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## Legends and Legacies to be held next week

By **ROBERT BARLOW**  
Staff Writer

The Heritage Museum will honor some of the most influential people in Big Spring for the third year in a row, helping get rodeo week started for the residents around West Texas.

The Heritage Museum will be adding six more Big Spring locals to their Cowboy/Cowgirl Hall of Fame during the annual Legends and Legacies event to be hosted at the

museum on June 13 right before the rodeo starts.



Schreengost

"The funds that we generate from this go into mainte-

nance and general funds for the museum."

Every year, six people have been chosen for various contributions and the impact they have had on the Big Spring community. This year's inductees include Tom Good and Charlie Creighton, who were among the founding members of the Big Spring Rodeo. The list also includes Dora Roberts, a local pioneer and a name that's not hard to recognize in Big

Spring thanks to her benevolence. Robert Reagan, Carroll Choate, and Kent Morgan will also be inducted into the hall this year.

"We chose these members by what they accomplished. It's not just a performing cowboy but a working cowboy," Schreengost said. "Those who have worked hard in that life, they may own ranches, they may work at the ranch, they may be part of the rodeo."

Following the induction of the six individuals into the museum's Hall of Fame a formal catered dinner to those who wish to attend will be hosted. Tickets will be priced at \$50 per person for the meal which includes dessert and beverages, along with beer and wine, which is also included in the ticket price.

The event will have an auction that evening, where they will have homemade desserts

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## STAAR scores, budget tops BSISD trustee meeting

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

A report on the district's STAAR (State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness) scores and financial matters will be on tap when Big Spring ISD trustees meet Thursday night.

According to the posted agenda, district officials will present a report on the initial STAAR scores for the 2016-2017 school year. The state-mandated tests are meant to evaluate an individual student's comprehension of grade level material. The Texas Education Agency relies heavily on the scores as a basis for its annual school and distinct academic ratings, which are normally released in August.

In other business, Big Spring ISD trustees are expected to begin turning their focus toward another grueling budget session, as a budget workshop is listed among the agenda discussion items.

With the state legislature's failure to make any meaningful changes to the the public school formula before the end of this last session, Big Spring ISD officials expect to make even more cuts to the upcoming budget as state funding continues to fall.

Trustees will meet at 5:15 p.m. Thursday, in the high school board room, 707 11th Place.

Also listed on the agenda, trustees will:

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## Saving lives one pint at a time



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Victoria McCluskey relaxes while donating blood this morning during United Blood Services' blood drive. The Bloodmobile was set up in the parking lot of Scenic Mountain Medical Center this morning from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

## Trump to nominate ex-Justice Department official to lead FBI

By **SADIE GURMAN and CATHERINE LUCEY**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump on Wednesday announced his pick for FBI director — a former Justice Department official who served as New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie's personal lawyer during the George Washington Bridge lane-closing investigation.

Trump's early morning two-sen-

tence tweet that he intends to nominate lawyer Christopher Wray came one day before the FBI director that Trump fired last month, James Comey, was to testify in public on Capitol Hill for the first time since his dismissal.

Trump called Wray "a man of impeccable credentials" and offered no more information about the selection, ending the tweet by saying, "Details to follow."

Wray served in a leadership role in the

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## Holy Trinity hosts summer bash this weekend

By **AMANDA ELSTON**  
Managing Editor

Holy Trinity Catholic Parish will be throwing the party of the summer this weekend, and they are hosting it all weekend long. Beginning Friday morning and going until late Saturday evening, the church will be hosting a myriad of games, contests, food, and fellowship for family and friends across the community.

The weekend-long event kicks off on Friday beginning with a meal for the community. The meal is held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Hall which is next to the church.

"We are going to have a

great time," said Arthur Olague, event chairman. "I think the big thing is the food. We have a meal that we serve on Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and then after that on Saturday we have our festival. "Anybody in the community can come," he continued. "We want everyone to come out and eat a nice dinner. It's real nice."

While Saturday's games don't kick off until 6 p.m., the food will start to be served around lunchtime.

"We start serving at 11 a.m. until pretty much we run out of food," said Olague. "That is usually 7, 7:30, 8 p.m. We have booths outside that are game booths. Our youth

group will run that. Anything from darts to a baseball throw. They always come up with new things every year."

In addition to the games which will be held outside in the church's parking lot, the church will also be hosting Bingo inside all evening as well as more opportunities to get full.

"We have hamburgers and fajitas and then on the inside we have Bingo," said Olague.

Event-goers will also have the opportunity to go home with some big prizes, such as a television, gift cards, or gear for tailgating the Dallas Cowboys.

"We have been selling tickets for a

couple of months," said Olague of the contest. "One is for Dallas Cowboys cookout stuff. A tent and grill Cowboys stuff. Then we have a TV for first place and some gift cards and little prizes and stuff."

Olague emphasized that the festival is family-friendly.

"We have a DJ having music," said Olague. "We are going to have a great time. There will be no alcohol. There is a cost if you want to play a

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## Gallo's 17th homer puts Rangers ahead in 10-8 win over Mets

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Texas Rangers slugger Joey Gallo hit a towering fly ball toward the right field wall. He suddenly stopped running between first and second base, briefly holding out both hands and unsure if he had homered or not.

The ball had gotten over Jay Bruce's outstretched glove for a two-run shot that put the Rangers ahead to stay as they snapped a four-game losing streak with a 10-8 victory over the New York Mets on Tuesday night.

Bruce, robbed of a homer in the top of the same inning, was still leaning against the 8-foot wall after coming down from his leap when Gallo stopped with teammate Adrian Beltre just ahead of him after reaching on his 2,952nd career hit.

"Joey hit it so high. We're all kind of watching it, and it's like maybe it's going to go, maybe it's not," Rangers center fielder Jared Hoying said. "And (Bruce) jumped, and we still couldn't tell if he robbed it or not."

Said Bruce, "It was just super high. I don't really know how close I was to it."

Gallo's 17th homer put the Rangers ahead to stay at 5-4 in the third, after Asdrubal Cabrera and Neil Walker had homered in the top of the inning. In between those shots, Bruce was robbed when Hoying made a leaping catch against the wall in straight-away center.

"Those are fun," Hoying said. "He hit it high enough and I timed it out right at the wall."

Nomar Mazara had four hits and also homered for the Rangers.

Beltre hit first base awkwardly when he had an RBI fielder's choice in the first, but remained in the game until coming out for a pinch-runner after he walked in the sixth. Afterward, he was wearing a protective boot because of a sprained left ankle and said he didn't expect to play Wednesday.

"It got a little worse. I was trying to finish the



**Texas Rangers' Joey Gallo (13) follows through on a two-run home run swing as New York Mets catcher Travis d'Arnaud watches in the third inning of an interleague baseball game, Tuesday, June 6, 2017, in Arlington, Texas. The shot scored Adrian Beltre in the 10-8 Rangers win.**

game," said Beltre, who missed the first 51 games this season with calf issues. "We'll wait a couple of days and see how it goes."

Juan Lagares also had a homer among his four hits for New York, which left 13 runners on base while losing for the fifth time in six games.

Curtis Granderson and Travis d'Arnaud hom-

ered on consecutive pitches in the ninth off Matt Bush, the Rangers' closer making his first appearance since last Wednesday and pitching in a non-save situation.

After catching the relay throw on a game-ending

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## Royals' Moustakas homers to halt Astros' win streak at 11



**Houston Astros' Josh Reddick (22) beats the tag by Kansas City Royals second baseman Whit Merrifield to steal second during the eighth inning of a baseball game Tuesday, June 6, 2017, in Kansas City, Mo.**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Mike Moustakas' no-doubt homer ended the Kansas City Royals' unlikely comeback against baseball's best team.

Moustakas hit a two-run shot with two outs in the ninth inning after Kansas City rallied from a six-run deficit, and the Royals snapped the Houston Astros' 11-game winning streak with a 9-7 victory Tuesday night.

Moustakas drove an 0-1 slider from Ken Giles (1-2) out to right with Salvador Perez aboard. Moustakas had four hits and three RBIs.

"He threw a fastball, first pitch, middle in and the guy throws hard," Moustakas said. "I fouled it off and was kind of looking for something out over the plate. Got a slider out there and put a good

swing on it."

