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Black and Gold pride: Steer Homecoming Spirit Week has arrived

By ERIN STEPHENS
 Staff Writer

Big Spring students and faculty are gearing up for this year's Homecoming Spirit Week.

Members of Big Spring High School student council are putting together activities for the week leading up to the homecoming football game that will take place Friday, Oct. 6, at 7:30 p.m. against the Graham Steers.

"Students and faculty get really into spirit week, which includes class competitions, voting for homecoming king and queen, and dress-up days," said student council advisor Porsha Bryant.

Spirit Week began with homecoming finalist voting on Sept. 25,



Bryant

and will continue through the 27th. the strongest Nominations for homecoming king and queen have already been turned in and the winner will be announced during halftime at Friday night's game.

"In addition to homecoming king and queen, a band beau and sweetheart will also be selected this year out of 16 female and 16 male finalists," said Bryant.

Dress-up days begin Oct. 3, and this year's themes include titles like "Who is

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Steer?"..."Big Spring Steers are ready for battle!"and "Big Spring Steers are more dynamic!" to name a few. To show their school spirit, students and faculty will dress according to the theme of that day.

A yearly tradition, the bonfire before Homecoming Day will take place on the 5th at sundown at the Anderson Alternative Campus.

"The bonfire will be led by the band

and cheerleaders and usually turns into a kind of community pep rally," said Bryant.

Another yearly homecoming tradition called "whitewashing" will take place during spirit week. Whitewashing is when seniors paint slogans and words of encouragement to the Steer football team on the sidewalk in front of the school with white paint.

Homecoming Day will be an eventful one, beginning with a pep rally at 3 p.m. in the Steer gym, then a parade at 4:30 p.m. Those interested in entering a float should call 432-264-3641. Floats should be decorated in a way that will represent battle and/or be black and gold.

"We encourage all schools and members of the community to get involved

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When the Buffaloes come marching home



Left, HERALD photo/Erin Stephens; top, Photo courtesy Shaun McVicar's

Left, the Forsan High School Marching Band lines up to make the Homecoming Parade March Friday. Top, Forsan High School senior Jenna Evans is crowned Homecoming Queen at halftime during the Buffaloes Homecoming football game Friday evening.

24 indicted in District Court

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

The Howard County Grand Jury indicted 24 people Thursday in the 118th District Court.

Those indicted were:

(Cases presented to the court by 118th District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson, prosecutor)

- Elda Melina Bernal, 47, of 1311 Mobile, Three counts of forgery (state jail felonies)
- Willie Ray Calhoun, 61, of 1606 Bluebird, Theft of material (state jail felony)
- Adan Tomas Elizondo, 43, of 2817 Granite Hille Ave. in Leander, Possession of a controlled substance (less than 1 gram) (state jail felony)
- Mohammad Ete Madnia, 31, of 3860 N. Poppyseed Lane in Calabasa, Ga., Possession of a controlled substance (4 to 400 grams) (second degree felony)
- James Michael Ingram, 62, of 6017 E. Interstate 20 in Loraine, Driving while intoxicated (third or more) (second degree felony - enhanced)
- Jesse Ray Olguin, 33, of 1605 Lincoln Apt. A, Assault of a family member/impeding breathing (third degree

felony).

- Martin Anthony Ramirez, 27, of 1601 Stadium, Assault of a family member/impeding breathing (third degree felony) and Evading arrest (third degree felony)
- Paul Rostum Ramirez, 51, of 800 Douglas, Unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon (third degree felony)
- Patrick Matthew Rios Jr., 26, of 910 Nolan, Evading arrest (prior conviction) (state jail felony) and Possession of a controlled substance (1 to 4 grams) (third degree felony)
- April Dawn Shipley, 36, of 1303 N.W. Ave J in Seminole, Possession of a controlled substance (less than 1 gram) (state jail felony)
- Bradley Demar Sims, 26, of 811 Lorilla, Possession of a controlled substance (less than 1 gram) (state jail felony)
- Joe Spencer, 52, of 5211 Longshore Dr., Burglary of a habitation (second degree felony)
- Rosemary Vasquez, 45, of 1000 E. 20th St., Forgery (state jail felony)
- Casey Daniel Vassilion, 33, of 4912 SCR 1202 in Midland, Forgery (state jail felony)

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County Fair champions claim titles

Special to the Herald

The 2017 Howard County Fair may be coming to a close, but the following champions have bragging rights for the next 365 days. Listed below are the results for the Howard County Fair competitions in the divisions of creative arts, baked goods, produce, and canned goods.

Creative Arts results

Hobbies and Crafts - Adults

DIVISION 1: CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

1st- Deanna Foresyth (Grand Champion), Carla Pavlovsky (Reserve Champion), Donna Wright, Debra Franklin, Mamie Lee Dodds, Maggie Brasel

2nd-Mamie Lee Dodds

DIVISION 2: HOLIDAY CRAFTS

1st-Deanna Foresyth, Donna Wright, Robbie Cren-

shaw

DIVISION 3: DOLLS

1ST- Helen Crandell, Deanna Foresyth

DIVISION 4: Framed and Hanging Crafts

1ST-Margaret Darling (Grand Champion), Deanna Foresyth (Reserve Champion), Debra Franklin, Lois Ellison

DIVISION 5: FLOWERS

1ST-Deanna Foresyth

DIVISION 6: MISCELLANEOUS HAND CRAFTS

1st- Deanna Foresyth (Grand Champion), Miguel Lopez (Reserve Champion), Mamie Lee Dodds

2nd-Deanna Foresyth, Terri Myrick

DIVISION 8: NON- PROFESSIONAL JEWELRY

1st- Deanna Foresyth

DIVISION 9: KILN PRODUCTS

1st- Maggie Brasel

DIVISION 10: WOOD

CRAFTS

1st-Sandi Cockerham (Grand Champion) Ascencio Robles (Reserve Champion), Jesse Saenz, Jimmy Foresyth, Maggie Brasel, Margaret Moron

2nd- Jesse Saenz

DIVISION 11:

1ST- Scott Klarer, Donna Wright, Mamie Lee Dodds

CRAFTS BY KIDS:

1st- Robert Wilkinson, Sam Bryans

Handwork and Needle Work

DIVISION 1: AFGHANS

1st- Pearl Armstrong (Grand Champion)Melissa Woodruff (Reserve Champion), Barbara Cooley, Eunice Filler, Margaret Darling, Vivian Gordon

2nd- Barbara Cooley, George Luna, Mamie Lee Dodds

DIVISION 2:

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Trump lashes out at San Juan mayor who begged for more help

By JILL COLVIN
 Associated Press

BRANCBURG, N.J. (AP) — President Donald Trump on Saturday lashed out at the mayor of San Juan and other officials in storm-ravaged Puerto Rico, contemptuous of their claims of a laggard U.S. response to the natural disaster that has imperiled the island's future.

"Such poor leadership ability by the Mayor of San Juan, and others in Puerto Rico, who are not able to get their workers to help," Trump said in a series of tweets a day after the capital city's mayor appealed for help "to save us from dying."

"They want everything to be done for them when it should be a community effort," Trump wrote from his New Jersey golf club.

The tweets amounted to a biting response to San Juan Mayor Carmen Yulin Cruz, who had accused the

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Trump



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Mustangs roll past Steers 55-8 in their homecoming game



Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Big Spring's Mikey Renteria stiff arms a Mustang tackler during the Steer's road loss in Andrews on Friday, September 29, 2017.

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**
Sports Editor

Friday was homecoming night for the Andrews Mustangs as they hosted the Big Spring Steers in what turned out to be a pretty one-sided football game, and went on to win it with a final score of 55-8.

Big Spring started things off after a 22 yard opening kick-off return from Tre Wheat, but the Steer offense couldn't make their way out of their own territory and had to punt after five plays. In their punt attempt, Cooley did what he could with a low and wild snap. He chased it from their 47 yard line back down to their own 21 and downed it before the Mustangs could get their hands on it, thus giving Andrews excellent field position for their first drive.

It only took one play for the Mustangs to get on the score board. Andrews senior quarterback, Jace Keesee, found receiver, Noah Lujan, on a bubble screen that was good for 21 yards and a touchdown. Following a successful PAT from Mustang kicker, Jaden Brown, Andrews snagged a quick 7-0 lead.

On the Steers next drive, they managed to work their way 20 yards upfield just before sophomore quarterback, Abel Clark, was stripped of the ball on a quarterback keeper by senior Mustang, Britin Garcia.

Andrews had another great field position start to their drive as they took over on Big Spring's 34 yard line. Following his 10 yard run on the previous play, Garcia found the end zone on a 24 yard

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Buffs defeat Sandies 28-14 in Homecoming win

By **STEVE BELVIN**
Staff Writer

Homecoming was saved, the Buffaloes won and Jason Phillips got a chance to let a lot of his guys play. All was well in Forsan as the Buffaloes took a 28-14 win over the Amarillo High Sandies junior varsity Friday night.

Phillips and his staff had to hustle to find an opponent when Morton cancelled because of lack of players. They came up with a worthy opponent in the Sandies, a class 5A school.

It gave Phillips and his staff a chance to look over some things and to get more players involved, all while keeping the competitive juices flowing. Phillips said it was well worth it.

"A soon as we found

out about the cancellation, all of my assistant coaches got on the phone. We wanted to find someone to play" said Phillips. "We figured we going to have to play someone's JV, and we were very fortunate to get a quality team and that they were willing to come and play us."

As far as the Forsan offensive attack goes, it was very predestined. The Buffs relied on defense and gave a take-what-I-need offensive attack. Amarillo High kept the ball most of the time as Forsan was way more productive.

They put together three scoring drives and blocked a punt which was returned for a touchdown. It was more than enough for the win.

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Courtesy Photo by Shaun McVicars

Pictured above is Buffs running back, Trey Brockman (32) bringing the football into the endzone for a touchdown in Friday's homecoming game against Amarillo High.

Big Spring Steers swim meet results



Courtesy Photo by Randall Shaw

Pictured above are members of the Big Spring High School swim team at their meet in Pecos on Thursday, September 28, 2017.

Special to The Herald

The Steer swim team made their way to Pecos on Thursday, September 28, 2017 where they competed in a swim meet against Pecos. Although Big Spring had some disqualifications, head swim coach Randall Shaw is still pleased with the team's performance as a lot of the swimmers on the team haven't competed before.

"This meet was a difficult meet for our kids as Pecos is a tough competitor in the sport of swimming. That was the purpose of scheduling this meet. Many of our kids are new to swimming and this was their first competition. It gave them an idea of what they will be competing against in our district. This was difficult for us also because with the pool renovations at the YMCA, we have only been in the water for two weeks. Given that, we

competed very well. This gives us a look at what we still need to work on," said swim coach Shaw. "A lot of our kids just need to learn the many rules that can get them disqualified. I was pleased with our swimmers all around. Our veteran swimmers returning from last year's team swam close to where they left off at the end of the season last year. Our new kids were able to swim a variety of events without getting disqualified which is always a worry with first year swimmers. There are so many rules to teach kids at the beginning of the year like for example touching the wall a specific way can get you disqualified. Its early in the season and we have a long season, so there is plenty of time to work on technique but we look pretty strong."

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Above, Fair Queen winner Preslie Smithie poses for a photo. Below, for Smithie's talent she sang a song she wrote and played the guitar.

Howard County Fair Queen



HERALD photo/Amber Mansfield
Runner up Amber Nichols (left) and Fair Queen Preslie Smithie.



HERALD photo/Amber Mansfield
Left Photo: Evelena Gutierrez playing flute. Above photo: comedy skit with Amber Nichols, Madison Seghers, and Hayley Mackie.



HERALD photo/Amber Mansfield
From top: Hayley Mackie, Amber Nichols, Yzabelle Olivarez, Stacie Flores, Karina Osorio, Preslie Smithie, Isabella Rivera, Kayelyn Koenning, Evelena Gutierrez, Katie Creswell, Courtney Berringer, Keelee White. Bottom: Madison Seghers, Bailey Braddock. All pose for a goofy photo.



By AMBER MANSFIELD
Staff Writer

The Howard County Fair Queen contest held this past Thursday at the Howard County Fair had 13 young ladies fighting for the crown and a \$600 scholarship prize.

The contestants were judged on four different areas throughout the night.

The young ladies started off in Fair Style clothing whilst introducing themselves to the three judges and audience. Then the contestants moved on to the talent portion of the show, where there was a whole variety of talents being showcased. Some included: homemade quilts, singing, and playing the guitar, one young lady played "A Whole New World" on the flute. Another young lady acted out a skit, and three young ladies putting on a comedy skit. The third part included the formal attire wear, and the last

and final challenge of the night was to answer a questions by the Emcee. The ladies was graded on poise, personality, and response to the question.

"All ladies did amazing," said Laura Martin, one of the judges. "We had a tough decision."

"We are impressed with how many girls showed up to compete," said Daphne Laura, another judge. "And how continuing their schooling is important to them."

The prize for runner up was a \$300 scholarship and two Clay Walker tickets, and the 1st prize was a \$600 scholarship and two Clay Walker tickets. But at the end of the night the crown, prize, and title of Fair Queen 2017 could only go to one and Preslie Smithie, a senior from Coahoma, came out on top with Amber Nichols as runner up.

"I wasn't expecting to win," said Smithie. "But I'm still very excited and feeling blessed."



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The Fair Queen judges from left to right: Daphne Glenn, Laura Martin, and Neasa Iden.



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Obituaries

Vada Carlile



Vada Carlile, 86, of Colorado City, formerly of Big Spring, died Thursday, Sept. 28, 2017 in a Colorado City nursing home. Visitation will be 4 p.m. - 6 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 1, 2017 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 2, 2017 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Brother Paul Smith, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church

in Colorado City, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

She was born October 5, 1930 in Guion, Texas, and married Elton Lee Carlile Dec. 23, 1949 in Lubbock, Texas. He preceded her in death Oct. 13, 2014.

Vada was an excellent seamstress and enjoyed bowling in her younger years. She was a member of the Westbrook Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Allen Carlile and wife, Jenny of Dickinson, and Albert Carlile and wife, Gayla of Colorado City; one daughter, Darlia Shaw and husband, Cecil of Arlington; nine

grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Mary Lou Baker and husband, Dwain of Lubbock and Kay Patterson and husband, Bill of El Paso.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bevie and Alva Gladden; six brothers and three sisters; and one grandson.

The family suggests memorials to the Alzheimer's Association, 4400 N. Big Spring St., Suite C32, Midland, Texas 79705.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

Paid Obituary

Bonnie Joyce Cates



Bonnie Joyce Cates, 89, of Forsan passed on Thursday, Sept. 21, 2017 at her residence. No services are planned at this time.

Bonnie was born in Sparenberg, Texas, on April 24, 1928. She married the love of her life, Tom Cates, on Oct. 11, 1948. They were married in Lovington, New Mexico and enjoyed 67 years together.

Her surviving family includes her son, Tom Cates of Forsan, and four grandchildren.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her husband in 2015. She was also preceded by four sisters and three brothers.

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

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **DARIN FRANK WITTEN**, 30, of 1106 Standford Avenue, was arrested for a charge of burglary of building.

• **JAVIEL SOLIZ**, 35, of 202 NE 8th Street,

was arrested for warrants of assault family, household member and intentionally, recklessly impending normal breathing or circulation, no drivers license when unlicensed, failure to appear, aggressive assault with deadly

weapon causes seriously bodily injury to family member.

• **BURGLARY OF VEHICLE**, was reported on the 1200 block of E 16th street.

• **BURGLARY OF BUILDING**, was reported on the 1500 block of E

4th street.

• **BURGLARY OF BUILDING**, was reported on the 1000 block of S Birdwell Lane.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE**, was reported on 706 block E interstate 20.

Take Note

• The 1953 Hyperion Club will tour Cal Farley's Boys Ranch - a residential community for at-risk children between five and eight years old - near Canyon Oct. 4, and have some extra spots available on the bus. The Hyperion bus will leave around 8 a.m., and plans to return to Big Spring after 6 p.m. that day. For more information or to reserve a spot, contact Londa Henry at 213-7628.

• Howard County Crop Tour will be Oct. 10, 2017. Registration starts at 9 a.m. at the G.C. Broughton Jr. Ag Complex. At 9:30 a.m. the tour will feature Brooks Farm, Variety Trials, a Fertilizer Test, and the Harvest Aid Trial. At 11:30 a.m. is the IPM Update by Dr. Charles Allen. Lunch is at 12:30 p.m. Sponsors include the Big Spring Gin, Bayer Crop Sciences, and Nexgen. Three continuing education units will be awarded.

• The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains. The corps provides spiritual services to Howard County residents and visitors in crisis situations. Prospective chaplains don't require any specific experience or education to qualify for the position, just a calling from God and a willingness to devote time to the program, which

requires a 24- to 30-week training program and dedication of one day per week for emergency call-outs. Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Joel Miller at 432-213-1221.

• 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 a 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.

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

• Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages.

Support Groups

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.

TUESDAY

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

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

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

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship located in the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

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.

FRIDAY

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

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Big Spring's Jeremiah Cooley makes a one-handed catch during the Steers' road loss in Andrews on Friday, Sept. 29, 2017.

STEERS

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touchdown run and put the Mustangs up 14-0 over the Steers.

After a defensive stop against the Steers and putting themselves in great field position once again, the Mustangs put together a four-play, 42 yard touchdown drive that put them at a 21-0 lead with under six minutes remaining in the first.

On Andrews last drive of the first quarter, the Steers came right at them with physical defense and held them to only ten yards of offense, which included a huge sack for a loss of 12 yards made by junior defensive lineman Channing Miller.

Towards the end of the second quarter, the Mustangs put together an eight-play, 88 yard scoring drive which put them up 28-0 with under two minutes left in the half.

Andrews opened the second half with passes for 21 yards and 24 yards, followed with a 17 yard touchdown run to increase their lead to 35-0. A couple drives later, the Mustangs were able to find the end zone again thanks to another Keesee-Lujan connection, which was good for a whopping 82 yards and made it a 41-0 ballgame after a missed PAT with under seven minutes remaining in the third quarter.

After another Mustang touchdown late in the third, Big Spring finally showed signs of life. Steer kick-off returner, Wheat, brought one up to the Big Spring 38 yard line but was tackled illegally. The penalty brought Big Spring to the Andrews 47 yard line to begin their drive. On the very next play, Clark uncorked a long pass to Steer receiver, Jeremiah Cooley, who made a spectacular one-handed grab that even Odell Beckham Jr. would be proud of, at the Andrews 15 yard line. He took it to the house and put six on the board to avoid the shut out. With a successful two-point conversion by D.J. Molina, that was disguised as a PAT, the score was now 48-8 with under two minutes left in the fourth quarter.

The Mustangs found the end zone one last time with less than a minute to go in the third when Andrews backup quarterback, Tyler Luna, found wide receiver Kito Prieto on a post route for 39 yards.

Jaiden Luddington, of Big Spring, managed to pick off Luna in the fourth, but the team couldn't capitalize as both teams managed to hold each other score less for the final quarter of the game, and with a score of 55-8. The Mustangs take the win in

dominant fashion.

"First thing, is we just need to keep getting better fundamentally. We are, but we would like it to be faster. We are going as fast as we can," said head football coach Mitch McLemore. "The other thing is, our starts. In the second half, we got off to a slow start and busted three coverages. Those are just things we have to keep working on, and at some point, some place and some time, we will execute better, get it rolling in the right direction and gain confidence. That is a big thing. A lot of it is just youth. A lot of it has been the past couple of seasons, and it's just a process."

