'cherry...'" and good-natured Jan (Jamie Donnelly).

The two groups separately interrogate Danny and Sandy about their fling in the song "Summer Nights." While the Pink Ladies are interested in her mystery man's material assets ("Tell me more, tell me more, like did he have a car?"), Sandy emphasizes the romance of the affair. The T-Birds are more interested in

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**Texas school bus agency's \$25M land deal raises concerns**

DALLAS (AP) — The agency running Dallas County's school buses has sold public land to combat financial troubles, but taxpayers will have to fund the long-term costs of the \$25 million deal.

KXAS-TV reports that Dallas County Schools sold four parking lots only to lease them from the new owner since they're used for the school-bus system.

Taxpayers are expected to pay more than \$47 million in lease payments over the next 20 years.

The deal leaves the agency responsible for property maintenance, taxes and insurance.

The agency's executive director of business during the deal raised concerns when paperwork showed Slater Swartwood Sr., who the purchase agreement describes as the agency's broker, earned a \$750,000 fee.

Swartwood told the TV station that he worked as a consultant for the buyer and didn't know the agency paid nearly \$200,000 of the fee.

**West Texas city manager on 2-months paid leave in theft case**

OLTON, Texas (AP) — A West Texas city manager has been put on 60 days of paid leave after being arrested on two felony theft counts related to his alleged misuse of municipal property.

The Olton City Council on Friday placed Marvin Tillman on administrative leave.

Records show Tillman was arrested May 5 on two counts of theft of property for allegedly using 72 acres of municipal land and water and not paying the city. He's free on bond.

An initial city statement, following Tillman's arrest, said he would be away from work for two weeks.

Olton Mayor Mark McFadden didn't immediately return a message for comment Tuesday. A message for the city attorney for Olton, a town of about 2,200 located 45 miles (72 kilometers) northwest of Lubbock, also wasn't immediately returned.

**Jaguar escapes enclosure, attacks monkey at Texas zoo**

ABILENE, Texas (AP) — Officials insist there was no risk to the public when a jaguar escaped its enclosure and attacked a monkey at a Texas zoo, even though they don't know how the big cat got loose.

Abilene Zoo Executive Director Bill Gersonde says staff discovered 2-year-old Estrella missing Monday morning before the zoo opened for the day.

Estrella was found soon after atop a neighboring exhibit holding spider monkeys.

Gersonde says it appears Estrella reached inside and seriously injured the monkey, which has been euthanized.

Estrella was tranquilized using a dart gun then placed in a holding pen. Another jaguar also was secured.

Gersonde said at a news conference that the doors to the jaguar enclosure are secure and that there was never any threat to the public. He didn't elaborate.

**Boy, 11, killed in East Texas school bus crash**

SHELBYVILLE, Texas (AP) — An 11-year-old boy has been killed in a crash involving the school bus on which he was riding on a rural road near the Texas-Louisiana border.

The Texas Department of Public Safety says the crash Monday involved a school bus from the Shelbyville Independent School District.

DPS Trooper David Hendry says the bus was turning from Farm Road 130 onto a county road when it was hit by a pickup truck from behind about 70 miles southwest of Shreveport, Louisiana, and 180 miles east of Dallas. Hendry said the bus overturned, killing the boy.

The DPS said only that there were multiple students injured in the crash but provided no details. Lufkin television station KTRE reported school district officials declined comment, and messages from The Associated Press went unanswered.

**Cornyn says he will stay in Senate, won't be FBI director**



**In this May 10, 2017 file photo, Senate Majority Whip John Cornyn of Texas talks with reporters on Capitol Hill in Washington. Cornyn has taken himself out of the running to be FBI director, telling the Trump administration that he'll stay in the Senate.**

By **MARY CLARE JALONICK**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas Sen. John Cornyn has told the Trump administration he isn't interested in serving as FBI director, the second member of Congress to take himself out of the running this week.

Cornyn, a former state attorney general, was interviewed for the position after Trump abruptly fired director James Comey last week. But Cornyn said in a statement Tuesday that he would rather remain in the Senate.