Kansas City trailed 7-1 in the fourth inning but completed its comeback with a four-run eighth. Whit Merrifield hit a three-run double with two outs in the inning to tie it at 7.

Merrifield drove a 1-2 offering from Giles to left field, scoring Moustakas, Cheslor Cuthbert and Alex Gordon.

"Giles is kind of a go-get-em from the get go," Merrifield said. "He throws a hundred with a banger slider. Just try to see the ball as early as you can and hope for a mistake. He made one on me, and I was able to put the bat on it and find a good spot."

Merrifield has hit safely in 20 of his last 21 games. Giles blew his second save in 18 opportunities.

Giles said. "It's all on me. In my eyes, this team won today. My failure shouldn't overshadow what these guys did today. They did exactly what they needed to do. This is going to hurt for a little bit, all night."

The Astros' winning streak was the longest in the majors this season. They dropped to a major league-best 42-17 this season.

Mike Minor (3-1) pitched a scoreless inning for the Royals.

Moustakas also singled in a run during the eighth.

Carlos Beltran hit his 429th career home run in the Astros' four-run fourth, giving them the six-run advantage. Josh Reddick, who had three hits, and Carlos Correa had the other run-scor-

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## Reds' Scooter Gennett homers 4 times, drives in 10 runs



**Cincinnati Reds' Scooter Gennett the bases after hitting a two-run home run off St. Louis Cardinals relief pitcher John Gant in the fourth inning of a baseball game, Tuesday, June 6, 2017, in Cincinnati.**

By **JOE KAY**

AP Sports Writer

CINCINNATI (AP) — Scooter Gennett has tied a major league record by homering four times for the Cincinnati Reds against the St. Louis Cardinals on Tuesday night.

Gennett, who drove in 10 runs, con-

nected for his second career grand slam off Adam Wainwright, then had a solo homer and two two-run shots as he became the 17th major leaguer with four in a game and the first since Josh Hamilton in 2012.

His 10 RBIs matched the club record.

## Warriors seem capable of anything except another collapse

By **BRIAN MAHONEY**

AP Basketball Writer

CLEVELAND (AP) — The possibilities seem endless for the Golden State Warriors when they are rolling.

A 150-point game isn't even out of reach.

"I mean, we could have gotten at least 140 the other night if we only had about 10 to 15 turnovers," All-Star guard Klay Thompson said.

Dominating like no one ever has in the postseason, the Warriors look capable of anything — except another NBA Finals collapse.

They take a 2-0 lead over Cleveland into Wednesday's Game 3, just as they did last year. The Warriors actually had a higher victory margin through two games in the 2016 Finals, but they didn't have Kevin Durant or a fully healthy Stephen Curry then.

They do now and are playing much better basketball than this time last

year.

"As a team, I think so," Thompson said. "I think we're moving the ball great, we're shooting the ball at a high clip and our defense has been unbelievable."

Somehow, the Cavaliers have to change all that.

They did last year, coming home after losing the first two by a combined 48 points and beginning the turnaround with a 120-90 rout in Game 3. The opponent and the situation are the same, yet things feel different.

"That's last year and I don't even know the feeling anymore," LeBron James said. "So I'm just mentally strengthening my mind and getting my mind ready and focused on what tomorrow's going to bring, and so I look forward to it."

The Warriors committed 20 turnovers in Game 2 but simply shook

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**TRUMP**

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George W. Bush Justice Department, rising to head the criminal division and overseeing investigations into corporate fraud, during the time when Comey was deputy attorney general. Wray took charge of a task force of prosecutors and FBI agents created to investigate the Enron scandal.

With a strong law enforcement background, Wray is a traditional choice for the job. Trump had entertained current and former politicians for the role, including

former Connecticut Sen. Joe Lieberman. Though favored by Trump, Lieberman would have faced a challenging confirmation process; he pulled his name from consideration.

Comey, during his appearance before the Senate intelligence committee, is expected to describe his encounters with Trump in the weeks before his firing May 9. Comey could offer new details regarding discussions with Trump about the federal investigation into Russia's election meddling and possible coordination with the Trump campaign.

The White House and its allies have been looking for

ways to offset that potentially damaging testimony and have been working on strategies aimed at undermining Comey's credibility.

Wray works in private practice for the King & Spalding law firm. He represented Republican Christie in the lane-closing investigation, in which two former Christie aides were convicted of plotting to close bridge lanes to punish a Democratic mayor who wouldn't endorse Christie. Christie and Wray met when Christie was the top federal prosecutor in New Jersey in the Bush administration. Christie said at a news conference last week

that he worked together with Wray "a lot."

"I have the utmost confidence in Chris. He's an outstanding lawyer. He has absolute integrity and honesty, and I think that the president certainly would not be making a mistake if he asked Chris Wray to be FBI director," Christie said.

Christie, who has informally advised Trump, was not charged in the bridge case.

One of the questions hanging over Christie was about a dozen text messages he exchanged with a former staffer during legislative testimony by officials from the Port Authority of New York and New

Jersey, which manages the bridge, in 2013.

It's not known what was in those messages and a judge rejected defense attorneys' attempt to subpoena the phone last summer. After that ruling, Christie's office revealed that Wray had the phone.

Christie had previously said he "gave it to the government" a while earlier, but the U.S. attorney's office said it never had the phone.

The law firm that Christie's administration hired to review the scandal said it "returned" the phone after reviewing its contents in response to a government subpoena.

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up for bid along with other items. A large part of the upkeep of the museum is funded by donations and proceeds from this fundraiser, so Schrecengost encourages people to come out and participate to help keep the museum up and running.

Live music will be performed at the event including Jody Nix, a former inductee himself, who will play during the honoring of the cowboys and cowgirls.

"It's a fun night packed with lots of activity," Schrecengost said.

The event is set to take place on June 13 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and "kicks off the rodeo week" according to Schrecengost.

It will be presented by Mike Mathis, who also announces the rodeo, and will take place on the pavilion located at the Heritage Museum.

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game or eat food but it's free to come and enjoy and listen to the music."

The Holy Trinity Catholic Parish Summer Festival will be held from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Hall right next to the church located at 1009 Hearn Street in Big Spring. To order to-go meals either day, call 432-517-4491. On Saturday the festival continues at 11 a.m. in the parking lot of the church with lunch. Games begin at 6 p.m. with Bingo starting not long after, at 7 p.m., and

the contests being held around 11 p.m. For more information about the festival, call Holy Trinity at 432-714-4930.

"We hopefully will have beautiful weather and everything," said Olague. We have a great time. Come out and enjoy it."

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**IS-claimed attacks on Iran's parliament, shrine kill 12**

By AMIR VAHDAT and AYA BATRAWY

Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — The Islamic State group claimed responsibility Wednesday for a stunning pair of attacks on Iran's parliament and the mausoleum of its modern founder, the first such attack claimed by the Sunni extremist group in the Shiite-ruled nation.

The lethal assaults, which killed at least 12 people and shocked the country, brought Iran's wars in Iraq and Syria to its capital at a time when emboldened Sunni Arab states — led by Saudi Arabia and backed by U.S. President Donald Trump — harden their position on its Shiite leadership.

The attacks drew condemnations and condolences from the governments of Pakistan and from Iran's close allies in the Russian and Syrian governments.

The attacks began midmorning when assailants, armed with Kalashnikov rifles and explosives, stormed the parliament building. One of the attackers later blew himself up inside, where a session had been in progress, according to Iran's state TV.

It was an hours-long siege at the legislature that ended with four attackers dead. In images circulating in Iranian media, gunmen were seen holding rifles near the windows of parliament.

Another image, carried in the semi-official Fars news agency, showed a toddler being handed off through a first-floor window to safety outside as an armed man looks on.

The IS group's Aamaq news agency released a 24-second video pur-

portedly shot inside the parliament building during the siege. The video, circulated online, shows a bloody, lifeless body of a man lying on the ground next to a desk.

A voice on the video praises God and says in Arabic: "Do you think we will leave? We will remain, God willing." Another voice repeats the same words. The two appeared to be parroting a slogan used by IS spokesman Abu Mohammad al-Adnani, who was killed in Syria last year.