The Mustangs did most of their damage through the air as they finished with 365 receiving yards, and 120 rushing yards. The Steers were pretty balanced offensively, but had to throw it around a little bit more than they would have liked against a strong run defense. They finished with 158 rushing yards and 148 passing yards.

Throughout the game, we saw the Steers line up in some different formations that we haven't really seen much of from them. According to McLemore, it wasn't just in preparation for Andrews, but something that he and the coaching staff are working on to better suit his players.

"It's something I feel like we need to do to get the most out of our young players, our talented players and also our lineman. So we can just put them in a position where they can do some things that are a little different, mostly fundamental, and help them become more physical football players," said McLemore. "It's going to be part of our DNA for a while until we develop catching and throwing to a much higher degree."

Big Spring is still having issues with penalties as they finished with 14 total which cost them 130 yards. Andrews committed 8 penalties for 70 yards.

Despite the tough loss to a formidable Andrews opponent, McLemore is proud of the way the guys showed toughness, fought hard throughout the game and is pleased with some of the great things the guys did.

"The way we played the last quarter of the first half, we played awesome. I mean we did really good," said McLemore. "No, we didn't finish our drives, and penalties played a part in that too, but that was the most physical game we have played this year so I was proud of them for that."

Next week, The Big Spring Steers will host Graham on Friday for their homecoming game which is set to kick off at 7:30 p.m.



Courtesy Photo by Shaun McVicars

Buffalo quarterback, Bryce Hergert, carries the ball in Friday's homecoming game against the Amarillo High JV Sandies.

BUFFS

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Phillips got a chance to utilize all of his troops without risking any injuries, and was able to start pulling his starters out in the third quarter.

"We just wanted to go out and execute," said Phillips. "We got a lot of good out of it, and we got better from it. Amarillo High has great technique, especially on their offensive line. We exchanged film but that's all we had to go on each other."

Forsan's defense was led by senior outside linebacker Ehren Hillger, who set the tone of the game on that side of the ball. The blocked punt for a touchdown belonged to him, and it was good for 27 yards and was also the first score of the game.

Last week he was catching touchdown passes against Reagan County, and this week he had two sacks and a batted down pass. Linebacker, Jonathon Gabehart, also got a sack.

"Ehren is a great play-

er. We worked him in as a sophomore and he started for us last year. He helps all around for us, but defense is his claim to fame," said Phillips.

Forsan led 21-0 at the half as Amarillo High only managed 66 yards total offense. Phillips started pulling his starters in the third quarter and that's when the Sandies started to get most of their yards. AHS' Jeremiah Rupprent was the game's leading rusher with 103 yards in 17 carries.

Forsan quarterback, Bryce Hergert, had a 2-yard scoring run and threw a 28-yard touchdown pass to Kobe Richardson. Trey Brockman also had a 2-yard scoring run.

For Forsan, it was a game that needed to be played. "The kids wanted to play this game," Phillips said. "We all really wanted to play this game or else we wouldn't have tried (to find a game) so hard, but it's homecoming. It's what the people come to see."

It all worked out fine and dandy for the Buffaloes. The game was basically a scrimmage

as it will go down in the record books that Morton forfeited to Forsan. To the crowd, who braved rainy weather, it was a homecoming victory and the crowning of Jenna Evans as their 2017 homecoming queen. The Buffs are now 3-2 and travel to Wink on Friday.

Amarillo High

Rushing: 44 carries for 115 yards

Passing: 3-12, 77 yards

First downs - 13, Fumbles - 0, Penalties - 2 for 14 yards, no interceptions.

Forsan

Rushing: 28 carries for 107 yards

Passing: 9-14, 130 yards

Scoring Summary

1st - F: Ehren Hillger 27-yd blocked punt return; Richardson kick, 10:21.

2nd - F: Hergert 2-yd run, Richardson kick, 8:12. F: Brockman 2-yd run, Richardson kick, 8:12.

3rd - AHS: Repprent 1-yd run, John Grist kick, 5:19. F: Hergert 28-yd pass to Richardson, Richardson kick, 7:32

4th - AHS: Keelen Green 5-yd. run, Grist kick, 1:13.

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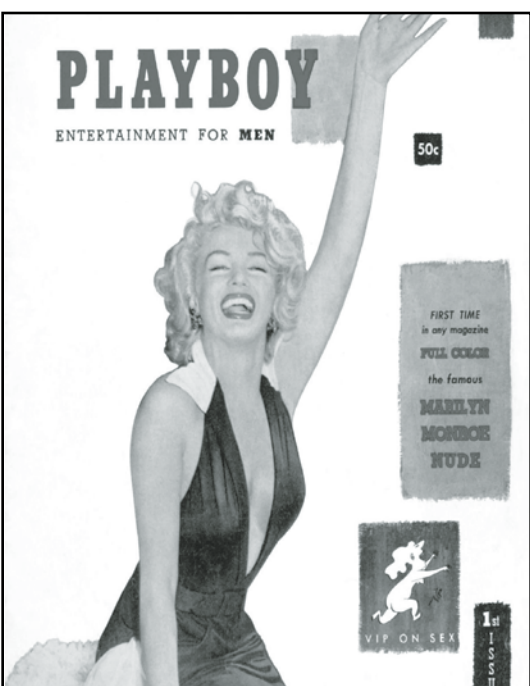
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Some of the famous women who stripped down for Playboy

By The Associated Press

Over the decades, some of the biggest female stars on the planet have undressed for Playboy pictorials. Here are some of them and the dates they appeared:

- Lindsay Lohan (January/February 2012): The "Freaky Friday" star paid tribute to Marilyn Monroe.
- Drew Barrymore (January 1995): The one-time wild child was just 19 when she posed.
- Farrah Fawcett (Sep-

tember 1995): The 1970s pinup posed semi-nude for the magazine for the first time, at age 48.

- Madonna (September 1985): The singer had just started her career with "Borderline," "Holiday" and "Lucky Star."
- Sherilyn Fenn (December 1990): The original "Twin Peaks" star was one of the buzziest women on television at the time.
- Sharon Stone (July 1990): The future "Basic Instinct" star had just starred in "Total Recall."
- Robin Givens (Sep-

tember 1994): The actress posed five years after she split with former husband, boxer Mike Tyson.

- Jenny McCarthy: The model, actress and former Playmate of the Year graced the cover six times, the latest in 2012 when she was 39.
- Naomi Campbell (December 1999): The model starred in a 14-page pictorial.
- Anna Nicole Smith: The model landed her first Playboy cover in March 1992 with the name Vickie Smith. She went on to do

four more covers.

- Katarina Witt (December 1998): The Olympic figure skater had competed at the highest level just four years before.
- Pamela Anderson: The model has been featured in 13 issues over three decades and she holds the record for the most covers.
- Kim Kardashian-West (December 2007) Her photo shoot was documented in her reality series, "Keeping Up With the Kardashians."

Howard County school and senior lunch menus

Big Spring ISD

Kentwood Early Childhood

Monday: Breakfast: Holiday
Tuesday: Breakfast: Egg Cheese fundle, fresh apples, milk. Lunch: Popcorn chicken, diced peaches, vegetable blend, fresh cucumbers, milk.
Wednesday: Breakfast: Chocolate muffins, diced pears, milk. Lunch: Cheesy penne pasta, pineapple tidbits, celery sticks, roasted acorn squash, corn, milk.
Thursday: Breakfast: Sausage, egg, cheese, burrito, banana, milk. Lunch: Corn dogs, pinto beans, fresh cantaloupe, fresh baby carrots, milk.
Friday: Breakfast: Egg and cheese sandwich, fresh apples, milk. Lunch: Cheese pizza, spinach, fresh baby carrots, milk.

Elementary Schools

Monday: Breakfast: Holiday
Tuesday: Breakfast: Bacon, egg, and cheese, stuffed sticks, fresh oranges, fruit juice. Lunch: Corn dog or popcorn chicken bowl, dinner roll, craisins, diced peaches, mixed vegetables, fresh cucumber, garden salad.
Wednesday: Breakfast: Sausage breakfast pizza, fresh pears, orange juice. Lunch: Pizza salad dinner or hamburger, fresh apples, diced pears, fresh roasted squash, celery sticks, garden salad.
Thursday: Breakfast: Sausage kolaches, fresh apples, cherry star juice. Lunch: Diced chicken ranch salad, breadsticks, or meatball sub sandwich, fresh oranges, rosy applesauce, baked pork beans, fresh baby carrots, garden salad.
Friday: Breakfast: Chicken patty biscuits, fresh banana, apple juice. Lunch: Turkey melt sandwich or pepperoni pizza, buttered broccoli, fresh red pepper strips, fresh cantaloupe, pineapple tidbits, garden salad.

Intermediate School

Monday: Breakfast: Holiday
Tuesday: Breakfast: Breakfast sandwich, fresh oranges, fruit juice. Lunch: Chicken Sandwich, or chili dog, or popcorn chicken bowl, craisins, diced peaches, fresh cauliflower, fresh cucumbers, garden salad.
Wednesday: Breakfast: Strawberry PBJ, fresh pears, orange juice. Lunch: Cheeseburger, or chicken carbonara pasta, or ham and turkey Cobb salad with flatbread, fresh apples, diced pears, roasted squash, fresh celery sticks, garden salad.
Thursday: Breakfast: Sausage kolaches, fresh bananas, cherry star juice. Lunch: Chicken Patty sandwich or diced chicken ranch salad with pretzel bread, or

steak fingers with roll, fresh oranges, applesauce, pinto beans, garden salad, fresh baby carrots.

Friday: Breakfast: Maple waffles, fresh grapes, apple juice. Lunch: Meatball sub, cheeseburger or cheese pizza, pineapple tidbits, fresh buttered broccoli, fresh red pepper strips, fresh cantaloupe, garden salad.


Junior High School

Monday: Breakfast: Holiday
Tuesday: Breakfast: Breakfast sandwich, fresh oranges, fruit juice. Lunch: Spicy chicken sandwich or tuna salad platter or soft pretzel roll or popcorn chicken bowl, fresh bananas, diced peaches, fresh cauliflower, fresh cucumbers, garden salad.
Wednesday: Breakfast: PBJ sandwich, fresh pears, orange juice. Lunch: Cheeseburger or ham, turkey Cobb salad or cheesy penne pasta, dinner roll, fresh apples, diced apples, fresh celery sticks, garden salad.
Thursday: Breakfast: Sausage kolaches, fresh bananas, cherry star juice. Lunch: Spicy chicken patty or diced chicken ranch salad with dinner roll, and chicken nachos, fresh oranges, applesauce, campfire pinto beans, fresh baby carrots, garden salad.
Friday: Breakfast: Chocolate muffin, fresh grapes, apple juice. Lunch: Cheeseburger or pizza salad with dinner roll, cajun chili fries bowl, fresh cantaloupe, pineapple tidbits, fresh buttered broccoli, fresh red pepper strips, garden salad.

High School


Monday: Breakfast: Holiday
Tuesday: Breakfast: Cinni mini rolls, or egg patty muffin, or waffles, fresh blueberries, trix cereal, animal crackers, fresh oranges, mixed fruit cup.

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Wednesday:

Breakfast: Breakfast taco or sausage muffin or waffles, fresh blueberries, fruit loop cereal, fresh pears, applesauce.
Thursday: Breakfast: sausage kolaches, or egg bacon sandwich, or waffles, fresh blueberries, apple jack cereal, animal crackers, fresh bananas, raisins.
Friday: Breakfast: Breakfast corn dog, chocolate muffin, or waffles, fresh blueberries, frosted flake cereal, string cheese, fresh grapes, diced peaches.
Lunch: Line 1: Made to order hamburgers, chicken sandwiches, deli-style sandwiches. Line 2: Pizza Line 3: Nachos, burritos, tacos.

Coahoma ISD

Monday: Breakfast: Early bird sandwich or breakfast pizza. Lunch: Chicken fajita salad or enchiladas or taquito with queso, Spanish rice, Charro beans, seasoned corn, salsa cup, fruit cobbler crisp.
Tuesday: Breakfast: Chicken-n-biscuits. Lunch: Chicken salad and croissant or meatball sub or chili cheese casserole with corn bread, fresh veggie cup, mixed fruit cup.
Wednesday: Breakfast: Breakfast platter, biscuits and gravy with scrambled eggs and bacon, or breakfast parfait. Lunch: Ham chef salad, or asian stir fry or chicken nuggets with green beans and mac and cheese, garden salad, apple slices.
Thursday: Breakfast: Pancake wrap and yogurt. Lunch: Crispy chicken salad, or fiesta bowl, or pizza with seasoned corn, garden salad, fresh veggie cup, fruity jello.
Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll and sausage or

sausage biscuits. Lunch: Sante Fe Salad, frito pie, or hamburger or cheeseburger, burger salad, cucumber slices, baby carrots sticks, cinnamon applesauce and cookie.

Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast: Cherry Strudel with Colby jack cheese stick or cereal and toast or yogurt parfait, mandarin oranges, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken nuggets with roll or garlic french bread pizza, seasoned corn, cheesy potato, baby carrots, fresh fruit, milk.
Tuesday: Breakfast: Mini sausage biscuits or cereal and toast or yogurt parfait, peach cup, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken sandwich or nachos with bean dip, spicy fries, seasoned pinto beans, garden salad, salsa, fresh fruit, milk.
Wednesday: Breakfast: French toast with sausage patty or cereal and toast or yogurt parfait, mandarin oranges, fruit juice, milk.
Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza or cereal and toast or yogurt parfait, strawberry cup, fruit juice milk. Lunch: Cheese or pepperoni pizza or chicken strips, mashed potatoes and gravy, savory green beans, fresh fruit, milk.
Friday: Breakfast: Dutch waffle with bacon or cereal and toast or yogurt parfait, applesauce cup, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: hamburger or general tso's chicken Asian bowl with egg roll, waffle fries, California, blend veggies, baby carrots, fresh fruit, milk.

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Monday: Breakfast: Sausage biscuits, fruit juice,

milk. Lunch: Hamburger, garnish, fries, fresh veggie cup, mixed fruit, fruit variety, milk.
Tuesday: Breakfast: Breakfast combo, hash browns, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken fajitas. Spanish rice, Charro beans, tiny tomato cup, salsa, lettuce and tomato, hot cinnamon apples.
Wednesday: Breakfast: Chicken and Waffles, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Roast beef sandwich, gravy, savory green beans, apples slices, fruit variety, milk.
Thursday: Breakfast: Stuffed bagel, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Country pot pie, broccoli bites, fresh veggie cup, snowball salad, fruit variety, milk.
Friday: Breakfast: Dutch waffle, bacon, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Calzone, marinara sauce, tuscan vegetables, garden salad, peaches, cookie, fruit variety, milk.

Big Spring Senior Center

Monday: Steak fingers and gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, cinnamon apples, bread, milk.
Tuesday: Chicken fajitas, Spanish rice, pinto beans, chips and salsa, strawberries and peaches, tortilla, milk.
Wednesday: Chopped BBQ on a bun, onion and relish, potato salad, fruit salad, chocolate chip cookies, milk.
Thursday: Baked Chicken, rice, mixed greens, sliced tomatoes, key lime pie, bread, milk.
Friday: Pork patty with mushroom gravy, sliced red onions, rice krispy treat, bread, milk.



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CHAMPS

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DIVISION 2: PILLOWCASES
1st- Mamie Lee Dodds

DIVISION 3: TEA TOWELS
1st- Lois Ellison, Debra Franklin, Cleonia Burger, Mamie Lee Dodds

DIVISION 4: TABLECLOTHS
1st- Mamie Lee Dodds
2nd- Mamie Lee Dodds

DIVISION 5: SCARVES AND DOILIES
1st- Mamie Lee Dodds

DIVISION 6: POTHOLDERS
1st- Mamie Lee Dodds, Debra Franklin
2nd- Mamie Lee Dodds

DIVISION 7: QUILTS
1st - Shonda Flosom (Grand Champion), Barbara Cooley (Reserve Champion), Linda Porter, Eunice Filler, Lois Ellison, Laurena J. Vandeweerd, Pearl Armstrong
2nd- Mamie Lee Dodds, Cleonia Burger, Donna Menges

DIVISION 8: THROW PILLOWS
1st- Mamie Lee Dodds

DIVISION 9: MISCELLANEOUS HANDWORK
1st- Sandi Cockerham (Grand Champion), Lois El-

lison (Reserve Champion), Debra Franklin, Mamie Lee Dodds, Cleonia Burger

2nd- Laurena Vandeweerd

DIVISION 10: BABY ACCESSORIES
1st- Debra Franklin (Reserve Champion), Linda Porter, Barbara Cooley

DIVISION 11: CROCHETED OR KNITTED WEARING APPAREL
1st- Kristina Skiles (Grand Champion), Eunice Filler, Maggie Brasel, Kandis Wilkinson, Mamie Lee Dodds

DIVISION 14: WALL HANGINGS
1st- Terri Myrick
SEWING-CLOTHING
1st- Mamie Lee Dodds, Maggie Brasel
2nd- Toni Bodin, Mamie Lee Dodds

ANTIQUE SHAVING ITEMS
1st- Deanna Foresyth, Mamie Lee Dodds, Jimmy Foresyth, Maggie Brasel

ADULT COLORING
1st- Deanna Foresyth

SCRAPBOOKING
1st- Deanna Foresyth

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2nd- Dean Priest, Eevee Guterrez

3rd- Christy Archer

DIVISION 4- CANDY
1st- Christy Archer, Terri Myrick

DIVISION 5- DECORATED CAKES
1st- Jessica Rivera (Reserve Champion)
2nd- Terri Myrick

DIVISION 6- PIES
1st- Dean Priest (Grand Champion)

DIVISION 7- BROWNIES
1st- Betty Gross
2nd- Dean Priest

DIVISION 8- COBBLERS
1st- Robbie Crenshaw

1- Donna Wright-Grand Champion Peppers
2- Donna Wright
3- Jesse Saenz
4- Jesse Saenz
5- Jesse Saenz

ONIONS-RED
1- Chris & Megan Mason-Reserve Champion Onions

ONIONS-BUNCH
1- Terry Fryar-Grand Champion Onion
Champion Tomato—Marvin Gross
Reserve Champion tomato—Jesse Saenz

LARGE TOMATOES
1- Marvin Gross

SMALL TOMATO
1. Jesse Saenz
2. Marvin Gross
3. Jesse Saenz
4. Jesse Saenz

CHAMPION ONION—Jesse Saenz
RESERVE CHAMPION ONION—Jesse Saenz
1st Place Bunch Onion—Jesse Saenz
1st Place White Onion—Jesse Saenz

CHAMPION AND 1ST Place Okra—Donna Wright

PECANS
1- Jesse Saenz-Grand Champion
2- Jesse Saenz-Reserve Champion
3- Jesse Saenz

Canned Goods results

CLASS 1-FRUITS
3rd- Mamie Lee Dodds

CLASS 2-VEGETABLES
1st- Mamie Lee Dodds
2nd- Mamie Lee Dodds, Lois Ellison
3rd- Mamie Lee Dodds, Donna Wright, Lois Ellison

CLASS 3-PICKLES AND RELISHES
1st- Robbie Crenshaw, Sandee Lockhart, Mamie Lee Dodds
2nd- Donna Wright, Mamie Lee Dodds
3rd- Mamie Lee Dodds, Helen Crandall

CLASS 4-JAMS, JELLIES, PRESERVES
1st- Robbie Crenshaw (Grand Champion, Denise McComb (Reserve Champion), Lois Ellison
2nd- Robbie Crenshaw, Mamie Lee Dodds
3rd- Robbie Crenshaw, Denise McComb

CLASS 6-JUICE AND SYRUP
1st- Denise McComb
3rd- Mamie Lee Dodds

CLASS 7-MISCELLANEOUS
1st- Denise McComb
2nd- Mamie Lee Dodds

Produce results

- Grand Champion Overall- Marvin Gross w/champion tomato
- Reserve Champion Overall—Marvin Gross wchampion cantaloupe
- Champion and largest watermelon—Marvin Gross
- Champion and largest cantaloupe—Marvin Gross
- Champion and largest pumpkin—Jesse Saenz
- Champion pepper—Donna Wright
- Reserve Champion pepper—Donna Wright

PEPPERS-SWEET
1- Jesse Saenz

PEPPERS-HOT

Baked Goods results

DIVISION 1-CAKES
1st- Terri Myrick

DIVISION 2-BREADS

DIVISION 3-COOKIES
1st- Joyce Gaston (Reserve Champion), Jessica Ri-

STEERS

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in homecoming events," said Bryant. Photos of Spirit Week can be viewed by using the hashtag #bshshoco17 on social media accounts like Instagram and Twitter. Bryant said students needing detailed info can look at flyers created by student council members, featuring artwork by Danica Bishop. Special mention was requested for student council president, Mirella Villa, who put in a considerable amount of time and effort into spirit week.

