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Howard County public schools "met standard"

TEA released official 2016-2017 state wide academic ratings Tuesday

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

All three Howard County public school districts "met standard" for the 2016-2017 academic year, according to official ratings released Tuesday from the Texas Education Agency (TEA).

As individual districts, Coahoma, Forsan, and Big Spring earned the "met standard" rating from TEA based off of four indexes which combines several measures of

performance, including state-mandated testing results.

Those indexes are as follows:

1. Student achievement: How a student performs across subjects.
2. Student progress: The year-to-year progress of a student.
3. Closing the performance gap: How economically disadvantaged groups academically perform.
4. Post-secondary readiness: How prepared a student

is to succeed following graduation.

BSISD
 As for individual campuses, Big Spring ISD had four campuses earn "met standard" — Big Spring High School, Big Spring Junior High School, Big Spring Intermediate School (BSI), and Moss Elementary School. Of those four campuses, two were labeled "needs improvement" for the 2015-2016 ratings. Those were the junior high and BSI.

The junior high, BSI, and

Moss also received distinction in the student progress area. Moss received a distinction in math. According to TEA, distinction designations are based how the campuses perform against other similar campuses throughout the state.

The three other Big Spring ISD elementaries — Goliad, Marcy, and Washington — were classified "needs improvement," according to the TEA ratings released Tuesday. In 2016, Marcy was rated

as "met standards."

In late June, Big Spring ISD announced it expected four of its campuses to receive the "met standard" rating based off the data it received from TEA.

"You can see where our highest need is in elementary," Dr. Raemi Thompson, director of curriculum, instruction & assessment told the Herald in a June 2016 article following the announcement.

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BSHS hosts Pride Drive



Courtesy photo by Jennifer Cobos

Big Spring High School Band Director Rocky Harris, center, oversees the school's "Pride Drive" Marching Band on the high school's practice field Tuesday evening. The band invited the community to experience a performance yesterday evening, and several area residents turned out for the event.

First public hearing for HC tax rate Thursday

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

Howard College trustees will hold the first of two public hearings over the district's proposed FY 2017-2018 tax rate Thursday.

At a meeting held on Aug. 7, trustees agreed to propose a .314285 per \$100 valuation, up slightly from the expiring rate of .313798 per \$100 valuation. The proposed rate will increase tax levy by 3 percent. At this rate, Howard College is projected to bring in \$226,133 more in tax revenue this coming fiscal year.



Sparks

If trustees kept the current rate or the effective rate, which is the rate that would bring in the same amount of revenue from the last year, taxpayers may have seen a slight drop in their taxes depending how their property was valued this year.

During the meeting, trustees held a lengthy debate over the tax increase.

"I think in summarizing the board's discussion, they were investing in the future of Howard College by increasing the levy by 3 percent, so that they can make incremental movements in the future of the college as opposed to having in one year increase taxes significantly," Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks explained following the

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Last Chamber Summer Shopping Extravaganza slated for Thursday

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

As those long-summer nights begin to shorten, shoppers have one more chance to take advantage of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Summer Shopping Extravaganza.

Several retail shops will be open for extended hours until 8 p.m. this Thursday offering a number of one-day only

special discounts on items, giveaways, and even store-wide sales.

Some of those deals include 99 cent sundaes at both Sonic locations, 10 percent off store-wide at LoCo Flamingos, and 50 percent off all jewelry and scarves at Merle Norman Cosmetics. The Blue-Eyed Buffalo will be offering wine and cheese to customers while the Queens of the Dude Ranch will have to 50 percent off all summer clearance items. Lula Blu Boutique will offer 20 percent off storewide items for teachers and students and

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Trump again blames "both sides" in Virginia protest

By **JULIE PACE** and **JONATHAN LEMIRE**
 Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — President Donald Trump defiantly blamed "both sides" for the weekend violence between white supremacists and counter-demonstrators in Virginia, seeking to rebuff the widespread criticism of his handling of the emotionally-charged protests while showing sympathy for the fringe group's efforts to preserve Confederate monuments.

In doing so, Trump used the bullhorn of the presidency to give voice to the

grievances of white nationalists, and aired some of his own. His remarks Tuesday amounted to a rejection of the Republicans, business leaders and White House advisers who earlier this week had pushed the president to more forcefully and specifically condemn the KKK members, neo-Nazis and white supremacists who took to the streets of Charlottesville.

The angry exchange with report-

ers at his skyscraper hotel in New York City laid bare a reality of the Trump presidency: Trump cannot be managed by others or steered away from a damaging political land mines. His top aides were stunned by his comments, with some — including new chief of staff John Kelly — standing helplessly as the president escalated his rhetoric.

Standing in the lobby of Trump Tower, Trump acknowl-

edged that there were "some very bad people" among those who gathered to protest Saturday. But he added: "You also had people that were very fine people, on both sides."

The rally was organized by white supremacists and other groups under a "Unite the Right" banner. Organizers said they were initially activated by their objections to the removal of a statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee, but the larger aim was to protest what they saw as an

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Obituaries

Don Crittenden



Don Crittenden, 88, of Big Spring, died Monday, Aug. 14, 2017 at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. The family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside service will be at 4:00 p.m. Saturday at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel with Doug Shelley, pastor of East Side Baptist Church, officiating.

Don was born Nov. 7, 1928 in Big Spring, Texas to Mollie Lee Byron Crittenden and Emmitt C. Crittenden. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. He married Peggy Joyce Crow on August 1, 1953 and she preceded him in death

Cheryl Beeson



Cheryl Beeson, 62, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2017 in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, Aug. 18, 2017 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Thursday evening at the funeral home.

Surviving Cheryl is her hus-

band, Lee Rau; one son, Brent Newton and wife, Tammy of Big Spring; two daughters, Cheree Watts and husband, Kenneth of San Angelo; and Candra Conger and husband, Tony of Abernathy; seven grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He is survived by one son: Larry Crittenden and wife Harvest of Howell, Michigan and their daughter: Emily; one daughter: Ann Pope and husband Ken of Big Spring and their children: Eric Pope of Lubbock and Cassie Bizzaro and husband David of New York City, New York; one brother: James Crittenden of Denver City, Texas and a sister: Dot Gay and husband Dale of Smithville, Georgia and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by several brothers and sisters.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to your favorite charity in Don's memory.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myer-

band, Lee Rau; one son, Brent Newton and wife, Tammy of Big Spring; two daughters, Cheree Watts and husband, Kenneth of San Angelo; and Candra Conger and husband, Tony of Abernathy; seven grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In addition to her first husband, she was preceded in death by her father, Rip Lewis; sister, Janelle Williams; nephew Brad Williams; and a great niece and nephew.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Online condolences may be left at www.npwelch.com

Deciderio "Conejo" Hernandez, Jr.



Deciderio "Conejo" Hernandez, Jr., 74, died Sunday, Aug. 13, 2017 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Vigil service will be at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2017 at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 11:00 a.m. Thursday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Deciderio was born April 29, 1943 in New Braunfels, Texas to Elvira Garcia Hernandez and Deciderio Hernandez, Sr. He married Jovita Rodriguez on Jan. 5, 1964 in Big Spring. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. He worked for Coca Cola for 25 years and then Dr. Pepper for 8 years before retiring. He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife Jovita Hernandez of Big Spring; two daughters: Irene Herrera and husband Mike and Hilda Lara and husband Larry, all of Big Spring; four sons: Deciderio Hernandez III of Mesa, Arizona, Mark Hernandez of Big Spring, Thomas Hernandez of Fort Worth and Augustin Hernandez and wife Toni of Big Spring; three brothers: Pete Hernandez and wife Martha of Big Spring; Mauricio Hernandez of Lawton, Oklahoma and Steve Hernandez of Big Spring and four sisters: Maria DeLeon of San Antonio, Olivia Trevino and husband Tivurcio of Big Spring, Margie Martinez of Big Spring and Lupe Chavez and husband Jose of Big Spring; 16 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister Juanita Viera.

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

Take Note

• The Texas Retired Teachers Association will be meeting August 21 in the Cactus Room at Howard College at 11:30 a.m. Seth Taylor will be speaking to share about benefits available. Come make your voice count.

• School at Maranatha Baptist Academy, 903 Johnson St., begins Aug. 1 for the fall term. Maranatha uses Accelerated Christian Education curriculum, an individualized curriculum used internationally (see www.ace-ministries.com for more information). School and office hours are 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. week days. Tuition is reasonable. For more information visit the office or contact Dr. Lillian Bohannon at 432-213-1046.

• Big Spring's Centennial Lions Club is holding a drive to collect books for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. Books for kids in kindergarten through about 10th grade will be accepted, with special preference for books for younger children in kindergarten through third grade. Cash donations to allow the Lions to purchase additional books are also appreciated.

Books or donations can be taken to the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., or to the home of Lions member Ken Lawhon at 1707 E. 15th St. For more information, contact Lawhon at 214-998-9716 or Lions member David Stives at 432-270-2251.

• 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.

• Howard County Republicans meet the second Monday of each month. Club members meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College at 11:30 a.m. for Dutch treat lunch and meeting at 12 p.m.

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

• Big Spring Centennial Lion's Club meets twice a month at the Big Spring TA Truck Stop. They meet on the first Tuesday of the month at noon and the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

• 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 432-271-2138.

• 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,

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

Support Groups

WEDNESDAY

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

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

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

Police & Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **TREYCEE LYNN FAIRMAN**, 37, of 100 Brown Street, was arrested on a warrant for theft of property between \$750 and \$2,500.

• **JACOB ALEXANDER GALAN**, 27, of 1607 South Main Street, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 400 block of South Birdwell Lane,

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 2200 block of Cecilia Street and the 3600 block of La Junta Drive.

• **THEFT OF A FIREARM** was reported in the 3900 block of Connally Street.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 2500 block of Cheyenne Drive.

• **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 3800 block of Connally Street and the 500 block of East 3rd Street.

• **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported near mile marker 181 on Interstate 20.

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 70 inmates at the time of this report.

• **RUBEN CISNEROS**, 41, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for theft of property between \$100 and \$750.

• **TREYCEE LYNN FAIRMAN**, 37, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for theft of property between \$750 and \$2,500.

• **JACOB ALEXANDER GALAN**, 27, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for disregarding a stop sign.

• **JON LLOYD MCLEOD**, 55, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for criminal mischief (impairing or interrupting public service) and an accident involving damage to a vehicle.

• **REESE ROGERS**, 19, was booked by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana less than two ounces and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• **DOMINIC ALEXANDER SAENZ**, 20, was booked by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana less than two ounces and possession of drug paraphernalia.

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"Those are the campuses that are still in 'needs improvement.' This reconfiguration that we are doing with our elementary, that is primarily to pull all our resources into centralized locations. We really think that is going to be a key, key factor into getting those campuses out of 'needs improvement' by the end of next year."

According to Thompson, data from the state assessment scores show the district is continuing to improve in the area of math while reading scores flatlined.

"We are improving in math across the district. We have some work to do in reading," Thompson told the Herald. "One of Mr. (Chris) Wigington's (Big Spring ISD superintendent) goals, part of his five year plan, is all of the students are reading on grade level by grade three. By focusing and drilling down with our K through 2 — putting all of our K through 2 resources into those two areas (Marcy and Moss Elementary) — we can get more focused in ... and also meet the needs of those third, fourth, fifth, and sixth graders as well."

