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Relay for Life raises nearly \$100K

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

Another great night in Howard College's Dorothy Garrett Coliseum made this year's Relay for Life of Howard and Glasscock Counties an event to remember. Relay took place Friday evening, with the Survivor's Meal at 5:30 p.m. prior to the start of the Relay at 7 p.m. The festivities concluded at midnight.

Manny Negrón, the local American Cancer Society Relay for Life community manager, said the event has raised just under \$100,000 so far, with money still coming in.

"I can tell you that as of this (Monday) morning, we had raised about \$95,000 total, with our event and previous to that," he said. "I think we had about \$2,000 come in today. We've got money still coming in."

Negrón said he feels pleased with the event.

"I feel pretty good about it. I was happy and I was pleased," he said. "I saw a lot of new faces that had never been to Relay, and



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I was happy about that. It was just a great night. Our luminaria ceremony was a little different this year, and I think people were really pleased with making it personal and interactive for them. I think there was just a whole lot of fun going on. I was happy about it."

So far, feedback from participants has been positive, he added.

"I heard some

survivors say they liked the change of moving the survivor meal up to the foyer area," he said, referencing a change new to this year's Relay. "It was a little more intimate and personal, quiet. You didn't have the music going at that time. And then also, just the layout of the floor. There was a lot of space and people were able to sit and relax when they wanted to. But the evening just kept going, and there were a lot of activities to do."

Negrón said donations received by August of this year will apply to this year's total.

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TxDOT celebrates centennial



HERALD photo/Robert Barlow

The century old "Liberty Truck" on display at a rest stop just east of Big Spring yesterday will eventually make its way around Texas to celebrate the 100 year anniversary of TXDOT. "TXDOT turned 100 this year and to commemorate that anniversary the Liberty Truck is traveling the state and stopping by in each TXDOT district to just kind of show people the equipment that was used in the early days of the industry," said Mary Belle Turner, public information officer for TXDOT.

Recycling project presented to city council

By ROBERT BARLOW
 Staff Writer

A group of students from the professional communications class at Big Spring High School presented a recycling project to the city council during yesterday's meeting.

The recycling project presented by the students included research the students had done on recycling, as well as tests they conducted.

"Its one of the most impressive presentations that I think we've had," said Mayor Larry McLellan. "You know we learn a lot of things from our kids from the younger generation."

The students' presentation brought a full house and seats had to be pulled out from the back to accommodate the larger-than-normal audience.

"Maybe there's something we could do right now to get started," said District 4's Jim Depauw. "We've got that aluminum can trailer somewhere. If we could get that set up in the high school parking lot or something y'all could start recycling cans."

Several council members commended

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USDA offers disaster assistance programs

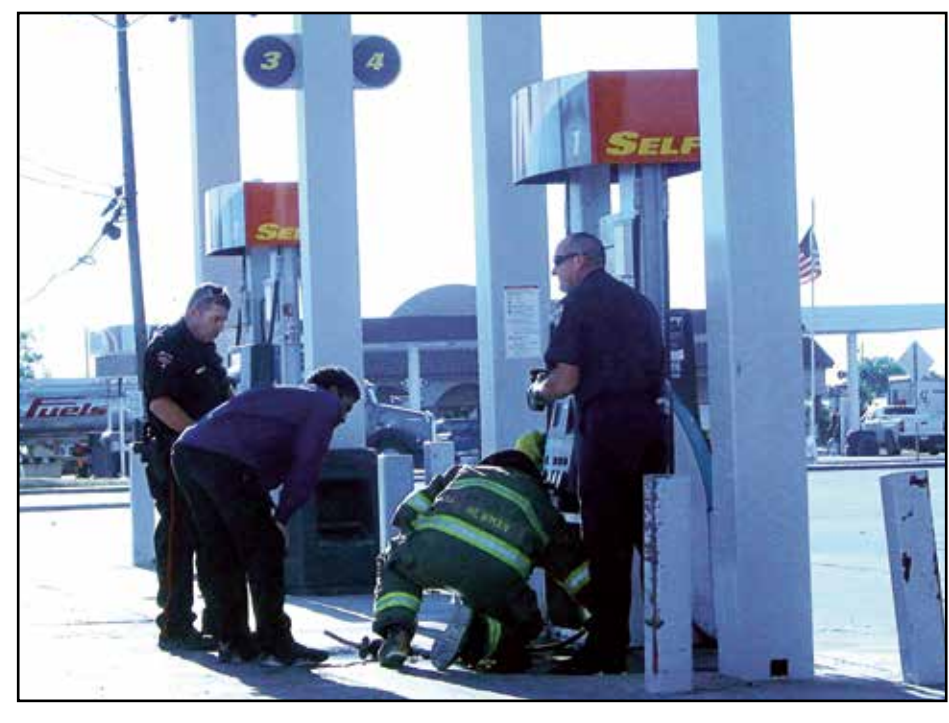
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Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue reminds farmers and ranchers, families and small businesses that were affected by the recent severe storms and flooding that USDA has several programs that provide assistance before, during and after disasters. USDA staff in the regional, State, and county offices in the states of Arkansas, Illinois, Kansas, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas are ready to help.

Gas pump leak

HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Big Spring firefighters and area law enforcement responded to Stripes Convenience Store on North Gregg St. by Interstate 20, this morning in response to a gasoline leak at one of the store's pumps. According to the emergency call, a vehicle collided with the pump this morning causing the leak. Emergency personnel quickly contained the situation.



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Obituaries

Samuel "Bullet" Hull



Samuel "Bullet" Hull, 40, of Knott died Sunday, May 21, 2017, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 25, 2017, at Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at First Baptist Church, with Randy Cotton officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Samuel was born July 12, 1976, to Janet Juanell Larson Hull and Russell Alan Hull in Big Spring, Texas. He was a lifetime resident of Howard County. He married Crystal Daily Jan. 2, 1998, in Cross Plains, Texas. He was a member of Trinity Baptist Church. Samuel was employed by

NGL.

Samuel is survived by his wife, Crystal Hull of Knott; his children, Taylor Michelle Hull, Trace Alan Hull, and Haleigh Renae Hull, all of Knott; his parents, Jan and Joe Benford of Knott, and Rusty and Debra Hull of Big Spring; his grandparents, LaVerne Hull Dean, and Betty and Thomas Daily, all of Big Spring; one brother, Jason Hull and wife Monica of Big Spring; one sister, Jana and Chris Wanner of Lubbock; three stepbrothers, Eli Reyes, and Jeremy and Becky Reyes, all of Westbrook, and Todd and Jackie Smith of Big Spring; and a number of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Pete Hull, Blaine and Helen Larson, and A.J. Dean.

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

Jerry Alton Robertson



Jerry Alton Robertson, 77, of Coahoma died Monday, May 22, 2017, in a Lubbock Hospital.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, May 26, 2017, at Coahoma Church of Christ with Eddy Pitchford officiating. Burial will follow at Coahoma Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 25, 2017, at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home.

Jerry was born May 14, 1940, in Loraine and married Linda Kay Roberts Jan. 1, 1966, in Coahoma.

He graduated from Loraine High School in 1958, and worked as a steelman at the Fina Oil Refinery for 28 years. Jerry served in the United States Marine Corps. He was a member of the Coahoma Church of Christ.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Linda Kay Robertson of Coahoma; two daughters, Tina Kay Frazier and husband Tony of Lubbock, and Tara Lea Vancil and husband Eliot of Midlothian; a sister, Willie Mae Greenfield of Big Spring; three grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alton and Isabelle Robertson; and brother-in-law, Dennis Greenfield.

The family requests donations to New Mexico Christian Children's Home in Portales, N.M., www.nmcch.org; or Kindred Hospice of Lubbock, 3223 S. Loop 289, #318, Lubbock, Texas, 79416.

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **JOSE M. AVINA**, 40, of 1002 N. Main St. was arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended or invalid license.

- **CYNTHIA LEE RIOS**, 33, of 2000 E. 11th Place was arrested on warrants for driving with an

invalid license, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and failure to appear.