As the parliament siege was unfolding, gunmen and suicide bombers attacked the shrine of Iran's revolutionary leader, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, which is located just outside Tehran.

Khomeini, who died in 1989, is a towering figure in Iran who led the 1979 Islamic revolution that toppled the Western-backed shah and became its first supreme leader.

Iranian Parliament Speaker Ali Larijani called the attacks a cowardly act and proof that Tehran has made an enemy of militant Islamic groups through its policies and actions in Iraq and Syria.

"Iran is an active and effective pillar in the fight against terrorists and they want to damage it," he said.

The two attacks, which wounded dozens of people, are likely to deepen enmity and the regional battle for power between Saudi Arabia and Iran.

Already, tensions are high following a cut in ties this week between four Arab countries and Qatar over accusations it supports terrorist groups and is aligning itself too closely with Iran.

Both Saudi Arabia

and Iran accuse one another of policies that support extremists in the region. Saudi Arabia has long pointed to the absence of IS attacks on Iran as suggestion of Tehran's culpability. Iran, on the other hand, has pointed to Saudi Arabia's support for jihad throughout different times in history and its backing of hard-line Sunni rebels groups in Syria.

Saudi Arabia has itself been a target of numerous lethal attacks by IS affiliates in the Arabian Peninsula, who see the kingdom's Western-allied leadership as heretics. The group has also targeted Shiites in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

The group's militants are directly at war with Iranian-backed forces in Syria and Iraq, and view Shiites as apostates.

Deputy Interior Minister Mohammad Hosein Zolfaghari told Iran's state TV the apparently male attackers wore women's attire. The semi-official Tasnim news agency later reported the siege had ended with four of the attackers killed.

Mizan Online, an Iranian state-run news website, said 12 people were killed and 42 wounded in the two attacks. It quoted Pirhosein Kolvand, the head of Iran's emergency department.

An Associated Press reporter saw several police snipers on the rooftops of buildings around the parliament. Shops in the area were shuttered, and gunfire could be heard.

Witnesses said the attackers were shooting from the fourth floor of the parliament building down at people in the streets below.

"I was passing by one of the streets. I thought

that children were playing with fireworks, but I realized people are hiding and lying down on the streets," Ebrahim Ghanimi, who was around the parliament building when the assailants stormed in, told The Associated Press. "With the help of a taxi driver, I reached a nearby alley."

Police helicopters circled over the parliament building and all mobile phone lines from inside were disconnected.

The semi-official ISNA news agency said all entrances and exit gates at parliament were closed and that lawmakers and reporters were ordered to remain in place inside the chamber during the siege.

Soon after the parliament attack, a suicide bomber and other assailants targeted the mausoleum of Khomeini, located just outside the capital, Tehran, according to Iran's official state broadcaster. It said a security guard was killed and that one of the attackers was killed by security guards. A woman was also arrested.

An Associated Press reporter saw security forces, some uniformed and others in plainclothes, around the large and ornate shrine.

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- Consider refinancing part of the 2010 bond series used to build the four elementary schools.

- Consider accepting the HOPE (Help Our Pupils Excel) Foundation awards. In April, the foundation awarded a total of \$19,500 to support the creation of four programs by Big Spring ISD educators.

- Consider a delegate to the TASB (Texas Association of School Boards) Delegate Assembly.

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William Wesley Hale Sr., age 71, died Saturday. Funeral service will be at 2:30 PM today at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Gerald Davenport, age 79, died Wednesday. Graveside service will be at 1:00 PM today at Texas State Veterans Cemetery at Abilene.

Matias (Junior) Dutchover Perez Jr., age 61, died Saturday. Vigil service will be at 7:00 PM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 11:00 AM Friday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Joseph (Joe) Bigham, age 77, died Saturday. The family will have a gathering from 4:00 PM until 5:00 PM, Saturday, June 10, 2017 at 2107 Grace Street here in Big Spring.

Mario Robert Ovalle, 43, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, June 06, 2017 at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

# Roger's Retro Reviews: *The Hustler*

In 1961, pool hustler Rudolph Wanderone changed his nickname from "New York Fats" to "Minnesota Fats," based on a character in the movie "The Hustler," starring Paul Newman and Jackie Gleason. For the rest of his life, Wanderone claimed that Walter Tevis, author of the novel upon which the movie was based, patterned the character "Minnesota Fats" – the greatest pool player in America – on him. Tevis ardently denied the claim. Whether true or not, the character of Minnesota Fats – both the movie and real-life versions – are interesting, eccentric, and irascible.



ROGER CLINE

"The Hustler" starts with two men, "Fast Eddie" Felson (Newman) and his friend Charlie (Myron McCormick) walking into a bar, where they hustle some locals and make some money wagering on pool games. Afterward, they continue on to another pool hall, where they hope to challenge the greatest pool player in America, Minne-

sota Fats (Gleason). Eddie dreams of hustling the master for upwards of \$10,000 in one night. Fats arrives, and the two play for \$200 per game. At first, Fats seems unbeatable, and Eddie is quickly down to almost nothing, but stages a comeback and comes up \$1,000 ahead, at which point he suggests playing for \$1,000 per game. Fats agrees, and sends out a minion, apparently to get alcohol, but really to alert Fats' backer, professional gambler Bert Gordon (George C. Scott). Gordon heads to the pool hall. Eddie is in the zone...he is soon up \$11,000, and Charlie tries to convince him to quit while he's ahead. Eddie is also drinking heavily. He declares that he'll only stop when Fats admits defeat. The two continue to play. Eddie goes up to \$18,000 ahead, but then begins to lose, finally losing it all but \$200, at which point Fats refuses to play him anymore.

Later, Eddie leaves half of the \$200 with Charlie, asleep at the hotel, and heads to the bus station where he stashes some belongings, including his pool cue, in a locker. At the station, he meets Sarah Packard (Piper Laurie), an alcoholic college student. The two spend some time to-

gether, but she refuses to let him into her apartment, so he leaves. Eddie takes a room in a boarding house and begins doing some small-time pool hustling to make money. He soon runs across Sarah again in a bar, and this time the two



get together.

Charlie tracks down Eddie at Sarah's place, and tries to convince him to go back on the road, but he refuses when he realizes that Charlie held back and kept some of his winnings in the duel versus Fats. Instead he looks up Bert Gordon, and agrees to travel with him to the Kentucky Derby to play a wealthy southern gentleman named Findley. Findley's schtick, as Eddie learns only moments before the game, is that he plays billiards, not pool; a game which Eddie may or may not be familiar with. Sarah goes along for the ride, but quickly learns that she is a fish out of water in the world of pool hustling, so she turns to the bottle.

I'll stop the narrative there, but I will say that Eddie does eventually get a rematch with Minnesota Fats.

"The Hustler" is an odd movie for me. This is not "Rocky" with pool instead of boxing; it's more a character exploration, and a discussion about what it means to be a "winner" or a "loser." Bert constantly derides Eddie as

a "loser," a term which for him seems to reach beyond whether Eddie is literally winning or losing at pool at the moment. He says that the distinction is based on Eddie's character, and that Fats has "more character in his little finger" than Eddie has in his whole body. The movie then centers around the question, "Will Eddie develop 'character' and beat Fats at his own game?"

Whether or not Eddie eventually prevails, this is a dark movie, not a feel-good pool flick. Eddie is a heavy drinker, downing fifths of "J.T.S. Brown" bourbon like water. His relationship with Sarah is purely physical; he typically ignores her outside of the bedroom, leaving her to wonder if he cares for her at all and, ultimately, to regret meeting him.

Performances are top-

notch, especially those of Gleason as the suave, eccentric Fats; Laurie as the chronically depressed, brooding Sarah; and Newman as the mercurial Fast Eddie Felson. I don't believe I've seen a character whose personality undergoes so many fundamental changes throughout the course of

a movie as Fast Eddie. Newman handles the role masterfully.

Downside? I've already said it: This is a darker movie than I usually enjoy. I like a little bit of levity along with my darkness, and I just didn't find it in "The Hustler." There are no good people in this movie, and I wound up feeling a bit depressed after I watched it. Maybe you go in for that sort of thing. That said, it's still a well-acted, well-crafted film, and I'm going to give it 8.5 stars out of 10.

