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No water rate increase for residents using less than 10,000 gallons

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

Water rates are going up, but not for residential customers who use 10,000 gallons of water per month or less.

The original planned water rate increase, listed in the agenda for the Big Spring City Council's Tuesday evening meeting, would have maintained the current rate for customers using less than 2,000 gallons a month, while raising rates for everyone else by 5 percent. The alter-

nate plan, which was adopted 6-0, raises the cap for no rate increase to 10,000 gallons per month. The plan makes up the lost revenue by shifting the burden to commercial customers, whose increase went up by 6.25 percent instead of 5 percent.

Councilman Jim DePauw was the driving force behind the switch.

"My main thing tonight was to keep those two tiers on those water rates. The residents just got nailed with a

seven-cent property tax increase. I was thinking about a family with, say, a husband and wife and four kids. They would exceed that (2,000 gallon limit), and now they're looking at another 5 percent increase on their water bill," DePauw said. "I just thought that was a little punitive at this time. See, the commercial users, the really big commercial users, are the ones, generally, that don't pay any sales tax on the items they purchase, because they're

governmental entities, like the college, the prison, the state hospital, the school district. And they're big water users. They also don't pay property taxes, so they didn't get hit with the property tax increase that the residents got. So I just wanted to equal things out a little bit. Their rate went from 5 to 6.25 percent. So it's not a huge change. It's still a reasonable change."

The need for the hike comes from an increase by the city's

water supplier, the Colorado River Municipal Water District.

In other business, council members approved a measure authorizing City Manager Todd Darden to apply for a "Transportation Infrastructure Generating Economic Recovery" (TIGER) grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation for "...construction of a freight bypass with connection to

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75 years of Air Force in Big Spring

Hangar 25 plans anniversary bash Thursday

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

"Off we go, into the wild blue yonder!" Seventy-five years ago, the Army Air Forces came to Big Spring in the form of then "Big Spring Army Air Field," renamed in 1951 to Webb Air Force Base. Hangar 25 Air Museum is celebrating the 75-year anniversary at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Municipal Auditorium.

"It's a celebration of Webb Air Base," said Hangar 25 board member Joel Miller. "They're 75 years old. Even though it's closed, the legacy still goes on through Hangar 25. It opened in 1942, and it closed in '77. The museum took over in the '90s. The museum's legacy - most of the planes that we have out there are planes that were used to train bombardiers in the '40s, or jet pilots in the '50s, '60s, and '70s."

Miller said the program will include patriotic display, music, and comedy.

"We've got a full program. We're going to start off with a flag ceremony with the fire and PD honor guard. John Weeks, the owner of KBYG, is going to be our emcee for the program," Miller said. "Then we'll do the Pledge of Allegiance, and there will be a bugler there or a trumpet player, Jose Gonzales."

The program will include musical selections from the Big Spring Junior High Show Choir, the West Texas Musical Revue, a guitar-playing comic, and Tom Kroger the Cowboy Poet, Miller added.

If that isn't enough, there's plenty of good old Texas barbecue on the menu.

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Miller

'Silent Witnesses' to violence



Six wooden cutout silhouettes stand in the lobby of the Howard County Courthouse as Silent Witnesses for National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October. Each silhouette represents a local woman who was killed in a domestic violence incident. At a brief ceremony Thursday at 4:30, Big Spring's Victim Services will present a new Silent Witness silhouette, representing a woman killed in a domestic violence incident last year.

Victim Services to hold Domestic Violence Awareness Month observance Thursday

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

Did you know that 158 women were killed by domestic violence in Texas in 2015?

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and Victim Services of Big Spring has planned a brief ceremony to present a new "Silent Witness" to the public.

"We have Silent Witnesses,

which are women that were killed through domestic violence within our county," said Linda Calvio, executive director of Victim Services locally. "They are displayed at the Howard County Courthouse in honor of the National Domestic Violence Month. It's to bring awareness to the community. We have one new one that we're dedicating; another victim that was lost through a domestic violence

situation last year."