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- Jerred Williams, 29, of 5000 ECR 71 in Midland, Forgery (state jail felony)

(Cases presented to the court by 118th Assistant District Attorney Lindsay Phillips, prosecutor)

- Kody Mark Barber, 18, of 5200 W. FM 818, Evading arrest/vehicle (third degree felony)
- Gregory Antoine Carter, 25, of 1005 Long Meadow in Desoto, Possession of a controlled sub-

stance (less than 1 gram) (third degree felony - enhanced) and Unlawful possession of a firearm/felon (third degree felony)

- Jose Garcia, 22, of 1801 Johnson, Possession of a controlled substance (less than 1 gram) (state jail felony)

- Howard Brandon Johnson, 30, of 2609 Hunter, Possession of a controlled substance (4 to 200 grams) (first degree felony - habitual) and Evading arrest/vehicle (first degree felony - habitual)
- Ronnie Eugene Leal, 27, of 1408 S. Birdwell Lane, Possession of a controlled substance (less than 1 gram) (state jail felony)

and Unlawful possession of a firearm/felon (third degree felony)

- Brandon Ray Lunningham, 33, of 1215 Ridge Road Dr., Arson/habitation (second degree felony)
- Kenneth Wayne Miers Jr., 40, of 1611 Hubbard in Sweetwater, Possession of a controlled substance (1 to 4 grams) (state jail felony)

- Mark Hollis Ryerson, 30, of 1800 Lancaster, Possession of a controlled substance (1 to 4 grams) (third degree felony)
- Richard Lazo Torres, 20, of 3509 E. Interstate 20, Unauthorized use of a vehicle (state jail felony)

TRUMP

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Trump administration of "killing us with the inefficiency" after Hurricane Maria. Desperate, and with her voice breaking with rage, she implored the president, who is set to visit the U.S. territory on Tuesday, to "make sure somebody is in charge that is up to the task of saving lives."

"We are dying, and you are killing us with the inefficiency," Cruz said at a news conference. "I am begging, begging anyone that can hear us, to save us from dying."

Trump has pledged to spare no effort to help Puerto Rico recover from Maria's ruinous aftermath, and tweeted that military personnel and first responders had done "an amazing job," despite having "no electric, roads, phones etc."

Puerto Rico, he said, "was totally destroyed," and "10,000 Federal workers now on the island are doing a fantastic job."

Natural disasters often bring the country together. But Trump used Twitter to accuse Cruz of partisan politics.

"The Mayor of San Juan, who was very complimentary only a few days ago, has now been told by the Democrats that you must be nasty to Trump," the president charged, without substantiation.

Trump is scheduled to spend an hour Saturday checking in by phone with FEMA Administrator Brock Long, Puerto Rico's governor, Ricardo Rosselló, and other local officials. He'll also speak with the governor of the U.S. Virgin Islands, which have received less attention, but were also ravaged by the storms.

Trump's Saturday tweets are an example of his insistence on "punching back," even against those with far less power. After a deadly terror attack in London in June, Trump sin-

gled out London Mayor Sadiq Khan, suggesting he wasn't taking the attacks seriously enough in a tweet that misconstrued Khan's words.

During his campaign, Trump also picked fights with a Gold Star family and a former beauty queen who publicly supported his Democratic rival.

Thousands more Puerto Ricans have received water and rationed food as an aid bottleneck has begun to ease. By now, telecommunications are back for about 30 percent of the island, nearly half of the supermarkets have reopened at least for reduced hours and about 60 percent of the gas stations are pumping. But many remain desperate for necessities, most urgently water, long after the Sept. 20 hurricane.

Trump said Friday that Puerto Rico is "totally unable" to handle the catastrophe on its own. "They are working so hard, but there's nothing left," he said. "It's been wiped out." He said the government is "fully engaged in the disaster and the response and recovery effort."

Yet even in voicing solidarity and sympathy with Puerto Rico, he drew attention again to the island's debt burden and infrastructure woes, leaving doubt about how far Washington will go to make the U.S. territory whole.

"Ultimately the government of Puerto Rico will have to work with us to determine how this massive rebuilding effort — it will end up being one of the biggest ever — will be funded and organized, and what we will do with the tremendous amount of existing debt already on the island," he said. "We will not rest, however, until

the people of Puerto Rico are safe."

During this season's trio of monster hurricanes — Harvey, Irma, Maria — Trump and his administration have drifted into the perilous territory of premature self-congratulation in the face of unfolding catastrophe, seemingly unmindful of the "Brownie moment" that scarred George W. Bush's presidency.

Bush famously told his emergency management director, Michael Brown, "Brownie, you're doing a heck of a job" during what proved to be a tragically inept federal response to deadly Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

Trump has repeatedly boasted about the positive reviews he said his administration was getting from Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Is-

lands for its relief effort, even as people in remote towns struggle to find food, water and other basics. Then Trump's acting homeland security secretary, Elaine Duke, called the federal relief effort a "good-news story" because of "our ability to reach people and the limited number of deaths."

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RESULTS

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Big Spring vs. Pecos Dual

final results listed below:

Event 1 Girls 200 Yard Medley Relay

Team	Relay	Finals Time	
1 PECO	A	2:13.07	8
1) Hernandez, Alexa 09	2) Trammell, Madisson 11		
3) Campos, Verence 10	4) Hidalgo, Iriana 12		
		33.74 36.20	
2 BISP	A	2:40.46	4
1) Villalobos, Bianca 09	2) Webb, Michelle 11		
3) Pope, Nancy 09	4) Starr, Paige 09		
		40.71 46.49 40.77 32.49	
3 BISP	B	3:33.69	2
1) Hilario, Margaret 09	2) Gonzales, Ariana 10		
3) Ogle, Maggie 09	4) Carnagie, Lou-Marie 11		
		54.69 58.66 48.45 51.89	

Event 2 Boys 200 Yard Medley Relay

Team	Relay	Finals Time	
1 PECO	A	1:52.58	8
1) Loya, Donovan 11	2) Patino, Santiago 10		
3) Garcia, Isaiah 12	4) Rayos, Anakin 12		
		28.63 30.80 27.85 25.30	
2 PECO	B	1:56.18	4
1) Hernandez, PJ 10	2) Hung, Jeremiah 10		
3) Hung, Zachariah 10	4) Machuca, Harley 09		
		29.61 31.26 26.22 29.09	
3 BISP	A	2:12.30	2
1) Castillo, Manuel 09	2) Grisham, Christopher 10		
3) Adlesperger, Evan 09	4) Soldan, Luke 11		
		38.51 34.88 29.54 29.37	
-BISP	B	DQ	
1) Lazano, Emet 09	2) Allen, Bryson 11		
3) Diez, Raven 10	4) Echeverry, Elijah 09		
		41.67 1:00.05 1:06.59 21.58	

Event 3 Girls 200 Yard Freestyle

Name	Yr School	Finals Time	
1 Smith, Timmerie	10 PECO	2:28.04	6
		33.94 37.95 38.43 37.72	
2 Macias, Lizette	09 PECO	2:51.33	4
		35.66 44.04 47.84 43.79	
3 Pope, Nancy	09 BISP	3:00.27	3
		39.40 45.92 1:34.95	

Event 4 Boys 200 Yard Freestyle

Name	Yr School	Finals Time	
1 Rivas, Justin	12 PECO	2:03.07	6
		27.48 31.22 32.28 32.09	
2 Flores, Diego	12 PECO	2:05.32	4
		28.82 31.31 33.69 31.50	
3 Lindemann, Garrett	11 PECO	2:32.37	3
		33.89 40.29 40.52 37.67	
4 Soldan, Luke	11 BISP	2:49.94	2
		32.21 41.57 47.47 48.69	
5 Lazano, Emet	09 BISP	3:03.49	1
		36.44 45.54 46.94 54.57	
-Johle, John	09 BISP	DQ	

Event 5 Girls 200 Yard IM

Name	Yr School	Finals Time	
1 Trammell, Madisson	11 PECO	2:30.60	6
		32.13 38.87 44.60 35.00	
2 Hidalgo, Iriana	12 PECO	2:54.99	4
		38.26 45.65 50.07 41.01	
3 Starr, Paige	09 BISP	3:15.44	3
		37.76 47.94 58.04 51.70	

Event 6 Boys 200 Yard IM

Name	Yr School	Finals Time	
1 Hung, Zachariah	10 PECO	2:11.19	6
		27.60 32.24 40.32 3 1.03	
2 Machuca, Harley	09 PECO	2:34.28	4
		33.38 39.77 45.00 36.13	
3 Spence, Adrian	10 PECO	2:41.53	3
		33.63 41.11 49.64 37.15	

Event 7 Girls 50 Yard Freestyle

Name	Yr School	Finals Time	
1 Hernandez, Alexa	09 PECO	29.47	6
2 Hernandez, Kimberly	12 PECO	33.94	4
3 Webb, Michelle	11 BISP	35.15	3
4 Ogle, Maggie	09 BISP	40.89	2
5 Gonzales, Ariana	10 BISP	48.38	1
6 Hilario, Margaret	09 BISP	x50.21	
7 Carnagie, Lou-Marie	11 BISP	x52.40	

Event 8 Boys 50 Yard Freestyle

Name	Yr School	Finals Time	
1 Hung, Jeremiah	10 PECO	24.97	6
2 Gomez, Jay	12 PECO	26.14	4
3 Hernandez, PJ	10 PECO	26.22	3
4 Grisham, Christopher	10 BISP	26.99	2
5 Echeverry, Elijah	09 BISP	27.50	
6 Walker, Jake	11 PECO	x29.46	
7 Barreno, Jayden	10 PECO	x31.28	
8 Allen, Bryson	11 BISP	33.99	1
9 Edmondson, Trusten	11 BISP	x40.11	
10 Compean, Oscar	09 BISP	x47.57	
-- Diez, Raven	1 BISP	DQ	

Event 10 Boys 1 mtr Diving

Name	Yr School	Finals Score
1 Garcia, Isaiah	12 PECO	149.10 6
2 Rayos, Anakin	12 PECO	125.90 4

Event 11 Girls 100 Yard Butterfly

Name	Yr School	Finals Time	
1 Trammell, Madisson	11 PECO	1:09.65	6
		32.91 36.74	
2 Campos, Verence	10 PECO	1:13.53	4
		34.04 39.49	
3 Pope, Nancy	09 BISP	1:35.29	3
		43.41 51.88	
4 Ogle, Maggie	09 BISP	1:51.78	2
		52.33 59.45	

Event 12 Boys 100 Yard Butterfly

Name	Yr School	Finals Time	
1 Hung, Zachariah	10 PECO	58.30	6
		27.68 30.62	
2 Garcia, Isaiah	12 PECO	1:04.45	4
		29.69 34.76	
3 Adlesperger, Evan	09 BISP	1:11.46	3
		29.30 42.16	
4 Spence, Adrian	10 PECO	1:17.04	2
		35.32 41.72	
5 Castillo, Manuel	09 BISP	1:20.69	1
		35.1 45.68	

Event 13 Girls 100 Yard Freestyle

Name	Yr School	Finals Time	
1 Mendoza, Alejandra	12 PECO	1:09.44	6
		33.39 36.05	
2 Hidalgo, Iriana	12 PECO	1:10.42	4
		34.50 35.92	
3 Carnagie, Lou-Marie	11 BISP	2:04.75	3
		56.7 1:08.68	

Event 14 Boys 100 Yard Freestyle

Name	Yr School	Finals Time	
1 Patino, Santiago	10 PECO	54.34	6

		25.56 28.78	
2 Loya, Donovan	11 PECO	55.07	4
		26.59 28.48	
3 Rayos, Anakin	12 PECO	58.62	3
		28.03 30.59	
4 Lindemann, Garrett	11 PECO	x1:05.76	
		31.41 34.35	
5 Walker, Jake	11 PECO	x1:07.65	
		31.90 35.75	
6 Lazano, Emet	09 BISP	1:20.25	2
		35.69 44.56	
7 Edmondson, Trusten	11 BISP	1:36.92	1
		44.39 52.53	
-Compean, Oscar	09 BISP	DQ	
-Johle, John	09 BISP	DQ	
		47.48 1:06.40	

Event 15 Girls 500 Yard Freestyle

Name	Yr School	Finals Time	
1 Smith, Timmerie	10 PECO	6:32.09	6
		35.80 40.33 40.98 40.41 40.39 40.07 40.56 40.24	
2 Macias, Lizette	09 PECO	7:19.02	4
		38.10 35.21 38.94 45.64 44.44 45.35 45.17 45.36 44.18 2:09.94	
3 Villalobos, Bianca	09 BISP	8:43.62	3
		39.60 46.85 50.78 53.41	

Event 16 Boys 500 Yard Freestyle

Name	Yr School	Finals Time	
1 Rivas, Justin	12 PECO	5:39.75	6
		29.07 33.55 34.78 34.89 34.37 34.78 34.60 34.94 34.31 34.46	
2 Flores, Diego	12 PECO	5:47.33	4
		29.37 34.23 35.13 36.22 36.17 36.47 36.83 36.98 34.30 31.63	
3 Barreno, Jayden	10 PECO	7:31.46	3
		38.10 43.48 45.41 45.76 46.22 48.43 47.96 47.75 45.29 43.06	
4 Rodriguez, Jacob	09 BISP	9:10.87	2
		41.86 55.06 52.88 58.02 1:01.34 55.85 58.51 58.20 57.22 51.93	

Event 17 Girls 200 Yard Freestyle Relay

Team	Relay	Finals Time	
1 PECO	A	2:11.03	8
1) Mendoza, Alejandra 12	2) Smith, Timmerie 10		
3) Macias, Lizette 09	4) Hernandez, Kimberly 12		
		31.92 31.91 33.89 33.31	
2 BISP	A	3:07.78	4
1) Ogle, Maggie 09	2) Hilario, Margaret 09		
3) Gonzales, Ariana 10	4) Carnagie, Lou-Marie 11		
		40.77 48.27 47.63 51.11	

Event 18 Boys 200 Yard Freestyle Relay

Team	Relay	Finals Time	
1 PECO	A	1:41.72	8
1) Loya, Donovan 11	2) Patino, Santiago 10		
3) Rayos, Anakin 12	4) Rivas, Justin 12		
		25.34 23.98 25.27 27.13	
2 PECO	B	1:48.65	4
1) Flores, Diego 12	2) Gomez, Jay 12		
3) Lindemann, Garrett 11	4) Garcia, Isaiah 12		
		26.53 25.48 31.30 25.34	
3 BISP	A	1:52.31	2
1) Castillo, Manuel 09	2) Adlesperger, Evan 09		
3) Grisham, Christopher 10	4) Soldan, Luke 11		
		28.43 27.09 26.82 29.97	
4 PECO	C	x2:04.20	
1) Machuca, Harley 09	2) Spence, Adrian 10		
3) Barreno, Jayden 10	4) Walker, Jake 11		
		29.77 29.90 32.92 31.61	
-BISP	B	DQ	
1) Compean, Oscar 09	2) Diez, Raven 10		
3) Edmondson, Trusten 11	4) Johle, John 09		
		50.23 41.22 42.52 47.30	

Event 19 Girls 100 Yard Backstroke

Name	Yr School	Finals Time	
1 Hernandez, Alexa	09 PECO	1:16.10	6
		36.54 39.56	
2 Mendoza, Alejandra	12 PECO	1:22.80	4
		39.97 42.83	
3 Villalobos, Bianca	09 BISP	1:34.57	3
		45.91 48.66	
4 Gonzales, Ariana	10 BISP	1:50.79	2
		55.76 55.03	
5 Hilario, Margaret	09 BISP	2:11.87	1
		57.50 1:14.37	

Event 20 Boys 100 Yard Backstroke

Name	Yr School	Finals Time	
1 Loya, Donovan	11 PECO	1:03.41	6
		30.88 32.53	
2 Hernandez, PJ	10 PECO	1:05.17	4
		31.23 33.94	
3 Gomez, Jay	12 PECO	1:07.43	3
		32.37 35.06	
4 Castillo, Manuel	09 BISP	1:30.12	2
		42.27 47.85	
5 Echeverry, Elijah	09 BISP	1:31.58	1
		44.58 47.00	
-Allen, Bryson	11 BISP	DQ	

Event 21 Girls 100 Yard Breaststroke

Name	Yr School	Finals Time	
1 Campos, Verence	10 PECO	1:28.04	6
		41.76 46.28	
2 Hernandez, Kimberly	12 PECO	1:35.00	4
		44.57 50.43	
3 Starr, Paige	09 BISP	1:41.57	3



Courtesy Photo by Randall Shaw
Pictured above are the members of the 2017 Big Spring Steer swim team.

		45.69 55.88	
4 Webb, Michelle	11 BISP	1:47.22	2
		49.54 57.68	

Event 22 Boys 100 Yard Breaststroke

Name	Yr School	Finals Time	
1 Hung, Jeremiah			

Roger's Reviews: The Lego Ninjago Movie



By **ROGER CLINE**

Staff Writer

I have to report that I'm not a big fan of Lego movies. At least the limited number (well, one now) that I've seen. I went to see "The Lego Ninjago Movie" this week; and, while there were a few laughs, it was not my cup of tea.

I have also discovered that I am not a big fan of movies whose title is in the format "The X Movie". We know you're a movie; we're sitting in a movie theater...or at least watching a movie on TV.

"Lego Ninjago" (as this should have been called) starts with a young boy (Kaan Guldur) venturing into an old curiosity shop run by the crochety Mr. Liu (Jackie Chan) and his fearsome cat (Pearl and Ruby). We're not sure why he goes in, but the later implication is that he might have been hiding from bullies. After a brief conversation, he shows Liu his average Lego guy toy, who he names "Lloyd." Liu uses a bit of sleight of hand to "change" Lloyd into the mighty Green Ninja, and then begins telling the kid the story of Ninjago.