*The Hustler*  
Director: Robert Rossen  
Writer: Screenplay by Sidney Carroll and Robert Rossen, based on the novel "The Hustler" by Walter Tevis  
Production company: 20th Century Fox  
Unrated; 2 hrs 14 min.; Drama; Oct. 27, 1961

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This week I'll finish the western books. In "Robert B. Parker's Revelation" by Robert Knott (LP W KNO R), territorial marshals Virgil Cole and Everett Hitch figured things had finally settled down in Apaloosa, but then Augustus Noble Driggs is transferred to a nearby penitentiary. Driggs intimidates everyone inside the prison. In a haunting twist of fate, Driggs and a pack of cold-blooded convicts are suddenly on the loose, and it's up to any and all territorial lawmen, including Cole and Hitch, to capture the fugitives and rescue the woman kidnapped during their escape. Driggs is quickly on his own furious hunt for a hidden cache of gold and jewels and for the men who betrayed him.



MONICA MARTINEZ

In "Dead Man's Canon" by Lauran Paine (LP W PAI L), the Hightower Ranch cowboys discovered a mummified man and his horse in a desert canon both shot. Near the body the cowboys dug up a box that contained five bloodstained packets of \$100 bills. Sheriff Claude Rainey locked the money in a steel safe

while he waited to see if anyone would lay claim to it. The only clue to the identity of the dead man that Sheriff Rainey can find is the shriveled up brand on the horse, which he sketches and sends to the registrar of Brands. Later, two men arrive within two weeks of each other. The first informs Rainey that U. S. Marshal Jonas Gantt and his horse have been found shot in the head on his land across the border, and leaves Gantt's personal effects with Rainey. The second man is Deputy U. S. Marshal Arch Clayton, who informs Rainey that the dead man found by the Hightower cowboys was his partner. Both men arouse suspicion in Sheriff Rainey and add to the questions mounting in his mind about the identity of the bushwhacking killer. Rainey wonders whether the killer will show up and what is he really after?

"Sun Boy" by Robert J. Steelman (LP W STE R) finds Philip Rainbolt, one-time schoolteacher, Southern gentleman, confederate officer, and frontier fighter has now become a renegade, alleged murderer, and Kiowa Indian war god, the man they called Sun Boy. He had been an army prisoner locked up because of a fight over the commandant's wife. His bizarre escape from the jailhouse, his capture by the Indians, and now his mistaken status as Sun Boy, the savior-

god of a tribe reputed to be one of the fiercest of the plains, happened so fast. Since he had nowhere to go, all he could do to save his skin was to play their game and try to save the Kiowas.

"Fighting Blood" by Gordon Young (LP W YOU G) is a Red Clark Western novel. Red Clark had no business butting into one of George Hamil's crooked poker games, but when he saw a young tenderfoot being cheated, his .45s itched to do justice. That was the start of Red Clark's trouble in lawless Tajola, but hardly the end of it. Hamil, leading a deadly conspiracy, gave orders to his tough Cross Bar crew to destroy the red-headed stranger. Two ambush attempts failed to drive Red out of town. He sweep into a violent, two-gun crusade to sweep Tajola clean of renegades and outlaws.

That's all the western books for this week. I leave you with a quote from Judy Blume: "Let children read whatever they want and then talk about it with them. If parents and kids can talk together, we won't have as much censorship because we won't have as much fear."

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## Climate change raises new risk: Are inland bridges too low?



AP photo

In this April 18, 2017, photo, the Red Bridge pedestrian bridge is seen over the Des Moines River in Des Moines, Iowa. A little more than a decade after it was restored, crews went back to the site with a crane to hoist the span more than 4 feet higher, at a cost of \$3 million, after experts concluded that the river's flooding risk was double the previous estimates.

By SCOTT MCFETRIDGE  
Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — A century-old train trestle stands as one of the trophies of Des Moines' push to spruce up its downtown. Bicyclists and pedestrians pose for pictures beside the brightly painted beams of the Red Bridge and

gather on viewing platforms overlooking the Des Moines River.

But little more than a decade after it was restored, crews went back to the site with a crane to hoist the span 4½ feet (1.4 meters) higher, at a cost of \$3 million, after experts concluded that the river's flooding risk was nearly double earlier estimates. Climate

change was likely to blame.

"It was like a bomb was dropped off in our lap," City Engineer Pam Cooksey said of the revised flood forecasts from the Army Corps of Engineers. The findings suggested that the bridge could act as a dam during bad

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double play, Bush spiked the baseball and then tossed it away.

**FIRST VICTORY**  
Austin Bibens-Dirkx (1-0), a 32-year-old right-hander, worked 1 2/3 scoreless innings for his first major league victory. He had relieved Dillon Gee, the former Mets pitcher who allowed four runs and three homers over 3 1/3 innings in his first start for Texas.

**ANOTHER STRUGGLE**  
Mets starter Jacob deGrom (4-3) pitched only four innings for the second straight start. The right-hander gave up eight runs and 10 hits to the Rangers, after Milwaukee had seven runs and eight hits off him six days earlier.

"The two-seamer's not working right now, and he's leaving balls right in the hitting area," manager Terry Collins said.

**SHORT HOPS:**  
New York (24-32) is eight games under .500 for the first time since Sept. 6, 2014. ... Mazara's second career four-hit game came exactly a year after his first. ... The Mets' 23 road games are the fewest in the majors. The opener in Texas started a stretch with 16 of 23 away from Citi Field.

**THE OTHER LEAGUE**  
Texas is 7-1 in interleague games this season. New York is 2-2, but its 180-166 record against AL



AP photo

**Texas Rangers starting pitcher Dillon Gee throws to the New York Mets in the first inning of interleague baseball game, Tuesday, June 6, 2017, in Arlington, Texas.**

teams is the best among NL teams since interleague play began in 1997. ... Beltré played in his 300th career interleague game, the most ever in the majors. He had been tied with Miami's Ichiro Suzuki at 299.

**TRAINER'S ROOM**  
Mets: RHP Seth Lugo (right elbow) and LHP Steven Matz (left elbow) are both with the team in Texas. The expectation is for both to come off the DL to make season debuts with starts in Atlanta this weekend.

Rangers: 1B Mike Napoli was put on the 10-day DL because of a lower back

strain. The move was retroactive to Sunday, the day after Napoli came out of his last game. ... RHP Tyson Ross (thoracic outlet syndrome) will make another rehab start this weekend for Triple-A Round Rock.

**UP NEXT**  
Mets: RHP Zach Wheeler (4-6) has a 2.64 ERA over his last six starts.

Rangers: RHP Yu Darvish (5-4) has needed 213 pitches to get through 11 innings in losing his last two starts. He had 16 strikeouts, but gave up three-run homers in the fifth inning both times.

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that off with an NBA Finals-record 18 3-pointers in a 132-113 romp. It was the second time in the postseason they committed at least 20 turnovers, and yet they scored at least 120 points in both games.

They are averaging nearly 119 points and winning by a record 16.9 per game in the postseason, and they've really picked it up lately. Golden State has scored 126 per game on nearly 52 percent shooting over the last five games.

"We played against good teams, and we came to the Finals undefeated, and here we are up 2-0, so we're playing amazing basketball right now. The best we probably played throughout the year," center Zaza Pachulia said.

With a loaded lineup and enough hot hands to fill an octopus, the Warriors don't need to rely on any one player to take a lot of shots. If somebody is struggling, they can just find someone else with their precision ball movement.

The Cavaliers don't have that luxury. They need big nights from James, Kyrie Irving and Kevin Love — and even then a roster of struggling role players has to pick it up.

"We just need our supporting group to be themselves as much as possible," Irving said. "Understand that they have a unique opportunity to make us that much better, and for a majority of this season it's been on myself, Bron and K-Love's shoulders. And we have done a great job of getting

everyone involved and making sure that everyone feels comfortable, but now we need everything and everybody."

The Cavaliers said they won't change their lineup or their schemes, insisting they want to play fast even though that's exactly the way the Warriors like it. Golden State has been punishing Cleveland in transition, and the way the Warriors have blown open the first two games by scoring in bunches hasn't just taken a physical toll.