"Now more than ever the country needs a well-credentialed, independent FBI director," Cornyn said. "I've informed the administration that I'm committed to helping them find such an individual, and that the best way I can serve is continuing to

fight for a conservative agenda in the U.S. Senate."

Another Republican whose name had been mentioned as a possible candidate, Rep. Trey Gowdy of South Carolina, said Monday that he had taken himself out of the running. A friend of federal appeals court Judge Merrick Garland, a name recommended by several senators, also said Tuesday that Garland is happy in his job and has no interest in leaving the judiciary to head the FBI.

A source familiar with Cornyn's thinking said the senator felt "obligated" to consider the job because his friend, Attorney General Jeff Sessions, asked him to. The source declined to be named because the decision was private.

Cornyn is the No. 2 Republican in the Senate behind Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, who

said Tuesday morning that he'd recommended that President Donald Trump nominate Garland for the post.

Garland's name began to surface as a possible replacement last week when GOP Sen. Mike Lee of Utah suggested it on Twitter. McConnell's comments on his recommendation to the president came during an appearance Tuesday morning on Bloomberg Business.

President Barack Obama nominated Garland to fill a vacancy on the Supreme Court after the death of Justice Antonin Scalia, but McConnell declined to even hold a hearing. Senate Republicans insisted at the time that the next president should replace Scalia. After Trump won the election, the high court vacancy was filled last month by Neil Gorsuch. Garland's friend spoke

on condition of anonymity to discuss private conversations.

The administration has interviewed at least eight candidates to replace Comey, of more than a dozen being considered.

Trump has said a decision could come before he leaves Friday for a trip to the Mideast and Europe.

In addition to members of Congress, the list includes current and former FBI and Justice Department leaders and federal judges.

FBI directors have predominantly been drawn from the ranks of prosecutors and judges. Comey, for instance, was a former United States attorney in Manhattan before being appointed deputy attorney general by George W. Bush. His predecessor Robert Mueller, was a U.S. attorney in San Francisco.

**Texas governor: Latinos shouldn't fear 'sanctuary city' ban**

By **PAUL J. WEBER**

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas Gov. Greg Abbott says Hispanics shouldn't fear being stopped and asked to prove their immigration status under a coming ban on so-called sanctuary cities unless they're "suspected of having committed some serious crime."

Opponents fired back Tuesday

that the law provides no such safeguards. It allows Texas police to ask about a person's immigration status during routine stops.

Abbott, a Republican, signed into law this month what Democrats and immigrant rights groups call one of the toughest immigration measures in the U.S.

The law takes effect in September

and also threatens sheriffs with jail time they don't honor federal immigration detainers.

Abbott defended the law during a livestreamed Facebook interview with a Univision reporter.

He said prohibitions against racial profiling by police will be "strictly enforced" under the law.

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## Lady Buffs finish 2nd in UIL state golf tournament



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The Lady Buff varsity golf team with their second place trophy at the UIL 2A State Golf Tournament which was held Monday and Tuesday, May 15-16, 2017. Pictured from left to right: Jillian Jones, Alexis Stercks, Sierra Huitt, Alysa Le, and Razyl Yanez. The girls shot a team total of 348 on Monday, and a team total of 390 on Tuesday. Jones finished in second place overall with a score of 79 on Monday and 78 on Tuesday. "These girls have had a tremendous season and have done a fantastic job all year long," said girls head golf coach Dave Park. "I am really proud of the way these girls battled through their nerves and the wind and came out and competed very well."

## Hawks eliminated from regionals

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**

Sports Editor

The Howard College baseball team made their way to Lubbock over the weekend to compete in the Region V tournament which was held at Texas Tech University. Unfortunately, the Hawks fell to McLennan College 10-2 on Friday, and were then eliminated from the tournament after their suspenseful 10-9 loss to Midland College on Saturday.

**Game One: Howard College 2 - McLennan College 10**

Following a scoreless first inning, the Hawks were able to grab an early one-run lead in the top of the second inning with an RBI double out to left field by Reese O'Farrell.