Coahoma ISD
All three Coahoma ISD campuses — high

school, junior high, and elementary — received a "met standard," rating. In 2015, Coahoma Elementary was dropped to "needs improvement," status. Superintendent Dr. Amy Jacobs attributed the fall to "an anomaly at our fourth grade level." "The fourth grade classes had one bad test day," she told the Herald in a August 2016 article.

This year, Jacobs pointed out the district scores increases throughout all subject areas.

"Yes, while we had a grade level of tests last year that fell significantly below our average, this year's scores were more consistent across grade levels while boasting student cohort increases by as much as 30 percent," Jacobs said. "Our scores continue to increase as a direct result of increased student support from our teachers and administrative teams."

Jacobs pointed out several of the district's performance strengths according to the data: above state average for first time testers in all subjects of EOC's (end of course exams); increase of 30 plus percent in Algebra I with 91 percent of first time testers meeting standard; 94 percent of U.S. History students met standard; increases ranging from 2-20 percent in 3-5th grade level comparisons; increases

up to 35 percent points in elementary math and reading; and above state average scores of 87 percent for 8th math and reading.

"Coahoma ISD will continue to address the areas of academic vocabulary, critical reading and writing development to ensure continued growth in our students' performances," Jacobs said. "We are extremely pleased with the academic progress our students are making. Our teachers, administrators and campus support teams have done an outstanding job preparing our students for success."

Forsan ISD
Both campuses — elementary and junior/senior high school — received "met standard."

Although Forsan ISD students have continued to perform well and at times exceeded the state accountability criteria measure throughout the years, Superintendent Randy Johnson cautioned the accountability system is still flawed.

"I continue to believe that the accountability system in Texas does not give feedback on how well your local school is doing academically in an understandable manner. The ratings are over-simplified and misunderstood by many," Johnson said. "It is tough for any district or campus to meet

the state accountability expectations these days, so I am thrilled that we "met standard" at the district level, at each campus, and on each performance index.

"I congratulate the many hard working educators across our area who have dedicated themselves to changing students lives in a positive way and to opening doors of opportunity to their students," he continued. "FISD students do quite well across the board on the standardized tests. These accountability reports reflect that. A recent school rating site, Schooldigger.com, rated FISD as the 83rd best school district in the state. This is out of about 1,000 districts of all sizes, locations, and populations. Again, I point to the teachers and staff of our district with pride and add that parents also play in huge role in the success of the students, the campuses and the district."

The high school received a distinction in science from TEA. Johnson said that honor was based off the eighth grade science and biology EOC scores.

"The distinctions are a comparison of the district's scores with 40 other campuses that supposedly look similar to your district," Johnson explained. "So FISD campuses do not compete with large cam-

pus for this particular recognition. It competes with small campuses from across the state. FHS specifically competes with only those schools with grades 6-12 on the same campus.

"In my opinion, these are some of the highest performing campuses across the state," he continued. "We are glad to compete with the best and to be very competitive in those comparisons. We are super proud of those students and teachers."

Johnson added the high school was very close to two other distinction groups — top 25 percent student progress and top 25 percent closing performance gabs. The elementary was close in several areas also with the closest coming in the top 25 percent closing performance gaps.

Johnson said the district will continue to focus improving education in all areas.

"Every year is a new challenge with new students, different tests, and different situations," he said. "We want the best for our students, our community and so we will continue to look for creative ways to reach our goals. Specifically, this year our goals will continue to focus on academics with special emphasis on a new 'project-based' learning opportunity supported by a grant

from the Monsanto Fund grant program. We will also be focusing on improving our gifted and talented program."

- Other area school district ratings:
- Abilene: Met Standard
 - Amarillo: Met Standard
 - Andrews: Met Standard
 - Borden County: Met Standard
 - Colorado City: Met Standard
 - Ector County: Met Standard
 - Grady: Met Standard
 - Lamesa: Met Standard
 - Lubbock: Met Standard
 - Lubbock-Cooper: Met Standard
 - Midland: Met Standard
 - Monahans-Wickett-Pyote: Met Standards
 - San Angelo: Met Standard
 - Sands: Met Standards
 - Snyder: Met Standard
 - Stanton: Met Standards
 - Sterling City: Met Standard

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Kiera Eggleston, 16, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. A fund has been established at Myers & Smith Funeral Home to assist with funeral expenses.

Daniel "Peabody" Barrera, 71, died July 27, 2017. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Louis Evans, 64, of Big Spring, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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"anti-white" climate in America.

In his remarks, Trump condemned bigoted ideology and called James Alex Fields Jr., who drove his car into a crowd of counter-protester killing a 32-year-old woman, "a disgrace to himself, his family and his country." But Trump also expressed support for those seeking to maintain the monument to Lee, equating him with some of the nation's founders who also owned slaves.

"So, this week it's Robert E. Lee," he said. "I noticed that Stonewall Jackson's coming down. I wonder, 'is it George Washington next week and is it Thomas Jefferson the week after?' You really do have to ask yourself, where does it stop?"

He continued: "You're changing history. You're changing culture."

The president's comments effectively wiped away the more conventional statement he delivered at the White House a day earlier when he branded the white supremacists who take part in violence as "criminals and thugs." Trump's advisers had hoped those remarks might quell criticism of his initial response, but the president's retorts Tuesday suggested he had been a reluctant participant in that cleanup effort.

Once again, the blowback was swift, including from fellow Republicans. Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida said Trump should not allow white supremacists "to share only part of the blame." House Speaker Paul Ryan declared in a tweet that "white supremacy is repulsive" and there should be "no moral ambiguity," though he did not specifically address the president.

Trump's remarks were welcomed by former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke, who tweeted: "Thank you President Trump for your honesty & courage to tell the truth."

Some of the president's comments Tuesday mirrored rhetoric from the far-right fringe. A post Monday by the publisher of The Daily Stormer, a notorious neo-Nazi website, predicted that protesters are going to demand that the Washington Monument be torn down.

Trump's handling of the weekend violence has raised new and troubling questions, even among some supporters. Members of his own Republican Party have pressured him to be more vigorous in criticizing bigoted groups, and business leaders have begun abandoning a White House jobs panel in response to his comments.

White House officials were caught off guard by his remarks Tuesday. He had signed off on a plan to ignore questions from journalists during an event touting infrastructure policies, according to a

White House official not authorized to speak publicly about a private discussion. Once behind the lectern and facing the cameras, he overruled the decision.

As Trump talked, his aides on the sidelines in the lobby stood in silence. Chief of staff John Kelly crossed his arms and stared down at his shoes, barely glancing at the president. Press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders looked around the room trying to make eye contact with other senior aides. One young staffer stood with her mouth agape.

Kelly was brought into the White House less than a month ago to try to bring order and stability to a chaotic West Wing. Some Trump allies hoped the retired Marine general might be able to succeed where others have failed: controlling some of Trump's impulses. But the remarks Tuesday once again underscored Trump's insistence on airing his complaints and opinions.

Democrats were aghast at Trump's comments. Virginia Sen. Tim Kaine said on Twitter that the Charlottesville violence "was fueled by one side: white supremacists spreading racism, intolerance & intimidation. Those are the facts." Sen. Brian Schatz of Hawaii said on Twitter that he no longer views Trump as his president.

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50 percent off on all summer items for everyone. Southern Blush is offering a back-to-school sale. The Chalet resale shop will have 50 percent off all boutique items and 50 cents for adult clothing along with other special items.

Those participating businesses are located at: Blue-Eyed Buffalo, 223 S Main; Dazzling Décor, 1304 Scurry; LoCo Flamingos, 1912 Scurry; Lula Blu Boutique, 2112 Scurry; Merle Norman, 1210 S. Gregg; Queens of the Dude Ranch, 221 S. Main; Sonic Drive-In No. 1 and No. 2, Gregg St. & FM 700; Southern Blush, 1203 Scurry; The Chalet, 115 E. 2nd St.;

and Splurge Boutique, 308 Scurry.

The event is sponsored by the chamber's business development committee. For more information, call Val-Verde at 432-263-7641.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or email citydesk@bigspringherald.com.

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Aug. 7 meeting. "They were trying to incrementally prepare as we

see costs go up." Thursday's public hearing will begin at 5:30 p.m. when the public can address trustees over the tax increase. A second hearing will be held at 12:30

p.m. on Monday, Aug. 21. Both hearings will be held in the Tumbleweed Room located in the college's Student Union Building, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

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Roger's Retro Reviews: *Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea*



Last week's Retro Review was set in balmy San Francisco, where the weather is always perfect. This week's Retro Review starts out in the freezing Arctic region, and then the sky catches on fire and temperatures climb rapidly into the unlivable range. I'm reviewing 1961's "Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea" this week, starring Walter Pidgeon, Robert Sterling, Joan Fontaine, and Barbara Eden, among others.

The majority of the story takes place aboard the nuclear "super submarine" Seaview, captained by Lee Crane (Sterling) and designed, built, and ruled with an iron fist by Admiral Harriman Nelson (Pidgeon), U.S. Navy (retired). Nelson is not only a brilliant military strategist, but a scientific and engineering genius and



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Sharkologist?) Emery quickly whip up some calculations to douse the sky fire. At the meeting back in New York, he informs the scientists gathered there that, if something isn't done, the temperature will continue to rise and Earth has about three weeks left, when temps will reach 175 degrees (!!!). On the bright side, he and sharkspert Emery have a fix. They need to go to the Marianas area (you know, where the deepest part of the ocean is - think that might become relevant at some point?) and shoot the unruly Van Allen belt with a nuclear missile, which will "amputate" it and send it off into space away from the Earth. Sounds better than being charbroiled, right?

But, there's a fly in the ointment. A fly named Dr. Emilio Zucco (Henry Daniell). Zucco is an Austrian scientist, and his numbers don't quite agree with Nelson and Emery's. He figures that the Van Allen belt will burn out as temperatures crest 173 degrees (that's within the 175 figure



all-around Renaissance man to boot. The Seaview is conducting a trial run under the Arctic ice cap as the show gets underway. On board to observe are Dr. Susan Hiller (Fontaine), a psychologist studying the effects of stress on ship-board personnel; and Congressman Llewellyn Parker (Howard McNear), who's checking up on the financial status of the endeavor. Also, Crane's girlfriend Lt. Cathy Connors (Eden). The sub dives under the ice cap, putting it out of radio contact for the next 96 hours. The admiral and captain give the guests a tour of the ship, and we learn it's fully stocked with nuclear missiles, all sorts of explosives, and a random shark aquarium (because, you know, submarines have plenty of room) where Commodore Lucius Emery (Peter Lorre) is conducting experiments on the large, bloodthirsty fish. Suddenly, the sub is rocked by impacts and warning klaxons sound all over the ship.

Through the sub's forward windows (yep, they're big picture-window affairs, not your sensible little round portholes) we see an ominous red glow and chunks of polar ice breaking loose and bashing the sub on their way to the bottom of the sea (this struck me as slightly odd, as ice is generally not known for sinking in water).

The sub quickly surfaces through the devastated ice cap, to discover that the sky is quite literally on fire, and the air is warm, even though they're still in the Arctic region.

Nelson has the communications guy radio back to base, and learns that, while they've been out of contact, the Van Allen radiation belt produced by the Earth has, inexplicably and somewhat inconveniently, decided to catch on fire.