Both Durant and Thompson said they noticed the mental effect their lightning-quick scoring bursts have on opponents.

"Teams have great nights in this league, and it's the NBA, so that can happen a lot," Durant said. "But when you're the one making the run, you could definitely feel the other team looking for answers and being deflated as the game goes on."

A year after winning 73 games to set the NBA's regular-season record, the Warriors can make more history if they sweep the Cavs to complete the league's first undefeated postseason.

They embraced the chase last year but said Tuesday that they're not thinking at all about 16-0.

"Game 3 has been rough for us historically, and especially in this building," Curry said. "So to give ourselves a chance at even coming close to thinking about that. We need to really, really just lock in and give every effort we have on tomorrow and how hard this 48 minutes is going to be to really seize control of this series."



AP photo

**Houston Astros' Carlos Beltran beats the tag by Kansas City Royals catcher Salvador Perez as he scores on a single by Yuli Gurriel during the third inning of a baseball game Tuesday, June 6, 2017, in Kansas City, Mo.**

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-ing hits in the inning.

Houston rookie starter David Paulino gave up three runs and eight hits over 5 2/3 innings and left with a 7-3 lead.

Yuli Gurriel, who had three hits, contributed a two-run single in the Astros' third, giving him 12 RBIs during a seven-game hitting streak. Jose Altuve's sacrifice fly scored George Springer with the first run of the game. Springer extended his hitting streak to 11 games with a double and single. He has nine multihit games and 23 hits total in his streak.

"They won almost every critical moment," Astros manager A.J. Hinch said. "When you do enough of those, they're going to come with a big inning and they did. Certainly they deserve a lot of credit for their at-bats. The walk in there with two outs (to Gordon) kept the inning alive. Then a few too many sliders."

Royals right-hander Jake Junis, who was making his second big league start, was removed after Beltran's homer. Junis faced 23 batters, and 12 reached — nine hits and three walks — with seven scoring. Gordon homered in the third for the Royals, his first since Sept. 25, a span of 192 at-bats.

**MANESS OPTIONED**

With Junis recalled, the Royals optioned RHP

Seth Maness to Triple-A Omaha. Maness was 1-0 with a 3.72 ERA but allowed 16 hits and two walks in 9 2/3 innings.

**TRAINER'S ROOM**

Astros: INF Marwin Gonzalez was not in the lineup with a left hand contusion and swelling. "I know he's sore," Hinch said. "We're going to get him a guard to protect his hand when he slides. We'll see how he feels when he holds a bat. We might put something on his bat to alleviate the pressure. We feel good that he's avoided a bigger injury, but he may need a day or two."

Royals: RHP Nathan Karns (right extensor strain and nerve irritation) is not yet ready for a rehab stint as the club waits for the soreness to recede. "He's getting better every day," Royals manager Ned Yost said. "We don't have a timetable yet."

**UP NEXT**

Astros: LHP Dallas Keuchel takes a nine-game winning streak into his Wednesday start. That is the longest streak by an Astros' pitcher since RHP Roger Clemens won nine straight in 2004.

Royals: LHP Jason Vargas is 4-1 with a 1.59 ERA at Kauffman Stadium.

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# Fear of deportation drives people off food stamps in US



By **CLAUDIA TORRENS and GISELA SALOMON**

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP)

— A crackdown on illegal immigration under President Donald Trump has driven some poor people to take a drastic step: opt out of federal food assistance because they are fearful of deportation, activists and immigrants say.

People who are not legal residents of the U.S. are not eligible to take part in what is formally known as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

But many poor families include a mix of non-legal residents and legal ones, such as chil-

dren who have citizenship because they were born in the U.S. In those cases, it is often an adult who is not a legal resident who submits the application.

Some now feel that is too dangerous under a president who has made immigration enforcement a priority. Throughout the U.S., there are accounts of people resisting efforts of nonprofit organizations to sign them up for food stamps, letting benefits lapse or withdrawing from the program because of the perceived risk.

"They don't want to put their name and address on a form for a government public benefit out

of fear that they'll be sought out and asked to leave," said Teresa Smith, executive director of Catholic Charities of Orange County, California.

The food stamp program provides monthly payments, typically about \$125 per eligible household member, to poor families to buy essential staples. Going without can be an extreme decision, advocates say.

"This means less food in the table, fewer meals in houses where the kids have rights because they are U.S. citizens," said Andrew Hammond, an attorney for Chicago's

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In this May 17, 2017 photo, Rosa, an undocumented immigrant who who wants her last name withheld, pauses as she speaks during an interview, in New York.

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storms, sending waves of backed-up floodwater into the refurbished business district.

Climate change is often seen as posing the greatest risk to coastal areas. But the nation's inland cities face perils of their own, including more intense storms and more frequent flooding. Even as President Donald Trump has announced his intention for the U.S. to withdraw from a global climate agreement, many of the nation's river communities are responding to climate change by raising or replacing bridges that suddenly seem too low to stay safely above water.

The reconstructed bridges range from multi-lane structures that handle heavy traffic loads to small rural spans traversed by country school buses and farmers shuttling between their fields. The bridges are being raised even in states such as Texas, where political leaders have long questioned whether climate change is real.

In Milwaukee, bridges have been raised as part of \$400 million in flood-management projects across a metro area with 28 communities. In Reno, Nevada, officials spent about \$18 million to replace a bridge over the Truckee River last year and plan to replace three more after flood-damage projections were increased by up to 15 percent.

Because the cities are inland, "A lot of these are not the kind of places that people are used to thinking of being in the forefront of climate change," said Jim Schwab, manager of the Hazards Planning Center at the American Planning Association, which is working with nearly a dozen cities on flood-mitigation options.

Many communities are "still feeling their way through this particular problem," he said.

No one tracks how many communities are raising bridges or replacing them with higher ones, but the Federal Emergency Management Agency says it's now routinely providing money for this purpose, although no dollar total is available. Typically, more than 1,500 bridges are reconstructed each year for an assortment of reasons.

Schwab said he's sure hundreds and possibly thousands of bridge-raising projects have been completed recently or are planned. A cursory check by the AP in a handful of states found at least 20 locations where bridges have been raised or construction will begin soon.

FEMA is now finalizing a rule that states that floods "are expected to be more frequent and more severe over the next century due in part to the projected effects of climate change." That could mean higher costs for a country that sustained more than \$260 billion in flood damage between 1980 and 2013.

Given the Trump administration's skepticism of climate change, however, a FEMA spokeswoman says the agency "has not determined what its next action will be" on the rule. The Corps of Engineers did not respond to requests for information on cities where flood risks have been reassessed.

Increasing humidity from the more than 1.5 degree increase in global temperatures since 1880 has resulted in more intense downpours, according to David R. Easterling, director of the national climate assessment unit at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

"It causes day after day of rainfall, and that leads to flooding," Easterling said.

In some cases, a city's 100-year flood could be seen as twice what it was 40 years ago, with double the risk, as it was for Des Moines. A 100-year flood is the worst flood that can be expected to hap-



In this Jan. 4, 2017, file photo, traffic crosses the Virginia Street bridge in downtown Reno, Nev., above the rising waters of the Truckee River, where a flash flood watch was in effect. The bridge built last year replaced a century-old one where logjams were blamed for intensifying flooding that caused hundreds of millions of dollars of damage in January 1997.

pen over a century. It has a 1 percent chance of occurring in any given year.

River level forecasts have increased in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, since tropic-like rainstorms in 2008 caused the normally placid Cedar River to climb higher than anyone thought possible, eventually topping the previous record flood by 11 feet (3.4 meters). More than 1,100 blocks in Iowa's second-largest city wound up underwater.

Afterward, the Corps of Engineers raised Cedar Rapids' projections for a 100-year flood by 8 percent. As part of a massive flood-control project, the city decided to raise its Eighth Avenue Bridge by 14 feet (4.3 meters), putting it 28 feet (8.6 meters) above the average water surface.

"What used to be the norm is no longer the norm," said Rob Davis, the city's flood-control program manager. "The norm is much higher."

Elsewhere, the college town of Iowa City plans to add about 5 feet (1.5 meters) of

clearance with a new bridge over the Iowa River, and the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District raised a bridge over the Kinnickinnic River to prevent the waterway from backing up amid downpours.