- **CRISELDA CHAVERA**, 29, of 225 Westview Rd. in Pearsall was arrested on a warrant for failure to appear; and on another outstanding warrant.

- **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of In-

terstate 20 and Highway 179.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 1700 block of Purdue and the 800 block of East 15th Street.

- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 2900 block of Cactus Drive.

- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 800 block of East 13th Street.

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.

- **JOSE M. AVINA**, 40, was booked by BSPD on a charge of driving with a suspended or invalid license.

- **CRISELDA CHAVERA**, 29, was booked by BSPD on warrants for failure to appear no driver's

license.

- **CYNTHIA LEE RIOS**, 33, of 2000 E. 11th Place was arrested on warrants for driving with an invalid license, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and failure to appear.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of West 11th Place.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of East 15th Street.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 400 block of East Marcy Drive.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 6900 block of South Ser-

vice Road.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported near mile marker 179 on Interstate 20.

- **SPRINKLER ACTIVATION - NO FIRE** was reported in the 1900 block of North Highway 87.

Take Note

- The Big Spring Salvation Army and the Big Spring Center for Skilled Care are holding a fan drive to collect and distribute electric fans to those 55 and older in Howard County. Those wishing to donate can take new or gently used box or pedestal fans to the Salvation Army headquarters at 811 W. Fifth St. Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.; or to the Center for Skilled Care at 3701 Wasson Rd. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Seniors 55 and older who need a fan should call the Salvation Army at 432-267-8239 or the Center for SKilled Care at 432-606-5012 to register and receive the distribution date.

- 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.

- Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

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

- Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat.

Cost has dropped to \$5 per person thanks to a sponsor Marcy House, 2301 Wasson Road.

- The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Tuesday of each month a 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library.

- The Christensen-Tucker Post-2013 Veterans of Foreign Wars meets the first Tuesday of every

month at 7 pm at 500 Driver Road. For more information, contact David Leonard, Post Commander, at 432-816-6004. All combat veterans of foreign wars are invited to come.

- The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

- Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Jimmy Ruth at 271-2176.

- Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 1/2 Main St. All Masons are welcome.

- Membership to the Big Spring Native American Association is open to the public. People interested in Native American culture are encouraged to find out more about the organization by calling Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125,

- The Scenic Mountain Medical Center volunteer program is in need of volunteers. A variety of opportunities are open for members of the community. For more information, call Anita Cline at 268-4721.

- The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council is in need of volunteers to fill a variety of needs to assist the hospital's patients. Applications to become a volunteer can be picked up at The Chalet, 115 E. Second St., Tuesday through Saturday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. or at the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Department, 1901 N. Hwy 87, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteers can assist with a variety of functions, including The Chalet Resale Shop, various fund-raisers and patient events. For more information, contact Dee Lindsey, Big Spring State Hospital Director of Community Relations, (432) 268-7535 or danielle.lindsey@dshs.state.tx.us

- Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to visit patients. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Beverly Grant at 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.



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- **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.

FRIDAY

- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

MONDAY

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

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

TUESDAY

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

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

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

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"We want you to know that USDA resources are at your disposal," said Perdue. "USDA has people on the ground, in every county, who can help you. We will do everything we can to help farmers get those fields back in order and encourage them to take advantage of these USDA resources."

USDA encourages residents and small businesses in the impacted areas to contact the following offices to meet their individual needs:

• **Property and Shelter**

When floods destroy or severely damage residential property, USDA Rural Development can assist with providing priority hardship application processing for single family housing. Under a disaster designation, USDA Rural Development can issue a priority letter for next available multi-family housing units. While these programs do not normally have disaster assistance authority, many of USDA Rural Development programs can help provide financial relief to small businesses hit by natural disasters, including low-interest loans to community facilities, water environmental programs, businesses and cooperatives and to rural utilities. More information can be found on the Rural Development website or by contacting the State Offices.

• **Food Safety and Food Assistance**

Severe weather forecasts often present the possibility of power outages that could compromise the safety of stored food. The USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) recommends that consumers take the necessary steps before, during, and after a power outage to reduce food waste and minimize the risk of food-borne illness. FSIS offers tips for keeping frozen and refrigerated food safe and a brochure that can be downloaded and printed for reference at home. If you have questions about

the safety of food in your home, call the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline at 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854) on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. ET or visit AskKaren.gov to chat live with a food safety specialist, available in English and Spanish.

The USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) coordinates with state, local and voluntary organizations to provide food for shelters and other mass feeding sites. Under certain circumstances, states also may request to operate a disaster household distribution program to distribute USDA Foods directly to households in need. In addition, FNS may approve a state's request to implement a Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) when the President declares a major disaster for individual assistance under the Stafford Act in areas affected by a disaster. State agencies may also request a number of disaster-related SNAP waivers to help provide temporary assistance to impacted households already receiving SNAP benefits at the time of the disaster. Resources for disaster feeding partners as well as available FNS disaster nutrition assistance can be found on the FNS Disaster Assistance website.

• **Crop and Livestock Loss**

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) administers many safety-net programs to help producers recover from eligible losses, including the Livestock Indemnity Program, the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program, Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP) and the Tree Assistance Program. The FSA Emergency Conservation Program provides funding and technical assistance for farmers and ranchers to rehabilitate farmland damaged by natural disasters. Producers located in counties that received a primary or contiguous disaster designation are eligible for low-interest emergency loans to help them recover from production and physical losses. Compensation also is available to produc-

ers who purchased coverage through the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program, which protects non-insurable crops against natural disasters that result in lower yields, crop losses or prevented planting. USDA encourages farmers and ranchers to contact their local FSA office to learn what documents can help the local office expedite assistance, such as farm records, receipts and pictures of damages or losses.

Producers should use form FSA-576, Notice of Loss, to report prevented planting and failed acres in order to establish or retain FSA program eligibility. Prevented planting acreage must be reported no later than 15 calendar days after the final planting date as established by FSA and USDA Risk Management Agency (RMA). Producers must file a Notice of Loss for failed acres on all crops including grasses in a timely fashion, often within 15 days of the occurrence or when the losses become apparent. Producers of hand-harvested crops must notify FSA of damage or loss within 72 hours of when the date of damage or loss first becomes apparent.

Producers with coverage through the RMA administered federal crop insurance program should contact their crop insurance agent. Those who purchased crop insurance will be paid for covered losses. Producers should report crop damage within 72 hours of damage discovery and follow up in writing within 15 days.

• **Community Recovery Resources**

For declared natural disasters that lead to imminent threats to life and property, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) can assist local government sponsors with the cost of implementing recovery efforts like debris removal and streambank stabilization to address natural resource concerns and hazards through the Emergency Watershed Protection Program. NRCS staff is coordinating with state partners to complete damage assessments in

preparation for sponsor assistance requests. NRCS also can help producers with damaged agricultural lands caused by natural disasters such as floods. The NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) provides financial assistance to repair and prevent excessive soil erosion that can result from high rainfall events and flooding. Conservation practices supported through EQIP protect the land and aid in recovery, can build the natural resource base, and might help mitigate loss in future events.

USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture provides support for disaster education through the Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN). EDEN is a collaborative multi-state effort with land-grant universities and Cooperative Extension Services across the country, using research-based education and resources to improve the delivery of services to citizens affected by disasters. EDEN's goal is to improve the nation's ability to mitigate, prepare for, prevent, respond to and recover from disasters. EDEN equips county-based Extension educators to share research-based resources in local disaster management and recovery efforts. The EDEN website offers a searchable database of Extension professionals, resources, member universities and disaster agency websites, education materials to help people deal with a wide range of hazards, and food and agricultural defense educational resources.

For complete details and eligibility requirements regarding USDA's disaster assistance programs, contact a local USDA Service Center (<http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app>). More information about USDA disaster assistance (<http://www.usda.gov/documents/fact-sheet-usda-programs-assist-individuals-small-businesses.pdf>) as well as other disaster resources is available on the USDA Disaster Resource Center website.