Ninjago is a Lego city full of people like Lloyd (Dave Franco). Lloyd's father, the evil Lord Garmadon (Justin Theroux), regularly attacks Ninjago with his evil minions and devastating war machines. The people of the city generally hate Lloyd because his father is such a villain; but, ironically, Lloyd is secretly the Green Ninja, part of the Secret Ninja Force led by old Master Wu (who is away traveling, also voiced by Jackie Chan). Other members of the Secret Ninja Force are Nya (Abbi Jacobson), Zane (Zach Woods), Jay (Kumail Nanjiani), Cole (Fred Armisen), and Kai (Michael Pena); and the ninjas regularly send Garmadon packing with their powerful mech robots.

On Lloyd's birthday, Garmadon attacks the city once again, and once again, the ninjas defeat him. Back at his volcano lair, Garmadon fires several of his top generals (literally "firing" them out of the volcano) and begins to develop a new plan for a giant, invincible robot to conquer Ninjago.

Meanwhile, Master Wu returns, and tells the ninjas that real ninjas don't rely on machines and weapons. He tells Lloyd not to give in to his anger at Garmadon, but to use the power of his mind in battle. He brings up an "Ultimate Weapon," but forbids the ninjas to use it. Wu also tells the ninjas about their elemental ninja powers: Fire (Kai),

Earth (Cole), Lightning (Jay), Water (Nya), and Ice (Zane)...and Lloyd's is "Green" (You know, 'cause he's the Green Ninja).

Garmadon attacks with his unbeatable robot the next day. After defeating Lloyd and the other ninjas, he begins to declare himself ruler of Ninjago, when Lloyd shows up with the "Ultimate Weapon." He fires it, and nothing seems to happen. The audience, however, can see that the "Ultimate Weapon" is a laser pointer (to a Lego dude, it's Big Gun sized), and Lloyd has it turned backward, firing it back toward Ninjago. It doesn't burn holes through Lego buildings or catch anything on fire, but it does attract Mr. Liu's cat, who begins to chase and pounce on the laser dot. The cat is Godzilla-sized compared to the Lego buildings, and he begins knocking them down. We learn that kitty is known in Ninjago, and he's known as Meowthra.

Garmadon steals the "Ultimate Weapon" from Lloyd and begins pointing it at the ninjas' mechs, causing Meowthra to pounce on them and destroy them. As Garmadon celebrates his victory, Lloyd reveals himself. After a brief discussion (in which we learn that Garmadon pronounces his son's name "LuhLloyd" because of the two 'L's), Lloyd tells the villain he wishes Garmadon wasn't his father. This information knocks Garmadon for a loop, and Lloyd and the other ninjas escape.

The ninjas meet up with Master Wu, and everyone's mad at Lloyd for using the "Ultimate Weapon." Wu tells them that, now, they have to use the "Ultimate, Ultimate Weapon" to stop Meowthra.

I'll stop the narrative there. Also of note in the movie are Koko, Lloyd's mom and Garmadon's ex, voiced by Olivia Munn.

I know all this is supposed to be very clever and everything. And to be honest, the part where Meowthra shows up did get a chuckle or two out of me. For the most part, I didn't enjoy it. To be honest, I dozed off early in the movie for about 15 minutes because, ultimately (no pun intended), I don't care about Legos.

I am fully cognizant that there are people out there - including a good number of adults - who care very deeply about Legos and spend countless

hours of their lives assembling Lego creations. Those people, I can understand, might have good reason to love these movies. Kids especially might find them enchanting because they combine two childhood loves: animated movies and toys.

I guess I just don't fall into the demographic. I found the ultimate ending of "Ninjago" to be obvious, trite, and overly sentimental. I know it was supposed to be that way as some kind of clever comment on that type of movie, but it still doesn't make for good watching.

When the best part of your movie is a cat jumping around and destroying Lego buildings, you're a Youtube video, not a viable feature-length movie.

I'm going to give "The Lego Ninjago Movie" five stars out of 10. About one and a half to two of those stars are benefit of the doubt that there is a target audience who will absolutely eat this stuff up.

The Lego Ninjago Movie
Directors: (Why does a movie need multiple directors?) Charlie Bean, Paul Fisher, Bob Logan
Writers: Screenplay by Bob Logan, Paul Fisher, William Weaver, Tom Wheeler, Jared Stern, John Whittington; Story by Hilary Winston, Bob Logan, Paul Fisher, William Wheeler, Tom Wheeler, Dan Hageman, Kevin Hageman; Based on "Lego Ninjago" by The Lego Group.
Production Companies: Warner Animation Group, Lin Pictures, Vertigo Entertainment, Animal Logic, Lord Miller Productions, Lego System A/S
PG; 1 hr. 41 min.; Animation/Action/Adventure; Sept. 22, 2017

Roger saw this movie at Big Spring's own Cinemark Cinema 4, located in the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. For more information visit www.cinemark.com and enter the ZIP code 79720.

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DAILY PRAYER

Dear Lord,

Thank you for the rain and bringing us life.
Amen.

Seven dead puppies

Carl Prewit has taught English and coached tennis at the same high school for thirty-one years. He lives in Portland, near Corpus Christi and rides a bicycle all over the Texas coast. He collects stories about his family and is beginning to put them in a book.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

"One of my favorite stories is one titled 'Seven Dead Puppies.' It occurred while I was growing up in Rule, near Stamford, where everybody knew everybody and their kids. They also knew which dog belonged to whom. We always had dogs and we had a dog named Rosie who had seven puppies.

"Dad worked in the oil field so Mom and the other ladies in the neighborhood played Canasta probably every two weeks or so. They'd meet at each other's house. When my mother was hosting the group it was my job

to watch my little four-year-old brother and his friend, who was also four years old. His mother was one of the Canasta players.

"So I'm supposed to be watching these two little kids. It was summertime and I didn't want to have to do that. So I ignored them for a little bit. That's when they pulled a tub up and filled it with water. It wasn't long before they had all seven of Rosie's puppies in the water. I don't know if they were baptizing them or what. They didn't really know what they were doing. Anyway, these little puppies were drowning.

"My mother and another woman came out and saw what was going on. I've gotta tell you my mother was one resourceful person. She never never never gave up on anything or anybody. I had trouble with math in school and she stayed up till midnight with me showing me how to do those problems.

"Anyway she dashed outside and took those puppies out of that tub and got some towels and started drying off these little puppies. They rubbed their stomachs and

even gave them artificial respiration, but got no response. The little dogs appeared to be dead.

"Finally, talking about my mother never giving up, she ran into the kitchen and we heard her banging around in there and I knew I was not going to survive this because I didn't do my job.

"She came out with two big aluminum platters like you put pizza on. She put four on one, three dead puppies on the other one and went into the kitchen with that big porcelain gas oven, pulled open the door, cranked up the pilot light and put those puppies in there. She pulled up a chair and sat down in front of that stove and waited.

"One of those puppies we thought were dead started wagging its tail. Then the others slowly began to show signs of life. They all lived. Every one of those puppies lived. We gave them all away except for one that we kept. He was the runt and grew up to be a fine pet, despite getting a shaky start at life."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ports to Plains and bringing I27 to Big Spring

To the Editor:

The incredible, grand alliance-Ports to Plains - a route of cities from Canada, America's largest customer, to the deep water port of western Mexico, & America's second largest customer. It's an alliance that can do what separate or small cities can't do. Example- retaining the services of Washington D.C. highway representative referred to as "one of the most powerful staffers on the Hill who has played a large role in crafting every piece of major transportation legislation in the past decade".

Ports to Plains is a voice for Big Spring- part of Texas's 14% population residing west of Interstate 35. Metro cities such as Dallas, Houston, Austin, San Antonio, metro citadels containing mass volumes of populations, voters, numbers of senators & representatives tend to overly influence how state transportation dollars are allocated. This - despite the fact West Texas produces more than it consumes. Ports to Plains is the voice of West Texas.

Concepted dozens of years ago-Ports to Plains has grown beyond that original idea & plays an important role of persuasion, accomplishment, & popularity. Big Spring is part of it & should endeavor to bring Interstate 27 to Big Spring. To

personify the economic power of Interstate highways consider this small comparable: Few, if any from Big Spring, may have heard of Lusby's Mill, Kentucky, near the great tourist attraction, biblical Noah's Ark - a humongous, enormous reproduction of the original Ark visible for miles in any direction though chances are better someone in Lusby's Mill, Kentucky, might have heard of Big Spring, Texas, because of its Interstate 20 location across Texas. Another Interstate re-identifies Big Spring as the crossroads it is giving it both laterals (IS20) & vertical (IS27).

Recently, the community read its US representative define Big Spring as the capital of its district- having as its asset base cotton, agriculture, petroleum refining, petroleum, other energy forms such as wind plus rail, air, & interstate highway. Food, fuel & fiber- the Representative's acknowledged mantra in Washington D.C., all converge only at one place- BIG SPRING.

Doug Griffiths "13 Ways to Kill Your Community" book lists essential water in his first Chapter. CRMWD's 3 lakes substantiate uniqueness of Big Spring's position as water center of West Texas. Big Spring is closer, safer, rural, cheaper, frictionless, no costly business or home displacement, or expensive sound walls plus existing route

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The world of "isms"

What we knew of "isms," during days of our youth, was limited. There were many "isms" about which we were totally unaware, and that's still the case.

Initially, though, we figured words ending in "ism" were bad "mocus," and to be avoided whenever possible.

Old-timers complained of painful rheumatism; some of 'em said they had "rheumatiz." Years later, it dawned on us that the two terms are interchangeable. Astigmatism came into focus to expand our limited inventory of "isms," and "communism" may have been our first "ism" word unrelated to health.

Russia's Nikita Krushchev personified communism; his name dominated radio and TV news, as well as newsreels at the movies. We considered him to be an outspoken "bad hombre."

On one occasion, he was so upset at a United Nations meeting that he took off a shoe, using it as a drum stick and the conference table as a drum. He also is remembered for his threats to bury us.

Had Twitter been an option at the time, no telling what he might have said, but I'm thinking his 140 characters would have been smoking.

My reflections on "isms" bubbled to the top recently upon learning of The Washington Post's winners in its annual neologism contest. Readers are

asked to supply alternate meanings for common words. (Yes, if you figure I had no idea what "neologism" means, you are correct.)

I was determined to read the article, realizing that the chance to read a piece in the Post devoid of extremism isn't all that common.

Some of the submissions made me smile; maybe they'll have that effect on you, too.

The winner "neologized" the word "coffee." Should it not be obvious that the "coffee" is the person upon whom one coughs?

Runner-up and third-place winners are somewhat related, perhaps deserving equal weight. "Flabbergasted" measures the shock felt upon learning how much weight has been gained. "Abdicate" is an abandonment of hope of ever having a flat stomach.

Some of the other winners include: Esplanade, an attempt at explanation while drunk; negligent, describes a condition in which you absentmindedly answer the door in your nightgown; lymph, to walk with a lisp; gargoye, gross, olive-flavored mouthwash; balderdash, a rapidly-receding hairline, and frisbeetarianism, the belief that when you die, your soul flies up onto the roof and gets stuck there.

If I hear of another contest like this, I intend to enter. Why not neologize "whimperism." Actually, the definition will be soundless, depending totally on a gesture to clarify it. It is suggested for immediate use by the Texas Rangers. That's the baseball team that teases us with play-off hopes before being swept in three games by the last place Oakland A's. The neologism, as

suggested, would be a team-wide "shrug." (For full effect, the gesture should be enacted with all players standing, like all teams formerly did during the National Anthem.)

The Rangers' lackluster finish, however, could serve a useful purpose. After Ranger games won at home this season, TV interviews with star players have been interrupted by Gatorade dousings administered by playful teammates.

This tired antic is "high schoolish," and needs to be retired.

For persons whose interest in "isms" runs deep, it is noted they are suffixes with Greek origins, used to form action nouns from verbs, or "denoting action or practice, state or condition, principles, doctrines, a usage or characteristic, devotion or adherence." Whew.

If much more is said, there'll be equal time requested by persons who "wax algebraic," and others who may want to revisit famous quotes attributed (rightly or wrongly) to historical figures. I don't qualify for membership in these groups, either.

Maybe I'll spend some time today reflecting on diagramming sentences, conjugating verbs or reviewing formulas. More likely, though, is that I'll pass on such commitments. It is my habit, instead, to doze off, with two rescue dogs joining me in repose. And sometimes "nap" is plural.

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Choo homers as Rangers top A's

By SEAN SHAPIRO

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Martin Perez is taking a positive feeling into the off-season.

The 26-year-old lefty made his final start of the season in the Texas Rangers 5-3 win against the Oakland Athletics, allowing just three runs and five hits as he set a new career-high with 13 wins.

Eight of those wins have come in Perez' last 11 starts and he finished with a team-high 32 starts.

"I find my rhythm and I feel something right now that I've never felt before," Perez said. "I'm just going to work a lot on my mechanics so I don't lose the feeling I have. It was fun, the last two months, and it gives a lot of wins to my team. We don't make the playoffs but we finished strong."

Shin-Soo Choo tied a career high with his 22nd home run as Texas ended a seven-game skid. The loss guaranteed Oakland would finish last in the AL West.

A's catcher Bruce Maxwell took a knee during the national anthem and was booed by a portion of the crowd before and after the song. It was the first time Maxwell has taken a knee on the field in an opposing ballpark. He took a knee during the anthem on Thursday, but he was warming up starting pitcher Sean Manaea in the bullpen and out of view from television cameras and fans.

Maxwell wasn't in the lineup Friday, and took a knee in alongside his standing teammates in front of the dugout. He entered the game as a pinch hitter in the seventh and grounded out to second.

Perez had an early lead to work with after Choo and Elvis Andrus scored on an infield single by Nomar Mazara in the first.

The single gave Mazara 99 RBI for the season. With an RBI in the final two games Mazara would become the just the second Ranger in the past five seasons to have 100 RBI in a season.

Choo homered on the first pitch he saw in the fifth and doubled the lead to 4-0.

"I think Choo's had an outstanding season. You look at the power numbers, the walks, the on base, he's played defense very well," Rangers manager Jeff Banister said. "It's been a really nice year for Choo."

It was the final pitch of the night for A's starter Raul Alcantara (1-2), who allowed five hits and four runs in 4 1/3 innings.

"Good stuff again today," A's manager Bob Melvin said. "The home run was his undoing."

Texas tacked on another run in the fifth against reliever Sam Moll when Mazara scored on Willie Calhoun's single to left. Renato Nunez hit a three-run homer, his first in the majors, in the seventh inning to cut the lead to 5-3.

"Amazing," Nunez said. "It's a moment that's been in my dreams all my life, so that's pretty exciting."

Nunez had a chance to give Oakland lead in the eighth, but struck out with the bases loaded to end the inning.

Alex Claudio worked a scoreless ninth to pick up his 11th save for Texas.

"I DO"

Teresa and Lloyd Price exchanged vows and were married between the second and third inning. They wore Rangers jerseys and the wedding was officiated by a judge that had come to the game with the couple. They were appropriately named the "Fans of the Game" on the Rangers television broadcast.

TRAINERS ROOM

Athletics: Oakland manager Bob Melvin said that CF Dustin Fowler (knee) is progressing well and the hope is that he'll be ready to compete for a starting job in spring training.

UP NEXT

Athletics: RHP Daniel Gossett (4-10) is making his 18th start and will be making his first start against Texas.

Rangers: RHP Andrew Cashner (10-11) will make his 28th start of the season and is trying to finish with a .500 record or better for just the second time in his career.



AP Photo

Texas Rangers designated hitter Shin-Soo Choo, left, of South Korea, hits a two-run home run in front of Oakland Athletics catcher Josh Phegley (19) during the fifth inning of a baseball game in Arlington, Texas, Friday, Sept. 29, 2017. Rangers' Drew Robinson also scored on the play.

Maxwell takes a knee, is booed in Texas

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Oakland Athletics catcher Bruce Maxwell took a knee during the national anthem before Friday night's game against the Texas Rangers.

Maxwell has been the only major league baseball player to take to a knee, mirroring protests by NFL players against racial injustice. He was booed by a portion of the crowd before and after the national anthem.

It was the first time Maxwell has taken a knee on the field in an opposing ballpark. He took a knee during the anthem on

Thursday in Arlington, but he was warming up starting pitcher Sean Manaea in the bullpen and was out of view from most television cameras and fans.

Maxwell wasn't in the lineup Friday, and he took a knee alongside his standing teammates in front of the A's dugout. After the anthem was complete he rose and received a hug from Oakland outfielder Mark Canha.

Earlier this week A's manager Bob Melvin said he expected the protest to continue because Maxwell was committed to it.



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Regional Chairman,
Department of Surgery
Texas Tech



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Technology firms and small companies lead US stocks higher



AP photo

In this Wednesday, July 8, 2015, file photo, Federal Hall's George Washington statue stands near the flag-covered pillars of the New York Stock Exchange. U.S. stocks are off to a mixed start on Wall Street, Friday, Sept. 29, 2017, as gains in big technology companies are partly offset by losses in energy and industrial stocks. Chipmaker Nvidia and business software maker Oracle both rose.

By MARLEY JAY

AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Large technology companies and smaller U.S.-focused firms are rising again Friday morning and taking stocks to more record highs. Tyson Foods is climbing after it gave strong profit forecasts, and investors cheered strong quarterly results from homebuilder KB Home. Stocks are wrapping up their eighth consecutive quarterly gain.

KEEPING SCORE: The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 5 points, or 0.2 percent, to 2,515 as of 2:05 p.m. Eastern time. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 26 points, or 0.1 percent, to 22,354. The Nasdaq composite jumped 35 points, or 0.6 percent, to 6,489. The S&P 500 and Nasdaq are both on track to finish at all-time highs.

The Russell 2000 index of small-company stocks added 2 points, or 0.2 percent, to 1,491. It's also at record highs after a big rally this month.

YUMMY: Tyson Foods jumped after the food company raised its annual guidance and said profits for its beef business were better than expected. The company now expects to earn between \$5.20 and \$5.30 a share while analyst expected \$5.05 a share, according to FactSet. Tyson is also cutting costs and said it will eliminate 450 more jobs. The company projects a profit of \$5.70 to \$5.85 a share for its next year, well above the \$5.32 analysts expected.

Tyson climbed \$5.05, or 7.7 percent, to \$70.51. The stock has risen more on Friday than it had all year. Rival Hormel

Foods, whose brands include Skippy, rose 41 cents, or 1.3 percent, to \$32.12. Those companies and their competitors have struggled in recent years as Americans look for fresher food options.

TECH BACK ON TOP: Technology companies rose further and they are set to finish as the best-performing S&P 500 sector in the third quarter. They also held that distinction in the first quarter. The S&P 500 technology index has climbed 26 percent in 2017, while the S&P 500 is up 12 percent.

Facebook added \$2.49, or 1.5 percent, to \$171.22 and fiber optic products maker Amphenol jumped \$2.41, or 2.9 percent, to \$84.69. Chipmaker Applied Materials rose \$1.28, or 2.5 percent, to \$51.90.

The recent gains for tech companies have come in spite of a slump for Apple, the world's most valuable publicly-traded company. While Apple has soared this year, it's down about 4.5 percent since it announced its new line of iPhones and other products Sept. 12.

SWEET HOME: KB Home advanced after its third-quarter profit and sales for homebuilder beat estimates. The stock rose \$2.04, or 9.2 percent, to \$24.26. Other homebuilders made smaller gains. Meritage Homes picked up 88 cents, or 2 percent, to \$44.43 and Lennar advanced 56 cents, or 1.1 percent, to \$170.61.