The Highlanders answered back with six runs to snatch the lead from Howard College with an RBI single and an RBI double in the bottom of the third, followed with a 3RBI double and a score on an error in the fifth.

Doug Facendo managed to drive Robert Bullard Jr. across the plate in the top of the seventh for a Hawk score, but McLennan responded right after with another four runs to ice the game, bringing it to an end after seven innings of play. Their scores came off of an RBI single, a 2RBI single and an RBI double.

"Friday's game was a good game through four innings but we kind of got off track, made a couple of costly mistakes and gave away too many free



*Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)*

Howard College's Caleb Kyle lays down a bunt during the Hawk's loss to McLennan College in the first round of the Region V tournament on Friday, May 12, 2017 at the Texas Tech campus in Lubbock.

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## Darvish pitches Rangers to seventh straight victory

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — It took Yu Darvish a bit longer than expected to get his 50th career win. The Texas Rangers didn't bank on taking this much time to reach .500, either.

Darvish reached his milestone with nine strikeouts in seven innings, and the Rangers beat the Philadelphia Phillies 5-1 on Tuesday night to stretch the majors' longest active winning streak to seven games.

Darvish likely would have reached the mark sooner, but he missed the entire 2015 season and some of 2016 after having Tommy John surgery.

On Tuesday, Darvish mixed up his pitches and continued his dominance in interleague play, lowering his career ERA to 2.19 in 14 starts against the

National League.

"Arguably the best slider in baseball, in my opinion," Phillies manager Pete Mackanin said. "When that's the first time a team sees him, it's got to be tough, especially the way he located it."

After cruising through the first five innings, he ran into trouble in the sixth inning, but struck out Freddy Galvis on a slider and Odubel Herrera on a curveball. He preserved a two-run lead by striking out Brock Stassi on a curveball with runners at first and second after he allowed his only run on an RBI single by Freddy Galvis in the seventh inning.

"I thought that good use of all his pitches tonight," Rangers manager Jeff Banister said. "He really got the curve-

ball in play tonight for some big strikeouts."

Nomar Mazara had a solo homer in the first, and Mike Napoli hit a two-run shot in the eighth. Napoli, who came in hitting .165, went 3 for 3.

Closer Matt Bush struck out one in a perfect ninth after Napoli's homer eliminated a save situation.

Robinson Chirinos had an RBI groundout in the second inning and Jonathan Lucroy had an RBI double in the fifth to give the Rangers a 3-0 lead after Mazara's homer.

Texas' win streak is the second-longest in the big leagues this season. The Yankees won eight straight games between April 9 and 17.

"We didn't start the year how we

wanted to and we all knew that," Mazara said. "We were struggling at the beginning. Everybody's going to struggle at some point in the season."

The Rangers won a challenge in the fifth inning when Delino DeShields was called out at first on a pickoff throw to first base. After a 70-second review, DeShields was ruled safe, and he then scored on Lucroy's double.

Rangers: Texas moved INF Hanser Alberto (right shoulder) to the 60-day disabled list Tuesday to make room for Hoyoing on the 40-man roster. ... Banister said 3B Adrian Beltre (calf strain) jogged in the outfield at 50 percent and took batting practice.

Rangers: RHP Andrew Cashner is winless in six starts with a 2.43 ERA.

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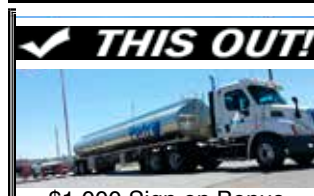