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Livy Galan, 1, of Big Spring walks with her dad Robert around the track on the floor of Howard College's Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Friday during the 2017 Relay For Life of Howard and Glasscock Counties.

RELAY

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For more information or to donate, visit www.relayforlife.org.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 432-263-7331 ext. 232, or by email at life@bigspringherald.com.

CITY

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the class on the presentation and the teacher also mentioned the students wrote several letters to the city concerning recycling. She planned to distribute the letters amongst the council members to look over.

In other news at the meeting, two city employees were recognized for the June Star Employee Award. Dusty Kirby and Oscar Ramon were presented certificates by the mayor and read a special thanks and recognition.

"They distinguished themselves and brought credit to the Big Spring distribution and collection department," read Mayor McLellan.

The council also approved the recognition of two grants from SM Energy Company. The first grant for \$150,000 for pavilion construction in the second phase of the spring project. The second grant for \$10,000 is dedicated to an observation deck.

"As you know I've been searching for partners to help us with our spring project and SM Energy has stepped up to the plate," stated Debbie Wegman, community services director for the Convention and Visitors Bureau. "We're thankful to SM energy for this donation."

The city council also appointed Kelly Owens to the Planning and Zoning Commission to replace the seat Terry McDaniel used to hold. Raul Marquez was nominated by Jim Depauw to replace him as the Mayor Pro Tem and was approved by the court. Howard Stewart, council member for District 4, was also nominated by Raul

Marquez to take his spot on the Convention and Visitors Bureau, with no other nominations it was approved by the court.

Other topics covered at the meeting included:

- A bids for a new EMS ambulance, two 3/4 ton trucks for the airpark, and a one ton flat-bed pickup for the street department were all approved.

- City Manager Todd Darden presented an emergency reading of a resolution authorizing the auction of Howard County Trustee properties to the highest bidder.

- Cliff Talbot and Jeff Bromman were appointed for another term to the Colorado River Municipal Water District Board of Directors, both of whom have been serving on the board since 2016.

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Roger's Retro Reviews: *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes*

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

Romance movies aren't really my thing. There are a lot of genres I love; straight-up romance doesn't tend to be one of them. That said, 1953's "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes" starring Marilyn Monroe and Jane Russell is pretty watchable, mainly for the nostalgia of some of the songs in the movie.

Monroe and Russell are a duo of entertainers named, respectively, Lorelei Lee and Dorothy Shaw. Lorelei is attracted to wealth, especially diamonds, and plans to marry wealthy Augustus "Gus" Esmond Jr. (Tommy Noonan). Dorothy is more attracted to handsome, athletic young men. The two



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CLINE

agreeable night talking with Ernie, Dorothy catches him taking pictures of Lorelei and Piggy through a port-hole. Deciding that he's only been using Dorothy to get close to Lorelei, the women concoct a plan to get the film back by first searching Ernie's stateroom, and, when unsuccessful, plying him with alcohol and sleeping pills and searching his clothes. They find the film, but it turns out Ernie had also bugged their room. Lorelei shows the pictures to Piggy, and convinces him to give her Lady Beekman's diamond tiara as a reward for getting them back and keeping his name out of the news. After a shopping spree in Paris, the duo arrive at their hotel to discover Lady Beekman and her lawyer waiting for them.

I'll stop the spoilers there, except to say that all of the surprises in this movie are in the journey, not the destination. Everybody pretty much ends up with whom they're supposed



must travel by ship to Paris for work. Gus is unable to accompany them, but warns Lorelei to behave, because his overbearing father (Taylor Holmes) will put the kibosh on the wedding if he hears about her engaging in any hijinks. Unbeknownst to anyone, Gus' dad goes ahead and hires private investigator Ernie Malone (Elliott Reid) to follow Lorelei and catch her in the act.

When Ernie sees the duo, he is more interested in Dorothy than Lorelei. Turns out, the American mens' Olympic team is traveling to Europe on the same ship, a fact that greatly pleases Dorothy, until she finds out that their rigorous training schedule and curfew don't leave any time for romance. Dorothy meets a portly older gentleman named Sir Francis "Piggy" Beekman (Charles Coburn) and begins to flirt with him - despite the presence of Lady Beekman (Norma Varden) - when she learns he owns a diamond mine. Meanwhile, Ernie bribes the maitre d' to place him at Dorothy's table. Lorelei also arranges to have one "Mr. Henry Spofford III" (George Winslow) seated at their table as a potential suitor for Dorothy. Unfortunately, Henry turns out to be about 10 years old.

Lorelei is impressed by Lady Beekman's jewelry, including her fabulous diamond tiara, and continues to flirt with Piggy. After spending an

to; figuring out how they get there is the fun part.

For me though, the old-timey show-stopper musical numbers are the fun part. This movie incorporates the great number "Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend." If you've ever seen the video of Madonna's "Material Girl" - pink formal dresses and black tuxedos on a red set - the costumes and set are taken directly from "Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend" in this movie.

Otherwise, the chemistry between Monroe and Russell is pretty good, though I couldn't help seeing Jane Russell as older, probably because I have an older version of her in my memory and, of course, no such version of Marilyn Monroe exists.

As I said, romance isn't my cup of tea. I should really recuse myself from reviewing romances, but it seems rather closed-minded of me. That said, I enjoyed watching this one for the most part. Seven stars out of 10.

Gentlemen Prefer Blondes
Director: Howard Hawks
Writer: Charles Lederer, based on the musical by Anita Loos and Joseph Fields
Production company: 20th Century Fox
Not rated; 1 hr. 31 min.; Comedy/Musical/Romance; August 1953

Bill could turn back page, return power to Texas board of ed

By **WILL WEISSERT**
Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The often-combative Texas Board of Education would expand its ability to reject textbooks it doesn't like, rolling back limits that have been in place for more than two decades, under a proposal on the

verge of clearing the state Legislature.

Some fear the bill's benign language would, intentionally or not, return broad influence to a veteran bloc of social conservatives on the 15-member, elected board. That same bloc previously has attempted to deemphasize lessons on evolution and

climate change, and insist that publishers edit classroom materials to better conform to Republican ideology.

How impactful is the textbook market in Texas? Large enough that changes made for the state can affect what's taught

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Check this out at the Howard County Library

For all our western fans, I have western books this week. "Summer of the Star" by Johnny D Boggs (LP W BOG J) is the memoir of Mad Carter MacRae's early life. He recalls his first love was Estrella O'Sullivan. He met her the summer he turned sixteen. She was part Mexican, part Irish. Her first name meant Star, and his memory of her never faded. That summer marked his last drive up the Chisholm Trail. It was the first time he tasted oysters, and the only time he pinned on a badge. It was a summer of miserable heat, of friendship and betrayal, and of murder. It was the summer the whole world came crashing down.

"Death Stalks the Rangers" by James J. Griffin (LP W GRI J) is a Texas Ranger Sean Kennedy Story. When Texas ranger Thad Dutton's horse brings his body back to his ranger company's headquarters, young ranger Sean Kennedy is ordered to find Dutton's killer. Along with his riding partner, Levi Mallory, Kennedy sets out on a quest which will cover much of south Texas—a quest which will lead the pair into a web of danger and deceit, where sudden death might arrive from the most unexpected quarters.

"In Buzzard Guns" by Philip Ketchum (LP W KET P), Jeff Carmody's lean young face hardened at the girl's whispered warning. There was no doubt about things now. When that gunslinger had tried to bushwhack him just outside of town, Jeff thought it was just a case of mistaken identity. Then he found someone had spread lies about him and convinced the whole town he was a wanted killer. Everyone had turned against him, even his own family. They'd stolen his name, his reputation and now they wanted his life. Jeff Carmody didn't know who they were or why they were after him, but

he knew he had to find out fast!

In "Showdown" by Louis L'Amour (LP W LAM L), Rock Bannon, wounded in an Indian attack, is rescued by a wagon train heading to California. He has fully recovered when the train pulls into a fort to stock up on supplies. At the fort, the leaders of the train meet Morton Harper, a smooth-talking man who persuades them to take an easier trail that will allow them to escape an attack by Indians. Bannon knows that there will be no escape from attack on that route and that it will lead the train directly onto Hardy Bishop's vast ranching domain. Either way, it will mean war, and a war the pioneers will undoubtedly lose.