Calvio said the Witnesses, repainted wooden cut-out silhouettes, each represents an individual victim of a domestic violence killing locally.

"The silhouettes have a plaque that tell their story. That's why they're called 'Silent Witnesses,'" Calvio.

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USDA issues farm safety net and conservation payments

Special to the Herald

WASHINGTON - Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue announced last week that over \$9.6 billion in payments will be made, beginning last week, to producers through the Agriculture Risk Coverage

(ARC), Price Loss Coverage (PLC) and Conservation Reserve (CRP) programs. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is issuing approximately \$8 billion in payments under the ARC and PLC programs for the 2016 crop year, and \$1.6 billion under CRP for 2017.

"Many of these payments will be made to landowners and producers in rural communities that have recently been ravaged by drought, wildfires, and deadly hurricanes," Perdue said. "I am hopeful this financial assistance will help those experiencing losses with im-

mediate cash flow needs as we head toward the end of the year."

The ARC and PLC programs were authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill and offer a safety net to agricultural producers when there is a substantial drop in revenue or

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Obituaries

Ermelinda "Diana" Henderson

Ermelinda "Diana" Henderson of Big Spring lost her fight with cancer Oct. 6, 2017. She was 61 years old. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2017, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Ermelinda was born June 7, 1956 in Stanton Texas to Tomas & Juanita Rodriguez. She spent her life taking care of other people, beginning with basic patient care. She obtained her CNA license in 2002. She worked for Home Hospice for several years and continued caring for others in need, up until her illness. Ermelinda's caring nature was evident to everyone, offering help no matter the need. She gave great advice, opened her home and always lent a helping hand without question. She married Benny Henderson on May 19, 2006. She loved to cook and enjoyed spending time



with her family. She enjoyed playing cards, board games and was very competitive.

She is survived by her husband Benny Henderson; her children, Louis DiMase, Thomas and wife Audrey DiMase, Marissa Teichman, Clarissa Teichman and Austin Sanchez; stepchildren, Jessica Henderson, Laura Boswell and Courtney Henderson; grandchildren, Daelyn DiMase, Johnathon DiMase, Devan DiMase, Nando Zuniga, Preston Bishop, Landon & Tanner Boswell, Rylie & Taylor Rodriguez, Kyndel Witman and Miah & Mason Chavez; siblings, Tomas Rodriguez, Eliria Sanchez, Ernestina Salgado, Oscar Rodriguez and Edillia Vaughan.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Joe Rodriguez; and one sister Elziria Hinojosa.

Pallbearers will be Carlos Diaz Jr., Philip Hinojosa, Joseph Rodriguez, Carlos Flores, Johnny "John John" Rangel and Coy Henderson.

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

Paid obituary

Bobbie Jean Cornelison Tonn

Bobbie Jean Cornelison Tonn, 87, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Oct. 7, 2017.

Memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 15, 2017, at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Jean was born Nov. 16, 1929, in Big Spring, Texas, to Evelyn Thornton Cornelison and Roy Cornelison. She married C. A. Tonn on Oct. 23, 1948.

Jean is survived by one son, Jack Tonn and his wife Regina of Big Spring; two daughters, Sandy Weg-



man and husband Stan, and Tammie Walker and her husband Todd of Ft. Worth; a daughter-in-law, Patty Webb Tonn of San Angelo; 10 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, C.A., and one son Randy Tonn.

The family suggests memorials to Cal Farley Boys Ranch, P.O. Box 1890, Amarillo, Texas, 79174; or American Family Radio, P.O. Box 3206, Tupelo, Miss., 38803.

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

Take Note

• October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and Big Spring's Victim Services will hold a brief ceremony dedicating the "Silent Witness" silhouettes Thursday at 4:30 p.m. at the Howard County Courthouse. The Silent Witnesses are currently on display at the courthouse.

• The Salvation Army will take applications for its Angel Tree Christmas assistance program on Saturday, Oct. 21, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesday, Oct. 25, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Wednesday, Nov. 1, from 9 a.m. from 8 p.m. This program is for children ages 13 and under, and seniors age 60 and up. Applications will be taken at the Salvation Army office building, 811 W. 5th St.