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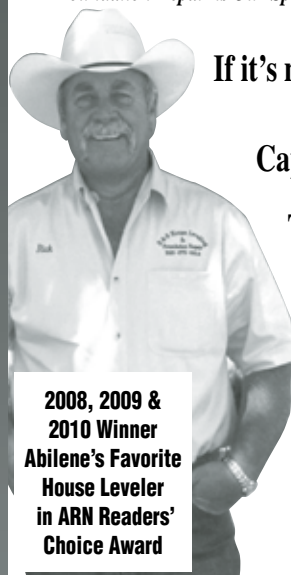
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**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**. It's uncomfortable not being in control. Of course, it's especially hard to let go and trust when you have reason to doubt the leader. Today it might even be grounds for taking over the leadership position.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**. It's not an exaggeration to say that sometimes love matters to you as much as life itself. Therefore, you can't really overthink it. It's complex and mystical and completely worthy of all the thought you put into it.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21)**. Productivity doesn't always manifest in the same way. If you can help another person behave better, kinder and with more awareness of the big picture, you've done more than your share.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22)**. Do not underestimate the power of nonconformity. It can, in fact, change the world. As you customize your lifestyle to suit yourself instead of the social norms, new contours will emerge.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**. You want

**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

to override bad memories by adding good ones. Bad memories tend to have more impact (a function of biology), so it will take quite a few more good ones to do the trick. It's a worthy use of your time and energy today.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**. Is love a serious illness? You may wonder this, because you feel physically terrible when your love suffers and absolutely high when your beloved is joyful and mutually enamored.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)**. You don't have to reach out, communicate better or be proactive in the least. You've done the work already. Now the path before you is being cleared. Trust and be ready to move forward.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)**. You'll enjoy making predictions and then waiting to be proven wrong or right. It doesn't matter either way, though, because this is about your creation, really. Whatever really happens, you will be the one who made it so.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**. The difference between romantic love and platonic love can be a close call. Also, things can change along the way -- creating new mixes, different chemistry and fresh experiences. Stay open to possibility.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**. In your quest for truth, do not let yourself be diverted by what you wish to believe or by what you wish everyone believed. The only way to see what's really there is to do away with expectation.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**. Instead of concerning yourself with what's equitable. Though it makes sense to think in terms of equitable distribution of tasks, attention, money, etc., it just won't happen. Create something that works for both people.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**. You're plenty smart enough; it's just that reason and logic are not going to lead you through the situation. Your instinct will get you there. All you have to do is listen and follow.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 17)**. You will create a contract for what you want to change in your life this year, and you'll find the inner drive and resources (including the right people) to help you make that happen. Distractions part.

Mostly, your desired result will be front and center of your mind, which makes this one of the most productive years to date. Cancer and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 18, 9, 40, 13 and 20.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION:** "My friendships aren't what they used to be, which is to say they were fun and now they seem labored. It's like no one gets me. Also, some of my friends have problems but they don't listen to my suggestions and so their problems persist. Should I actively seek new friends, or is this just something I have to go through? I'm a 35-year-old Leo."

Yes, seek new friends. Also, astrologically, this is an excellent time to come up with a new set of social standards for yourself -- guidelines that can be applied across the board to simplify your existing relationships as well as get new relationships off on a good footing. Here's a rule that will serve you well and save you time, energy and frustration: Don't offer unsolicited advice. You're a generous soul, and you truly want to help people. But most people don't listen to advice that (SET ITAL) is (END ITAL) solicited. Unsolicited advice usually only annoys people. They wonder why you think you know what's best for them. Sure, you probably really do know what's best, but that's beside the point. It may seem radical, but for now, try not intending to help people. Just listening to them and being the strong energetic presence that you are will help more than you realize.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** The untimely loss of one of Hollywood's favorites, Bill Paxton, was a sad start to 2017. Born under a Taurus sun, he embodied the down-to-earth good ol' boy qualities of his sign. With an intuitive Pisces moon, Paxton connected with audiences, loved ones and friends on a deeply soulful level and had a knack for choosing winning projects. Look for him in his final project, "The Circle," with friends Tom Hanks and Emma Watson.