"Coyote and Quarter-Moon" by Bill Pronzini (LP W PRO B) is a collection of Western Stories that include: "Devil's Brew," "Angel of Mercy," "The Hanging Man," "Cave of Ice," "Coyote and Quarter-Moon," "The Gunny," "The Coffin Trimmer," "Man on the Run," "His Name was Legion," "The Arrowmont Prison Riddle," "Sweet Fever," "Righteous Guns," "Flood," "Christmas Gifts," and "Fergus O'Hara, Detective."

In "Square-Shooter" by William MacLeod Raine (LP W RAI W), the air was tense, and something was going to happen soon. Behind his chair, tacked to the wall, was a poster announcing a \$1500.00 reward for the capture of a desperate train robber, whose description fitted Cole Sanborn to a "T." Mary Landis was desperate. She had inherited the Lazy B Ranch from her uncle, but her guardian, Chet Radbourne, had plans for her and her ranch. If she didn't do something quick, she would find herself forced to marry the despicable man. Her only hope was to marry someone else first while she was in town. Someone who could stand up to Chet Radbourne and his gunhands. Cole Sanborn would be that man. Cole already had a target on his back, and with his marriage, that target just got bigger. Radbourne sees this as a minor annoyance. If he

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Concert attack highlights scattershot screening process



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A police officer with a sniffer dog patrols near the Manchester Arena in Manchester, England Tuesday, May 23, 2017. An explosion struck an Ariana Grande concert attended by thousands of young music fans in northern England late Monday, killing over a dozen people and injuring dozens in what police said Tuesday was being treated as a terrorist attack.

By PAISLEY DODDS and KAREL JANICEK

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Survivors of the suicide bombing that killed 22 people at a Manchester concert hall said security screening ahead of the Ariana Grande show was haphazard, raising the question of whether public arenas and other crowded spaces are being safeguarded to the extent they could be.

"There was almost no security check," concert-goer Nikola Trochova, who was leaving the Manchester Arena when she heard an explosion, told Czech public radio on Tuesday. "They let us get in without any check."

Another survivor of the Monday night attack, Ryan Molloy, said some people had their bags checked on the way into the concert, while others did not.

"The security wasn't very good, to be honest," she said.

Manchester police would not say if the bomber blew himself up inside or outside the arena, so it is not clear if rigorous bag screening or additional pre-event security would have helped prevent the deaths and injuries. The venue tweeted on Monday night that

it happened "outside the venue in a public space."

After the 2005 suicide bombings that killed 52 people riding subways and a bus in London, Britain installed barriers around airports, transportation hubs and government buildings. However, bag checks are not routinely conducted on passengers boarding the country's trains and buses. Security at sporting events and museums remains scattershot, experts say. The attack illustrated the challenges in securing public spaces and potentially the limits of existing methods, although security protocols vary by country and venue. Most of the 130 people killed in the November 2015 attacks at multiple Paris locations were attending a show at the Bataclan concert hall.

"The level of screening is dependent on two things - the level of processes undertaken and the size of the venue. But nothing is consistent," Bob Ayers, a security expert who used to work for the CIA, said. "Think about (the) London Underground. If you try to do airport-style screening, people would never get anywhere on time. Nothing is ever 100 percent." Grande's panicked

fans stumbled to escape the arena after hearing loud noises and seeing people running toward the exits. The bombing took place at the end of the concert, when some audience members already were streaming toward the city's main train station. An 8-year-old girl was among the dead. "Authorities could consider a perimeter farther away from the main space of the arena, but the practical matter then becomes where the screening should be done," Wendy Patrick, a California lawyer and threat assessment expert, said. "But the focus of our attention is generally driven by the latest attack." There was some discussion of putting metal detectors in movie theatres after the 2012 mass shooting in Aurora, Colorado

that killed 12 people attending a midnight film screening, "but the conversation then shifted when a different type of attack occurred," Patrick said. University of Albany terror expert Victor Asal said striking a balance between security and convenience is difficult.

"The question is, what are we willing to put up with?" Asal said.

Dee Stephens, who is from Manchester and lived through Irish Republican Army attacks during her youth, said she lives in fear every time her 20-year-old daughter goes to concerts. "Her friend was injured during the attacks at the Bataclan," Stephens said. "As parents, every time something like this happens it just adds to our paranoia. It's horrible."

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She can't get the marriage annulled, he can always marry the widow. Cole does everything he can to protect Mary and ensure that she does not become a widow.

The library will be closed on Monday, May 29, 2017 for Memorial Day.

That will be all for this week so I leave you with a quote by Steven Spielberg: "Only a generation of readers will spawn a generation of writers."

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nationwide, though modern, electronic classroom materials have made it easier to tailor lessons to individual states and school districts — thus diluting the board's national influence some in recent years.

The board's ability to influence what gets published in textbooks — even sometimes line-editing materials to remove things its members didn't like — was far greater before 1995. That year, the Texas Legislature passed an omnibus education bill that included limits allowing the board only to reject textbook when discovering factual errors or material that didn't conform to Texas curriculum standards, which mandate what gets taught its about 5.3 million students.

Texas' more than 1,000 school districts don't have to use board-approved textbooks, but most do.

Some say a bill already approved by the Texas Senate, and scheduled for a state House vote Tuesday, would return sweeping influence to the board. The proposal would require that all materials on the Board of Education's instructional list be "suitable for the subject and grade level" for which it was submitted.

That seems relatively tame, but classroom advocates say it is subjective enough to force wholesale textbook rewrites.

"Board members will take this bill as an open invitation to return to the days of almost unrestrained bullying of publishers to change or censor textbook content for purely political reasons," said Dan Quinn, a spokesman for the Texas Freedom Network, a board watchdog group and frequent critic. "The board will become an even bigger political circus than it has been."

The proposal's sponsor, Sen. Kel Siliger, doesn't see it as a broad expansion of power.

"There's been a lot of weirdness, but as it's described in the bill, it's about age and grade appropriateness and things like that," said Seliger, a Republican from Amarillo.

"The culture wars won't be played out in legislation."

But Seliger also acknowledged that the proposed changes could have unintended consequences: "Absolutely there will be factions that try to stretch and look for things like ideological purity."

Both the Texas House and Senate are Republican-controlled, but state lawmakers have long been wary of increasing board influence.

In 2011, the Texas Senate voted to expand the board's veto power over classroom electronic materials. After the media called attention to the move, the Senate took the unusual step of returning hours later and amending its already passed legislation to remove that expansion.

The House is expected to approve Seliger's bill. Republican Gov. Greg Abbott hasn't said if he'll sign it, but it will automatically become law after clearing the Legislature unless he issues a veto. But even if it stalls, there's another chance for it to become law.

Identical language has been attached to a separate bill otherwise requiring board-approved state instructional materials to include "American principles." That cleared the Senate on Friday, but hasn't yet been scheduled for a House floor vote.

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CHICAGO (AP) — NFL owners cut the overtime period from 15 minutes to 10 minutes during the regular season, but also gave players plenty of leeway to celebrate after a touchdown.

The two moves are expected to result in more tie games and much more elaborate end zone dance parties.

"I always planned all my celebrations," said Denver's Emmanuel Sanders, already known for his flamboyant TD celebrations, including one that drew a fine last season.

"Now I can go a little overboard without get-

ting cussed out by the head coach."

At their regularly scheduled spring meeting Tuesday, the owners also decided to shift the 2021 Super Bowl to Tampa from Los Angeles, where construction delays have pushed back the expected opening of the new home for the Rams and Chargers. Those teams will now host the league's showcase event in 2022.

Also approved at the meeting was the Oakland Raiders lease for a stadium in Las Vegas, where the team is expected to play the 2020 season.