SPRINTING: Sporting goods retailer Finish Line continued to rally after the New York Post reported that the company is in talks to sell itself to Sports Direct, a British

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Public Records

Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:

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 Sherri Monique Aldridge, 1507 E. Sixth St., Big Spring
 Anthony Anderson, 3401 Camellia Dr. #707, Temple
 Steve Antoine, 1425 E. Sixth St. #19, Big Spring
 Corina Avila, 1800 Winston St., Big Spring
 Katie Cole L. Baker, P.O. Box 3372, Big Spring
 Letitia Baucham, 1202 Stanford, Big Spring
 Linda Beck, 1713 Worley Rd., Banner Elk, N.C.
 Joshua Bell, 1962 Tuscola, Snyder
 Elda Melina Bernal, 1311 Mobile, Big Spring
 Tammy D. Bishop, 1410 Tucson Rd., Big Spring
 John Bochnicka, 538 Westover Rd. #260
 Chad Wayne Brown, 3901 Ave. O, P.O. Box 391, Snyder
 Douglas "Doug" Lee Brown, 205 W. 14th St. P.O. Box 275, Monahans
 Stella Brown, 205 Driver Road Big Spring, Tx
 Kimberly Buchanan, 410 W 5th Big Spring
 James Bullard, 202 Fourth St., Palestine
 Melinda Burns, 2218 Carlton Way, San Angelo
 Wayne Richard Buyce, 4042 Morningside Way, Canyon Lake
 Jason Canales, 612 Drake Road Big Spring
 Raymond Carroll, 712 E. 17th St., Big Spring
 Gloria Cerna, PO Box 55, Lamesa
 Pedro Chavarria, 1408 E. Sixth St., Big Spring
 Matilda Cortez, 302 N. St. Teresa, Stanton
 Hannah Deaton, 19634 Atasca Oaks Dr., Humble
 Roy E. DeBlanc, 1066 Cutrer Rd., Osyka, Miss.
 Laura W. Dennis, 1511 Scurry, Big Spring
 Humberto Diaz Jr., 3417 N. Midland Dr, Midland
 Nelba DeLosRios Diaz, 10600 McMillian Dr., Austin
 Krista A. Dickson, 6917 Todd, Sachse
 Jimmy Dodson, 405 31st St., Snyder
 Ben Doherty, 5019 McKinney St. No. 105, Dallas
 Angela Doty, 1401 E. Rundberg, Austin
 Tina Marie Ellis, 4002 Austin Ave., Snyder
 Selena Bethani Enriquez-King, 100 E. Parker, Midland
 Brittany Vanessa Escanuela, 1221 E. 17th St., Big Spring
 Joanna Esparza, 501 S. Tackitt, Seymour
 W. Carol Evans, 809 E. 33rd, Plainview
 Chris M. Fagan, 3508 W. Eighth St.,

Amarillo
 Kristen Falcon, 2606 Fairchild Dr., Big Spring
 Lez Faulkner, 1102 South Water, Burnet
 Jose Enrique Faz, 509 N. Goliad, Big Spring
 Mumduh Felemban, 9338 Perrin Beitel Apt. 701, San Antonio
 Alexander Fernandez, 404 Cypress, Colorado City
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 Mary Jo Garner, 11802 Silver Barring Cove, San Antonio
 William Gene Garner, 704 Rosemont, Big Spring
 Rosa M. George, 509 W. Second St., Stanton, Texas
 Perry Gholar, 1510 Nolan, Big Spring
 Elizabeth Gomez, 509 Raleigh St., Plainview
 Guillermo Gomez, 2107 Morrison, Big Spring
 James E. Gonzalez, 604 Neff St., Sweetwater
 Jeremy Goodman, 3471 Green Meadow #24, San Angelo
 Kay Grant, 4405 N. Garfield #1005, Midland
 Whitney Marquez Gray, 2934 Old Anson Rd. #1224, Abilene
 Isaiah Green, 4801 State St., Abilene
 James Michael Griffin, 303 Butler St. #502, Atlanta
 John Grima, 914 E. Sixth St., Big Spring
 Thomas E. Gross, 4100 S. Highway 87 #37, Big Spring
 Lynn Guerrero, 203 W. Ave #3, Clayton, N.M.
 Christina Nichole Gutierrez, 2809 25th St., Snyder
 Melissa Gutierrez, 3310 SF Austin, No. 58, Brownwood
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 Christine Henderson, 420 N. El Paso
 Juanita Hernandez, 1502 Bluebird, Big Spring
 Matias Hernandez Jr., 620 E. 4th

St., San Angelo
 Billy Dean Hill, 7117 Alissa, Rowlett
 Johnny R. Hill, 704 San Antonio, Big Spring
 Kaleb Hill, 910 Baylor, Big Spring
 Shatiya Lasha Jenkins, 4590 N. Texas #198, Odessa
 Stephanie Ford Johnson, P.O. Box 483, Coahoma
 Keith James Kochmick, 1003 Stadium, Big Spring
 Aaron Christopher Mack, 2134 Bonham Ave., Odessa
 Ruann R. Martinez, 1005 N.W. 2nd St., Big Spring
 Heriberto Palafox Mora, 1311 Mobile St., Big Spring
 Felicia Ornelas, 538 Westover No. 236, Big Spring
 Dana Kay Peach, 1806 N 13th Lamesa
 Nicole Preston, 1605 E. 11th Place, Big Spring
 Gilbert P. Ramirez, 1614 Settles, Big Spring
 Margarita Olivarez Ramirez, 1222 E 15th Big Spring,
 Byron Roberts, 2206 Alabama St Big Spring
 George Anthony Robinson Jr., 1905 Wasson Rd. #14, Big Spring
 Juan Romero, 2504 March Circle, Big Spring
 Veronica Romero, 103 Becker Road, Big Spring
 Yuri Lozano Rubio, 421 Cedar, P.O. Box 173, Colorado City
 Polly Ann Rusk, 4201 W. Highway 80, Big Spring
 Lillie Shoup, 1301 Colby Big Spring
 Shane Skaggs, 1 Courtney Place 301, Big Spring
 Derrick Dewayne Smith, 1207 Mulberry Big Spring
 Tamara Ruth Whitt, 3706 Connley, Big Spring
 Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd. Apt. #28, Big Spring

Marriage Licenses

Joseph Munoz Saiz, 35, of Big Spring and Amber Caylee Neighbors, 23, of Big Spring.
 Wayne Klade Bristo, 58, of Big Spring and Raquel Rangel Martin, 58, of Big Spring.
 Rosbelt A. Villarreal, 24, of Comstock, and Aide Nataly Rivas Gonzales, 21, Comstock, Texas.
 William Lavonne Green, 20, of Big Spring, and Martha Rose Lewis, 22, of Big Spring.
 Matthew Gordon Abel, 31, of Middleville, Michigan, and Courtney Nichol Elam, 26, of Middleville, Michigan.
 Jerrick Decova Straughter, 45, of Big Spring, and Stephanie Serrato, 32, of Big Spring.

District Court Filings

Plaintiff: Paige Towing and Recovery, LLC.
 Respondent: Michal's Quality Transportation, INC.

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infrastructure already in place will save Texas taxpayers millions. Texas Dept. of Transportation (simple address Austin, Texas) need to hear that story every day from Big Spring. Ask your Senator (Mr. Seliger), U.S. Representative, (Mr. Arrington), state representative (Mr. Drew Darby) their positions on an Interstate 27. Also your County & City elected officials most who are supporters of Port to Plains.

A group of elected state officials recently affirmed the very best way to get attention and possibly return mail is a hand written, signed note to them. A highly placed Tx Dot. official affirmed Interstate Highways will be the choice of electric transportation vehicles & trucks of tomorrow before their reaching destination off/roads, thus increasing highway traffic & tourism through Big Spring.

The above are some reasons Big Spring should keep continued support & confidence with Ports to Plains. Think you might write TxDot or your representatives? Do it now !!! It might be the very note that brings Interstate 27 to your city. Or, in the absence of your note or letter- IS27 might go somewhere else giving someone the best chance for the next "80 years of economic progress" & leaving Big Spring to struggle & struggle some more. Few cities can overcome the closing of a military base. Big Spring is demonstrating it can. Drive the base & witness the transformation taking place with rail.

**Bobby McDonald
 Big Spring, TX**

Life after loss

To the Editor:

February usually brings thoughts of love and romance to mind. For my family, two days before Valentine's Day marks an anniversary celebrated that is not a happy or exciting one - a day that most everyone in our community wishes could be wiped off the face of the annual calendar. I remember getting that urgent phone call from my daughter while watching my son's baseball game at the local high school field. Since my daughter was a first-year college athlete, it was not unusual for her to call me upset about something - boyfriend, school, coach, friends, teammates, - the usual drama that seems to follow teenage girls wherever they roam. I usually listen intently and then end with encouraging 'hang in there', 'keep your chin up', and 'things will get better' advice. However, this phone call was different - over the line came a desperate plea for information, a desperate plea for a friend that caught me off guard as I struggled to find a place away from the crowd noise. Finally calming her enough to change her slurred speech into audible words, she explained about someone informing her of the suicide of a dear friend from high school. "Please check on him Mom, please make sure he's okay" she pleaded through her tearful cries. She desperately hoped I could relay information back to her that this was simply misinformation that spreads like wildfire through a small West Texas town. I felt sick to my stomach as I used my phone to open his Facebook page where his timeline was filled with numerous teenagers requesting the same information as my daughter. Post after post begging someone to tell them it was not true. Other comments were those who seemed more accepting of the finality of it all and simply offered one word RIP comments. I began to pray and to search for one positive ray of hope that I could send back to my daughter who was falling apart eighty miles away. As the night went on, however, it was evident that his 20 short years of life had tragically come to an end. Left behind was a river of tears cried by his loving family and friends; tears that continue to flow as we approach four years of living life without him.

That night, my daughter came home a changed person. Once a confident and carefree college kid, she was now a heap of brokenness, covered in guilt, and desperate for answers that would never come. The next few days were filled with connecting with others for support, asking for prayer, checking on his family, ordering flowers, and preparing to say goodbye for the last time. Watching the slideshow of a young man that grew up with our children certainly set every parent in the room spinning into a surreal place - a place none of us wanted to even imagine. My daughter resisted making the walk down the aisle to the open casket surrounded by his track medals and running shoes. I encouraged her, explaining that I did not want her to leave with regrets of not saying a final goodbye. As she stumbled up, through and around people who seemed like empty faces, she wept so quietly but so loudly at the same time. It was almost as if she was coughing up the piece of her heart she was leaving with him in that moment. In hindsight, I wonder if it was the right thing to push her to take that walk - perhaps, she only wanted to remember his shining eyes and bright smile instead of the lifeless body that lay in front of a crowded memorial service.

"He was the happiest person I know" she kept repeating while trying to figure out where it all went wrong. She searched through his last text message asking her to meet their group for a night of dancing which she declined because of an early morning softball trip. Now, she thought, if only she had gone, it might have made a difference. As she meticulously reviewed each text message from him, she felt the heavy weight of guilt for each one she did not respond to. She learned he had left notes behind for his family and one friend - and she wondered why he did not leave one for her. So she pulled out her saved notes from high school; notes on scratch paper that focused on how much fun they would have during track season, prom, college, and how they

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Weekly Oil Report

New Locations:

Howard County

SM Energy Company
 6301 Holiday Hill Road
 Midland, TX 79707-0000
 Jill Hamilton, Regulatory Tech
 (432) 848-4855

#4844WA Farva "A", drill horizontal, API #42-227-39234
 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
 7.30 miles southeast of Knott
 A-263, Section 1, Block 32, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey
 Total Depth: 9603 feet
 Latitude 032.282631, Longitude -101.272494. Datum: NAD 27
 280' FSEL, 2621' FNEL of 656.72-acre lease
 280' FSEL, 2621' FNEL of the survey

SM Energy Company
 6301 Holiday Hill Road
 Midland, TX 79707-0000
 Jill Hamilton, Regulatory Tech
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#4845WA Farva "B", drill horizontal, API #42-227-39232
 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
 7.30 miles southeast of Knott
 A-263, Section 1, Block 32, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey
 Total Depth: 9603 feet
 Latitude 032.282639, Longitude -101.272462. Datum: NAD 27
 280' FSEL, 52' FSWL of 655.64-acre lease
 280' FSEL, 2593' FNEL of the survey

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#2723LS Guitar North, drill horizontal, El: NA
 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
 7.80 miles southwest of Knott
 A-575, Section 26, Block A, Bauer & Cockrell survey
 Total Depth: 10,500 feet
 X=711477.510, Y=252884.975. Datum: NAD 27
 391' FSL, 1555' FWL of 3,360-acre lease
 391' FSL, 1555' FWL of the survey

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#2724LS Guitar North, drill horizontal, El: NA
 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
 7.80 miles southwest of Knott
 A-575, Section 26, Block A, Bauer & Cockrell survey
 Total Depth: 10,500 feet
 X=711552.068, Y=252935.345. Datum: NAD 27
 425' FSL, 1639' FWL of 3,360-acre lease
 425' FSL, 1639' FWL of the survey

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#2743WA Guitar North, drill horizontal, El: NA
 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
 7.80 miles southwest of Knott
 A-575, Section 26, Block A, Bauer & Cockrell survey
 Total Depth: 10,600 feet
 X=711452.656, Y=252868.184. Datum: NAD 27
 380' FSL, 1527' FWL of 3,360-acre lease
 380' FSL, 1527' FWL of the survey

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#2744WA Guitar North, drill horizontal, El: NA
 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
 7.80 miles southwest of Knott
 A-575, Section 26, Block A, Bauer & Cockrell survey
 Total Depth: 10,600 feet
 X=711527.216, Y=252918.555. Datum: NAD 27

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Some Mormons await guidance on political rifts at conference

By BRADY McCOMBS

Associated Press
 SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Mormon church is holding its twice-a-year conference this weekend amid a tumultuous political climate in the U.S. and without the participation of its ailing 90-year-old president.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints President Thomas S. Monson will miss the conference for the first time since 1963, when he became the youngest-ever member of the top governing body called Quorum of the Twelve Apostles. He ascended to the top post in 2008 and is considered a prophet.

Another key leader, 85-year-old Robert D. Hales, also will miss the conference due to his health.

Topics to be discussed are kept under wraps until conference begins, but here's a look at what some in the nearly 16 million-member religion will be watching for during the conference:

POLITICAL DIVIDE

As Mormons live through a turbulent time in American politics, some members will be listening to see if church leaders provide guidance on dealing with high tension and strong opinions.

Mormon leaders don't endorse candidates or parties, but they sometimes weigh in on what they consider crucial moral issues.

During the 2016 presidential election,

the church defended religious liberty after Donald Trump suggested banning Muslims from entering the U.S. The religion also renewed calls for an end to culture wars where people stake out extreme positions.

Mormons historically lean heavily Republican, but the GOP

grip on the faith's voters slipped last year with Trump as the party's candidate, according to a Pew Research Center.

Many of Utah's mostly Mormon voters struggled to embrace Trump's brash demeanor and recoiled over the billionaire's

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LIFE AFTER LOSS

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- † Needs When You Are Grieving
- † Honoring Special Occasions
- † What Now?

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Type of Case: Contact-Consumer/
Commercial Debt
Date: Sept. 21, 2017

Plaintiff: Trampus Horrell
Respondent: Natalie Horrell
Type of Case: Divorce
Date: Sept. 21, 2017

Plaintiff: ABCO Fire Protection, Inc.
Respondent: Sunray Energy, Inc.
Type of Case: Contact-Consumer/
Commercial Debt
Date: Sept. 21, 2017

Plaintiff: Archrock Partners Leasing
LLC
Respondent: Howard County Appraisal
District
Type: Civil Case
Date: Sept. 22, 2017

Plaintiff: Stephanie Henry
Respondent: Russell Henry
Type: Divorce
Date: Sept. 25, 2017

Plaintiff: Amber Johnson
Respondent: Edrion Houston
Type: Protective Order
Date: Sept. 25, 2017

Plaintiff: Time Drake
Respondent: Candy Newhart
Type: Divorce
Date: Sept. 26, 2017

Plaintiff: Dedrick Moore
Respondent: Angelica Moore
Type: Divorce
Date: Sept. 27, 2017

Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Tommy Bobo
Grantee: Toby Green and Debbie Green
Property: Tact of land out of the North-west Quarter of section 34, block 32, Township 1-North, T and P Railroad Co. Survey.
Date: Sept. 21, 2017

Grantor: Snack Track Holdings, LLC.
Grantee: Cesar Aslor-Garcia and Rocio A. Alor
Property: A 22.63 acre of land, more or less, out of the South Part of Section 31, block 33, T-1-N, T and P. R.R Co. Survey
Date: Sept. 21, 2017

Grantor: Javier Garza and Ana G. Gonzales Catache
Grantee: William Marshall Tisdale Jr.
Property: Lot one, block four, of the Ce-

dar Crest addition.
Date: Sept. 21, 2017

Grantor: Katie Harrison, as administrator of the estate of Angela Marie Harrison, deceased, cause number P-14620, the County court of Howard County, Texas.
Grantee: Katie Harrison
Property: The S/50' of lot three, block 73, original town of Big Spring, Texas commonly known as 811 Runnels, Big Spring, Texas.
Date: Sept. 22, 2017

Grantor: Katie Harrison, as administrator of the estate of Angela Marie Harrison, deceased, cause number P-14620, the County court of Howard County, Texas.
Grantee: Misty Sims
Property: Lot 30, block two, Capehart addition
Date: Sept. 22, 2017

Grantor: Manuel R. Armendariz
Grantee: Helen Armendariz
Property: Lot number 12, save and except the North 60 feet, in block number seven, Cedar Crest addition.
Date: Sept. 22, 2017

Grantor: MidFirst Bank
Grantee: Joseph Kirk Newbrough and Andy Hoverston
Property: Lot number one, block four, of Standford Park addition

Date: Sept. 22, 2017
Grantor: Christina Rodriguez
Grantee: Pricilla Davila
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Travel industry says they'll continue trips to Cuba from US



AP photo

In this June 17, 2017 file photo, a tour bus appears in front of the Capitolio in Havana, Cuba..Tour companies and others in the travel industry say they will continue taking Americans to Cuba despite a dramatic safety warning issued Friday by the U.S. State Department.

By BETH HARPAZ and ADRIANA GOMEZ LICON
By The Associated Press

MIAMI (AP) — Tour companies and others in the travel industry say they will continue taking Americans to Cuba despite a dramatic

safety warning issued Friday by the U.S. State Department.

"We continue to believe that Cuba is a safe destination for our travelers, and we will be running our tours until our assessment changes," said Greg Gerone-mus, CEO of SmarT-

ours. "There has long been significant political tension between the U.S. and Cuban governments, but the experience that our travelers have had on the ground with the Cuban people has been nothing short of amazing. We have no reason to expect that these experiences will not continue."

Travel providers point out that there are no reports of American travelers having been harmed by the mysterious sonic attacks against U.S. diplomats and other officials, and that travel

to Cuba by Americans remains legal under existing regulations.

Collin Laverty of Cuba Educational Travel noted that the U.S. State Department has issued numerous alerts and advisories against travel by Americans to places like Mexico and Europe because of crime, terrorism and other dangers.

In contrast, in Cuba, "they have no evidence to indicate that U.S. travelers at risk during their visits to Cuba." He also called the warning "absolutely unnecessary and counterproductive."

The Trump Administration said earlier this year that it planned to issue new rules limiting travel by Americans to Cuba but it has not yet done so.