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**Contract Bridge**  
 By Steve Becker  
**Lethal defense**

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

The bidding:  
 South West North East  
 1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass  
 3♥

Opening lead — king of diamonds.  
 Some hands require picture-perfect defense for the contract to be defeated. Consider this deal where East-West must cooperate perfectly to achieve their goal.  
 West leads the king of diamonds, and East — who knows that his partner has led the king from the A-K signals for a continuation by playing the queen. West then leads the ten of diamonds at trick two, which East overtakes with the jack in order to return a trump.  
**Declarer wins the trump** with the ace and leads a low club toward the queen, hoping West has the king. But East takes the queen with the king and leads another trump. It doesn't matter how declarer proceeds from this point on. Eventually he loses a heart, two diamonds and two clubs to go down one.  
 Now let's go back to trick one and have East signal less dramatically for a diamond continuation by playing the nine instead of the queen. In that case West might well continue with the ace and another diamond in the hope that East started with the 9-x doubleton.  
 If West did that, South would make the contract, since he could not then be stopped from ruffing a club in dummy to produce his ninth trick.  
**The play of the queen** of diamonds on the king indicates that the queen is either a singleton or is accompanied by the jack. In other words, the queen play guarantees that East can win the next diamond lead if West thinks that is best for the defense. It is this universally accepted agreement that enables West to confidently lead the ten of diamonds at trick two and start declarer down the road to defeat.

**Tomorrow:** Taking out insurance.  
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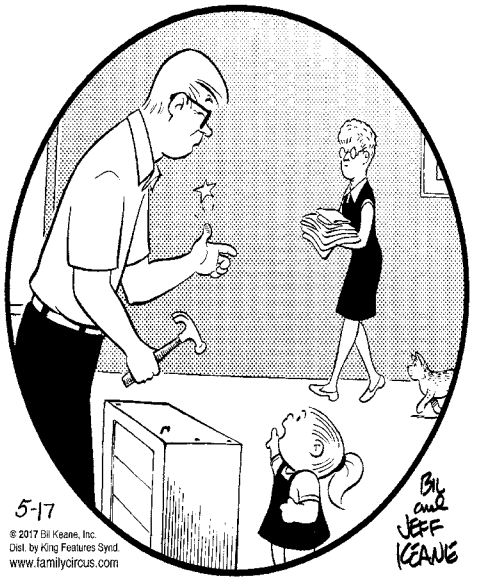
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"Maybe you'd like Grandma to kiss it all better?"