This has the effect of raising temperatures planet-wide, melting the ice caps, and causing general mayhem.

The world's average temperature is already up in the 130s (!?) at this point. Headquarters tells the admiral that a meeting of the world's greatest scientists is being convened in New York, and orders him to return to participate in it.

They can't send a plane for him because, well, the sky's on fire; so he tells them he'll sail there in two days.

On their way out of the Arctic, they spot a guy hanging out on an ice floe, and rescue him. He's Miguel Alvarez (Michael Ansara), a scientist who had been conducting research in the region.

On the way to New York, Nelson and shark-scientist (sharktictic?)

that Nelson quoted, so apparently it's fine). Furthermore, he thinks Nelson's plan is far too risky and has the potential to blow up the Earth. And unfortunately, the other scientists agree with Zucco.

So Nelson and Emery make a run for it. They make it back to the sub and stage a getaway, possibly drowning some military police officers who were on the ship's deck trying to stop their escape; and head Mariana-ward, hoping they'll get the go-ahead from the president to proceed with their plan.

Along the way they deal with flagging morale among the crew, worldwide communications disruption, sabotage and murder attempts, and United Nations attack subs being sent to stop their mission.

I'll stop the summary there, but there's some wild and wacky stuff going on, let me tell you.

This is a pretty fun movie, if you can get past a few things. First, there's the Seaview. There are a lot of problems with this "super sub." One, it's a government-funded and directed sub, loaded with nuclear missiles and commanded and crewed by apparently military personnel, but lorded over by its civilian (retired military is still civilian, right?) creator. I don't think so. And its design is ridiculous - giant floor-to-ceiling windows on its nose? Shark aquarium? Bombs just lying about all over the room with the nuclear missiles?

Second, there's the Van Allen belt catching on fire. While I'm certainly no scientist, I don't think that's how it works. What's actually burning? Why is it confined to the Van Allen belt? Radiation isn't fuel which can burn like coal or gasoline. Is the atmosphere on fire? Then why not say "The atmosphere's on fire," rather than the Van Allen radiation belt? And while oxygen certainly accelerates fire, I don't think it can actually burn by itself.

So if you're gonna watch "Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea," the best advice I can give you is to just laugh off the ridiculous submarine and outlandish science involved, and enjoy it for what it is: a throwback to earlier times and a fun romp under the ocean.

Oh, and it has Frankie Avalon and his music in it too, if that makes a difference to you. Five stars out of 10.

Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea
Director: Irwin Allen
Writer: Irwin Allen
Production company: Windsor Productions

PG; 1 hr. 45 min.; Action/Adventure/Sci-Fi; July 12, 1961

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This week I'll start with the mystery books we just got in. In "The Lock Artist" by Steve Hamilton (M HAM S), Michael is no ordinary young man.

Mute since a childhood tragedy, at age eighteen he discovers that he possesses a skill he would never have expected. Whether it's a locked door without a key, a padlock with no combination, or even a eight-hundred-pound safe, he can open them all. It's a talent that will make Michael a hot commodity with the wrong people, and push him closer to a life of crime. One day he finally sees his chance to escape. He decides to risk everything to return home to the only person he ever love and unlock the secret that has kept him silent for so long.

Also by Steve Hamilton is "The Second Life of Nick Mason" (M HAM S). Nick Mason had already spent five years inside a maximum security prison when he gets an offer that will grant his release twenty years early. He accepts, but the deal comes with a terrible price. Now back on the streets, Nick has a new house, a new car, money to burn, and a beautiful roommate. He's returned to society, but he is still a prisoner.

Whenever his cell phone rings, Nick must answer it and follow whatever order he is given. It's the deal he made with Darius Cole, a criminal mastermind serving a double life term who runs an empire from his prison cell. Forced to commit increasingly more dangerous crimes, hunted by the relentless detective who put him behind bars, and desperate to go straight and rebuild his life with his daughter and ex-wife, Nick will ultimately have to risk everything to finally break free.

In "The Long Drop" by Denise Mina (M MIN D), William Watt's wife, daughter, and sister-in-law are dead, slaughtered in their own home in a brutal crime. Despite an ironclad alibi, police zero in on Watt as the primary suspect, but he maintains his

innocence. Distracted and desperate to clear his name, Watt puts out a bounty for information that will lead him to the real killer. Peter Manuel claims he knows the truth that will absolve Watt and has information that only the killer would know, but it won't come cheap. Manuel is an infamous career criminal, a degenerate liar who can't be trusted and will say or do anything to make a buck. Watt agrees to sit down with Manuel, and before they know it, one drink has turned into an epic, forgotten night of carousing across the city's bars and clubs that exposes the thin line between a good yarn and the truth. The next time the unlikely pair meet is across the witness stand in court where Manuel is on trial for the murder of Watt's family. Manuel calls Watt to the stand to testify about the long, shady night they shared. The shocking testimony that Manuel coaxes out of Watt threatens to expose the dark hearts of the guilty and the innocent.

"Fallout" by Sara Paretsky (M PARS) is a V. I. Warship novel. Victoria Iphigenia by birth, V.I. by profession, and Vic to her friends goes on her very first case out of Chicago when the hunt for a vanished film student and a faded Hollywood star leads her to Kansas. Accompanied by her dog, V. I. tracks the pair through a university town, across fields dotted with Cold War-era missile silos, and into a past riven by long-simmering racial tensions.

She hopes her search will yield the key to the mysteries of the present, but every answer V.I. finds unveils another puzzling question and leads to more dead bodies. In her most baffling case to date, not even the seasoned V.I. is safe.

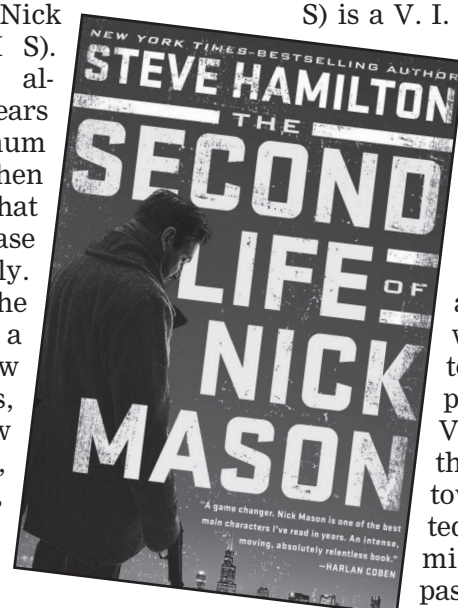
That's all for this week so until next week I leave you with a quote from Bill Bettie:

"The aim of education should be to teach us how to think, rather than what to think. To improve our minds, so as to enable us to think for ourselves, rather than to load the memory with thoughts of other men."

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Dallas spends millions to settle police misconduct lawsuits

DALLAS (AP) — Records show that Dallas has spent almost \$11 million in the past five years settling more than 20 lawsuits against police, a huge increase compared to the previous five years. KDFW-TV reports the city spent less than \$400,000 to settle less than 10 cases from 2006 to 2011. Dallas also currently has almost 40 unresolved liability claims against local police officers. Geoff Henley is an attorney who specializes in civil rights cases. He says the increase in payouts may be due to the better documentation that comes with video cameras, not because officers are behaving worse. Nearby, Arlington spent less than \$2 million settling lawsuits involving excessive police force claims in the past five years. Fort Worth paid \$12,000 in the past five years in law enforcement liability claims.

Northeast Texas man on death row loses federal court appeal

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal appeals court has rejected an appeal from a Northeast Texas man on death row for strangling his girlfriend 17 years ago. Attorneys for 45-year-old Daniel Acker unsuccessfully argued to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that he's innocent of the March 2000 slaying of 32-year-old Marquetta George of Sulphur Springs. They also contended Acker's trial court erroneously excluded evidence of his innocence, that appeals he previously lost were based on false evidence and that he had poor legal help in earlier appeals. George's body was found on a Hopkins County road. Trial attorneys said she jumped from Acker's truck and then was hit. Prosecutors said he killed her and dumped her body. A jury deliberated 90 minutes before convicting him.

Mother charged after newborn left in Houston flower bed

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston-area woman has been charged with felony child abandonment after officials say her newborn daughter was found covered with ants in an apartment complex flower bed. Harris County jail records show 21-year-old Sidney Woytasczyk of Spring was being held Tuesday on \$20,000 bond. Online records don't list an attorney to speak for Woytasczyk, whose initial court appearance was Monday. Another resident found the baby last Thursday. Woytasczyk was arrested after investigators followed a trail of blood to her apartment, where hours earlier she'd given birth. Sheriff's Deputy Kimberly Thomas says the mother says she didn't know that she was pregnant and feared the baby would come between her and the father, who hasn't been charged. A judge will decide custody of the baby, who's hospitalized with a bacterial infection.

Sheriff: Texas deputies suspended following 'hazing ritual'

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Bexar (bayr) County sheriff has suspended seven deputies after a video surfaced showing them participating in a "hazing ritual" that involved the 4-year-old daughter of one of the deputies. Sheriff Javier Salazar said Monday six of the deputies hazed the seventh one using handcuffs, shackles and a Taser. At one point the child participated in the hazing but it's not clear how. Salazar says the incident occurred during a party Friday at the home of one of the deputies. He says the group considered the matter "one big joke." It came to light after video of the hazing was posted to social media. The deputies are facing charges that include child endangerment and unlawful restraint. The investigation into the incident continues.

Texas Senate advances scaled-back school finance plan

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas Senate has advanced a once-sweeping school finance plan, but only after scaling it back so much that it will only offer about \$500 million in extra funding for some school districts statewide and teacher retirement. The House passed its original, far more ambitious \$1.8 billion bill during the regular and special legislative sessions. The Senate has repeatedly rejected that plan, which the chamber's leader, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, called a "Ponzi scheme." The Senate version pumps money to hundreds of smaller school districts facing declining property tax revenue. Texas' Supreme Court has ruled the school finance system flawed but minimally constitutional.

Dakota Access developer granted hearing delay in dispute



Public Service Commissioner Julie Fedorchak answers questions after fellow commissioners Brian Kroshus, and Randy Christmann (left) joined her in proposing a \$15,000 settlement offer to the Dakota Access Pipeline during a special meeting at the state Capitol on Monday, Aug. 14, 2017 in Bismarck, N.D.