Similar projects are planned in Hobart, Indiana, and Rockford, Illinois, where higher river levels have been projected. The preparations for climate change seem oddly disconnected from the political debate about the issue.

In Texas, where politicians including Sen. Ted Cruz have questioned whether the climate is growing warmer and if humans have caused the change, Austin has raised two bridges in the past five years and plans to improve three more stream crossings, said Pam Kearfott, a supervising engineer in the city's watershed protection department.

Officials "try to stick to the technical basis for change" and ignore the politics, she said.

San Antonio is among other Texas cities that have raised bridges in anticipation of greater dangers.

Sterling Burnett, a research fellow at the Heartland Institute, a think tank that promotes skepticism about human-caused climate change, said the new flooding predictions and climate outlook could be exaggerated, but he doesn't begrudge local governments for raising bridges and making other preparations.

"They have to work with the data given to them and make decisions," Burnett said.

In the West, small communities in the Ross Valley north of San Francisco anticipate worse seasonal flooding from climate change. They plan to replace five bridges that are now too low, at a cost of more than \$10 million.

As Cooper Martin, who heads the National League of Cities' Sustainable Cities Institute, puts it, "With the changing climate, cities have to do something."

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At top, Rosa, an undocumented immigrant who wants her last name withheld, paces in her home during an interview in New York. Rosa who used to get about \$190 per month from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP, stopped taking benefits fearing deportation, and now gets by with the help of a local church and some family members. At bottom, Rosa, pauses as she speaks during an interview in New York.

## FOOD

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Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law.

It is not possible to determine the extent of the phenomenon.

The number of food stamp recipients has declined as the U.S. recovers from the Great Recession and people could drop out for various reasons.

A 52-year-old woman interviewed in New York City, who is in the country illegally, told The Associated Press she was motivated in January to drop a benefit that was supporting her teenage daughter, a U.S. citizen, purely because she was afraid of being in the food stamp system, which requires applicants to state their immigration status.

"I had been told that it's OK to apply for food stamps. But, for the moment, I don't want to take any risks," said the woman, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of her immigration status and was introduced to AP through an organization that helps immigrants, the Mexican Coalition of the South Bronx.

"I need it but I have peace of mind because my case is closed," said the woman, who makes \$8.50 an hour cleaning houses and lives in small apartment on the Lower East Side of Manhattan.

A 29-year-old Honduran immigrant and single mother with one child in Silver Spring, Maryland, decided not to renew the food stamps she received when they expired in January. "We fear deportation," said the 29-year-old immigrant, who also spoke on condition of anonymity and was introduced to AP through a local nonprofit. She normally earns about \$350 per week answering phones at a travel agency but has been working extra hours cleaning homes to make up for the loss of about \$150 per month in food stamps.

Mark Krikorian, a well-known advocate for reducing immigration to the U.S., said their situation reflects the fact that many people who come to the country lack the skills to earn enough money here.

"It is an attempted moral blackmail to say 'If you Americans don't give me

your money, I can't stay here and feed my children," he said. "Well, it's your choice. No one made you sneak into the United States."

About 3.9 million citizen children living with noncitizen parents received food stamps in the 2015 fiscal year, the most recent available data, according to the Department of Agriculture, which administers the food stamp program.

The Department of Agriculture says a lower percentage of noncitizens who qualify for the program known as SNAP have historically used the benefit than citizens because of an incorrect perception that it could affect their immigration status or hurt their chances of becoming a U.S. citizen.

"It is important for non-citizens to know they will not be deported, denied entry to the country, or denied permanent status because they apply for or receive SNAP benefits," the agency says on its website.

Driving the most recent fears about the program is an increase in immigration enforcement.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement arrested nearly 40 percent more people suspected of being in the country illegally in the first 100 days under Trump than in the same period a year earlier.

The agency said nearly 75 percent of them had been convicted of criminal offenses but "non-criminal arrests" were up by more than 150 percent.

Immigrant advocates see the aversion to food stamps as a reflection of a climate of fear that drives people in the country illegally deeper underground, which in some cases also makes them reluctant to report crimes.

"We should care if people are afraid to interact with institutions that all of us rely on for our health and well-being," said Tanya Broder, senior attorney at the National Immigration Law Center.

## Needing troops, Army offers up to \$90K bonuses to re-enlist

By **LOLITA C. BALDOR**

Associated Press  
FORT BRAGG, N.C. (AP) — Struggling to expand its ranks, the Army will triple the amount of bonuses it's paying this year to more than \$380 million, including new incentives to woo reluctant soldiers to re-enlist, officials told The Associated Press.

Some soldiers could get \$90,000 up front by committing to another four or more years, as the Army seeks to reverse some of the downsizing that occurred under the Obama administration after years of growth spurred by the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

The enlistment campaign was driven by Congress' decision late last year to beef up the

size of the Army, echoing the spirit if not quite the extent of President Donald Trump's campaign promises to significantly increase military staffing and firepower.

Last fall, Trump unveiled a plan that would enlarge the Army to 540,000 soldiers. Army leaders back the general idea, but say more men and women must be accompanied by funding for the equipment, training and support for them.

Under the current plan, the active duty Army will grow by 16,000 soldiers, taking it to 476,000 in total by October. The National Guard and the Army Reserve will see a smaller expansion.

To meet the mandate, the Army must find 6,000 new soldiers, con-

vince 9,000 current soldiers to stay on and add 1,000 officers.

"We've got a ways to go," Gen. Robert Abrams, head of U.S. Army Forces Command, said in an interview at his office in Fort Bragg, N.C. "I'm not going to kid you. It's been difficult because a lot of these kids had plans and their families had plans."

In just the last two weeks, the Army has paid out more than \$26 million in bonuses.

The biggest hurdle, according to senior Army leaders, is convincing thousands of enlistees who are only months away from leaving the service to sign up for several more years. Many have been planning their exits and

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## Trump Organization to launch 'American Idea' hotel chain



AP photo

Eric Danziger, CEO of Trump Hotels, left, joins Eric Trump, center, and Donald Trump Jr., both of whom are executive Vice Presidents of The Trump Organization, as the trio poses for a photograph during an event for Scion Hotels, Monday, June 5, 2017, in New York.

By **BERNARD CONDON and BETH J. HARPAZ**

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The sons of President Donald Trump said Monday their company is launching a new hotel chain inspired by their travels with their father's campaign.

The Trump Organization is calling the new mid-market chain "American Idea" and said it will start with three hotels in Mississippi.

At a party at Manhattan's Trump Tower, Donald Trump Jr. said he and

his brother, Eric, got a "crash course in America" while traveling across the country with their father's presidential campaign.

"We saw so many places and towns and so many stories," he said.

The first of dozens of hotels in another new Trump chain called "Scion" is also under construction in Mississippi, the company said.

Scion is a four-star hotel chain meant to offer up-

scale service in U.S. cities that could not support a full-fledged Trump luxury property. Ethics experts have said the chain raises conflicts of interest issues for the White House.

The four Mississippi hotels for both chains will be owned by Chawla Hotels. The Trump Organization will get management and franchise fees for the new ventures. Chawla Hotels owns 17 hotels under various franchise names.

Chawla Hotels was founded by the late V.K. Chawla, who was described as a war refugee from India. His son, Dinesh Chawla, said his father came to the United States as a legal immigrant from Canada.

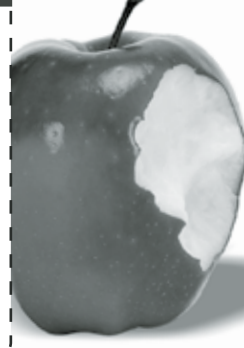
"I am an immigrant, and I have sympathy for people who are refugees," said Dinesh Chawla, CEO of Chawla Hotels. "I do believe in legal immigration."

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# Accuser's mother bolsters story Cosby drugged, assaulted her



Bill Cosby arrives for his sexual assault trial with actress Keshia Knight Pulliam, right, at the Montgomery County Courthouse in Norristown, Pa., Monday, June 5, 2017. Pulliam played Cosby's youngest daughter, Rudy Huxtable, on "The Cosby Show."