U.S. airlines continue to offer regular flights to Cuba, cruises continue to make stops there, Airbnb has a thriving rental business in Cuba and tour companies are still offering trips.

American Airlines is among a number of carriers declining to refund or waive change fees for Cuba flights despite the warning Friday. Travelers with tickets to Cuba are being treated like any travelers wishing to make changes: They must call the airline's reservations line to see what the options are, based on whether they bought a refundable or non-refundable ticket,

said American spokesman Matt Miller.

"It is still legal to travel to Cuba," reiterated Greg Buzulencia, CEO of ViaHero, which creates personal itineraries for Americans visiting Cuba. "I don't have any insight on the claimed attacks on US diplomats, but there have been no such attacks on US travelers." He said they'd had no cancellations from travelers.

John West made plans months ago to go to Cuba next week with a group of 12 friends from Washington D.C. and New York. Now they want to cancel. West said as of midday Friday, they couldn't get refunds on their United flights or the Airbnb house they rented in Havana. "We're kind of stuck in a pickle," West said. "We sent them articles stating that diplomats are getting attacked by this sonic whatever it is. ... All these issues arising from the hurricane and the attacks on the diplomats — it's just not safe for us to go."

Airbnb spokesman Nick Papas said that "consistent with U.S. law, our operations in Cuba will continue. ... Guests from the United States who have previously booked a trip to Cuba and wish to cancel their travel to Cuba can contact Airbnb to have their Airbnb reservation cost refunded under our extenuating

circumstances policy." United did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

In Friday's travel warning, the State Department said some of the unexplained physical effects have occurred in Cuban hotels, and that while American tourists aren't known to have been hurt they could be exposed if they travel to Cuba. Tourism is a critical component of Cuba's economy.

Carlos Valderrama, owner of Cuba Travel Group, a Miami-based agency that sells trips for cultural tours and eco-tourism, said he's already booked a third fewer trips this year than last because of President Donald Trump's June announcement that restrictions were forthcoming on travel to Cuba. As for Friday's warning, Valderrama said, "It was already very difficult to explain to Americans who want to travel to Cuba the ways in which they can do it correctly. This will only scare them more. But it's doesn't reflect the reality of (what it's) like to travel to Cuba."

Cruise companies with itineraries in Cuba did not immediately respond to a request for comment, but a spokeswoman for the consumer travel website CruiseCritic.com said she was not aware of any changes.

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company that owns the Everlast and Kangol Brands. The stock gained 35 cents, or 3 percent, to \$12.01.

Finish Line hit eight-year lows in late August as weak sales of shoes and other challenges for it and its competitors continued to mount. The stock has jumped 30 percent in the last six days, but it's still down 36 percent this year.

ENERGY: Benchmark U.S. crude fell 9 cents to \$51.47 a barrel in New York. Brent crude, the standard for international oil prices, shed 60 cents, or 1 percent, to \$56.56 a barrel in London.

Energy companies gave back some of their recent gains. They've had a strong third quarter thanks to a rally in oil prices. U.S. crude is up about 12 percent since the end of June.

Oilfield services company Baker Hughes lost 45 cents, or 1.2 percent, to \$36.58 and Occidental Petroleum fell 75 cents,

or 1.1 percent, to \$64.22.

METALS: Gold lost \$3.90 to \$1,284.80 an ounce. Silver slid 17 cents to \$16.68 an ounce. Copper fell 3 cents to \$2.96 a pound.

ECONOMIC DATA: U.S. consumer spending inched up 0.1 percent in August, according to the Commerce Department, and wages and salaries were unchanged. That could be a hint third-quarter economic growth will be weaker.

BONDS: Bond prices turned lower. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 2.32 percent from 2.31 percent.

CURRENCIES: The dollar rose to 112.55 yen from 112.39 yen. The euro rose to \$1.1808 from \$1.1791.

OVERSEAS: Germany's DAX added 1 percent and the FTSE 100 in Britain and CAC 40 in France both gained 0.7 percent. In Japan, the benchmark Nikkei 225 inched down less than 0.1 percent. South Korea's Kospi jumped 0.9 percent and Hong Kong's Hang Seng edged up 0.5 percent.

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LETTERS

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would be friends forever, even if they ended up in a nursing home. I tried to help ease her grief by telling her he was selfish and cruel to leave his friends in this way. This only hurt her more - she loved him so much, she did not think him selfish for leaving her, she was just sad that he left.

Immediately following his funeral service, she was whisked away to meet her team hundreds of miles away as life and softball resumed. No one seemed to notice her loss, the attention was placed on performance and she was expected to carry on in school and sports as though she did not feel her heart breaking inside of her. I wanted her to talk, I wanted her to deal with the pain, I wanted her to feel better. She was continuously stuck in this loop of anger, pain, depression, and guilt and I was determined that I would pull her out of it. My sister had a picture blanket made of their memories, I had a bear made from a shirt he had given her, she got a tattoo in his honor, all in an effort to make her feel he was still close to her. I bought self-help books for her to read, set up counseling appointments that she would never keep, tried anything in an attempt to make her life normal again. I constantly prayed which was the only thing I could actually do for her without her telling me no. I saw her sinking and I could not save her from the sorrow that was pulling her under - I could only offer a lifeline and trust God to eventually lead her to it.

After years of being unable to 'fix' her grief problem, I have accepted that there is no recovery from the pain that suicide brings. Those left behind struggle with things they could have done, could have said, could have changed. My daughter is sad he does not have a marker in a cemetery so that she can go and visit him when she returns to her hometown. She does not want to talk to her old friends because they remind her of the one she is missing. She wonders why God let him down, why God let her down. She does not understand that God is hurting because she is hurting - she thinks He is watching arbitrarily and, like me, saying you have got to move on! If it seems like I know this is what she is thinking, I do not. This is only my grasp at her emotions through watching her tears, her reactions, and those rare conversations where we actually get to talk about him until she cannot anymore. Just as I think she is getting stronger about the subject, his birthday month (October, same as hers) comes around, or the February anniversary date of his death. Both months send her back to the evening where she learned she would never see her sweet friend again and she feels the devastation all over again. I do not know if my daughter will ever recover from the loss but I have learned that, as much as I want to, I cannot drag her through the process of grieving. No matter what I say for comfort or buy for remembrance, I will never heal the piece of her heart that left with him that day. That the only kind of heart February will remind her of is the broken one whose heartbeat is a little weaker because of the great loss that it will always feel.

My daughter's story is probably indicative of other survivors surrounding suicide. In a time where we have more information on mental health than ever before, there is no reason to lose anyone else to this tragic outcome. Yet the numbers still rise with each year and the broken hearts left behind still search for answers; the National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI) puts that number at 41,000 people lost to suicide to be exact (NAMI, 2017). I am sharing my story in hopes that each reader will understand the impact of walking through the darkness that suicide brings - to remind others how loved they are and how devastating life would be without them. In the end, her sweet friend left hundreds of attendees in a church mourning over a loss they just could not define. A loss that will never go away, a friend that she will never forget, and a lesson for us all to never take a friendship, a moment, a kiss, or a hug for granted.

Tina Hill
Big Spring, TX

Nobel Peace Prize: The winners that soared and sank

By MARK LEWIS

Associated Press

STAVANGER, Norway (AP) — The Nobel Peace Prize does more than recognize the past achievements of individuals. By honoring causes and movements, the five-member Norwegian Nobel Committee often is encouraging future work toward peace.

But promising initiatives and peace processes sometimes flicker out, frustrating the committee's optimistic intentions. Other laureates go on to surpass the deeds that won them the Peace Prize.

As the committee prepares to announce the winner of the 2017

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#2763WB Guitar North, drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
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A-575, Section 26, Block A, Bauer & Cockrell survey
Total Depth: 10,700 feet
X=711502.348, Y=252901.760. Datum: NAD 27
402' FSL, 1583' FWL of 3,360-acre lease
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4.60 miles southwest of Big Spring
A-1069, Section 4, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 8900 feet
X=749222.65, Y=226308.94. Datum: NAD 27
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1967' FNL, 981' FWL of the survey

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Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-39167
4.60 miles southwest of Big Spring
A-1069, Section 4, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9000 feet
X=749261.75, Y=226317.54. Datum: NAD 27
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A-295, Section 41, Block 32, T&P RR Co. survey
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Luther, N. (Canyon Reef) Field
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A-1264, Section 14, Block 32, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9000 feet
Latitude 032.456679, Longitude -101.461916. Datum: NAD 27
250' FNL, 380' FEL of 626.11-acre lease
250' FNL, 380' FEL of the survey

#4652WA Griswold, drill horizontal, API #42-227-39246
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
3.80 miles southeast of Big Spring
A-1041, Section 10, Block 32, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9900 feet
X=789869.0, Y=231214.6. Datum: NAD 27

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comments about women, minorities and Muslims. He won Mormon-heavy Utah, but with a smaller percentage of the vote than Republican presidential candidates in recent history.

At the Mormon women's conference last weekend, top leader Dieter F. Uchtdorf echoed recent guidance from the church by encouraging Mormons to stand for what they believe in without judging the opposition.

"Of course, we must always stand for what is right, and there are times when we must raise our voices for that cause. However, when we do so with anger or hate in our hearts — when we lash out at others to hurt, shame, or silence them — chances are we are not doing so in righteousness," said Uchtdorf, one of the top two counselors to the church president and a member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles.

ISSUES OF RACE

With concerns about rising tides of white supremacy in the U.S., many Mormons will be listening to hear if church leaders once again denounce racism.

In August, church leaders condemned white supremacist attitudes as "morally wrong and sinful" after a protest over



AP photo

In this April 1, 2017, file photo, the Mormon Tabernacle Choir of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints perform in the Conference Center at the morning session of the two-day Mormon church conference in Salt Lake City. The Mormon church's twice-a-year conference will take place this weekend amid a tumultuous political climate in the U.S. and without the participation of the religion's 90-year-old president who is dealing with ailing health.

a Confederate War monument in Charlottesville, Virginia, descended into deadly violence.

"Church members who promote or pursue a 'white culture' or white supremacy agenda are not in harmony with the teachings of the church," the faith said in a statement.

A Mormon group formed this summer to advocate for the church and its members to do

more to eradicate racism and white supremacy. The group, called Shoulder to the Wheel, wants to break the silence and make church members who espouse racist views feel uncomfortable.

The religion still deals with questions about their views on race, in part because the faith banned men of African descent from the lay clergy until 1978.

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EPA: Tests show contaminants exposed at Texas Superfund site



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In this Sept. 13, 2017 photo, a boat with a dive flag is shown at San Jacinto River Waste Pits near the Interstate 10 bridge over the river in Channelview, Texas. The Environmental Protection Agency says an unknown amount of a dangerous chemical linked to birth defects and cancer may have washed downriver from a Houston-area Superfund site during the flooding from Hurricane Harvey.

By **MICHAEL BIESECKER**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Environmental Protection Agency says an unknown amount of a dangerous chemical linked to birth defects and cancer may have washed downriver from a Houston-area Superfund site during the flooding from Hurricane Harvey.

EPA said Thursday night it has ordered the companies responsible for the San Jacinto River Waste Pits site to immediately address damage to a protective cap of fabric and rock intended to keep sediments highly contaminated with dioxins from spreading. The companies, International Paper and the Waste Management subsidiary McGinnis Industrial Maintenance Corp., have made initial repairs to the underwater section of the cap where the protective rock was missing.

EPA said a sample collected by an agency dive team from the exposed area showed dioxin levels at 70,000 nanograms per kilogram — more than 2,300 times the level set to trigger a cleanup. Dioxins do not dissolve easily in water but can be carried away

with any contaminated sediments and deposited over a wider area.

Residents in nearby neighborhoods that flooded during the storm are now worried contaminated mud might have been washed into their homes, said Jackie Young, a local environmental advocate.

"For years we've told the EPA it's not a matter of if this area is struck by a hurricane but when," said Young, executive director of Texas Health and Environment Alliance. "The scary part about this is we have no way of knowing where all the contaminated material was carried by Harvey's floodwaters."

At least one dozen Superfund sites in and around Houston were flooded last month in the days after Harvey's record-shattering rains stopped. Associated Press journalists surveyed seven of the flooded sites by boat, vehicle and on foot, including San Jacinto. The EPA said at the time that its personnel had been unable to reach the sites, though they surveyed the locations using aerial photos.

The San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund site

is on and around a low-lying island that was home to a paper mill in the 1960s. The site was completely covered with roiling floodwaters when the AP surveyed it on Sept. 1.

About 16 acres of the site were covered in 2011 with an "armored cap" of fabric and rock intended to contain the contamination until it can be removed as part of a proposed \$97 million cleanup plan. The cap was designed to last for up to 100 years, but it has required extensive repairs on at least six occasions in recent years, with sections becoming displaced or going missing.

In its statement, EPA did not disclose precisely when the damage to the cap from Harvey was first discovered. AP observed a dive team working from a boat over an underwater section of the site on Sept. 13. Workers began using heavy machinery to add layers of rock to the cap the week after the storm.

EPA said additional testing will now be needed to determine whether the contamination spread and to ensure that the exposed waste material is isolated.

Despite EPA's statement affirming that contaminated



AP photo

In this Sept. 13, 2017 photo, workers are shown at San Jacinto River Waste Pits near the Interstate 10 bridge over the river in Channelview, Texas. The Environmental Protection Agency says an unknown amount of a dangerous chemical linked to birth defects and cancer may have washed downriver from a Houston-area Superfund site during the flooding from Hurricane Harvey.

materials were exposed by the storm, International Paper and McGinnis said in a statement that "no evidence exists that there was any release of waste material to the environment as a result of Hurricane Harvey."

"The assessments also demonstrate that the existing armored cap performed well," the companies said.

San Jacinto is at least the second Houston-area Superfund site where contaminated materials may have been spread by Harvey's flooding. AP reported Sept. 18 that three separate spills were reported from flooded tanks at U.S. Oil Recovery, a former petroleum waste processing plant contaminated with a dangerous brew of cancer-causing chemicals.

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt has called cleaning up Superfund sites a top priority, even as President Donald Trump's proposed 2018 budget seeks to cut money for the program by 30 percent. Following AP's reporting on flooding at Texas Superfund sites, Pruitt flew to Houston and visited the San Jacinto site.

The AP was not notified about Pruitt's visit and was not able to attend or observe, but Pruitt spoke afterward to

a local Fox affiliate.

"When you have a temporary situation like this, when you take rock and put in on top of a site to secure it, you have a big enough storm, something like this, that could cause a disruption of that rock and a release could occur," Pruitt said.

The San Jacinto River empties into Galveston Bay, where state health officials have long advised against regularly consuming fish and shellfish due to contamination from dioxins and PCBs.

Elena Craft, a health scientist with the Environmental Defense Fund in Austin, said EPA has been "woefully inadequate" in assessing environmental health risks as a result of Harvey. She called the prospect of a breach at San Jacinto a worst-case scenario.

"Dioxin is one of the most toxic substances known to man," Craft said. "They were slow to collect any samples, they made inappropriate statements on health risks before having any scientific evidence, and have not provided enough information on risks for anyone within the local communities to make informed health decisions."

nesses in more than 80 years. "It will be rocket fuel for our economy," he said. The Republican tax plan also recommends a surcharge for the very wealthy. The standard deduction would nearly double to \$12,000 for individuals and \$24,000 for families, basically increasing the amount of personal income that would not be taxed.

Trump promotes 'giant, beautiful, massive' tax plan

By **DARLENE SUPERVILLE**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump said Friday that the centerpiece of his plan to help American businesses and workers "thrive, compete and grow" is a "giant, beautiful, massive, the biggest ever in our country, tax cut."

Trump and congressional Republicans unveiled the broad outlines of the tax plan earlier this week.

"My administration is working every day to lift the burden on companies and workers so you can thrive, compete and grow," Trump said in a speech to the National Association of Manufacturers. He said the tax cut plan was a

core element.

The nearly \$6 trillion plan sketched out this week by Trump and other officials would deeply reduce taxes for corporations, simplify tax brackets and nearly double the standard deduction used by most tax filers. But many details remain to be fleshed out.

In the remarks, Trump highlighted a provision

of the plan that would allow businesses for the next five years to write off the full cost of new equipment in the year it's purchased. Trump said that proposal alone will encourage companies to invest and create jobs. Under the broader proposal, corporations would see their top tax rate cut from 35 percent to 20 percent. Seven personal tax brackets

would be reduced to three: 12 percent, 25 percent and 35 percent. But the information released didn't include the income levels applied to the rates, making it difficult to know how a typical family's tax bill may be affected. Trump said a 20 percent corporate tax rate will be the lowest top marginal income tax rate for small- and medium-sized busi-

nesses in more than 80 years. "It will be rocket fuel for our economy," he said. The Republican tax plan also recommends a surcharge for the very wealthy. The standard deduction would nearly double to \$12,000 for individuals and \$24,000 for families, basically increasing the amount of personal income that would not be taxed.

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US considers ending protections for northwest Montana bears



AP photo

In this Aug. 3, 2014, file photo, a grizzly bear walks through a back country campsite in Montana's Glacier National Park. U.S. Fish and Wildlife grizzly recovery coordinator Hilary Cooley says a proposal to lift threatened species protections for an estimated 1,000 grizzlies in northwestern Montana could come next year.

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — On the heels of lifting protections for Yellowstone-area grizzly bears the U.S. government plans to consider the same action for bruins in northwestern Montana, home to the largest group of grizzlies in the Lower 48.

A proposal to lift protections could come next year, U.S. Fish and Wildlife grizzly recovery coordinator Hilary Cooley told Montana lawmakers Thursday. It would take another year for such a proposal to be finalized.

Hunters and trappers widely exterminated grizzlies across much of the U.S. early last century. But since they gained threatened spe-

cies protections in 1975, the animals have repopulated a huge area known as the Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem.

The area that includes Glacier National Park and the Bob Marshall Wilderness now has about 1,000 bears. Biologists say the animals have doubled their distribution in the region and now occupy 22,000 square miles (56,000 square kilometers.)

In recent years, grizzlies have pushed out of the mountains around Glacier and onto central Montana's plains, where agriculture dominates the landscape and conflicts between

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A-331, Section 27, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9500 feet
Latitude 032.390411, Longitude -101.568309. Datum: NAD 27
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#2444WA Fezzik "A", drill horizontal, API #42-227-39226
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
13.60 miles northeast of Big Spring
A-741, Section 24, Block 32, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9500 feet
X=781980.426, Y=305844.388. Datum: NAD 27
304' FNL, 330' FEL of 640-acre lease
304' FNL, 2323' FWL of the survey

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#3HA Miscanthus "C 1612", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
8.60 miles northwest of Big Spring
Section 21, Block 34, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9800 feet
Latitude 032.151470, Longitude -101.372687. Datum: NAD 27



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In this Aug. 28, 1963 file photo, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., delivers his "I Have a Dream" speech in Washington, D.C. King won the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize, recognized for his leadership in the American civil rights movement and for advocating non-violence. This year's winner is set to be announced on Friday, Oct. 6, 2017.