By BLAKE NICHOLSON

ASSOCIATED PRESS
BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — North Dakota regulators on Tuesday granted a request by the developer of the Dakota Access pipeline to postpone a public hearing on whether the company violated state rules, though not without dissent. Public Service Commissioner Julie Fedorchak expressed frustration with continued delays in the prolonged case and a related lengthy investigation, saying she was "concerned that we keep pushing things back and just aren't making forward progress." Her comments came a day after she said Energy Transfer Partners at times had been "somewhat dismissive" of the commission's concerns. Company attorney Lawrence Bender on Tuesday declined comment on the Texas-based developer's dealings with the commission. The commission is looking into whether ETP removed too many trees and improperly handled some soil during construction of the \$3.8 billion pipeline that began moving

North Dakota oil to Illinois in June. Thursday's hearing was to provide information for the commission to decide whether to pursue the case and possibly fine Energy Transfer Partners. The company on Monday requested a delay to give attorneys on both sides more time to discuss a resolution. The commission voted 2-1 Tuesday to grant a delay, with the expectation that the hearing will be rescheduled for late September. Fedorchak voted against the move. "We can't determine with the facts that we have on the table right now whether to proceed with a complaint or not, so this investigation was supposed to be a process to get to the bottom of those issues," she said. "So that (was) set for Thursday, and now that's slipping another month." The commission's decision came a day after it offered to settle allegations that ETP improperly reported the discovery of American Indian artifacts during construction nearly a year ago. The company hasn't yet decided whether to accept the offer, under which it would make a \$15,000

"contribution" to historic preservation efforts and wouldn't have to admit fault. Commissioners Randy Christmann and Brian Kroshus, who voted in favor of delaying the tree and soil hearing, expressed hope that a delay might lead to a similar potential resolution. A formal public hearing would involve time-consuming legal procedures and could stretch over two days, Christmann said. "I think it's not so much a matter of public or not, it's a matter of the informality of it," Christmann said of the belief that private talks among attorneys might be more fruitful than a hearing open to the public. Separately, a North Carolina-based company is asking a state judge to dismiss a complaint alleging it illegally provided security services in North Dakota to ETP. North Dakota's Private Investigative and Security Board in late June sued TigerSwan and its president, James Reese, saying the company had no license to operate in North Dakota during protests against the pipeline and continued operating after apply-

ing for one but being denied. The company maintains it provided only management consulting services to ETP, and that the physical security work was handled by other companies hired by ETP and ETP's contractors. The state board is seeking administrative fines potentially totaling thousands of dollars. Attorney Monte Rogneby declined comment on TigerSwan's request, citing the ongoing litigation. Meanwhile, U.S. Sen. John Hoeven, R-N.D., announced Tuesday that North Dakota is getting \$10 million through a federal Justice Department grant program to help pay state law enforcement bills related to months of protests over the pipeline. North Dakota is facing a \$38 million bill that taxpayers ultimately might have to pay. Gov. Doug Burgum last spring asked President Donald Trump for a disaster declaration, but the request was denied. There also is a long-standing offer from ETP to pay the state costs, which Burgum hasn't yet ruled out.

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Trump's denouncement disappoints, angers white nationalists

By **MICHAEL KUNZELMAN**

Associated Press

President Donald Trump's condemnation of hate groups — two days after his initially equivocal response to a deadly attack at a rally in Virginia — disappointed and even angered some of the white nationalists, white supremacists and neo-Nazis who supported and felt emboldened by his presidential campaign.

Trump initially blamed "many sides" after violent clashes in Charlottesville, where a participant in a white nationalist rally rammed his car into a crowd of counter-protesters on Saturday, killing a demonstrator and injuring dozens of others.

Under immense bipartisan pressure to issue a stronger statement, Trump on Monday explicitly denounced the Ku Klux Klan, white supremacists and neo-Nazis as "repugnant to everything we hold dear as Americans" and said "justice will be delivered" to those responsible.

Reading from a prepared text, Trump said, "Those who spread violence in the name of bigotry strike at the very core of America."

White nationalist Richard Spencer told reporters at a news conference Monday that he thought Trump should have criticized state and local authorities for their handling of security at the Charlottesville rally.

"The statement sounds like we might want to all bring out an acous-

tic guitar and sing "Kum ba yah." It's just vapid nonsense," said Spencer, who popularized the term "alt-right" to describe the fringe movement mixing white supremacy, white nationalism, anti-Semitism and anti-immigration populism.

Occidental Dissent, a white nationalist website, posted a statement saying whites had been "deserted by their president."

"He has sided with a group of people who attack us on sight and attempt to kill us and for that the Alt-Right can no longer support him. What Donald Trump has done today is an unforgivable betrayal of his supporters," the message said.

Trump was criticized during the presidential campaign for failing to immediately reject the endorsement of former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke. On Monday, Duke posted a video mildly criticizing Trump's remarks.

"President Trump, please, for God's sakes, don't feel like you've got to say these things. It's not going to do you any good," he said.

Duke, who participated in the rally, reserved his bile for the "fake news media" covering the events in Charlottesville as he addressed Trump.

"I understand that you're under a great amount of pressure," he said. "The problem is you're under siege. You know these people. They want your scalp. They want to crucify you."



AP photo

Former Louisiana State Representative David Duke arrives to give remarks after a white nationalist protest was declared an unlawful assembly, Saturday, Aug. 12, 2017, in Charlottesville, Va. The nationalists were holding the rally to protest plans by the city of Charlottesville to remove a statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee.

The publisher of The Daily Stormer, a neo-Nazi website, praised Trump's initial reaction to the Charlottesville violence.

"Nothing specific against us," Andrew Anglin wrote. "No condemnation at all. When asked to condemn, he just walked out of the room. Really, really good. God bless him."

Anglin dismissed Trump's second statement as "childish nonsense."

"I'm not especially bothered by it," he said in an email to The Associated Press. "If he actually believed that nonsense, or was planning on implementing it as policy, he would have said it before being bullied into it by the international thought police."

Backlash over GOP bills to shield drivers who hit protesters

By **RYAN J. FOLEY**

Associated Press

Republican lawmakers in six states have pushed this year for legal protections for motorists who hit protesters blocking traffic. Fairly or not, they're facing an intense backlash now that violent images of a car ramming into a crowd protesting a white supremacist rally have been seen around the world.

The lawmakers say their goal has never been to incite violence, but to shield drivers from costly lawsuits for accidents they blame on illegal street protests.

Bills in Texas and North Carolina to protect drivers from civil liability if they unintentionally injure or kill protesters remain pending, but their chances of passage appear dim after Saturday's attack in Charlottesville, Virginia, which killed a woman and injured at least 19 people.

The four other bills were voted down or failed without advancing.

The bills are part of a backlash to large, disruptive protests over the last year against police shootings of black men, the Dakota Access pipeline and policies of the Trump administration. Some shut down major freeways, angering motorists and drawing concern from public safety officials.

Lawmakers responded with new laws across the country, passing a \$200 fine in Tennessee for blocking emergency vehicles, a South Dakota measure that criminalizes highway protests and tougher trespassing laws in North Dakota and Oklahoma. The driver immunity proposals have been particularly contentious.

Critics, including the American Civil Liberties Union, labeled them "hit and kill" bills that undermine free assembly and embolden extremists by suggesting they have a free pass to drive through protesters.

Bill sponsors have been inundated with criticism on social media following the arrest of James A. Fields Jr. for allegedly ramming his Dodge Challenger through a crowd of counter-protesters in Charlottesville.

The attack killed 32-year-old Heather Heyer and injured others who had gathered in the streets to oppose white nationalists, who were protesting the removal of a con-

federate monument. Scores of critics have bluntly told the lawmakers on Twitter and Facebook that they are complicit in Heyer's death.

Bill supporters have rejected that claim and denounced the Charlottesville attack. They note that the wording of their bills would not protect drivers who deliberately target protesters, and any intentional attackers would still face criminal and civil liability.

"It is intellectually dishonest and a gross mischaracterization to portray North Carolina House Bill 330 as a protection measure for the act of violence that occurred in Charlottesville this past weekend," that bill's sponsors, Reps. Justin Burr and Chris Millis, said in a joint statement.

Burr explained the intent in April as the House voted 67-48 to pass the bill: "You shouldn't run out in front of cars on the interstate or the highway and attempt to illegally protest. If you do, it should be at your risk, not at the risk of the liability of those individuals driving down the road."

A North Carolina state senator said Monday there are no plans to advance the measure in that chamber.

In Florida, Sen. George Gainer said the intent of his now-failed bill was to protect only those motorists who unintentionally strike protesters blocking traffic.

He denounced "the reprehensible actions of the evil person in Virginia."

Texas Rep. Pat Fallon wrote that he had received "outrageous hate" from critics of the bill he introduced last month, and said the Virginia attack was murder.

The debate over Tennessee's bill, which would have shielded drivers exercising "due care," showed how the measures have been divisive.

During a March hearing, Democratic Rep. G.A. Hardaway said he worried the law would allow extremists to deliberately attack protesters and then claim it was accidental.

He cited social media posts from Trump supporters that suggested the bill would make it legal to "run down protesters" when the president visited Tennessee.

"It was providing them the type of motivation, inspiration to get out there and be violent," he said. "Those who

seek to harm others, they think this gives them cover."

"All Lives Splatter," read one internet meme that showed a car driving over protesters.

The sponsor, Republican Rep. Matthew Hill, said he did not condone such posts, which he dismissed as ignorant or unfunny.

He said he simply did not "want someone to lose their livelihood, their home, their savings" after accidentally hitting a protester they didn't see. A committee rejected his bill.

Critics say it can be hard to know whether a driver striking protesters did so intentionally, citing a January incident at a Nashville protest over Trump's immigration restrictions.

Vanderbilt University graduate student Peter Capretto, 29, said he and three other members of a protest safety team were wearing neon vests and protecting a crosswalk at an intersection when they were struck and carried 200 feet on the hood of an SUV. He recalled screaming for his life until the driver stopped.

"He turned into us, hit us at a relatively moderate speed and accelerated while we were on the hood," Capretto said. "It was absolutely intentional."

The driver and his wife told police they feared for their lives after protesters surrounded their SUV, claiming protesters jumped on the hood as they tried to drive away.

No charges were filed, and the driver hasn't faced legal action.

Capretto, who testified against the Tennessee bill, said the Virginia attack triggered painful memories, and "confirmed for me that Republican legislation about driver immunity is emboldening drivers to attack protesters."

Accidental deaths of endangered whale threatens its survival

By **PATRICK WHITTLE**

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — A high number of accidental deaths this year among the endangered North Atlantic right whale threaten the survival of the species, according to conservation groups and marine scientists.

The right whales, which summer off of New England and Canada, are among the most imperiled marine mammals on Earth.

There are thought to be no more than 500 of the giant animals left, and there could be fewer than 460, as populations have only slightly rebounded from the whaling era, when they nearly became extinct.

Twelve of the whales are known to have died since April, meaning about 2 percent of the population has perished in just a few months, biologist Regina Asmutis-Silvia of the Plymouth, Massachusetts-based group Whale and Dolphin Conservation told The Associated Press this week. She and others who study the whales said this summer has been the worst season for right whale deaths since hunting them became illegal 80 years ago.

"This level of deaths in such a short time is unprecedented," she said. "I just don't know that right whales have time for people to figure it out. They need help now."

Ten of the

deaths were off the Atlantic coast of Canada while two were off Massachusetts.

Four of the animals showed evidence of ship strikes while another appeared to have become entangled in fishing gear and at least one is still pending a necropsy, Asmutis-Silvia said. Some were too badly decomposed to determine the cause of death, she said.

Asmutis-Silvia and other conservationists said the deaths are evidence that regulations to prevent strikes and entanglements need to be strengthened in the United States and Canada.

Scott Kraus, head of the New England Aquarium's right whale research program, said it's possible that right whales are more vulnerable to hazards now because they're traveling more because of changes in food availability or warming ocean waters.

"When whales travel more, they put themselves in harm's way more," Kraus said. The 12 deaths are only the observed mortalities, and there could have been additional natural deaths in the wild, Kraus said.

The future of right whale rescue efforts has been a subject of debate since veteran whale rescuer Joe Howlett died on July 10 after freeing a right whale off New Brunswick, Canada.