Centeno's homer helps Astros over Tigers 6-2

HOUSTON (AP) — For the second straight night the Houston Astros got a big contribution from a role player filling in for one of their injured stars.

Juan Centeno homered to help the Astros to a 6-2 win over the Detroit Tigers on Tuesday night as Brad Peacock had a solid start in place of ace Dallas Keuchel to help Houston to the win on Monday.

Centeno was making his debut with the Astros in place of catcher Brian McCann, who is on the 7-day concussion list.

"Wasn't that a great night for him? I always joke with the catchers, 'catch a winner and get some hits,' and he did both," manager A.J. Hinch said. "Had some really big hits and I thought he handled the game extraordinarily well given that's his first game this season with us."

His solo home run made it 3-0 in the fourth. The Tigers cut the lead to one on a two-run homer by Mikie Mahtook in the seventh inning before Centeno singled and scored as Houston stacked on two runs in the bottom of that inning to push the lead to 5-2.

Houston starter Lance McCullers (5-1) allowed a season-low one hit in five innings to extend his American League-leading streak of scoreless innings to 22. But his early exit came after he needed 96 pitches to get through the fifth in what was his third straight start without allowing a run.

He raved about the work of Centeno.

"We were on the same page a lot," McCullers said. "And to come up and fill in and catch that well and to have that big homer and a big single for us, hat's off to him. He did an amazing job."

Jordan Zimmermann (4-3), who turned 31 on



AP photo/Eric Christian Smith

Houston Astros' Juan Centeno watches his solo home run off Detroit Tigers starting pitcher Jordan Zimmermann during the fourth inning of a baseball game, Tuesday, May 23, 2017, in Houston.

Tuesday, yielded five hits and four runs — two earned — in six-plus innings for the loss.

Mahtook, who had Detroit's only hit in a 1-0 loss on Monday night, cut the lead to 3-2 with his two-run homer with two outs in the seventh inning off Michael Feliz. That homer was just Detroit's second hit of the game and snapped a scoreless streak of 22 2/3 innings for the Tigers.

"We're going to hit. I'm not worried about it. That's the truth," manager Brad Ausmus said. "You ask people around baseball if the Detroit Tigers are going to hit. It'll be a unanimous yes. We're going to hit, we just haven't hit the last few days."

The Astros added a run in the seventh when George Springer hit a ball to reliever Alex Wilson and his throw to second base sailed past Ian Kinsler and into the outfield for an error that let him reach and Centeno score. Houston made it 5-2 on a sacrifice fly by Josh Reddick.

The Astros took a 1-0 lead on Gurriel's homer to left-center with no outs in the second. They added a run in the third when third baseman Nick Castellanos committed an error on a grounder hit by Jose Altuve to allow Reddick

to score.

McCullers plunked Kinsler to start the game and walked J.D. Martinez with one out in the second, but didn't allow a hit until a groundball single by Miguel Cabrera with one out in the fourth. But the Tigers couldn't get anything going after that until Mahtook's homer in the seventh.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Astros: SS Carlos Correa was out of the lineup on Tuesday because he wasn't feeling well. Hinch didn't specify exactly what was wrong with him, but said he "came in a little sick today," and added: "I'm not going to have him play when he's not feeling great."

WATSON HONORED

Bob Watson, a former major league player, coach, general manager and league executive, was honored by the Baseball Assistance Team with its lifetime achievement award before Tuesday's game. MLB commissioner Rob Manfred, Joe Torre and many of Watson's former teammates honored him in a pre-game ceremony which also featured a video tribute with messages from Yankees manager Joe Girardi and general manager Brian Cashman.



AP photo/Charles Krupa

Boston Red Sox's Andrew Benintendi stretches to reach the base as he's tagged out by Texas Rangers third baseman Joey Gallo while running during the fifth inning of a baseball game at Fenway Park in Boston, Tuesday, May 23, 2017.

Red Sox thump Rangers

BOSTON (AP) — Xander Bogaerts and the Boston Red Sox don't need help putting runs on the board right now. They got some from the Texas Rangers anyway.

Bogaerts had three RBIs and twice scored on wild pitches, Dustin Pedroia had a two-run double during a four-run sixth inning and the Red Sox beat the Rangers 11-6 on Tuesday night.

"That's the kind of offense we have," Bogaerts said. "The weather's heating up and a lot of guys are putting good swings on the ball. It was a good win today. A lot of guys contributed." Boston won its second in a row and once again did it primarily with offense. Coming off a 12-3 win at Oakland on Sunday, the Red Sox pummeled one of the hottest teams in the AL and helped Rick Porcello get just his second home win this season.

Porcello (3-5) won despite allowing 11 hits in 6 2/3 innings. The reigning AL Cy Young Award winner struck out four and allowed five runs, four earned. "We got the win. That's what's most important. Obviously you don't want to go out there and give up five runs or whatever it

was," Porcello said. "Our guys swung the bats extremely well and played really good defense and we were able to come out with it tonight."

Joey Gallo got his 14th homer for Texas, and Shin-Soo Choo went 2 for 5 with two RBIs.

Texas entered having won 11 of 12. The 11 runs allowed marked a season high. The Rangers out-hit the Red Sox 13-12 and Boston left eight runners on base, but Texas could not overcome eight walks, one of them intentional.

"It was the walks. Really that's been a nemesis from time to time this year," manager Jeff Banister said. "It's the freebies that showed up again tonight that got us in trouble."

Andrew Cashner (1-4) pitched five innings, allowing five runs, six hits and four walks. He also threw a pair of wild pitches, one of them allowing Bogaerts to score from third and put Boston up 2-1 after three. Bogaerts was 3 for 5 and took advantage of misfires by Cashner and Jeremy Jeffress to score, and Andrew Benintendi came home on a balk by Alex Claudio in the eighth. Pedroia, who had his 500th career multihit game, and Mitch Moreland finished with two hits and two RBIs apiece.

NASCAR shakes up schedule for 2018 and adds road course

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — NASCAR announced several changes to its 2018 schedule Tuesday, including new tracks for the final 11 races of the season.

Indianapolis Motor Speedway will become the 26th race of the Cup season and the final chance to set next year's playoff field. The race will be run Sept. 9 and

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You can either order your tasks by priority or sit back and watch them order themselves. Either way, you'll get it all finished eventually, so there's no need to worry or fret. Breathe, and take it one task at a time.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Momentum is working in your favor. You are busy, and you'll get busier, but it's all a great pleasure because of the people you get to interact with and the way this job brings out the best in you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You don't need an excuse to follow your whims and dreams, but the people who don't understand will make you feel as though you must have one. Ridiculous! It makes you happy; that is reason enough to do it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There are moments when you really do feel at one with it all. To be peaceful is to be nothing and everything at the same time -- made of the same stuff as the star, the planet and the space in between.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You don't want to trust that you're being told the truth. Neither do you want to merely believe it's true. You want to experience it, to feel it in your bones and

live it.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Don't worry; it's not really up to you to define yourself. People will come up with their own thoughts and feelings about the experience of you. You're more loved than you could possibly know.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You appreciate your many freedoms, but none is so cherished today as the freedom to escape to your imagination and continue to build a heavenly playground there of your very own.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There are those who look up to you. You wish they wouldn't put you on a high pedestal. You strive for humility and relatability. (And yet, to the ones you idolize, you want to be seen as interesting and remarkable.)