To apply for Christmas assistance, you will need to provide the following: picture I.D.(applicant), proof of address, birth certificates (children 13 and younger), and proof of government assistance (ex: food stamps, SNAP, housing, etc). If you do not receive any form of government assistance you will need to show proof of income. Also, please provide the ages, clothing, and shoe sizes of each child/senior.

The Salvation Army asks that applicants not bring children to the application event.

• 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 com-

munity 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.

JoAnne Ford

JoAnne Ford, 68, of Big Spring, died Monday, Oct. 9, 2017, at a local nursing home. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

William L. Rhoades

William L. Rhoades, 80, of Temple, formerly of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2017, in Temple. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, 2017, at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born April 11, 1937, in Ada, Okla., to Lillian Beatrice Wright Rhoades and William Loving Rhoades. He married June Metcalf on Sept. 5, 1963, in Big Spring and they lived most of their life in Big Spring.

He is survived by one daughter, Lawana Stevens of Temple; and one grandson.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife.

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **RONNIE LASHAWN**, 21, of 538 Westover Rd. was arrested on a warrant of another agency.
- **ALANA DIANA SANCHEZ**, 40, of 1005 E. 16th St., was arrested on a charge public intoxication.
- **THEFT** was reported on the 700 block of S. Douglas St.
- **DISTURBANCE** and **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** were reported on the 1000 block of E. 16th St.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 62 inmates at the time of this report.

- **RONNIE LASHAWN BELL**, 21, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant possession of controlled substance between one and four grams.
- **MICHAEL PETERSON**, 44, was arrested by DPS on a charge of possession of child pornography.
- **GRADY KIRKLAND SMITH**, 21, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of FTA/possession of controlled substance less than one gram.
- **ALANA DIANA ZAMORA**, 41, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

Support Groups

WEDNESDAY

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

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

THURSDAY

• **GriefShare** is a biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support). Weekly 10/5/17 through 01/11/18; 6-8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for more information.

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U.S. 87 at McMahon-Wrinkle Air Park."

Public Works Director Johnny Womack said the grant is to construct a road through the airpark, giving truckers an alternate route.

"It will be a new route into the airpark which is currently not there," Womack said. "We got the right-of-ways this past year, and so we're trying to build a new route into the reliever route that would allow trucks to hit the 87 reliever route without having to travel into Big Spring itself, if they need to get to the south side of Big Spring. Or, once they finish the reliever route in the north, they can hit 87 North. So it will be a great asset to the airpark. It will be a main entrance into the airpark, and it's something we've been working on for many years now. Hopefully this grant will provide us some of the funds to make this happen."

Womack said the current estimated cost of the project is \$4.9 million. If Big Spring is awarded the TIGER grant, it would pay 65 percent of the total cost, while the city would be responsible for the other 35 percent.

The council also introduced a new mobile application for Big Spring citizens.

"It is to assist the users in tracking anything we do as a city in the way of complaints," said Darden. "It also includes online billing services, open government, our city staffing directory, mapping... It's to have a one-stop-shop for any business you want to do with the city. You can turn on alerts that will alert you to anything you want to track related to those apps. I think that staff and the facilitator that helped us out with this did a fabulous job in putting this together in giving our citizens a way to use some of the new technology that's available to them today right there at their fingertips on their mobile app."

Key features of the app include:

- Agenda center: Citizens can find city board meeting agendas, minutes, and recordings of meetings. Citizens can sign up to receive notifications when new agendas are available and when meeting videos are posted to the agenda center.

- Alert center: Allows users to receive notifications of emergency alerts and public service announcements.

- Bids: Allows the public to obtain information on any bids the city has posted, including any supporting documents and contact information for open bids. Users will also be able to see previous bids and related documenta-

tion.

- Facility: A convenient way for citizens to view and access booking information for city facilities, along with photos of the facilities.