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Associated Press  
NORRISTOWN, Pa. (AP) — A woman's claim that Bill Cosby drugged and sexually abused her at a Los Angeles hotel over two decades ago was bolstered by her mother and a workers' compensation attorney Tuesday, then quickly undermined by the comedian's lawyers on Day 2 of his trial.

Cosby, 79, is charged with sexually assault-

ing Andrea Constand at his suburban Philadelphia estate in 2004. Prosecutors opened their case on Monday by calling another woman to the stand, Kelly Johnson, to show that the TV star made a habit of knocking women out with pills and then molesting them.

Johnson testified on Day 1 that she lost consciousness in 1996 soon after Cosby pressured her to take a large white pill. She said that when she awoke, Cosby was

naked and forced her to sexually gratify him with her hand.

On Tuesday, Johnson's mother, Patrice Sewell, told jurors that her daughter was distraught during a telephone call in 1996, fearing Cosby was trying to get her fired from her job working for the comedian's agent.

A few weeks later, Sewell said, Johnson disclosed that she had woken up next to Cosby in bed with her clothes askew.

The defense has attacked Johnson's credibility over discrepancies in her accounts, including the year it occurred. Cosby grinned at the defense table as she struggled to explain them.

Sewell, who prosecutors hoped would help corroborate Johnson's story, said they didn't go to police at the time because her husband, a Los Angeles detective, feared the ordeal that would ensue.

"Her father didn't

want her to be humiliated and feel shame and embarrassment as he had seen other women go through when they went to the police at that time. He didn't want that," Sewell said.

Johnson told a similar story in 1996, when she gave sworn testimony in a deposition attached to a worker's compensation claim.

Joseph Miller, a workers' compensation lawyer, testified Tuesday he was taken aback when Johnson said she had been drugged and violated by Cosby.

He said Johnson made the disclosure while pursuing a claim that she had developed debilitating stress from her secretarial job at the William Morris Agency.

Miller, who represented William Morris in the case, said Johnson was tearful as she described waking up on a bed with her dress pulled down and her breast exposed — details that matched the story Johnson told on the stand.

But Miller's timeline differed from Johnson's.

Under questioning from Cosby's lawyers, Miller revealed that his notes from her 1996 deposition show Johnson told him the encounter

happened in 1990.

Miller testified that no transcript was made of the deposition itself, an agreement he struck with Johnson's lawyer because of the sensitivity of her claims. He said her testimony hastened a settlement of the workers' compensation claim for around \$10,000.

Cosby's lawyers have argued that deceased witnesses, lost evidence and fading memories make it nearly impossible for them to defend the comedian against the 12-year-old complaint from Constand, who plans to take the stand.

Prosecutors this week plan to call a toxicologist to discuss the effects of drugs like quaaludes, a powerful sedative, and the cold and allergy medicine Benadryl, both of which Cosby has acknowledged giving women before sexual encounters.

Cosby is charged with sexually assaulting Constand after giving her three unmarked blue pills.

The Associated Press does not typically identify people who say they are sexual assault victims unless they grant permission, which Constand and Johnson have done.

## ARMY

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have turned down multiple entreaties to stay.

"The top line message is that the Army is hiring," said Maj. Gen. Jason Evans, who recently became the service's head of Human Resources Command.

Evans said the Army was expanding "responsibly with a focus on quality," insisting there will be no relaxation of standards.

It is a clear reference to last decade, when the Army eased recruitment rules to meet combat demands in Iraq and Afghanistan. At their peak, more than 160,000 U.S. troops were in Iraq and about 100,000 were in Afghanistan. To achieve those force levels, the Army gave more people waivers to enlist, including those with criminal or drug use records.

The Army vows it won't do that again, focusing instead on getting soldiers to re-enlist. Money is the key.

The Army's \$550 billion base budget, approved by Congress last month, will provide money for the financial incentives. The latest round of increased bonuses, which became effective less

than two weeks ago, are good for at least the next month.

Cyber posts, cryptologists or other intelligence or high tech jobs with certain language skills are particularly rewarded. They can get between \$50,000 and \$90,000 by agreeing to serve another three to five years. Army special forces can also qualify for top level incentives. But more routine jobs — such as some lower level infantry posts — may get nothing, or just a couple of thousand dollars. The new bonuses have triggered a spike in re-enlistments, said Mst. Sgt. Mark Thompson, who works with Army retention policies, saying there have been more than 2,200 since May 24.

The Army is about three-quarters of the way to its goal for re-enlistments. But meeting the ultimate target is difficult because the remaining pool of soldiers is comprised of people who "have said no for a long time," Thompson said.

Normally, he said, about a third of eligible soldiers re-enlist each year. This year, the goal requires nearly three-quarters signing on for more years.

In some cases, the personal touch can help.

Across Fort Bragg from



AP photo

In this photo taken Friday, April 21, 2017, a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division's 3rd Brigade Combat Team participates in a training exercise at Fort Bragg, N.C. Struggling to expand its ranks, the Army will triple the amount of bonuses it's paying this year to more than \$380 million, including new incentives to woo reluctant soldiers to re-enlist, officials told The Associated Press.

Abrams' office, deep in the woods, soldiers from an 82nd Airborne Division unit are conducting a live fire exercise. While evaluating the troops, Col. Greg Beaudoin, commander of 3rd Brigade, also is doing his part to meet the re-enlistment objective.

"I don't think he knows what

he wants to do yet in life," Beaudoin said of a soldier on his staff that he urged to re-enlist. "So I told him, 'Here is an opportunity. Just extend for a year until you figure it out. The army is offering you an opportunity. Take your time to figure out what you want to do.'"

Beaudoin said he thinks up to a fifth of his soldiers may stay on, crediting the bonuses for making the choice more attractive.

But the clock is ticking. "Time is our biggest challenge," Evans said.

## HOTEL

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The Scion hotel will be built from the ground up in Cleveland, Mississippi, in the Delta region that has a substantial blues music tourism industry. It will cost \$20 million, with financing from Guaranty Bank, a local bank, Chawla said.

The three American Idea hotels will also be in the Delta, one each in Cleveland, Clarksdale and Greenville.

Chawla said his company will renovate existing hotels and each renovation will cost up to \$1.5 million.

He said the renovation could take up to eight months.

"They're cashing in on the red states," said Kathleen Clark, a government ethics expert and law professor at Washington University in St. Louis. "I'm not surprised that the Trump family

would look to opportunities to commercially exploit his political success."

Government ethics experts worry that developers seeking to curry favor with the president will be eager to help him in his new chains.

They say their investments could work just like a campaign contributions, but without any limits on spending and disclosure requirements.

Trump Hotels CEO Eric Danziger has expressed confidence that his company can avoid any ethical trouble. He has said that any deals go through an "exhaustive, thorough" review.

Before Trump took the oath of office, he announced a se-

ries of steps to allay concerns that his sprawling business holdings could lead to conflicts between doing right by the country and his own financial interests.

Danziger said that American Idea brand would seek to capture the history and heritage of small towns by using local artifacts and materials. He threw out the idea of using things from towns to give hotels a local feel, like a vintage firetruck.

"It's about small town America," Danziger said. "We kind of look at it as flea market chic."



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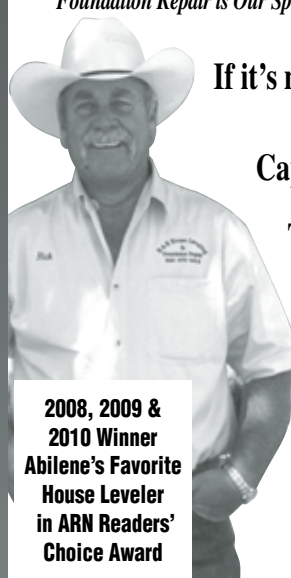
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### 3rd French victim of London Bridge attacks confirmed

LONDON (AP) — French President Emmanuel Macron said Wednesday that a third French victim has been identified among those killed in the London Bridge van-and-stabbing attack in London. He did not identify the victim, but British police recovered a body Tuesday downstream from the bridge. The next of kin of 45-year-old Xavier Thomas were informed.

“We are paying a heavy cost in these attacks,” Macron said.