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Lawyer: Baylor settles with woman who said rape was ignored

By JIM VERTUNO

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The first woman to sue Baylor University over allegations the nation's largest Baptist school ignored or mishandled rape allegations has settled her case, her attorney said Tuesday.

Jasmin Hernandez sued Baylor in early 2016, two months before the school released the results of an internal investigation that found Baylor had mishandled rape or assault cases for years and the football program acted as if it was "above the rules."

Baylor fired football coach Art Briles, demoted university President Ken Starr and reprimanded athletic director Ian McCaw in May 2016. Starr and McCaw later left the school.

Briles and McCaw were also named as defendants in the Hernandez lawsuit, but federal court records online show she asked a judge to release them from the case.

Hernandez's lawyer, Alexander Zalkin, told The Associated Press that Hernandez settled the case with all parties over the weekend, but declined to release details of

any financial agreement. There was no settlement announcement in the online court records Tuesday night.

Briles' attorney, Mark Lanier, said the former coach "wouldn't pay a dime. They just let us out of the case. We feel bad for what happened to Jasmin Hernandez, but Art Briles didn't do anything wrong." Zalkin disputed that assertion but refused to provide details.

"As to Mr. Lanier's comments, I disagree with his position but will not make any further comment so as not to violate the confidential terms of our agreement or mediation confidentiality," Zalkin said.

McCaw, now the athletic director at Liberty University in Virginia, was also dismissed from the case, said his attorney Tom Brandt. A Baylor spokeswoman declined comment.

Baylor had previously tried to settle with Hernandez, who was raped by former football player Tevin Elliott in 2012. He was later sentenced to 20 years in prison. Hernandez's lawsuit claimed Baylor knew Elliott had a history of

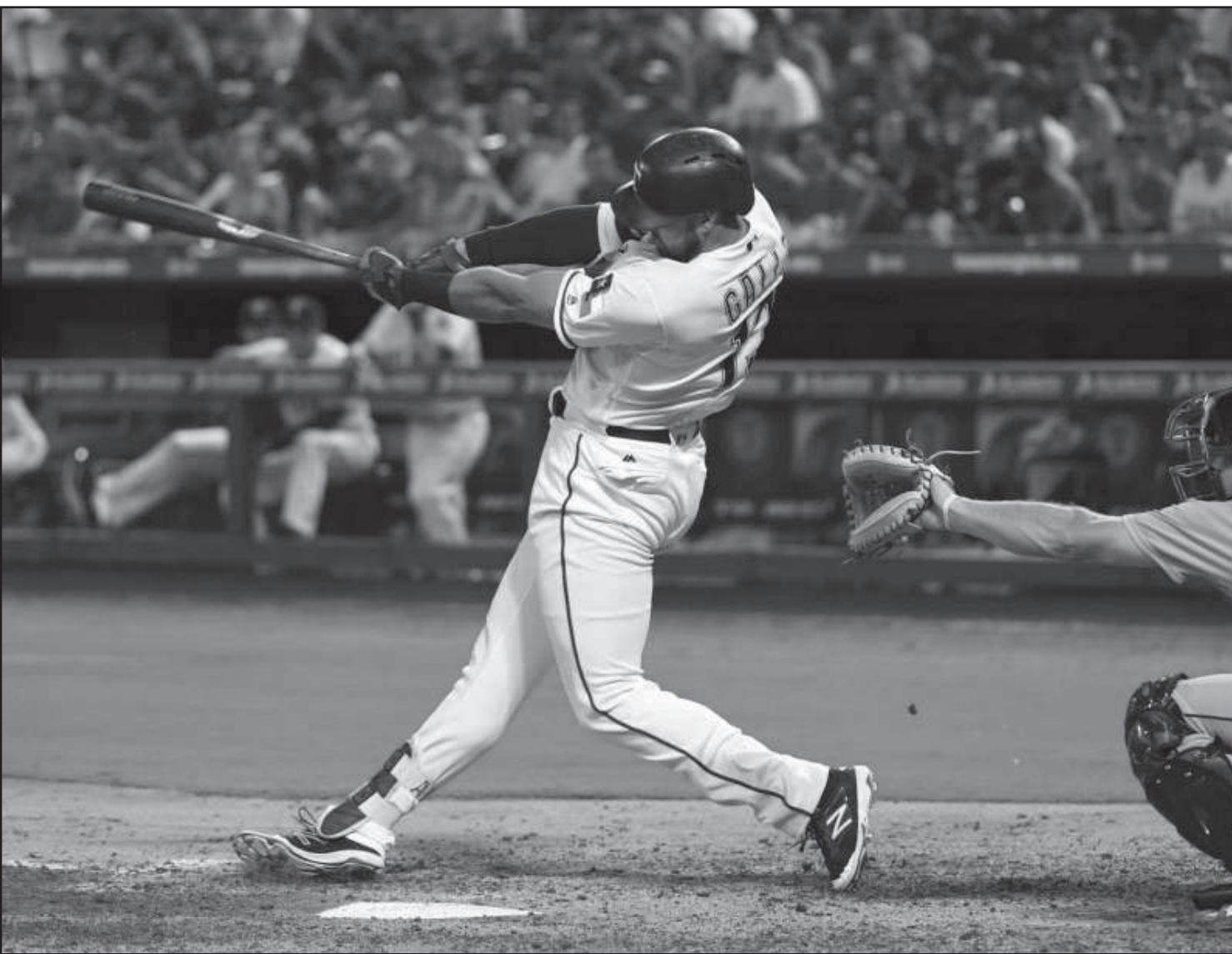
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AP photo

In this Dec. 5, 2015, file photo, Baylor helmets on shown the field after an NCAA college football game in Waco, Texas. The first woman to sue Baylor University over allegations the nation's largest Baptist school ignored or mishandled rape allegations has settled her case, her attorney said Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2017.

Rangers hit 3 homers in win over Tigers



AP photo

Texas Rangers third baseman Joey Gallo (13) follows through on a two-run homer in front of Detroit Tigers catcher John Hicks (55) in the fourth inning of a baseball game, Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2017, in Arlington, Texas. Texas Rangers' Nomar Mazara scored on the home run.

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Joey Gallo hit another towering home run, this one capping an impressive at-bat for the young Texas Rangers slugger after he struck out on three pitches his first time up against Justin Verlander.

Gallo fought back from an 0-2 count in the fourth inning, laying off the high 0-2 fastball this time, and on the eighth pitch hit a drive that landed in the second deck of seats in right-center above the Texas bullpen and was estimated at 459 feet.

Mike Napoli followed with a home run of his own, and the Rangers went on to a 10-4 victory Tuesday night that ended Verlander's three-game winning streak.

"In my first at-bat, I figured he was going to do that and I just tried to beat him to it and he threw it a lot higher than I could get the bat to," Gallo said. "So, the second at-bat, it was a different approach and I was going to not swing at it and I was going to make him come in the zone and not try to chase it."

Gallo, a 23-year-old slugger in his first full major league season, has an AL-high nine homers in 13

games this month and 34 overall — the most by a Texas player since 2012 when Josh Hamilton had 43 and Adrian Beltre 36.

"He controlled the at-bat. That's the maturity that we've seen with Joey through the course of the second half and prior to the All-Star break," Rangers manager Jeff Banister said.

The only other Rangers player with as many homers in a season by age 23 was Juan Gonzalez, who did it twice — 43 homers in 1992 when he was 22, and 46 more the following season.

"I threw a pitch to a guy who runs into stuff," Verlander said. "That's what

he does. Not taking anything away from him. He's got ridiculous pop."

Robinson Chirinos also went deep Verlander (8-8), who struck out eight without any walks while allowing five runs in six innings. Tigers starters have given up 19 homers and have a 7.94 ERA over the last 11 games.

A.J. Griffin (6-3) allowed one run and struck out four in five innings. The right-hander had gone 1-3 with a 10.88 ERA in his first five career starts against the Tigers.

"You just keep this team in the game and good

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Plenty of running backs, receivers could produce immediately

By STEVE MEGARGEE

AP Sports Writer

Florida State coach Jimbo Fisher says he learned long ago not to assume which of his freshmen would make the biggest impact each year.

How much someone might play in his first college season can depend on everything from his level of homesickness to the position needs of his new team.

"There are just so many different (factors)," Fisher said. "And position can have a big impact. Certain positions are harder to play early in your career than they are for other guys. There's not as much learning."

That uncertainty still exists even in an era when freshmen play an increasingly important role every season.

Just last year, Alabama freshman quarterback Jalen Hurts was named the Southeastern Conference offensive player of the year and Houston defensive tackle Ed Oliver became the first freshman to earn first-team Associated Press All-America honors since 2011. Hurts had the Crimson Tide on the verge of a national title before Clemson's last-second rally in the championship game.

Here's a look at some true freshmen who could emerge as forces this season.

SALVON AHMED, RB, Washington

The return of two-time, 1,300-yard rusher Myles Gaskin could make it difficult for any newcomer to get many carries in Washington's backfield, but Ahmed's playmaking ability demands that he earn some kind of role. Whether Ahmed is catching

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US college football returns Down Under for 2nd year in a row

By DENNIS PASSA

AP Sports Writer

Despite losing two of its top players to the NFL as top 10 draft picks, Stanford will be favored against Rice when U.S. college football returns Down Under for the second year in a row on Aug. 27 in Sydney.

Running back Christian McCaffrey signed with the Carolina Panthers and defensive end Solomon Thomas

went to the San Francisco 49ers. McCaffrey set a record with 3,864 all-purpose yards in 2015 and then rushed for 1,596 yards and scored 16 touchdowns last season, when Thomas had eight sacks and 15 tackles and Stanford went 10-3.

The Sydney game will be played at midday Sunday in Australia, taking into account television markets on Saturday evening in the United States, and is being

heavily promoted by the New South Wales state government.

Stanford is expected to be among the teams included when the 2017 preseason AP Top 25 is released next Monday.

"I think we can play better," Cardinal coach David Shaw said earlier this month. "We have a chance to be a better team than we were a year ago, a complete team, even though losing two of the bet-

ter players in the nation last year."

After the first week of Stanford's preseason camp, senior defensive tackle Harrison Phillips said it had been strange without Thomas and McCaffrey around.

"We miss them more from a friendship level as much as we do on the field," said Phillips.