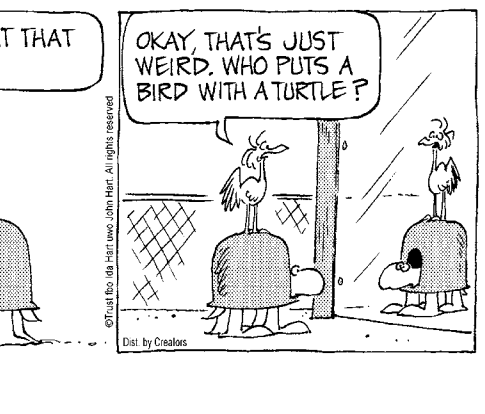
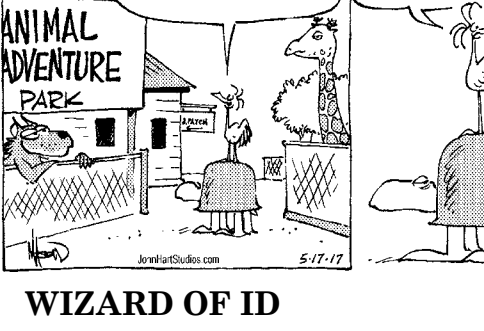
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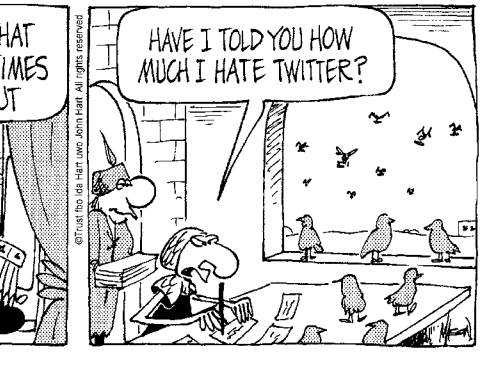
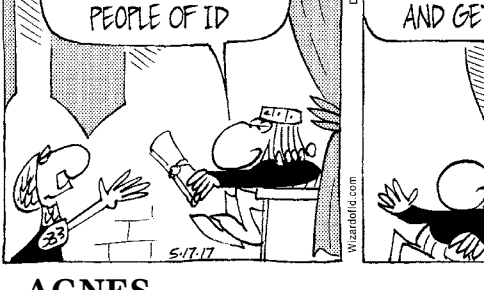
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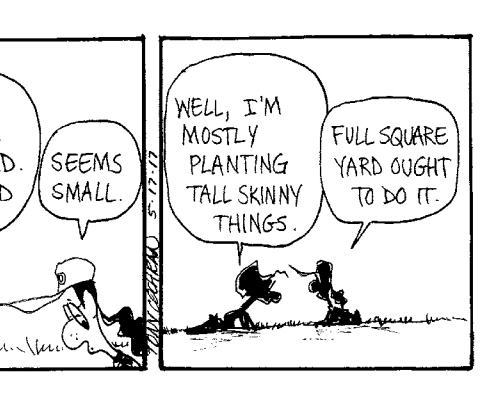
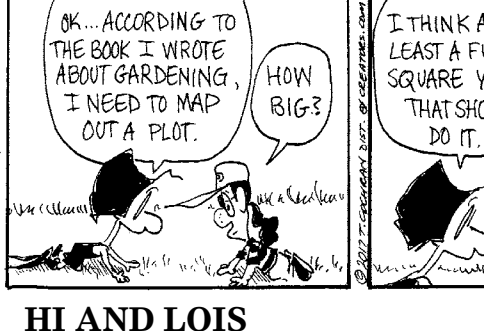
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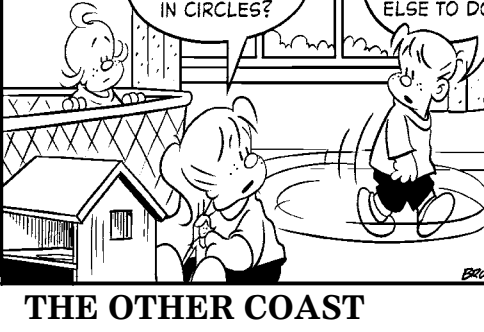
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**HAWKS**

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bases," said head baseball coach Rob Martinez. "I think our immaturity as a team showed. We had the youngest team by far at the tournament. A lot of our guys let their nerves get the best of them as all but two have not experienced this kind of tournament before, a bigger stage on a university field and a decent size crowd. I think it got to them a little bit."

Brandon Young, who was tagged with the loss, started the game on the mound for Howard College. He threw for four innings, allowed four runs on three hits, walked six, and struck out five. Parker Towns entered the game in the fifth inning, threw for two, allowed two runs on three hits, walked none, and sat two.

The Hawks collected a total of five hits for the game. Facendo led the team with two hits in three at bats with one run batted in.

**Game Two: Howard College 7 - Midland College 8**

Game two started out as a back-and-forth affair and both teams found themselves tied at four heading into the fifth inning. The scores were thanks to a Hawk run scored on a sacrifice fly by Facendo that drove Bullard Jr. across the plate in the first, a pair of Chap runs which came on an error and a double play in the bottom of the first, a Hawk run on an RBI single by Nick Colacecchi in the second, followed with a Chap run on an RBI single, a pair of Hawk runs from a walk with the bases loaded and a score on a double play in the third, followed with the game tying RBI single from Midland.

After a scoreless fourth inning, Howard College grabbed a three-run lead in the fifth with a 2RBI double and a steal of home, both by Andrew Beck. Keeping the game within their grasp, Midland responded

ed with three runs to tie it up at seven with an RBI homer out to left field in the sixth, and a score on a sacrifice fly in the eighth.