- FAQ: Allows users to find answers to frequently asked questions for city departments.

- Notify me: Allows users to sign up for notifications from the agenda center, alert center, bid postings, calendar, news flash, Howard County elections, Howard County jury dismissals, and public service announcements.

- Report a concern: A tool to submit precise information on problems and to retrieve information as the problem is being addressed or handled by city staff.

The City of Big Spring mobile app can be downloaded from the Google Play Store or the Apple Store; search for "Big Spring" in the Apple Store, or "mybigspring" in the Google Play Store.

The council also:

- Presented September Star Employees Steve Salinas and Gene Rodriguez with certificates and a free day off from work.

- Awarded a bid for a security system for the Historic Spring area to Lensec company of Houston.

- Passed a measure increasing the budgeted Emergency Medical Services fund by ac-



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Mayor Pro Tem Raul Marquez, right, presents certificates and a free day off work to Big Spring Star Employees for September, Gene Rodriguez, left, and Steve Salinas. The two Water Department employees went above and beyond the call of duty, providing excellent customer service to a Big Spring water customer, Marquez said.

cepting an uncompensated care cost settlement from Texas Health and Human Services, which will be used to purchase additional EMS equipment.

- Amended the budget to transfer funds to purchase a building for city offices in the amount of \$310,000.

- Passed a measure updating the Water Conservation Plan, a measure required to

receive Texas Water Development Board funding.

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The ceremony will be at 4:30 p.m. Thursday in the Howard County Courthouse lobby.

"It's very short. It's with our local judges and law enforcement, whoever can get there," Calvio said, adding that the program would be about 30 minutes long.

"Domestic violence, it affects everyone, not just the immediate family," she said. "It affects everyone involved. The law enforcement, the community, the neighbors... It's a full circle that affects everybody."

People involved in domestic violence situations have options, Calvio said.

"People need to realize there is help out there," she said. "We get a lot of our referrals from law enforcement, but we have a web site they can go to, that is safe to go to, where they can email us questions. And we have our phone number they can call any time. 432-263-3312 is our office number. Then our website is vsob.org."

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USDA

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prices for covered commodities. Over half a million producers will receive ARC payments and over a quarter million producers will receive PLC payments for 2016 crops, starting this week and continuing over the next several months.

Payments are being made to producers who enrolled base acres of barley, corn, grain sorghum, lentils, oats, peanuts, dry peas, soybeans, wheat and canola. In the upcoming months, payments will be announced after marketing year average prices are published by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service for the remaining covered commodities. Those include long and medium grain rice (except for temperate Japonica rice), which will be announced in November; remaining oilseeds and chickpeas, which will be announced in December; and temperate Japonica rice, which will be announced in early February 2017. The estimated payments are before application of sequestration and other reductions and limits, including adjusted gross income limits and payment limitations.

Also, as part of an ongoing effort to protect sensitive lands and improve water

quality and wildlife habitat, USDA will begin issuing 2017 CRP payments this week to over 375,000 Americans.

"American farmers and ranchers are among our most committed conservationists," said Perdue. "We all share a responsibility to leave the land in better shape than we found it for the benefit of the next generation of farmers. This program helps landowners provide responsible stewardship on land that should be taken out of production."

Signed into law by President Reagan in 1985, CRP is one of the largest private-lands conservation program in the United States. Thanks to voluntary participation by farmers and landowners, CRP has improved water quality, reduced soil erosion and increased habitat for endangered and threatened species. In return for enrolling in CRP, USDA, through the Farm Service Agency (FSA) on behalf of the Commodity Credit Cor-

poration, provides participants with rental payments and cost-share assistance. Participants enter into contracts that last between 10 and 15 years. CRP payments are made to participants who remove sensitive lands from production and plant certain grasses, shrubs and trees that improve water quality, prevent soil erosion and increase wildlife habitat.

For more details regarding ARC and PLC programs, go to www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc. For more information about CRP, contact your local FSA office or visit www.fsa.usda.gov/crp. To locate your local FSA office, visit <https://offices.usda.gov>.