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Creating order puts you at ease. Things aren't even that messy, but you'll still benefit from taking them to the next level of organization. You'll get a disproportionate

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You accept who you've been. The new you, the deeper you, the you that includes ideas to stretch and challenge the old definition -- this person is harder to accept, but when you do you'll be more powerful.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Seeing the path before you clearly is typically the way you prefer to roll. But today you might actually get quite bored of knowing where you're headed. The path will wind, and you'll enjoy the adventure in this.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Loving another person profoundly is its own wondrous adventure. "The personal life deeply lived always expands into truths beyond itself." -- Anais Nin

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of other people) that the children hate us. We have recently discovered that she is controlling the children by threatening to kill herself if they don't love her enough to do as she says. We are very, very worried about the emotional abuse of our grandchildren and need advice on how to get help for them. No child should ever have to deal with this stress and fear. Would you please help us? -- Worried Times Two

Dear Worried Times Two: Divorce is never pleasant, but this transgresses the normal divorce and custody battle woes. I'm also concerned about your grandchild-

dren, and you may be right that they're suffering from emotional abuse. Call Childhelp at 800-422-4453.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Mystified in Miami," who was wondering why the gentleman she'd been seeing for two months hadn't yet offered to drive anywhere. It seems to me she was overthinking it. When my late husband and I started dating, he arrived in a taxi because he did not drive. I soon said, "This is silly. I have a perfectly good car, and I don't mind driving." So he agreed. He never drove, because he just felt uncomfortable. As a young man, he

owned a car, worked on it and serviced it, but he always called a friend to drive.

We went wherever we desired, with me at the wheel, and had 51 glorious years together. He was thoughtful, loving and kind, and I would have missed a beautiful married life with him if I had been hung up on the fact that he did not drive. I wonder whether "Mystified in Miami" is embarrassed or more concerned over what her friends will think.

I would give all I have to be able to drive him anywhere again. -- A Willing Chauffer

Dear Willing: I'm sorry for your loss, but what a lovely 51

years you shared.

Though you weren't seeking advice, I should mention that for anyone else reading this who is afraid of or uncomfortable with driving, there are treatments available. Speak to a therapist about methods for coping with and overcoming driving anxiety.

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By Steve Becker

Looking to the future

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

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♦ Pass
2 NT Pass 3 NT
Opening lead — six of spades.

The importance of planning the play from the outset can hardly be exaggerated. Many times a declarer will discover, after racing through the first few tricks, that he has done himself irretrievable damage by having failed to plan the play as a whole.

Take this deal where many declarers would go down to defeat. West leads a spade, and declarer wins East's ten with the jack. He then plays two rounds of diamonds, but East, having observed West's high-low, does not take the ace because he

knows South has another diamond. That is the end of the road for declarer because he cannot take more than two tricks in each suit.

On the surface, South does not appear to have done anything wrong, and he may attribute his defeat to East's fine defense or to his bad luck in finding a defender with three diamonds including the ace.

However, South is at fault for having failed to take precautions against these possibilities. He neglected to plan the play of the hand to best advantage and wound up losing the contract as a result.

The fault lies in South's play to the first trick, when he should have won the spade lead with the ace, not the jack! He should not have staked his all on the hope that the defenders would take the first or second diamond lead.

Declarer should assume that West led his fourth-best spade. By the Rule of Eleven, once East produces the ten — his only spade higher than the six — West becomes marked with the king.

By winning with the ace, South can thus assure that the queen of spades will be an eventual entry to dummy so he can cash the last two diamonds. By foreseeing at trick one the situation that might arise later on, South makes the contract.

Tomorrow: There's only one right play.
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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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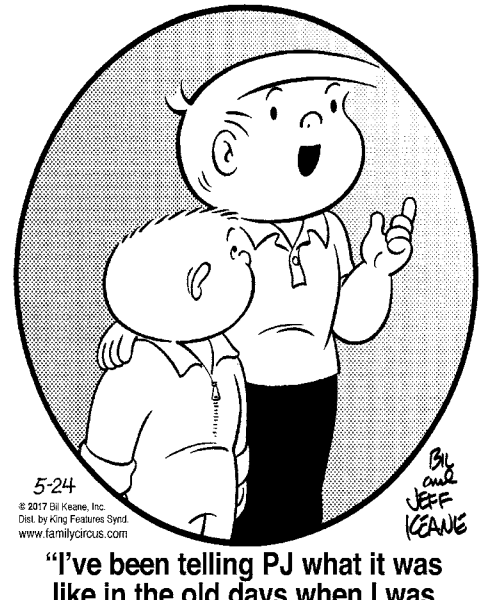
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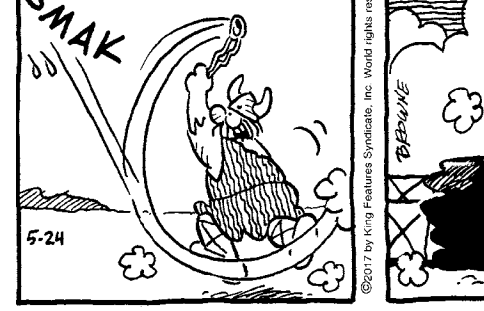
"I'M PRAYING FOR MARGARET... YOU KNOW, THAT SNOOTY LITTLE SNOB."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane

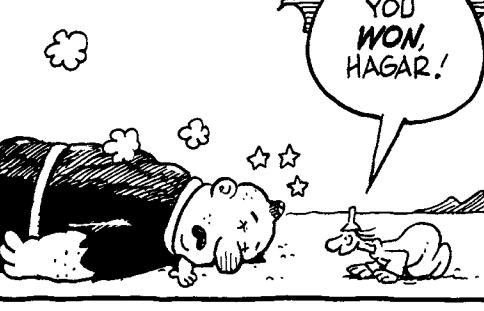


"I've been telling PJ what it was like in the old days when I was growing up."

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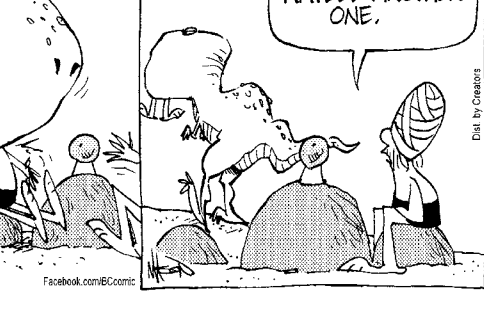
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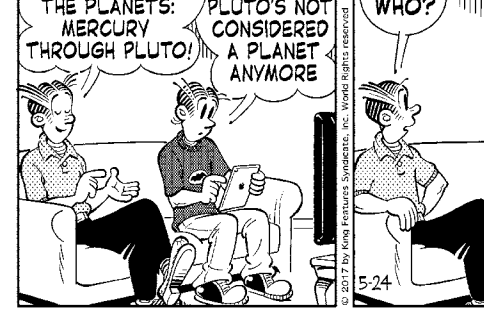
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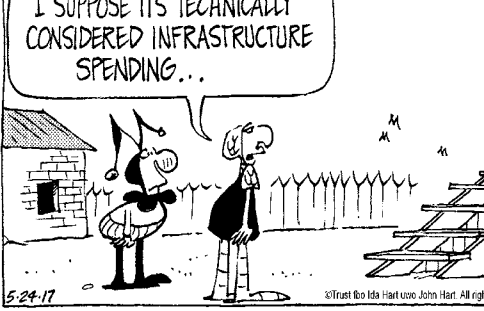
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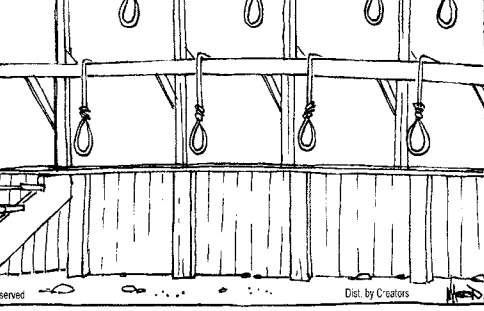
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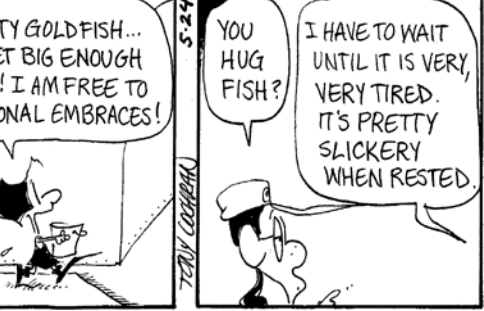
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, May 24, the 144th day of 2017. There are 221 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On May 24, 1775, John Hancock was unanimously elected President of the Continental Congress in Philadelphia, succeeding Peyton Randolph.