Here are some other things to know about the Sydney

game:

GETTING THERE: Rice will fly commercially from Houston to Los Angeles, then make the 15-hour flight to Sydney, arriving Tuesday morning, just hours ahead of the official media conference for the event. Stanford leaves San Francisco on Saturday evening and arrives Monday morning. Both teams lose a day heading to Australia

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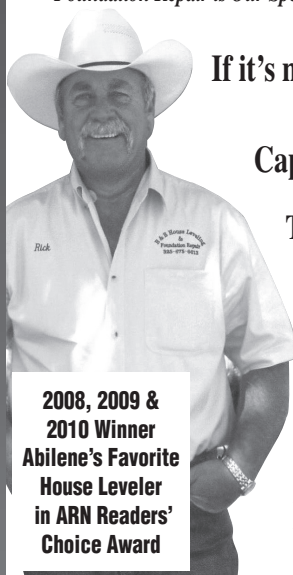


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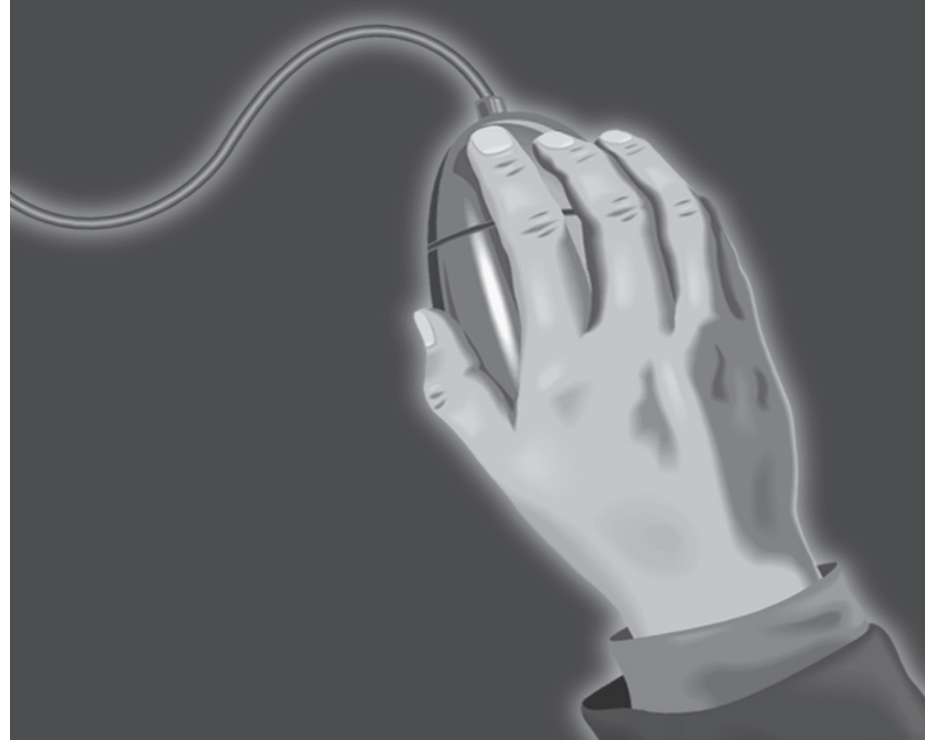
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Cosmic Style Matters

There's tension
 between aesthet-
 ic Venus and lucky
 Jupiter. Pay attention
 to stylistic differenc-
 es. They will matter!
 Whatever you're
 building with another
 person -- a business,
 a relationship, a life
 -- the process will be
 more satisfying and
 the result will be more
 cohesive if you have a
 compatible style of op-
 erating from the start.

**ARIES (March
 21-April 19).** You
 didn't have to do any
 special conscious
 thinking to grow
 yourself to this level of
 human development,
 and you can't think
 your way into, or out
 of, the next phase
 either. So just relax!
 Breakthroughs will
 happen naturally.

**TAURUS (April
 20-May 20).** Lucki-
 est move: Make an
 agreement with life.
 For the next 24 hours
 you'll give it your all
 and expect nothing
 in return. You'll be an
 enthusiastic servant to

Tomorrow's Horoscope

the fates and the spirit
 of goodness itself.

**GEMINI (May
 21-June 21).** You're
 just not in the mood
 to compromise. Some
 would call it stubborn.
 The bottom line is that
 you really want your
 way, and you'll dig
 your heels in about it,
 too. Anyone wanting
 to negotiate would be
 better off trying in a
 few days.

**CANCER (June
 22-July 22).** Two peo-
 ple stand in the same
 place: One of them
 is lost; the other is
 home. The shift from
 lost to found is one
 of accepting a place
 and getting to know it
 instead of rejecting it
 as somewhere other
 than where you're
 supposed to be.

**LEO (July 23-
 Aug. 22).** Do you
 believe that there are
 some people you were
 meant to know? The
 fates don't seem to
 be acting as efficient
 social directors these
 days, so you're go-
 ing to have to take it
 into your own hands.
 Mingle.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-
 Sept. 22).** Your imag-
 ination and creativity
 are exceptionally
 strong today, and you
 can point them in the
 direction of fleshing
 out a task in a way
 that only you can.
 You'll make yourself
 indispensable.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-
 Oct. 23).** If an actor
 were to play you in the
 movie version of your
 story, what defining
 characteristics and
 behaviors do you think
 would be the focus for
 this current period?
 A bit of objectivity will
 help you see how you
 can be more powerful
 in your life.

**SCORPIO (Oct.
 24-Nov. 21).** Your
 brain fills in blanks
 constantly through-
 out the day, so much
 faster than you're
 even aware of. Cre-
 ate habits of mind to
 stay positive. Here's a
 good one: "I'm happy
 because..."

**SAGITTARIUS
 (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).**
 The world is full of
 egomaniacs, and you
 feel a personal re-
 sponsibility to counter
 that with selflessness.
 Check your motives,
 though. If you're
 yielding to others so
 that they'll approve of
 you, you're not really
 helping anyone.

**CAPRICORN
 (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** If
 you deprive yourself
 of what you want,
 you'll be all the more
 attracted to what's on
 the "restricted" list.

Your best bet will be a
 strategy of distraction.
 What totally different
 thing might you do to
 interrupt this pattern?

**AQUARIUS (Jan.
 20-Feb. 18).** Relation-

ships get complicated.
 Love gets messy.
 Romance disappoints.
 You wonder if it's
 worth the hype. Pull
 away to gain perspec-
 tive -- a positive and
 restorative choice. The
 turn is coming. Love is
 worth the effort.

**PISCES (Feb.
 19-March 20).** Just
 because someone is
 happy with what you
 are doing, that doesn't
 necessarily make it
 right for you. People's
 approval can be fickle,
 impermanent and cer-
 tainly nothing to base
 your sense of self on.

**TODAY'S BIRTH-
 DAY (Aug. 16).** You'll
 change simple and
 small behaviors and
 get incommensurate-
 ly favorable results.
 It turns out that your
 healthy choices don't
 affect only you. As you
 do the things that help
 you command good
 energy, you'll improve
 your career, family
 and social ties in the
 process. There are
 domestic upgrades
 in March. Libra and
 Aquarius adore you.
 Your lucky numbers
 are: 45, 20, 21, 32 and
 38.

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Annie's Mailbox

without her interrupt-
 ing and taking over the
 conversation.

For example, a
 younger co-worker
 and I were discuss-
 ing housing in our
 town. (We both rent.)
 She barged into our
 conversation with her
 own horrible landlord
 experiences, though
 we hadn't asked her
 opinion or advice. Her
 experiences were also
 30 years out of date
 and thus not even
 relevant.

How do I polite-
 ly tell her to shut up
 and mind her own
 business? -- Tired of
 Interruptions in the
 Midwest

**Dear Tired of
 Interruptions:** I have
 a feeling you'll have
 a hard time politely
 telling her anything,
 because your fuse is
 about a centimeter
 long at the moment.
 Talk to human re-
 sources instead. This
 problem affects the
 whole office, not just
 you, so it should be of
 concern to manage-
 ment.

Dear Annie: My
 brother, executor of
 my father's will, and I
 had a falling out a few
 years back. To punish
 me, he took \$3,000
 from my inheritance,
 claiming it was for an
 alleged loan I took
 from my father. He
 has no proof of this,
 nor did it ever happen.

And he did not de-
 duct the expenses of
 major purchases Dad
 made for my sisters,
 which were common
 knowledge among the
 family.

Do I have any
 legal recourse? Or
 should I just let it go
 and write him out of
 my life for good? --
 Wondering

**Dear Wonder-
 ing:** It's unfortunate
 that estate settlement
 winds up tearing so
 many families apart
 when the most import-
 ant thing parents hope
 to leave their children
 is not a thing at all; it's
 a legacy of love and
 kindness.

I'm sorry to hear

what your brother did
 to you. Though it's
 hard to say without the
 details, it sounds as
 if there's a very good
 chance you have legal
 recourse. Contact an
 attorney to explore
 your options.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

A challenging problem

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

club game, bids three diamonds over
 three clubs. With a stopper in both
 majors, North could then bid three
 notrump.
In five clubs, careful play produces
 11 tricks. The spade queen is covered
 by the king and ace, and East's spade
 return is ruffed. After drawing a
 round of trumps, South must now
 determine the best line of play.
He observes that if either a heart
 finesse or a diamond finesse suc-
 ceeds, the contract is made. The odds
 that one or both finesses will win are
 3-1 in his favor. (In the actual case,
 though, both finesses would fail.)
However, it would be wrong to
 take both finesses despite the favor-
 able odds. South can improve on his
 chances by rejecting the diamond
 finesse. Instead, he should play the
 A-K-J of diamonds after drawing
 trumps. As it happens, West's queen
 falls, and South's worries are over.
But let's suppose the queen had
 not fallen. In that case, one of two
 things will happen when the jack is
 next led. If East wins, he will be
 forced to return a heart into dummy's
 A-Q or yield a fatal ruff-and-discard.
 If West wins the third diamond —
 which means the finesse would have
 failed if attempted — declarer still
 has the heart finesse to fall back on.

Refusing the diamond finesse,
 therefore, offers an extra chance to
 make the contract — i.e., if West has
 the doubleton queen — but can never
 cause declarer to lose it.

Tomorrow: Trump manipulation.
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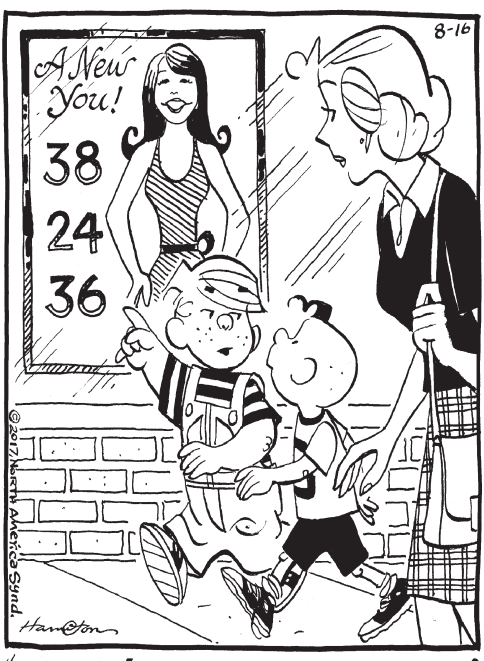
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 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats.
 That means no number is repeated in any row, column or
 box.