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"Linda Burchett, we'll have her barbecue out front," he said. "The Big Spring ladder truck will be flying the American flag out front."

Miller urges everyone to head on out and support Hangar 25.

"We'd like for people to come out. This is a fundraiser for us," he

said. "Since we don't have regular grants, we depend on things like this right here for our operational money. We just bought those three airplanes that we have out there for \$426,000, but those are all in flying condition."

Tickets for the event are \$15 for adults, \$10 for those under 18, and children eight and under are free. Tickets can be purchased

at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, 215 W. Third St.; the Convention and Visitors Bureau office, 113 E. Third St.; the Big Spring Herald, 710 S. Scurry St.; and KBST, 608 Johnson St.

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Check it out at the Howard County Library

NEWSFLASH! Beginning October 31, 2017 the library hours will change....Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 am to 6 pm; the internet/video room closes at 5:30. Tuesday and Thursday from 10 am to 7 pm; the internet/video room closes at 6:30.

To kick off our new hours, the library will have a "Read or Treat" on October 31, 2017. Bring the kids out from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. for snacks, activities, prizes, and fun!

Also just one more week until the Friends of the Library annual book sale. There's still time to clean out your bookshelves, donate any unwanted books, then come purchase new ones!!! REMEMBER...Friday, October 20, 2017 and Saturday, October 21, 2017 in the basement of the library from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

This week I'll get back to the fiction books. In "The Other Widow" by Susan Crawford, Joe ends their affair seconds before a passing

car on an icy road sends them skidding into a tree. Nearly run down as she struggles from the wreckage, Dorrie is desperate to keep her marriage intact and figure out if someone is trying to kill her.

She has always been an excellent actress, pretending to be the dutiful daughter, the satisfied wife, the woman who can handle anything, but now, she must put on the most challenging performance of her life as details of the accident leave her feeling more and more unsettled and afraid. Karen knew her husband, Joe, was cheating, but Joe's death has left his wife in free fall. Trying to rebuild her life and cope with grief is devastating enough without the constant fear that someone is watching her and knows her secrets. Insurance investigator Maggie Devlin is suspicious of the latest claim that's landed on her desk-



MONICA MARTINEZ

a man dying on an icy road shortly after buying a sizable life insurance policy. Maggie doesn't believe in coincidences and questions everything and everyone. As the fates of these three women become more tightly entwined, layers of lies and deception begin to peel away, pushing the three dangerously to the edge and to a terrifying truth.

In "Conclave" by Robert Harris (F H A R R), the Pope is dead, and 118 cardinals from around the world will cast their votes in the world's most secretive election. They are holy men, but they are men of the world and have rivals. Over the next seventy-two hours one of them will become the most powerful spiritual figure on earth.

"The Silent Corner" by Dean Koontz (F K O O D) finds Jane Hawk trying to find the truth when her husband, a man who had everything to live for, takes his own life. People of talent and accomplishment, people admired and happy and sound of mind, have been committing suicide in surprising numbers. When Jane seeks to learn why, she becomes the most-

wanted fugitive in America. Her powerful enemies are protecting a secret so important and terrifying that they will exterminate anyone in their way. All their power and viciousness may not be enough to stop a woman as clever as they are cold-blooded and who is driven by a righteous rage they can never comprehend because it is born of love.

In "Lords of Corruption" by Kyle Mills (F M I L K), Josh Hagarty has been recruited by an obscure charity to manage their activities in a war-torn region of Africa. He is eager to sign on and atone for a past he regrets. He tries to lose himself in his new job, but soon the precariousness of his situation becomes impossible to ignore. The man assigned to guide him through the dangerous and exotic world he's been thrust into, is revealed to be a psychotic thug with ties to the country's genocidal dictator. Josh's predecessor didn't quit as he'd been led to believe, but was found dismembered in the jungle after asking questions that no one wanted answered. When the life of

his young sister is threatened by the organization, Josh is forced to face the fact that his employer may not be the benevolent charity it claims to be. Josh realizes he has become an unwitting player in a billion-dollar conspiracy with tentacles snaking across the globe. Escape is impossible and the only way out is to bring the whole institution down. As his own survival becomes less and less likely, Josh realizes that his life is just one of thousand, possible millions, at stake.