Both teams battled it out until the bottom of the tenth inning until Hawks pitcher Parker Towns uncorked a wild pitch that sent a Chap across home for the game-winning run.

"They got the best of us in this one, and despite the late errors that really cost us, I am okay with how they played," said Martinez. "Although the guys were battling nerves, they managed to hold their own and I think this was a good experience for this group of young guys moving forward into next year."

Andrew McInvale started the game on the mound for the Hawks. He pitched for two and two thirds innings, allowed four runs on three hits, walked five, and sat four. Tristan Tom entered the game in the third, threw for three and one thirds innings, surrendered two runs on two hits, walked none, and sat three.

Chris Fearon took over late in the sixth, allowed two runs on three hits, walked one, and struck out two. Parker Towns was tagged with the loss as allowed the final run from his wild pitch in the bottom of the tenth inning.

Howard College collected a total of ten hits for the game. Beck lead the way at the plate with two hits in five at bats with two runs batted in.

Now that the season has come to a close for the Hawks, they are now focusing on recruiting and building up their team for next season.

"I really am looking forward to next year. We have a good base of guys coming back with a lot of new talent so we should be in for another great season," said Martinez. "We are already in a better situation this year than we were this time last year. We still have some recruiting work to do, but its in good shape."



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**Howard College shortstop Trey Ochoa fields a hit during the Hawk's loss to Midland College in the second round of the Region V tournament on Saturday, May 13, 2017. The loss knocked the Hawks out of the tournament.**



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**Howard College's Caleb Kyle gets a hit during the Hawk's loss to Midland College in the second round of the Region V tournament on Saturday, May 13, 2017. The loss knocked the Hawks out of the tournament.**

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# School district pulls suicide book 'Thirteen Reasons Why'

By THOMAS PEIPERT

Associated Press  
DENVER (AP) — As a Colorado community mourns the loss of seven students who recently killed themselves, a school district official ordered librarians to temporarily stop circulating a book that's the basis for Netflix's popular new series "13 Reasons Why," which some critics say romanticizes suicide.

The order rankled some librarians who called it censorship, and it appears to be a rare instance in which the book has been removed from circulation — albeit briefly.

It also has highlighted the debate about balancing freedom of speech with concerns about students.

"It would be hard for anybody who has dealt with suicide to not have a heightened awareness of things, to perhaps be a little more cautious about things," said Leigh Grasso, the curriculum director for the 22,000-student Mesa County Valley School District who decided to pull the book.

The bestselling young adult novel, published in 2007, follows a high school girl who kills herself after creating a series of tapes for her classmates to play after her death. She gave the tapes to people who influenced her decision.

Her death in the Netflix series is depicted in the final episode of the first season, and the graphic scene has prompted schools across the country to send letters to parents and guardians with tips on how to prevent suicide.

From upstate New York to the Midwest and California, school administrators have warned that the series sensationalizes suicide and does not provide a good roadmap for people struggling with mental illness. There is no evidence that any of the Mesa County students who killed themselves since the beginning of the school year were inspired by the series or the book.

Grasso, who has not read the book or watched the series, appears to be one of only a few school leaders in the country who has taken the book out of circulation. Another school district in Minnesota temporarily pulled the book after a parent complained that it referenced sex.

Grasso cited media attention and recent events in an April 28 email to district librarians letting them know about her decision.

Of the 20 copies available in the school district, 19 were checked out at the time and were not affected by the directive. Still, several librarians protested, and the order was rescinded about three hours after it was issued.

Grasso said the book was made available again after librarians and school counselors determined it did not include scenes as graphic as those depicted in the Netflix series.

"I think we were just being cautious until we

had the opportunity to look at the book and see how closely related to the movie it was," she told The Associated Press.

Grasso said her decision did not amount to censorship because the book was not permanently banned — an argument that drew some pushback in the school district.

The Grand Junction Daily Sentinel cited one librarian saying there is a formal, board-approved process to challenge books in the district.

"I believe it is our duty to follow that process, because censorship is a slippery slope," the librarian wrote.