If confirmed, Thomas would be the eighth person killed in the vehicle and knife attack. Almost 50 were wounded.

Thomas was walking with his girlfriend over the bridge when the attack began on Saturday night.

Police said earlier that witness accounts suggested he might have been thrown into the river. Thomas’ girlfriend was struck and seriously injured by the van.

Police early Wednesday arrested a 30-year-old man in east London in connection to the attack and are searching his home.

Two men are now in custody on suspicion of violating the Terrorism Act. They have not been identified or charged. All others who had been arrested have been released without facing charges.

Police killed all three attackers.

At least two of the men were known to British intelligence and law-enforcement officials, raising questions about whether anything could have been done to prevent the assault.

Police have named the attackers as Khurum Butt, 27, who had been known for his extremist views; 30-year-old Rachid Redouane, also known as Rachid Elkhdar; and Youssef Zaghba, a 22-year-old Italian national of Moroccan descent who was reportedly working in a London restaurant.

Italian authorities said Zaghba had been stopped and questioned in Italy but had not been charged with any crime. Italian officials said suspicions about him had been shared with British authorities.

### Iranian FM in Turkey to discuss ‘worrying’ developments

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif arrived in Turkey on Wednesday, saying there was a need for close discussions with Turkish officials on “worrying” developments in the region.

Zarif was scheduled to meet with President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu for talks on bilateral and regional issues, Turkish officials said.

His visit is taking place on the same day Iran was hit by a pair of attacks — on its parliament and the shrine of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini — which killed at least 12 people and wounded dozens. An hours-long siege at the legislature ended with four attackers dead. The Islamic State group claimed the attacks.

It also comes as Saudi Arabia and other neighbors cut diplomatic ties with Qatar, alleging it funded terror groups and has developed a close relationship with Iran, a nation with which it shares its vast offshore natural gas field.

“There are worrying developments for us that are taking place in the region,” Hurriyet newspaper quoted Zarif as telling reporters as he arrived at his hotel in Ankara. “There is a need for a close exchange of views with Turkey concerning these developments.”

Asked to comment on Wednesday’s attacks in Iran, Zarif said: “These attacks will strengthen the people’s stance against terrorism.”

### Piano-playing bear strikes viral chord at Colorado apartment

VAIL, Colo. (AP) — Police say it wasn’t a burglary — just a black bear that stomped, briefly, on piano keys while rummaging through an apartment in Colorado.

The revelation came after Katie Hawley reported her Vail apartment had been disturbed while she was away on May 31.

She later checked security camera footage and saw the bear roaming the apartment and pouncing on piano keys.

Police Detective Sgt. Luke Causey says the bear had climbed through an open window and helped



AP photo

People look at floral tributes on London Bridge, Wednesday, June 7, 2017, to commemorate the victims in Saturday’s attack. Much of the area around London Bridge remained cordoned off as police continued to investigate Saturday’s attack that killed seven people and wounded dozens.

itself to food from the freezer.

The video struck a viral chord this week on the internet.

The bear hasn’t been seen — or heard from — since.

### Eric Trump calls father’s critics ‘not even people’

NEW YORK (AP) — Eric Trump says critics of his father are “not even people.”

President Donald Trump’s son told Fox News host Sean Hannity on Tuesday that he’s “never seen hatred like this” and “morals have flown out the window” when it comes to attacks against his father.

Eric Trump took special aim at the Democratic Party, which he says is “imploding.” He calls Democratic National Committee chairman Tom Perez “a total wackjob.” Trump says Democrats “have no message of their own” and are trying to obstruct “a great man” in his father and his family.

The DNC didn’t immediately respond Wednesday to an email seeking comment.

### Hawaii enacts law to align goals with Paris climate accord

HONOLULU (AP) — Hawaii has passed a law to document sea level rise and set strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The bill signed by Gov. David Ige aligns the state’s goals with the Paris climate accord.

President Donald Trump withdrew the U.S. from that agreement last week.

Ige says Hawaii is the

first state to enact legislation implementing parts of the Paris climate agreement.

Ige says the islands are seeing the impacts of climate change first-hand. He says tides are getting higher, biodiversity is shrinking, coral is bleaching and coastlines are eroding.

At least a dozen states including Hawaii have signed pledges to continue reducing fossil-fuel emissions despite Trump’s decision.

Ige also signed a bill Tuesday to reduce carbon emissions in the agriculture sector.

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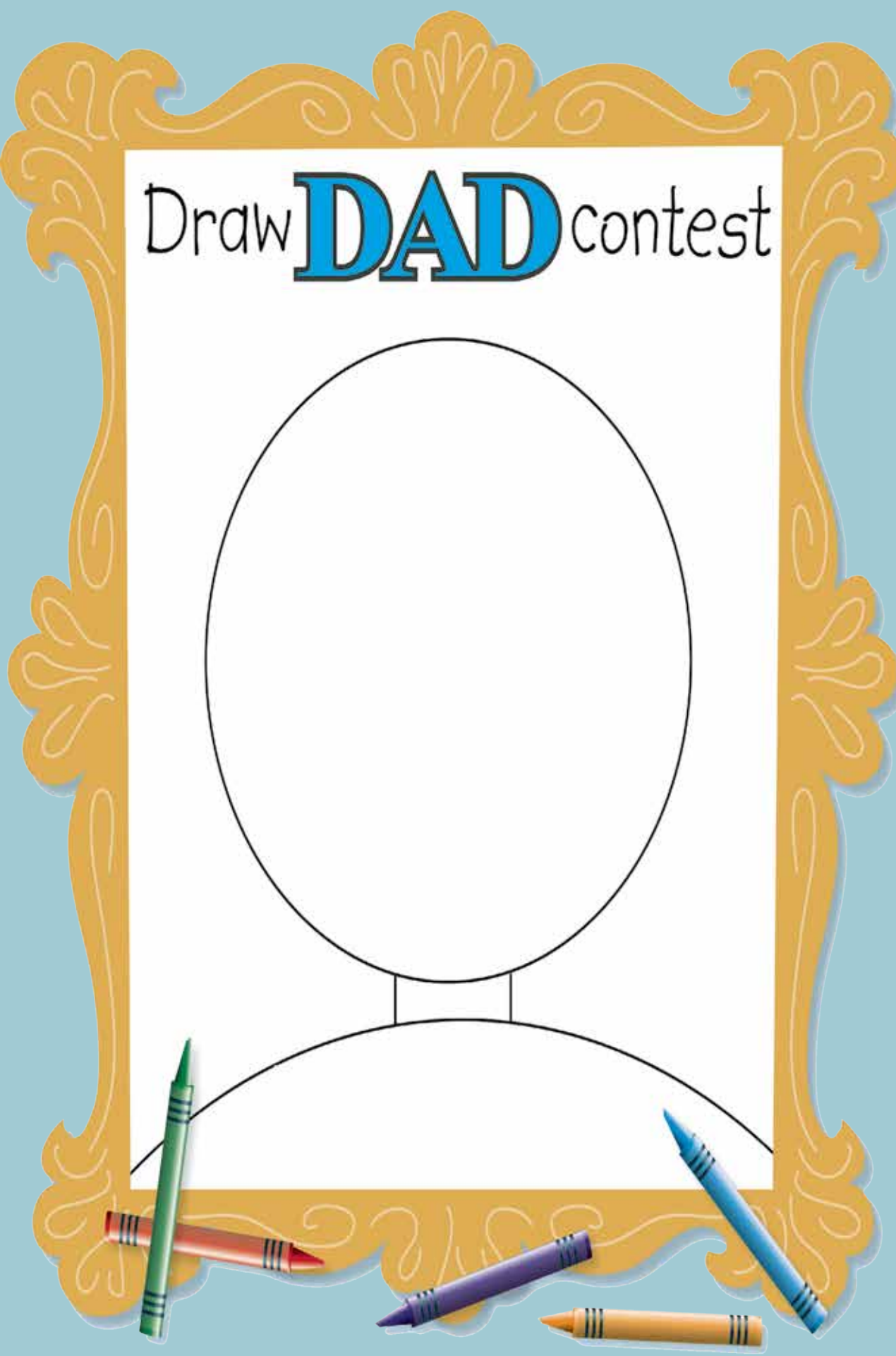


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