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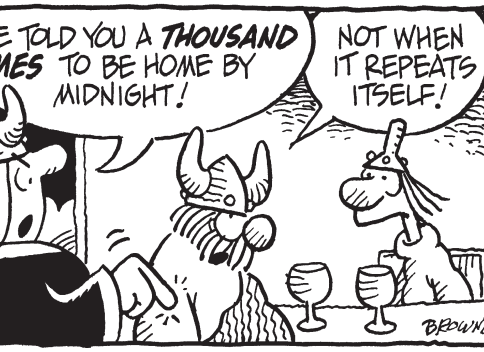
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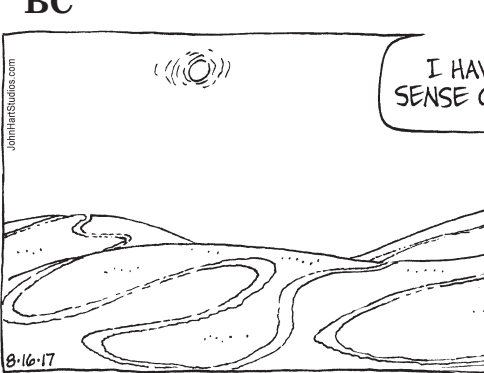
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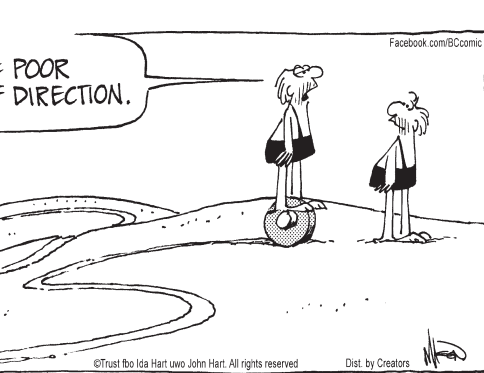
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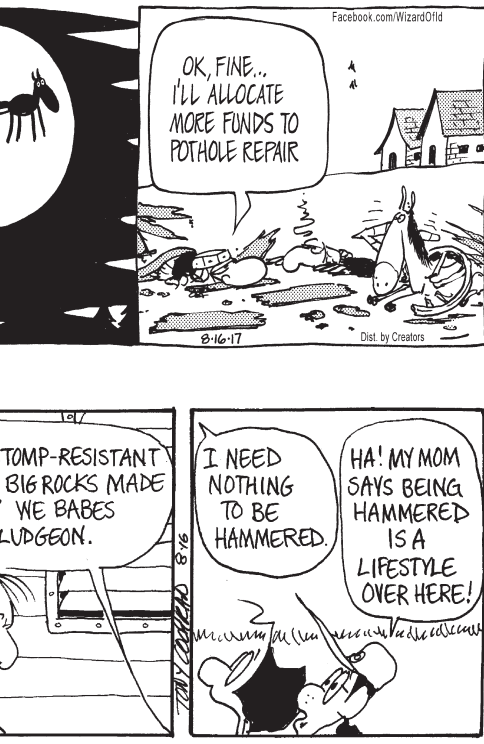
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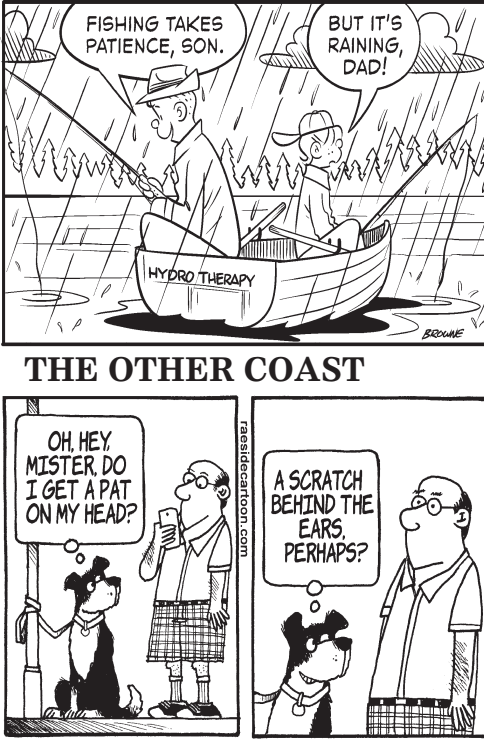
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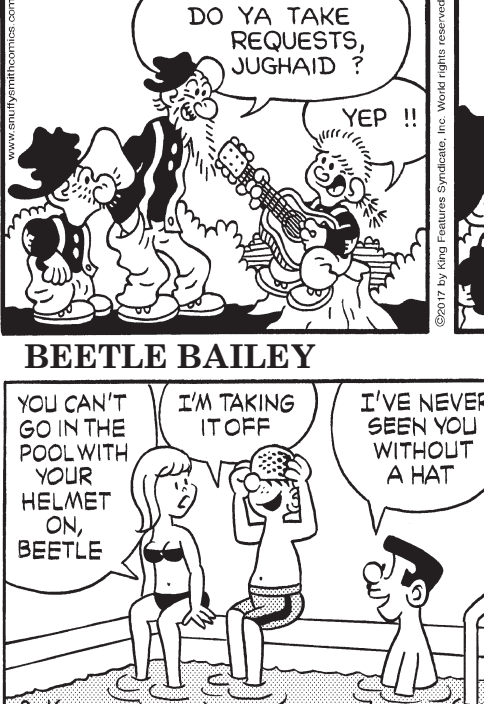
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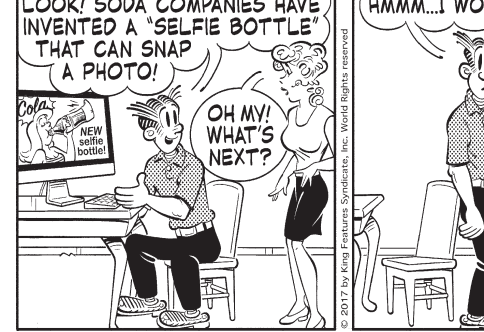
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BETLE BAILEY



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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 16, the 228th day of 2017. There are 137 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On August 16, 1977, Elvis Presley died at his Graceland estate in Memphis, Tennessee, at age 42.

On this date:

- In 1777, American forces won the Battle of Bennington in what was considered a turning point of the Revolutionary War.
- In 1812, Detroit fell to British and Indian forces in the War of 1812.
- In 1858, a telegraphed message from Britain's Queen Victoria to President James Buchanan was transmitted over the recently laid trans-Atlantic cable.
- In 1937, the American Federation of Radio Artists was chartered.
- In 1948, baseball legend Babe Ruth died in New York at age 53.
- In 1954, Sports Illustrated was first published by Time Inc.
- In 1956, Adlai E. Stevenson was nominated for president at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago.
- In 1967, Louis Armstrong

recorded "What a Wonderful World" by Bob Thiele and George David Weiss for ABC Records.

In 1977, a judge in New York ruled that Renee Richards, a male-to-female transgender, had the right to compete in the U.S. Open without having to pass a sex chromosome test. (In the opening round of the Open, Richards lost to Virginia Wade in straight sets, 6-1, 6-4). The Debby Boone recording of "You Light Up My Life" by Joseph Brooks was released by Warner Bros./Curb Records.

In 1987, 156 people were killed when Northwest Airlines Flight 255 crashed while trying to take off from Detroit; the sole survivor was 4-year-old Cecelia Cichan (SHEE'-an).

In 1987, people worldwide began a two-day celebration of the "harmonic convergence," which heralded what believers called the start of a new, purer age of humankind.

In 1991, Pope John Paul II began the first-ever papal visit to Hungary.

Ten years ago: Jose Padilla (hoh-ZAY' puh-DEE'-uh), a U.S. citizen held for 3½ years as an enemy combatant, was convicted in Miami of helping Islamic extremists and plotting overseas attacks. (Padilla, once accused of plotting with al-Qaida to detonate a radioactive "dirty bomb," was later sentenced to 17 years and four

months in prison on the unrelated terror support charges, but that sentence was later increased to 21 years.) A cave-in killed three rescuers in the Crandall Canyon Mine in Utah; the search for six trapped miners was later abandoned. Master jazz percussionist Max Five years ago: Republican presidential contender Mitt Romney declared he had paid at least 13 percent of his income in federal taxes every year for the previous decade; President Barack Obama's campaign shot back: "Prove it." A U.S. military helicopter crashed during a firefight with insurgents in southern Afghanistan, killing seven Americans and four Afghans. Ecuador decided to identify WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange as a refugee and give him asylum in its London embassy.

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Answer to previous puzzle

SHANK	ACME	LESS
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ELATE	TEND	THEN
ROBINHOOD	TTOPS	
EAR	OPAL	
FLIMSY	PLACEMAT	
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ACROSS

- 1 Without decoration
- 6 Polish, as shoes
- 10 Part of TLC
- 14 Brazilian dance
- 15 Vocal
- 16 Sign of the future
- 17 Teacher's record of absences
- 20 Make a trial run with
- 21 Monetary outlay
- 22 Clairvoyance, for short
- 24 Command
- 25 Leafy lunches
- 30 Sharp, as eyesight
- 33 Each and ___ (all)
- 34 Prepare for a bout
- 35 Audio CD predecessors
- 38 Oversize volume in a living room
- 42 Explosive initials
- 43 Methods
- 44 Honking bird
- 45 Michelangelo sculpture
- 47 Drenched
- 48 Notes from the boss
- 51 Source of maple syrup
- 53 Stuff oneself
- 56 Hostile encounters
- 62 Buttery bread folded in half
- 64 Outer boundary
- 65 Drags from behind

DOWN

- 1 H.S. jr.'s exam
- 2 Past the deadline
- 3 Quantities: Abbr.
- 4 Skeptical comment
- 5 Prefix meaning "billionth"
- 6 Canoes and kayaks
- 7 Caterer's coffeepot
- 8 ___ card (jack or king)
- 9 Bend, as biceps
- 10 Hold together
- 11 Make changes to
- 12 Actress
- 13 "Come on in!"
- 14 Club member's expense
- 19 Get a glimpse of
- 23 Tropical fruits
- 25 Religious group
- 26 Shakespeare's river
- 27 Went away
- 28 Comics bark
- 29 Coloring agent
- 31 Metered vehicles
- 32 Website ID
- 34 GNP or RBIs
- 35 Get a glimpse
- 36 Sit for a portrait
- 37 Timetable, for short
- 39 Flock female
- 40 Swelled head
- 41 Constricting snake
- 45 Pig, informally
- 46 "Understood!"
- 47 Sauna locales
- 48 Sulked
- 49 Avoid artfully
- 50 Blend into traffic
- 52 Treat badly
- 54 Pseudo-cultured
- 55 Ten
- 57 Portable shelter
- 58 Iliad city
- 59 Trousers' belt holder
- 60 "If all ___ fails . . ."
- 61 Snow vehicle
- 63 Hooting bird

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AP photo
In this April 8, 2017, file photo, Florida State freshman running back Cam Akers tries to break away from Stanford Samuel III during the NCAA college football team's Garnet and Gold spring game in Tallahassee, Fla. Akers presence could help Florida State withstand the loss of Minnesota Vikings second-round draft pick Dalvin Cook, the Seminoles' career rushing leader.

PRODUCE

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passes, running the ball or returning kicks, Washington will find some way to use him. Ahmed needed only six games to rush for 1,300 yards his senior year at Juanita High in Kirkland, Washington. Other true freshmen who could merit immediate playing time for Washington include tight end Hunter Bryant and defensive back Elijah Molden.

CAM AKERS, RB, Florida State

Akers' presence could help Florida State withstand the loss of Minnesota Vikings second-round draft pick Dalvin Cook, the Seminoles' career rushing leader.

Akers was rated as the nation's No. 3 overall prospect in his class according to composite rankings of recruiting sites compiled by 247Sports.

He threw for 3,128 yards and 31 touchdowns, and rushed for 2,105 yards and 34 more scores last year to lead Clinton (Mississippi) High to its first state title. Akers likely will start his college career behind junior Jacques Patrick on the depth chart but still should get plenty of carries.