NOBEL

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Nobel Peace Prize on Oct. 6, a look at some Nobel Peace Prize laureates who fell short, some who were undoubted successes and others who landed somewhere in between:

NOBEL DISAPPOINTMENTS

1994: Yitzhak Rabin, Shimon Peres and Yasser Arafat

The Oslo peace accords of 1993 — brokered in part by Norwegian diplomats in the city that's home to the Peace Prize — looked to have laid the groundwork for solving one of the planet's most intractable disputes: peace in the Mideast. Israel's Prime Minister Rabin, its Foreign Minister Peres and Palestinian Liberation Organization leader Arafat jointly won the 1994 prize after agreeing to build a peace framework. But many at the time saw Arafat as an unapologetic terrorist and, within months, Rabin had been slain by a Jewish Israeli fanatic. The accords gradually crumbled and almost 25 years later, Mideast peace looks further away than ever.

1973: Henry Kissinger
Then-U.S. Secretary of State Kiss-

inger was supposed to share the prize with North Vietnamese negotiator Le Duc Tho for the Paris-brokered cease-fire in the Vietnam War. Members of the Norwegian Nobel Committee might have known they were on shaky ground when Tho became the first and only person to refuse the Peace Prize. Kissinger didn't turn up to claim his and continues to be a figure negatively associated with the Vietnam War, which would rage on for another three years. Two Nobel committee members resigned in protest at his award.

1919: Woodrow Wilson

After the First World War spilled a generation of blood in Europe, U.S. President Wilson cajoled the other big powers into creating The League of Nations. The idea was that whenever trouble flared, the international community could solve the crisis before it erupted into another global war. In practice, the U.S. itself never ratified entering the League, more than half of its founding nations dropped out and within 20 years the world faced a global war again.

NOBEL SUCCESS STORIES

1993: Nelson Mandela and FW de Klerk

The joint prize to black apartheid hero Mandela and white regime leader de Klerk, satisfied the Peace Prize Committee's favored tactic of honoring figureheads from both sides of a political divide. The panel awarded the pair for their "work for the peaceful termination of the apartheid regime, and for laying the groundwork for a new democratic South Africa."

The statement is as powerful as it is lasting and their prize remains an enduring symbol of racial reconciliation.

1964: Martin Luther King Jr.

In his acceptance address for the 1964 Nobel Peace prize, King said it's "better to suffer in dignity than to accept segregation in humiliation." A year after delivering his famous "I have a dream" speech, the American civil rights leader dedicated his Nobel prize to the activists who he called the "real heroes of the freedom struggle" to outlaw racial discrimination in the United States.

1990: Mikhail Gorbachev

Some people in Russia and elsewhere might grumble today that by allowing the Soviet Union to collapse, its last leader Gorbachev handed global hegemony to the United States. But by pledging not to interfere in the internal affairs of nearby states, Gorbachev handed millions of Eastern Europeans the right to national self-determination. The most potent symbol of his pledge was the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989, which signaled the end of the Cold War.

NOBEL MIXED BAG

1991: Aung San Suu Kyi
An inspirational figurehead for peace and democracy while she

was a political prisoner for years under Myanmar's ruling military junta, Suu Kyi has become less admired since becoming the country's de facto leader. The 1991 prize winner is still admired for defying the generals, but has drawn criticism from fellow laureates, Malala Yousafzai and

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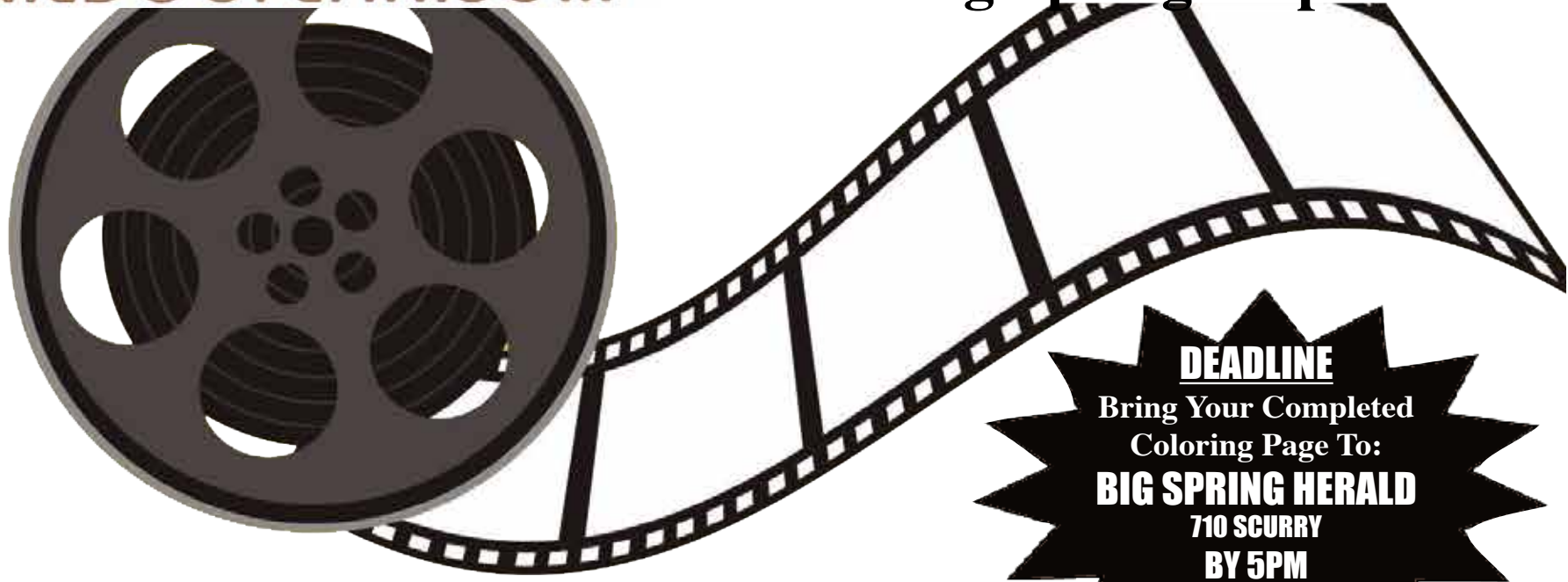
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Wisconsin girl reaches plea deal in Slender Man case



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In this Nov. 11, 2016 file photo, Morgan E. Geysler is escorted into a Waukesha County Court in Waukesha, Wis. Geysler, one of two Wisconsin girls charged with stabbing a classmate to impress the fictitious horror character Slender Man will plead guilty in a deal that calls for her to avoid prison time, attorneys announced Friday, Sept. 29, 2017. Geysler will remain in a state mental hospital under an agree-

By IVAN MORENO

Associated Press
WAUKESHA, Wis. (AP) — The second of two Wisconsin girls charged with repeatedly stabbing a classmate to impress horror character Slender Man will plead guilty in a deal that will send her to a state mental hospital and bring an end a case that shocked people in part because the attackers were only 12.

The deal, announced in court Friday, means both girls will avoid prison time for the attack on Payton Leutner, who was also 12. Morgan Geysler, now 15, will be treated indefinitely at a mental hospital. Her co-defendant, Anissa Weier, faces at least three years in a mental hospital.

"It's been a tragic experience for everyone," Geysler's attorney, Donna Kuchler, said after a brief court hearing Friday. "Our hearts go out to the victim and her family. And we're very grateful that the district attorney's office gave this case the considering it deserves."

Weier and Geysler were charged with attempted first-degree intentional homicide,

the woods at a park in Waukesha, a Milwaukee suburb. Geysler stabbed Leutner 19 times while Weier urged her on, according to investigators. Leutner survived after she crawled out of the woods to a path where a passing bicyclist found her.

Both Weier and Geysler told detectives they felt they had to kill Leutner to become Slender Man's "proxies," or servants, and protect their families from him. Geysler had been scheduled to go on trial Oct. 16. The plea deal comes after a jury this month determined that Weier was mentally ill at the time of the attack on Leutner.

Geysler was at Friday's hearing but didn't speak. Afterward, the judge allowed her to spend three hours with her family before returning her to a mental hospital where she has been receiving treatment.

Leutner's parents did not immediately return a call for comment Friday.

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OIL

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Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
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A-741, Section 24, Block 32, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey
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5 miles southeast of Vealmoor
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2532' FSL, 415' FWL of the survey
Latitude 032.4618662, Longitude -101.6046967
Total Depth: 8091 feet. PBTD: 8091 feet. Logs: NA
Daily Potential: 1,182 Bbls 40.0 gravity oil w/ 3,407 BWPD Pumping. GOR: 218
Spud: 7-14-16. Completed: 9-27-16. Pay: NA
9-5/8" @ 7908 feet w/ 710 sx.; MS tool @ 4495 feet w/ 880 sx.
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Perfs: 8444-15,359

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351' FNL, 362' FWL of the survey
Latitude 032.4194153, Longitude -101.6275225
Total Depth: 8056 feet. PBTD: 8056 feet. Logs: NA
Daily Potential: 747 Bbls 40.0 gravity oil w/ 2,406 BWPD Pumping. GOR: 947
Spud: 9-04-16. Completed: 11-02-16. Pay: NA
9-5/8" @ 7868 feet w/ 695 sx.; MS tool @ 4482 feet w/ 930 sx.
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Perfs: 8419-18,441
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7.20 miles west of Elbow
A-545, Section 35, Block 35, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey
895' FNL, 475' FEL of the survey
Latitude 032.1205725, Longitude -101.6785062
Total Depth: 10,548 feet. PBTD: 10,528 feet.
Logs: Neutron/Density

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Yates 1933'

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which carries a possible sentence of up to 65 years in prison. Weier pleaded guilty to a reduced charge last month, and a jury then determined the sentence.

Unlike Weier, Geysler will plead guilty to the original charge from prosecutors. But Geysler won't face a sentencing phase where attorneys would argue that she was mentally ill when the crime occurred and shouldn't face prison time.

"It's just fair. It saves everybody a trial. It saves the victim, her family," Kuchler said.

The deal calls for

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BEARS

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grizzlies and livestock have increased.

Similar conflicts have occurred in communities around Yellowstone National Park. Facing increased pressure from state officials, the federal government in July lifted protections on an estimated 700 grizzlies in the Yellowstone region of Idaho, Montana and Wyoming.

The action transferred jurisdiction over grizzlies to state game agencies, possibly opening the door to trophy hunts in the future.

Wildlife advocates and American Indian tribes have filed multiple lawsuits asking federal courts to restore protections for Yellowstone-area grizzlies. They worry the bears' recovery will nosedive without U.S. government oversight.

Grizzlies occupy three other areas in the Lower

48: about 40 bears are in the Cabinet Yaak area of Montana; 70 to 80 in the Selkirk Mountains of Idaho, Washington and British Columbia; and fewer than 20 are in the North Cascades of central Washington, according to the Inter-agency Grizzly Bear Committee.

Grizzlies are not federally protected in Alaska, which has tens of thousands of the animals and holds annual public hunts.

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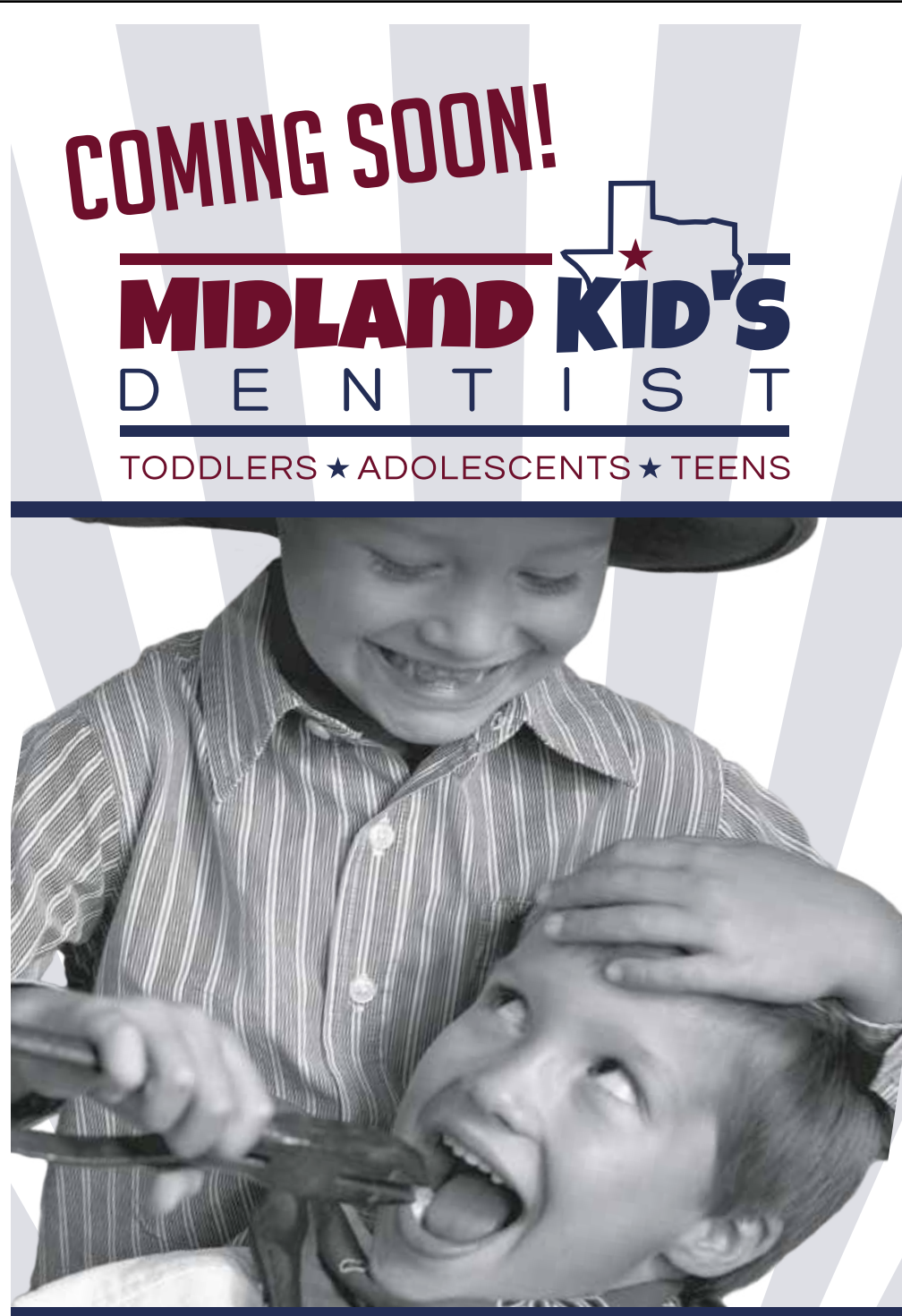
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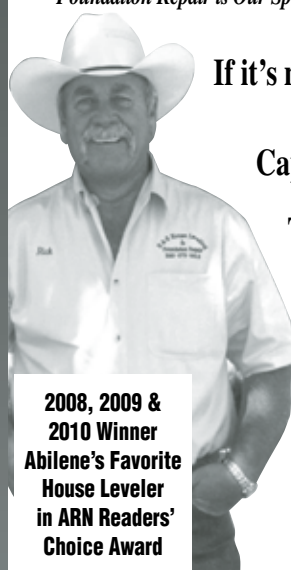


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Attorney: 'Nodoubt' OJ Simpson goes to Florida after prison

By KEN RITTER

Associated Press
LAS VEGAS (AP) — O.J. Simpson will live in Florida following his parole from a Nevada prison where the former football star and celebrity criminal defendant has been held for the past nine years after a robbery conviction, his lawyer said Friday.

Attorney Malcolm LaVergne didn't specify where Simpson would live in Florida, although Tom Scotto, a close friend who lives in Naples, Florida, has offered his home. "He's going to Florida," LaVergne said. "There's no doubt he's going to Florida."

Scotto didn't immediately respond to telephone, email and text messages. A Florida Department of Corrections spokeswoman, Ashley Cook, said her agency has not received a transfer request or documents about Simpson.

Simpson becomes eligible for release Sunday but LaVergne said he doesn't know where or when it will happen.

He expects to learn more when Simpson notifies him that he is being moved from Lovelock Correctional Center in northern Nevada.

Release plans are in

motion but need to be finalized for Simpson to be freed, perhaps as early as Monday in Las Vegas, Nevada prisons official Brooke Keast said. Citing safety concerns, Keast said Friday the plans were not being made public. LaVergne said he will begin pressing for answers if Simpson is not free by Oct. 8.

He said he spoke with Simpson by telephone on Thursday, and he is excited about his pending freedom.

"He's really looking forward to the simple pleasures," LaVergne said. "Seeing his family on the outside, spending time with them, eating food that's not packaged." Simpson wants to eat steak and seafood and get a new iPhone, LaVergne told ABC's "Good Morning America." Simpson won parole in July after serving nine years of a possible 33-year sentence for his 2008 conviction on armed robbery, kidnapping and other charges.

The conviction came after a botched effort to retrieve items that Simpson insisted were stolen after his acquittal in the 1994 killings of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend Ronald Goldman in Los Angeles.

remain in a state mental hospital.

During a hearing in August, Weier said that she didn't want to harm Leutner and that the stabbing plot was Geyser's idea. She said

she participated because she was afraid of what would happen if she didn't.

"I believed that if I didn't go through with it, Slender Man would come and attack and kill myself, my friends

and my family. Those I cared about the most," she said.

Slender Man started with an online post in 2009, as a mysterious specter whose image people edit into everyday scenes of children at play.

He is typically depicted as a spidery figure in a black suit with a featureless white face. He was regarded by his devotees as alternately a sinister force and an avenging angel.

OIL

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San Andres 3622'
Glorieta 4466'
Clear Fork 5436'
Spraberry 6527'
Dean 7793'
Wolfcamp 7970'
Strawn 97887'
Atoka 9973'
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Daily Potential: 190 Bbbls 39.0s gravity oil w/ 288 BWPD Pumping. GOR: 752
8-5/8" @ 4427 feet w 1,075 sx.
5-1/2" @ 10,548 feet w/ 1,650 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 10,405 feet
Perfs: 7430-10,370
7430-10,370: Frac w/ 1,206,951# sand and 48,916 Bbbls frac

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2180' FSL, 1857' FEL of the survey
Latitude 031.9154988, Longitude -101.4260197
Total Depth: 10,330 feet. PBTD: NA. Logs: none
Daily Potential: 70 Bbbls 44.0 gravity oil w/ 206 BWPD Pumping. GOR: 2857
Spud: 10-20-16. Completed: 5-22-17. Pay: NA
8-5/8" @ 4207 feet w/ 868 sx.; 5-1/2" @ 10,330 feet w/ 140 sx.
MS tool @ 9313 feet w/ 595 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 9931 feet
Perfs: 9966-9980
9966-9980: Acidize w/ 2,000g 15% HCl

#8LS Riley "F 1807", API #42-173-37442
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2691' GR
10.60 miles southwest of Garden City
A-999, Section 18, Block 35, T-4-S, T&P RR Co. survey
399' FEL, 2012' FSL of the survey
Latitude 031.8042519, Longitude -101.6482231
Total Depth: 7838 feet. PBTD: 7816 feet. Logs: RCBL
Daily Potential: 744 Bbbls 41.5 gravity oil w/ w/ 1,600 BWPD Pumping. GOR: 809
Spud: 9-11-16. Completed: 3-18-17. Pay: NA
9-5/8" @ 7203 feet w/ 1,070 sx.
MS tool @ 4813 feet w/ 1,660 sx.
5-1/2" @ 16,258 feet w/ 2,902 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7198 feet
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Legals

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Nearest Lease Line (ft): 1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft): 30.0

Lease Lines: 1305.0 F W L, 255.0 F N L Survey
Lines: 1305.0 F W L, 255.0 F N L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal
Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 1305.0 F W L, 255.0 F N L
Terminus Location
BH County: HOWARD
Section: 12 Block: 34 T2NAB-tract: 1668
Survey: T&P RR CO/GRANTHAM, H W Lease
Lines: 990.0 F W L, 50.0 F S L Survey
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I communicate with him occasionally, but that's only because I have a sibling who was in a tumultuous relationship and the ex would tell me about any drama associated with that. But in texts and phone conversations, he talks suggestively, inappropriately and

rude, getting too intimate. He's declared, "I'll never give up" and "It'll never be over." I know that he's not involved with anyone. My question: Is this obsessive behavior? -- Confused

Dear Confused: If you really want this man to stop holding a candle for you, all you have to do is blow it out. I'm not convinced you do. The situation with your sibling is no excuse to stay in touch, and the fact that you've continued talking to him on such dubious grounds suggests you might be getting something out of these exchanges after all -- validation, perhaps. That's not healthy.