On this date: In 1844, Samuel F.B. Morse transmitted the message "What hath God wrought" from Washington to Baltimore as he formally opened America's first telegraph line.

In 1883, the Brooklyn Bridge, linking Brooklyn and Manhattan, was dedicated by President Chester Alan Arthur and New York Gov. Grover Cleveland.

In 1935, the first major league baseball game to be played at night took place at Cincinnati's Crosley Field as the Reds beat the Philadelphia Phillies, 2-1.

In 1937, in a set of rulings, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of the Social Security Act of 1935.

In 1941, the German battleship Bismarck sank the British battle cruiser HMS Hood in the North Atlantic, killing all but three of the 1,418 men on board.

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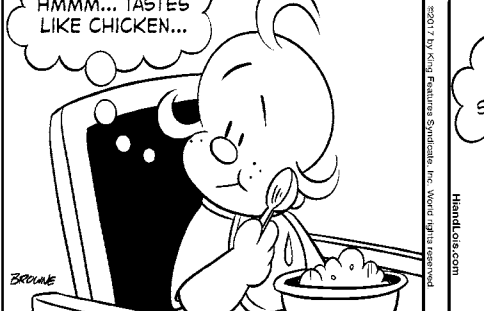
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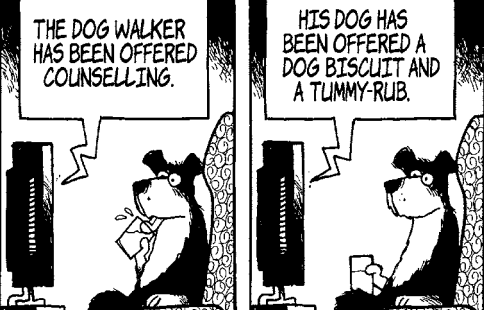
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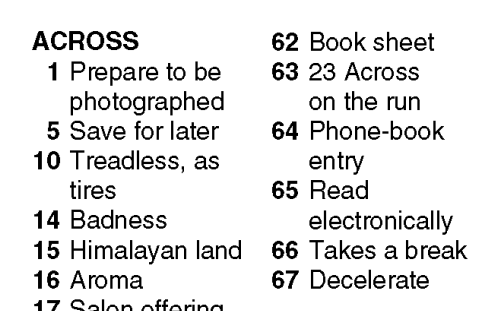
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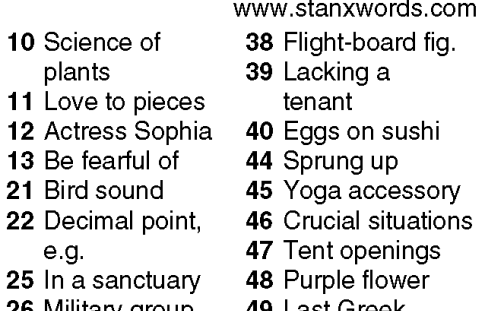
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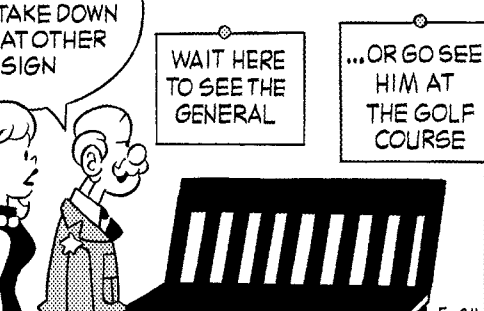
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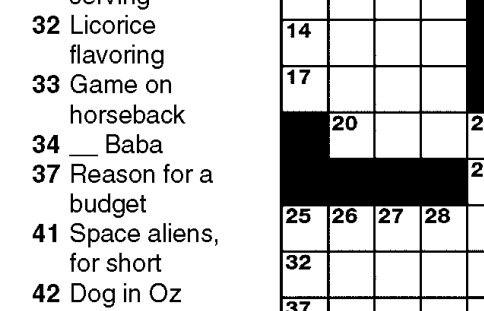
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Baseball standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division										
	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away	
New York	26	17	.605	—	—	5-5	L-1	14-7	12-10	
Baltimore	25	19	.568	1½	—	3-7	L-3	15-6	10-13	
Boston	23	21	.523	3½	1	5-5	W-2	13-9	10-12	
Tampa Bay	23	25	.479	5½	3	5-5	L-3	14-13	9-12	
Toronto20	26	.435	7½	5	5-5	W-2	10-11	10-15		
Central Division										
	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away	
Minnesota	24	18	.571	—	—	6-4	W-3	11-13	13-5	
Cleveland	24	20	.545	1	—	6-4	W-1	8-10	16-10	
Detroit	21	23	.477	4	3	4-6	L-3	12-10	9-13	
Chicago	20	24	.455	5	4	4-6	L-2	8-8	12-16	
Kansas City	19	26	.422	6½	5½	5-5	W-1	12-11	7-15	
West Division										
	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away	
Houston	31	15	.674	—	—	6-4	W-2	16-9	15-6	
Texas	24	22	.522	7	1	8-2	L-1	16-8	8-14	
Los Angeles	25	23	.521	7	1	7-3	W-3	15-8	10-15	
Oakland	20	25	.444	10½	4½	4-6	L-2	14-10	6-15	
Seattle	20	26	.435	11	5	3-7	L-4	13-9	7-17	

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division										
	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away	
Washington	27	17	.614	—	—	5-5	W-2	13-7	14-10	
Atlanta	20	23	.465	6½	5½	7-3	W-2	10-10	10-13	
New York	19	24	.442	7½	6½	3-7	W-1	11-13	8-11	
Miami	16	28	.364	11	10	3-7	W-1	6-14	10-14	
Philadelphia	15	28	.349	11½	10½	2-8	L-4	8-10	7-18	
Central Division										
	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away	
Milwaukee	25	20	.556	—	—	7-3	L-2	12-12	13-8	
St. Louis	22	20	.524	1½	3	4-6	L-1	12-13	10-7	
Chicago	23	21	.523	1½	3	6-4	W-1	12-11	11-10	
Cincinnati	21	24	.467	4	5½	2-8	L-1	14-13	7-11	
Pittsburgh	20	26	.435	5½	7	6-4	L-2	12-9	8-17	
West Division										
	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away	
Colorado	30	17	.638	—	—	7-3	W-3	13-10	17-7	
Arizona28	19	.596	2	—	7-3	W-2	20-8	8-11		
Los Angeles	27	19	.587	2½	—	6-4	W-2	17-7	10-12	
San Francisco	20	27	.426	10	7½	7-3	L-1	11-10	9-17	
San Diego	16	31	.340	14	11½	2-8	L-1	9-14	7-17	

NFL

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For all the maneuvering, end zone celebration talk generated the most buzz. After years of limiting how — and how much — players could celebrate following touchdowns, the league decided to loosen up its rules, allowing players to again use the football as a prop, celebrate as a group and roll around or flap their arms like snow angels on the ground again if they choose.

Even Commissioner Roger Goodell said he was looking forward to seeing what players would do with their new-found freedom of expression.

Asked whether he celebrated the new guidelines approved at Tuesday's spring meetings, Goodell just laughed.

"I did," he said. "I can't tell you how."

The shorter over-

time period will be used in the preseason and regular season. Playoff games will also use 10-minute time blocks in overtime, but won't end in ties.

Coaches' concerns that too many players were exhausted and risking injuries at the end of the extra period was the key factor in the decision.

Research suggests the number of games that will go into overtime and end up tied will climb slightly. Over the past five years, with the 15-minute period in use, the league has averaged about one tie game each season. Projections show that could climb to three.

"We don't think it will lead to more ties," Goodell said. He noted a number of coaches said they expect a more aggressive approach to scoring with the shorter extra period.

Rams owner Stan Kroenke said he wel-

comed the decision to delay awarding the Super Bowl to Los Angeles by a year.

"We want to be sure that we do everything right, 100 percent," he said after the meetings. "To have the Super Bowl, that's the important thing."