JAMON AUSBON, WR,

Texas A&M and **JERRY JEUDY**, WR, Alabama

Just about every year, it seems one of these two schools has a freshman wide-out produce big numbers. It happened at Alabama with Amari Cooper in 2012 and with Calvin Ridley in 2015. Texas A&M's Christian Kirk also had a huge freshman season in 2015. Both schools have promising first-year receivers on their roster this year. Jeudy caught five passes for 134 yards in Alabama's spring game. Ausbon's also an early enrollee who had a big spring and should step right in.

K'LAVON CHAISSON, LB, LSU

Chaisson's pass-rushing skills already have been evident. "K'Lavon Chaisson has been dominant," LSU coach Ed Orgeron said after the first week of training camp. "He's exactly the type player we thought he'd be."

Chaisson posted 15 1/2 sacks his senior year to help Houston's North Shore win a Texas Class 6A Division I state title. His ability to get to the quarterback should earn Chaisson an immediate role this fall. LSU defensive backs Grant Delpit, Todd Harris and Kary Vincent also likely will play right away.

DONOVAN PEOPLES-

JONES, WR, Michigan

Michigan must rebuild its receiving corps after losing Amara Darboh, Jehu Cheson and tight end Jake Butt to the NFL draft. That should create an immediate opportunity for Peoples-Jones, who was rated as the top receiver and the No. 12 overall prospect in his class according to the 247Sports Composite. Peoples-Jones, who is 6-foot-2, leads a talented group of Michigan freshman receivers that also includes Tarik Black and Oliver Martin.

N'KOSI PERRY, QB, Miami

The departure of Detroit Lions sixth-round draft pick Brad Kaaya has created a wide-open quarterback competition at Miami.

Perry arguably has the greatest upside of all the candidates, though Miami coach Mark Richt said Monday the experience of junior Malik Rosier and sophomore Evan Shirreffs currently gives them an edge. Perry, who is 6-4, is the nation's No. 7 dual-threat quarterback prospect in his class according to the 247Sports Composite.

Another freshman competing for the quarterback spot is Cade Weldon, the son of former Florida State star and 1991 Heisman Trophy runner-up Casey Weldon.

RANGERS

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things happen," Griffin said. "It was fun to go out there and have it all come together like that."

TIGERS OFFENSE

Detroit took its only lead when Jose Iglesias hit an RBI double to make it 1-0 in the second. Iglesias also had the second of the Tigers' consecutive RBI grounders in the seventh. ... Victor Martinez led off the ninth with his ninth homer.

STEALING A RUN

Rougned Odor manufactured a run for Texas in the seventh. He drew a walk, went to third on a stolen base and a throwing error by catcher John Hicks, and

then scored on what would have been a steal of home before a balk was called on Daniel Stumpf. The reliever never came set or stepped off the rubber before frantically throwing home.

"I saw him jockeying two pitches before that," Stumpf said. "I got lazy and came up too slow. Looked home and saw Hicks red-eyed and knew he was moving."

UNUSUAL PLAY AT FIRST

When Odor hit a grounder through the right side of the infield in the third, he was thrown out at first base on a 5-1 putout. Detroit was

drastically shifted against the pull-hitting Odor, and third baseman Nicholas Castellanos was positioned in short right field when he fielded the ball and threw to Verlander covering the bag.

BAYLOR

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assaults, failed to protect her and others who were attacked, and ignored her pleas when she sought help.

The Associated Press generally doesn't identify sexual assault victims, but Hernandez has spoken publicly.

"We are very proud of Jamin for her courageous efforts to draw attention to the issue of campus sexual violence, and are honored to have been a part of this journey with her," Zalkin said.

Baylor was already under intense scrutiny when Hernandez sued amid a wave of media reports on allegations of sexual and physical assault surrounding the football program. The school had hired the Pepper Hamilton law firm to investigate after former football player Sam Ukwuachu was convicted of sexual assaulting a student. His con-

viction was later overturned and he is awaiting a retrial.

The school was hit with a cascade of federal lawsuits after Baylor released its findings from the Pepper Hamilton report in May 2016. The school has settled with several women but still faces multiple lawsuits that have alleged gang rapes by football players and claims the school used its strict honor code against premarital sex and alcohol use to silence victims and witnesses.

Hernandez would be the second woman who sued Baylor to settle. Baylor settled for an undisclosed amount in July with a woman who claimed the school fostered a "hunting ground" for sexual predators. Baylor also has settled with at least three women who didn't file lawsuits.

Baylor is facing federal civil rights and state criminal investigations, as well as an NCAA investigation.



AP photo
In this Aug. 27, 2016 file photo, California Golden Bears players reach up to touch the trophy presented to them after defeating the Hawaii Rainbow Warriors at the end the opening game of the U.S. college football season at Sydney's Olympic stadium in Sydney. Despite losing two of its top players to the NFL, Stanford will be heavily favored against Rice when U.S. college football returns Down Under for the second year in a row. The Aug. 27, 2017 game will be played at midday Sunday in Australia, Saturday evening in the United States.

COLLEGE

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due to the International Date Line.

CHANGE OF VENUE: When Cal beat Hawaii 51-31 last August to open the 2016 season, 62,000 fans were at the 80,000-capacity Olympic stadium in Homebush in western Sydney.

This year organizers have moved the game to 45,000-seat Allianz Stadium, more commonly known as Sydney Football Stadium, and only minutes from downtown. Training fields at Moore Park, which surrounds the

stadium and includes equestrian trails and a golf course, will be used by the teams for practice sessions ahead of the game. Organizers for the College Football Sydney Cup on Wednesday said tickets sales were "tracking very nicely" and that they expected sales to increase once the teams arrive.

Former Australian Olympian and WNBA player and Rice coach Jae Cross provided some humorous moments for the players when she gave a speech about what to expect Down Under. "We have the top 10 deadliest animals ... actually it's only the top eight," Cross said, laughing.

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Confederate monuments removed overnight in Baltimore

BALTIMORE (AP) — Confederate monuments in Baltimore were quietly removed and hauled away on trucks in darkness early Wednesday, days after a violent white nationalist rally in Virginia that was sparked by plans to take down a similar statue there.

Baltimore Mayor Catherine Pugh told The Baltimore Sun that crews began removing the city's four Confederate monuments late Tuesday and finished around 5:30 a.m. Wednesday.

"It's done," Pugh told the newspaper. "They needed to come down. My concern is for the safety and security of our people. We moved as quickly as we could."

Workers used cranes to lift the towering monument to Robert E. Lee and Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson onto a flatbed truck in the dark.

Pugh said Monday that she had contacted two contractors about removing the monuments, but declined to say when they would come down, saying she wanted to prevent the kind of violence seen in Charlottesville, Virginia. Pugh said at the time that she wants the statues to be placed in Confederate cemeteries elsewhere in Maryland.

A commission appointed by the previous mayor recommended removing a monument to Marylander Roger B. Taney, the Supreme Court justice who wrote the Dred Scott decision denying citizenship to African-Americans, as well as a statue of two Virginians — the Confederate generals Lee and Jackson.

Instead, former Mayor Stephanie Rawlings Blake put up signs calling them propaganda designed to falsify history and support racial intimidation.

Baltimore's swift removal of the monuments comes days after what is believed to be the largest gathering of white supremacists in a decade — including neo-Nazis, skinheads and Ku Klux Klan members. They descended on Charlottesville for a rally prompted by the city's decision to remove a monument to Lee.

Violent clashes broke out between white nationalists and counterprotesters and a woman was killed when a car plowed into a crowd of people who were there to condemn the white nationalists.

A memorial service for 32-year-old Heather Heyer is scheduled Wednesday morning at a downtown Charlottesville theater.

Greg Baranoski was walking his dog in Baltimore's Mt. Vernon neighborhood just after midnight on Wednesday morning when he saw a crane. At first he thought it was having trouble making a particularly narrow turn, but quickly realized a crew was taking down the Taney statue. He said he and about a dozen others looked on as the crew worked. It took about 40 minutes, he said.

"It was the fastest thing I've ever seen the city do," he said. "It was amazing, really amazing."

Baranoski said that until recently, he admired the monuments as pieces of art even though he didn't agree with "what they stood for." But he said in the past few days, he's come to believe that the monuments should be removed.

"A lot of these monuments were placed here in the 19-teens and 20s, years after the Civil War, it was done to remind certain folks who is in power," he said. "I was happy to see them go. Having them out of sight is good for the city, and I hope the city makes plans to do something with the empty pedestals."

Baranoski's suggestion: Replace the Taney statue with one of Thurgood Marshall.

"It'd be super poetic to replace the statue of Chief Justice Taney with Justice Marshall," he said.

Mourners gather to remember woman killed at Virginia rally

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP) — Mourners will gather in Charlottesville, Virginia, on Wednesday to honor the woman who was killed when a car rammed into a crowd of people protesting a white nationalist rally that descended into violence last weekend.

A memorial service for Heather Heyer is scheduled Wednesday morning at a downtown Charlottesville theater. Attendees were asked to wear purple, Heyer's favorite color, in her memory.

The 32-year-old was a Charlottesville resident and legal assistant whose mother described her daughter as a courageous, principled wom-



A monument dedicated to the Confederate Women of Maryland lies on a flatbed trailer early Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2017, after it was taken down in Baltimore. Local news outlets reported that workers hauled several monuments away early Wednesday, days after a white nationalist rally in Virginia turned deadly.

AP photo

an and firm believer in justice and equality.

Heyer was among the hundreds of protesters who had gathered Saturday in Charlottesville to decry what was believed to be the largest gathering of white supremacists in a decade — including neo-Nazis, skinheads and Ku Klux Klan members. They descended on the city for a rally prompted by the city's decision to remove a Confederate monument.

Man recounts pushing fiancée away from car during protest

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP) — With tires screeching and bodies flying, Marcus Martin shoved his fiancée out of the way of a car charging through a crowd of peaceful protesters in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Marcus Martin was promptly hit and upended by the car as it plowed through the crowd. Flat on his back with a broken leg, he says he experienced several minutes of terror.

"The only thing running through my mind was: please don't let her be dead," Martin, 26, told The Associated Press in an interview. "Please don't let her be dead." Marissa Blair was OK, and Martin's body was captured in a photograph as he tumbled over the crashing car that fatally hit Heather Heyer, a friend who had been marching with Blair and

Martin. Nineteen others were injured.

Martin's mother, Kimberly Martin, was terrified as she watched the scene replayed on television.

"I'm thanking God, because after seeing that photo and then I'm seeing videos and I'm seeing my son behind this car and then when I see the car backing back up the street, it was nobody but God that got him out of the way, you know? And it was just a cruel, cruel, act because those peaceful people: it was like going to a battleground without any protection from anybody," she said.

While her son survived, Kimberly Martin said she's pained by Heyer's death.

"As a mother it hurts, you know, because I could have lost my child, but somebody else did and, like I said, it just hurts," she said.

James Alex Fields Jr., a 20-year-old Ohio man who was said to idolize Adolf Hitler and Nazi Germany in high school, has been charged with second-degree murder in Heyer's death. Authorities say he drove into a group of counter-protesters at a white nationalist rally on Saturday after the crowd had moved from a nearby park to downtown. Fields has been held without bail. Blair said she has never had a close friend pass away. She saw Heyer every day at work at a local law firm and on weekends. They had met up in Charlottesville on Saturday to march as counter-protesters against participants in the white nationalist rally.

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