It's time to shut it down. Tell this man, in no uncertain terms, that you have zero romantic interest in him and you want him to stop contacting you. Block his number. If he starts stalking you or seriously threatening your boyfriend's safety, document everything and take out a restraining order. But I have a feeling this old Romeo won't come calling if he sees that the balcony door is closed, locked and boarded.

Dear Annie: I'm a woman in my 70s. I've

noticed that people have written to you about issues they face in retirement. There are so many of us older adults, and our numbers are growing rapidly. One overarching theme I've noticed is that we'd all like to feel we have some purpose -- that we are needed and valued in some way. Many people facing retirement ask themselves, "What will I do now?" I would appreciate your advice on grappling with that question. -- J.M.

Dear J.M.: The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in helping others. There are countless ways to volunteer. Serve as a docent at a museum you love; mentor elementary school students at an underserved school; help out at a local hospital; foster cats or dogs. Visit <https://www.volunteermatch.org> to find opportunities specific to your location and your interests.

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SUDOKU

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Level: Advanced

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

1	5	9	8	4	3	6	2	7
3	4	2	7	6	5	9	1	8
6	7	8	1	9	2	4	5	3
2	3	7	4	5	1	8	9	6
5	9	4	6	2	8	7	3	1
8	6	1	9	3	7	2	4	5
7	8	3	2	1	4	5	6	9
4	1	6	5	7	9	3	8	2
9	2	5	3	8	6	1	7	4

ANSWER:

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Rising to the occasion

East dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ 5 4
♥ A Q 3
♦ A 10 9 6
♣ 10 9 6 4

WEST

♠ J 9 2
♥ J 10 8 7
♦ 7 4 3
♣ A 8 2

EAST

♠ Q 10 7 6 3
♥ K 6 4
♦ K 5 2
♣ 7 5

SOUTH

♠ A K 8
♥ 9 5 2
♦ Q J 8
♣ K Q J 3

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	1 NT	Pass	3 NT

Opening lead — jack of hearts.

Assume you're in three notrump and West leads the jack of hearts. How would you play the hand?

It may be tempting to finesse the queen of hearts, but this is demonstrably the wrong play — and in the actual deal would prove fatal. Instead, you should go up with the ace, reasoning that if West has the king of hearts and has led the jack from a suit headed by the K-J-10, dummy's queen will serve as a second stopper

later on. And if East has the king, the queen is surely the wrong play.

After rising with the ace, you should then attack clubs, forcing out the ace. In the actual deal, West has the ace, but he cannot harm you, whatever he returns. If he shifts to a spade, you win and take the diamond finesse. East has the king, but, whatever he leads next, you have nine tricks in the till.

If West returns a heart after taking the ace of clubs, you are on perfectly safe ground. If he leads the ten of hearts, you cover it with the queen to establish a second heart trick with your nine; if he leads a lower heart instead of the ten, you follow low from dummy to accomplish the same result.

For practical purposes, the contract can be guaranteed by going up with the ace of hearts at trick one. You assume from the opening lead that West has the ten of hearts, and that he is also the one with the heart length. If these suppositions are correct, nothing can stop you from making three notrump.

The deal demonstrates once again that you don't take a finesse merely because it's there. There often are other factors to consider.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



Solar Design

The designer says, "You can have it in any color, just as long as it's black." The original intent of the creator of a thing will influence the experience of using and owning it, but ultimately the creativity of others cannot be contained. In this stage of the Libran solar journey, expect mutations, mashups and remodels, some of them most delightful!

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You've been more ambitious in different stages of your life, but right now you hardly know what to want. Everything comes with its own problems, challenges and life-altering properties. Maybe it's OK to want nothing for a while.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The problem of the day will be a common one, yet it's still an opportunity for you to meet with uncommonly good help and support. You'll magically find assistance that's the best fit for you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Part of learning a lesson is deciding how you will handle similar circumstances in the future. You may not do exactly as you decide, but look forward to the test. You're homing in on the new you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There's something you want to forget, but it's not going to go away by your just willing it so. Instead, you need a replacement thought or action to gravitate toward. That will start the change.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Young children tend to react to events as though each state of things were the only way they will be forevermore. Of course, every state is temporary. Knowing this is one way to get past it with more grace.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It is foolish to make decisions based solely on logic and intellect. Feelings have real-world effects that are often more impactful than any intellectual reality.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The tendency to ruminate on an idea may very well be related to biochemistry and not in any way indicative of the actual importance, relevance or soundness of the idea.

Saturn that is coming together urges us not to overvalue the importance of fitting in.

We live in a time of rapid changes for civilization -- changes that happen much faster than our biology can keep up with. We still have cave man urges and solutions in a world where many of those impulses hurt us instead of help us. One of those holdout traits from the cave days is the obsessive need to fit in and be wholly accepted by the tribe (the consequence of not fitting in being imminent death, as it was very difficult for a cave man to make it in the wild without a tribe).

As humans, we share many proclivities, preconditions and collective insanities. So when you're going along with the prevailing culture and customary behaviors this week and you're suddenly struck by the idea that "Hey, this makes no sense! It's not even right!", know that you're in dangerous territory. But if you're not brave about it -- if you don't give voice to your realizations and concerns or act in a way to draw attention to or maybe even remedy the problem -- you're missing the opportunity to contribute to the evolution of your race.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: "Tulip Fever," the epic historical love story about the tulip craze of 17th-century Amsterdam, is perhaps not the screen one would expect to find the likes of "Hangover" star Zach Galifianakis on (across from Dame Judi Dench, no less!), but bringing unexpected kinds of delight is just one of the many specialties of this Libra artist. Galifianakis was born when the sun, Mercury, Jupiter and Uranus were all in Libra, the sign of art and aesthetics.

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Answer to previous puzzle

MAPS	SWILL	PLAT
ARAL	MARIA	LAIR
MINUTE	HAND	APSE
BADDIE	NED	TALE
OSAGE	MINIMIZED	
ERIE	EOIN	
STP	RATS	OUTDO
KEEPSAN	OPEN	MIND
AERIE	SEER	PAD
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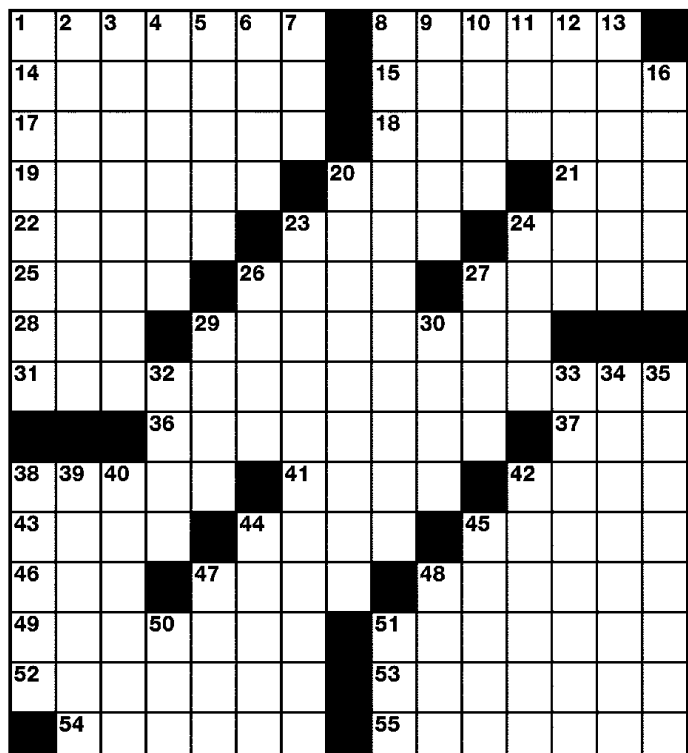
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| 8 Asked for | 2 Most special person to me | 13 Make thinner | 38 Resort east-southeast of Valencia |
| 14 Eligible to win | 3 Make no moves | 16 Small fry | 39 Last of the fleet admirals |
| 15 Disapproved of | 4 Bowling center bench | 20 Banner invitation | 40 Best Actor Oscar role of 2005 |
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| 21 Puffin cousin | 9 Unlikely to take an interest | 29 Chrysanthemum and jasmine | 48 Name derived from "honor" |
| 22 "... in language quaint and ___": Longfellow | 10 Sports news of Oct. 2016 | 30 Customary culture | 50 Daily ritual for Einstein and Edison |
| 23 Word from the French for "key" | | 32 Many Yale SOM grads | 51 Pilfer |
| 24 Flyspeck | | | |
| 25 Parade balloon handler's handful | | | |
| 26 Looking smart | | | |
| 27 Patriarchs | | | |
| 28 Emma, Olivia, __, Sophia, Isabella (top-5 list for 2016) | | | |
| 29 NFL team named for a Triple Crown event | | | |
| 31 Interviewer's intro | | | |
| 36 Sousaphone, e.g. | | | |
| 37 Its website has a Delivering Care section | | | |
| 38 16th-century sun worshipers | | | |
| 41 Verb avoided by vegans? | | | |
| 42 Decantation limit | | | |
| 43 Skewer of a sort | | | |
| 44 Unfinished, as some furniture | | | |
| 45 Was left no choice | | | |
| 46 Small demon | | | |
| 47 Slick device | | | |
| 48 Former owner of Greenland | | | |
| 49 Mideast sectarian supported by Dr. King | | | |



Was Hefner oppressor or liberator? Women debate his legacy

By **JOCELYN NOVECK**
AP National Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Oppressor or liberator? Feminist in a silk robe, or pipe-smoking exploiter? Opinions were flying a day after Hugh Hefner's death over just what he did — and didn't do — for women.

On one side, there were those who saw Hefner's dressing women in bunny costumes with cottontails on their rears, or displaying them nude in his magazine with a staple in their navels, as simple subjugation of females, no matter how slick and smooth the packaging. On the other were those who felt the Playboy founder was actually at the forefront of the sexual revolution, bringing sexuality into the mainstream and advancing the cause of feminism with his stand on social issues, especially abortion rights.

"I think it's disgusting," said feminist author Susan Brownmiller, of the praise she'd been seeing on social media since Hefner's death Wednesday at age 91. "Even some of my Facebook friends are hewing to the notion that, gee whiz, he supported abortion, he supported civil rights ... Yes he was for abortion, (because) if you convince your girlfriend to get an abortion because she got pregnant, you don't have to think about marrying her! I mean, that was his point."

Most offensive to Brownmiller was what she called Hefner's equating the word "feminist" with "anti-sex."

"It wasn't that we were opposed to a liberation of sexual morality," she said, "but the idea that he would make women into little bunnies, rabbits, with those ears ... That was the horror of it." It was Brownmiller, in fact, who confronted Hefner nearly a half-century ago on

Dick Cavett's talk show, saying to his face, "Hugh Hefner is my enemy." As a startled Hefner fiddled with his pipe, she added: "The day that you are willing to come out here with a cottontail attached to YOUR rear end..." The audience roared.

Brownmiller attributed some of the glowing tributes to Hefner in part to "an American tradition of saying nice things about the departed." For Kathy Spillar, executive editor of Ms. Magazine, the accolades were a result of something deeper: a decades-long public relations strategy of Playboy to sanitize what she called an empire devoted to the subjugation of women.

"From the beginning, they tried to sell it as women's liberation," said Spillar, who also directs the Feminist Majority Foundation. "And so they made huge outreach efforts over the years to women's rights groups." But there was nothing liberating about it, Spillar said: "Those photographs of women certainly aren't empowering of those women. They're there for the pleasure of men."

"He was right about one thing," Spillar added. "Sex sells. But it sells to men. And to put women in those horrible costumes that Gloria Steinem wrote about! Talk about sexual harassment, talk a hostile work environment." She was referring to the famous magazine expose that a young Steinem went undercover to write, training as a Playboy bunny in a New York club — bunny suit and all.

Hefner himself, obviously, saw it very differently. "The truth of the matter is the bunnies were the pre-feminist feminists," Hefner told the Associated Press in 2011. "They were the beginning, really, of independent women.



AP photo

Author Kathryn Leigh Scott, a former Playboy bunny at the New York club, appears at her home in New York on Thursday, Sept. 28, 2017. Scott trained at the club in January 1963, at age 19. Playboy founder Hugh Hefner died Wednesday, Sept. 27 at age 91.

The bunnies were earning more money than, in many cases, their fathers and their husbands. That was a revolution."

To Kathryn Leigh Scott, a former bunny at the New York club, much of what Hefner said then rings true. Scott trained at the club in January 1963, at age 19, she says, with six other bunnies, one of them Steinem. She said she had fun, and made good money. She later wrote a book, "The Bunny Years," to counter the view that Steinem portrayed in her article.

"I did not feel exploited," Scott says now. "As a matter of fact, I felt that I was exploiting Playboy — because I was earning very good money in a very safe environment, certainly safer than that many of my friends were working in at the time."

Did Hefner advance or exploit women? Scott says she can see both sides. "But when you think of what he did to support Roe v. Wade for example, and civil rights, and what I know from his treatment of me, he did a lot to help women," she said.

In the wake of Hefner's death, many celebrities tweeted affectionate messages. "Thank you for being a revolutionary and changing so many people's lives, especially mine," wrote television personality and former Playboy model Jenny McCarthy. "We've lost a true explorer, a man who had a keen sense of the future," wrote writer-producer Norman Lear. "We learned a lot from you Mr. Hefner."

For feminist author and blogger Andi Zeisler, the main question was why Hefner was getting so much credit.

"He's getting a disproportionate amount of credit for the sexual revolution," said Zeisler, founder of the non-profit Bitch Media. "It was a confluence of factors. He had nothing to do with the development of oral contraception, which I could argue was really the main driver of the sexual revolution where women were concerned."

"I think it's safe to say that anything progressive that Hugh Hefner was for, he was for because it also benefited white men," Zeisler said.

As for Steinem, who briefly wore that bunny suit in the early '60s, she preferred not to comment so close to Hefner's death.

"Obit time," she wrote in an email, "is not the time for truth-telling. People will now be free to tell it, but later."

Actress Anne Jeffreys, star of TV's 'Topper' dies at 94



AP photo

In this Aug. 1986 file photo, actress Anne Jeffreys poses at the Royal Garden Hotel in London. Jeffreys, an actress and opera singer who starred as Marion Kerby in the 1950s TV series "Topper," died, Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2017, at age 94.

By **MARK KENNEDY**

AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Anne Jeffreys, the actress and opera singer who likely had her greatest impact on TV audiences as Marion Kerby "the ghostess with the mostess" in the 1950s TV series "Topper," has died. She was 94.

Jeffreys, whose husband, actor Robert Sterling, died in 2006, died peacefully in her sleep at her Los Angeles home on Wednesday evening, her manager Don Gibble said Thursday.

More recently, she spent two decades playing Amanda Barrington on "General Hospital" She was featured in the role of the wealthy on more than 350 episodes of the soap opera from 1984 until 2004.

In "Topper," she and Sterling starred as fun-loving husband and wife George and Marion Kerby who, after dying in a Swiss avalanche, return as ghosts to their mansion and comically haunt its new occupant, actor Leo G. Carroll as staid banker Cosmo Topper.

Each week they were introduced to viewers as George, "that most sporting spirit," and Marion, "the ghostess with the mostess."

They were among many varied roles in a long career in films, television, opera and on Broadway for Jeffreys,

who continued to work well into her 70s. Her final on-screen appearance was on the HBO series "Getting On."

Early in her career, she appeared opposite John Wayne in "Flying Tigers." In later years, she appeared on such TV shows as "L.A. Law" and "Murder, She Wrote" and played David Hasselhoff's mother on "Baywatch."

The blonde beauty with the lilting soprano voice began her performing career in 1940 with the New York City Opera, the Ford Symphony and the Los Angeles Opera Company, singing Mimi in "La Boheme" and Cho Cho San in "Madame Butterfly."

She had made her film debut at MGM in 1942 in "I Married an Angel," which marked the final costarring of Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy.

During a contract with Republic, she appeared with Wayne in "Flying Tigers" and made B westerns.

Hughes signed her to a contract at RKO and cast her in "Step Lively," which starred Frank Sinatra.

In a 1993 interview, Jeffreys recalled Sinatra as "smart-alecky, little, skinny, wide-eyed," adding that although she was never attracted to him the two did become good friends.

"I've found the other side of Frank that a lot of people don't know: his generosity and his caring for people," she explained.

During her RKO days, Jeffreys appeared in 15 movies, mostly B films. She made two films in the 1940s as Tess Trueheart, girlfriend of sleuth Dick Tracy.

Seeing no future in Hollywood, Jeffreys returned to New York to appear in a musical version of "Street Scene." She continued in opera, light opera and musicals and played the lead in the touring company of "Kiss Me Kate." Later, she replaced Patricia Morison, the original Kate, in the Broadway production.

It was during the show's New York run that she met the dashing handsome Sterling, who was also starring in a New York show. Their romance was interrupted when he returned to Hollywood for such films as "The Sundowners" and "Show Boat." They married in 1951.

In addition to "Topper," Sterling and Jeffreys appeared in their own nightclub act and starred together in another TV series, "Love That Jill" which lasted for half a season in 1958.

Throughout her later

career Jeffreys divided her time between television and musical theater, singing on the Ed Sullivan and Perry Como shows and appearing on numerous sitcoms, dramas and soap operas.

During one hectic period in the 1980s she was featured on two TV series, the daytime soap "General Hospital" and the prime-time drama "Finder of Lost Loves."

Jeffreys also toured the country in musical productions such as "Camelot," "Bells Are Ringing," "Kismet," "Pal Joey," "The King and I," "The Sound of Music" and "Follies."

She was born Anne Carmichael on Jan. 26, 1923, in Goldsboro, N.C.

Her mother, who had aspired to be an opera singer, taught her daughter to sing at an early age, and at 5 Anne made her debut before a local audience. After studying at Anderson College, S.C., she launched her career.

An early marriage ended in divorce, but the union with Sterling endured until his death. They had three sons, Jeffreys, Dana and Tyler.

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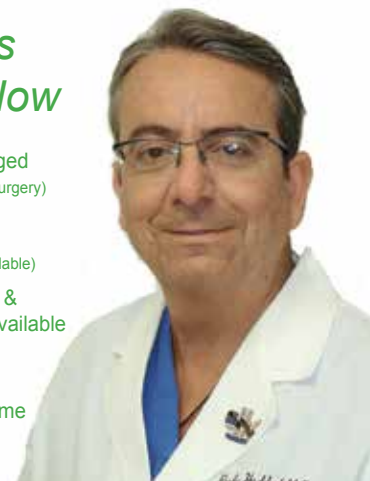
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