Unusually wet weather had already caused significant construction delays at the \$2.6 billion football stadium in Inglewood, California.

Tampa originally finished as runner-up in the bidding for 2020 — one reason why owners backed the move unanimously. The NFL also would have had to waive a rule that prohibits a Super Bowl being played at a stadium before it has hosted two full regular seasons.

Goodell said the moniker "No Fun League" had been thrown around since he was an intern in the league office.

NASCAR

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J. Douglas Boles, IMS president.

Las Vegas Motor Speedway will replace Chicagoland Speedway as the opening event in the 10-race playoff series. Chicago moves to a regular-season race in July.

Richmond International Raceway, which had been the playoff cutoff race since the format debuted in 2004, will move into the playoffs.

Charlotte Motor Speedway's playoff race will now be run on the venue's road course instead of its 1.5-mile oval. It will be the first NASCAR road course race in Charlotte's 58-year history.

The Charlotte "roval" is a 13-turn, 2.4-mile road course that incorporates part of the infield and all but 400 feet of Charlotte's

1.5-mile oval. Mario Andretti, Jeff Gordon, A.J. Allmendinger, Jeff Burton and Max Papis have all tested the roval.

"Charlotte Motor Speedway has always been about innovation," said Marcus Smith, president and chief executive officer of Speedway Motorsports Inc. "Hosting the first road course race in NASCAR's playoffs, as well as the drama of closing out the playoffs' first round, means that tension will be high and competition will be fierce as soon as the green flag drops."

The opening three-race playoff round will be Las Vegas-Richmond-Charlotte. The next round will be Dover-Talladega-Kansas. The third round is Martinsville-Texas-Phoenix, with the championship finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway on Nov. 18 exactly nine months after the season-opening Daytona 500.

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United CEO likely to face investor questions about dragging

CHICAGO (AP) — United Airlines CEO Oscar Munoz is likely to face questions from shareholders Wednesday about the rough removal of a passenger from a flight, an incident that sparked weeks of bad publicity.

Shareholders also will vote whether to re-elect Munoz and 14 other board members and whether to approve the company's executive-compensation plan.

United Continental Holdings Inc. spokeswoman Megan McCarthy said the meeting is expected to last about an hour, with much of the time reserved for questions to the CEO.

Munoz has apologized repeatedly for the April 9 incident in which passenger David Dao was injured by Chicago airport security officers who were called to remove him from an overbooked United Express plane. The airline reached an undisclosed settlement with Dao.

Texas Senate revives full bathroom bill with late-night move

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas' Republican-controlled Legislature is tying itself in knots over a transgender "bathroom bill."

The state Senate voted 21-10 vote after 1 a.m. Wednesday to attach rules requiring transgender Texans to use public restrooms corresponding to their birth-certificate gender onto an otherwise unrelated proposal on county governments.

A full bill doing the same thing cleared the Senate in March but stalled in the House, which instead passed a scaled-back version applying only to schools on Sunday.

The late-night maneuver brings the wider bill back for now — but it's on a bill by a Democrat who won't accept the changes.

Meanwhile, the House's bathroom bill rules were attached to a separate Senate bill whose author is rejecting them as too watered-down.

Compromise must be reached before Texas' legislative session ends Monday.

New Jersey's Newark Airport reopens after plane engine fire

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — New Jersey's Newark Liberty International Airport has reopened after a plane engine caught fire, prompting a temporarily closure.

United Airlines Flight 1579 from Newark to San Francisco was scheduled to take off Tuesday night when officials say its engine caught fire.

A spokesman for United, Jonathan Guerin, says the tower notified the crew of what appeared to be flames from one of the engines.

He says the crew immediately deployed the plane's slides and evacuated the passengers.

The airport says on Twitter that five people suffered minor injuries.

United says it's working to get the passengers to San Francisco as soon as possible.

The airport says travelers should expect delays for the remainder of the night.

Joe Biden to give Class Day address at Harvard

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — Former Vice President Joe Biden is slated to deliver the Class Day address at Harvard University.

Graduating seniors are expected to hear from Biden at a ceremony starting at 2 p.m. on Wednesday.

The Democrat served six terms as a U.S. senator for Delaware before becoming vice president under Barack Obama in 2009.

He left office this year and is leading policy institutes at the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Delaware.

Biden previously said he was honored to be invited to Harvard, calling today's students the "most engaged, the most tolerant and the best educated" in America's history.

Harvard seniors have been inviting speakers for Class Day since 1968.

Facebook CEO and founder Mark Zuckerberg is scheduled to give the university's commencement address on Thursday.

Suspect in Ohio house fire that killed 7 due in court

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — An Ohio man accused of starting a house fire that killed seven of his neighbors is due in court.

Stanley Ford is scheduled to be arraigned on Wednesday in Akron on aggravated murder and



AP photo

In this Tuesday, May 2, 2017, file photo, United Airlines CEO Oscar Munoz prepares to testify on Capitol Hill in Washington, before a House Transportation Committee oversight hearing. At the United Continental Holdings Inc. annual meeting, Wednesday, May 24, 2017, United Airlines investors will get their chance to ask Munoz about the violent removal of a man from a plane and other recent incidents. Shareholders also will vote on whether to re-elect board members, and get their say on executive pay.

arson charges.

Police arrested the 58-year-old Ford on Tuesday. He's accused of setting the fire on May 15 that killed two adults and five children.

Investigators aren't discussing a possible motive or what led them to Ford.

A message seeking comment was left at his home and court records don't indicate whether he has an attorney.

One of his neighbors says she saw Ford at a vigil for the family on Saturday.

Tiffany Gary says she never saw him arguing with the family who died.

Another neighbor says Ford "seemed like a straight-up gentlemen."

Texas moves to soften voter ID law after judge finds bias

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A weakened Texas voter ID law moved closer to Republican Gov. Greg Abbott's desk on Tuesday with the state House approving legislation that waters down an original version that a judge compared to a "poll tax" and ruled had intentionally discriminated against minorities.

Republicans are pushing changes with urgency: the Texas Legislature has less than a week left to pass bills before adjourning until 2019, and federal courts that have confronted the state over voting rights in recent years are watching.

The new version passed by the GOP-controlled Texas House doesn't expand the list of acceptable photo identifications — meaning gun licenses remain sufficient proof to vote, but not college student IDs. In April, U.S. District Judge Nelva Gonzales Ramos again ruled that the strict requirements disadvantaged minorities, effectively dampening the electoral power of Texas' surging Hispanic population.

But Republicans say virtually no one will be turned away now. The new version would allow people who lack a required ID to cast a ballot if they sign an affidavit and bring paperwork that shows their name and address, such as a bank statement or utility bill.

Democrats balked at the inclusion of criminal penalties for lying on the affidavit, saying voters could be prosecuted over making honest mistakes on the form.

"I know a court has ruled otherwise but as someone who was here in 2011, I don't believe any of us intended to discriminate," said Republican state Rep. Phil King, who carried the changes in the House.

The new Texas law would closely track with changes imposed by a federal appeals court before the 2016 election.

King said he hopes the law is now improved to the point "that the court will say 'good job.'"

But courts may remain dissatisfied. Federal courts have taken Texas to task over voting rights this year — in March, a separate three-judge panel in San Antonio ruled that Republicans racially gerrymandered congressional districts in 2011, the same year the voter ID law passed.

Ex-Texas school chief admits falsifying immigration records

DALLAS (AP) — A former administrator with a Dallas-area school district has admitted he received kickbacks and other benefits by falsifying immigration documents so that teachers from Latin America and elsewhere could work in his district.

Sixty-three-year-old Victor Leos pleaded guilty in federal court Tuesday to conspiracy to commit false statements on immigration documents.

Leos was the human resources director for Garland schools and prosecutors say that from 2007 to 2012 he worked with outside recruiters to bring the foreign teachers to Garland.

He submitted false statements indicating qualified U.S. applicants could not be found for open positions so the bilingual teachers from abroad were necessary.

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