The newspaper, which obtained the feedback through an open records request and did not name the librarians, reported that a middle school librarian wrote, "Once we start pulling and censoring books for all students as a reactive measure there is no line to which we follow."

The show's creators remain unapologetic, saying their frank depiction of suicide needs to be unflinching and raw.

"Many people are accusing the show of glamorizing suicide and I feel strongly — and I think everyone who made the show — feel very strongly that we did the exact opposite," writer Brian Yorkey said. "What we did was portray suicide and we portrayed it as very ugly and very damaging."

Jay Asher, who wrote the book after a close relative attempted suicide as a teenager, said he has spoken at schools in all 50 states and tells students he would not be there if it weren't for teachers who were not afraid to talk about uncomfortable topics.

"Over and over, readers describe 'Thirteen Reasons Why' as the first time they felt understood," Asher said. "Recognizing that people will understand is the first step toward asking for help."

James LaRue, director of the Office for Intellectual Freedom at the American Library Association, said he understands why Grasso wanted to review the book, but "instead of just reacting to a moment, you get people together and make a sensible decision."

"Sometimes the world is a dangerous place, but reading about it isn't," he said.

Associated Press Entertainment Writer Mark Kennedy and researcher Rhonda Shafner contributed to this report from New York.

# GREASE

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the physical aspects of the relationship ("Tell me more, tell me more, did she put up a fight?"), and Danny pretty well implies that he sealed the deal ("We made out under the dock."). But when Sandy reveals that her beau's name is Danny Zuko, the reactions among the Pink Ladies are priceless.

We learn that the school will soon be the scene of a nationally televised dance competition hosted by celebrity Vince Fontaine (Edd Byrnes). Also, the football game is coming up, and Rizzo plans a surprise for Sandy (who's become a cheerleader) after the pep rally: They just happen to bump into Danny and the other T-Birds. Both are surprised; while Sandy is initially happy to see him, he plays it cool to protect his rep with his gang, and that upsets Sandy, who storms off.

The Pink Ladies invite her to a sleepover, where they ply her with alcohol and cigarettes, and Frenchy tries to pierce her ears. Sandy gets sick, and Rizzo teases her with the song "Look At Me, I'm Sandra Dee" (no actual Sandra Dees were harmed in the filming of this scene). The T-Birds show up at the sleepover in a junker car Kenickie has bought with dreams of transforming it into a hot rod, and Rizzo sneaks out the window to join them. Kenickie banishes the other T-Birds to the pavement and takes off with Rizzo to go make out, but the two are interrupted by rival gang leader Leo Balmudo (Dennis Cleveland Stewart) in his flame-spurring wickedly cool hot rod. Kenickie challenges him to a race at Thun-

der Road, and Leo accepts.

Danny and the T-Birds paint and modify Kenickie's old junker into "Greased Lightning," a vehicle that is perhaps a bit sleeker in their fantasy montage and song of the same name, but decently cool nonetheless with its silver lighting on white paintjob.

I'll stop the summary there. Chances are you've seen it all already anyway; but if not, you still have the dance off double-cross, the blue moons, Danny's track career, Cha Cha DiGregorio (Annette Charles), "Beauty School Dropout" with Frankie Avalon, Rizzo's pregnancy, the Big Race, and graduation day to look forward to.

"Grease" does a great job of encapsulating the cliquy world of high school by focusing intently on the central characters, but incorporating more tangential characters like Eugene, goody-two-shoes Patty Simcox (Susan Buckner), and jock Tom Chisum (Lorenzo Lamas), implying that there are other circles swirling around in the social vortex of Rydell High.

It's simply a seminal part of American culture. "Grease" is a mixture of great music, fun, not so clean-cut as 1940s musicals, a little bit of social anxiety, and an ultimately hopeful outlook to the future. Nine stars out of 10.

*Grease*  
Director: Randal Kleiser  
Writer: Screenplay by Bronte Woodard, original musical by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey, adaptation by Allan Carr  
Production company: RSO Records  
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