Once again I have run out of time so until next week I leave you with a quote from Roy T Bennett: "You learn something valuable from all of the significant events and people, but you never touch your true potential until you challenge yourself to go beyond imposed limitations."

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Police: Student confessed to killing Texas Tech campus cop



AP photo

Emergency personnel stage at an intersection across from Talkington Hall on the Texas Tech University campus in Lubbock, Texas, Monday, Oct. 9, 2017. Police apprehended a 19-year-old student accused of fatally shooting a Texas Tech University police officer at the campus police station Monday night.

By DAVID WARREN

Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — A Texas Tech University student confessed to killing a campus police officer who had been booking him on a drug possession charge, telling detectives he had done "something illogical" and that "he was the one that shot their friend," an investigator said.

In an affidavit released Tuesday, Det. Thomas Bonds of the Lubbock city police department said Hollis Daniels III confessed to killing Officer Floyd East Jr. after his recapture Monday night.

University officials said East went to Daniels' room to perform a welfare check and found evidence of drugs and drug paraphernalia. Authorities have not

said what prompted the welfare check. East arrested Daniels and took him to the campus police station to book him.

According to Bonds, the 19-year-old wasn't handcuffed while East was processing the paperwork. Another officer left the room and then heard a loud bang. When he returned, he found East mortally wounded and Daniels gone. East's body camera was also missing, but his service weapon was still holstered.

The campus was locked down for about an hour Monday night and the school's more than 36,000 students were ordered to shelter in place dur-

ing the search. Daniels was recaptured following a foot chase near the police station. He had the body camera and a handgun, Bonds wrote.

It's not clear why Daniels wasn't placed in handcuffs or whether he had been searched when arrested. Police also haven't said whether they believe Daniels used his own gun or one belonging to the department. University officials did not respond Tuesday

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Man condemned in family murder plot loses high court appeal

By MICHAEL GRACZYK

Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court refused Tuesday to consider an appeal from a suburban Houston man on Texas death row who arranged the killings of his mother and brother in 2003 so he could collect a \$1 million inheritance.

Attorneys for 37-year-old Thomas "Bart" Whitaker went to the high court after losing a federal court appeal earlier this year. He claims his trial lawyers were deficient and that Fort Bend County prosecutors engaged in misconduct by improperly referring to discussion of a plea deal that never was reached.

According to court records, Whitaker offered to take responsibility for the killings and accept life sentences but his attorneys said prosecutors rejected it because it contained no expression of remorse for the shooting deaths of his mother, Patricia Whitaker, 51, and his brother, Kevin, 19, at the family's Sugar Land home. Whitaker's father was shot but survived.

The justices provided no explanation for their refusal.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, in its ruling in April, pointed to court records consistently showing trial lawyers initiated the plea bargain offer and that prosecutors said they would promise "to consider" not seeking the death penalty.

A jury decided he should be put to death. Evidence showed Whitaker orchestrated the plot and that it was at least his third attempt to kill his family.

As part of the scheme with two friends, Whitaker was shot in the arm to draw attention away from him.

The gunman, Chris Brashear, pleaded guilty in 2007 to a murder charge and is serving life in prison. Another man, Steve Champagne, who drove Brashear from the Whitaker house the night of the shootings, took a 15-year prison term in exchange for testifying at Whitaker's trial.

Investigators said they made the shooting look as though the family had interrupted

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to messages seeking additional details. They scheduled a news conference for later Tuesday.

Daniels, who is from the San Antonio suburb of Seguin, is charged with capital murder of a peace officer and is being held in the Lubbock County jail on a \$5 million bond. Online jail records don't indicate whether he has an attorney who can speak on his behalf.

He's had prior run-ins with the law. Daniels was charged two years ago in Guadalupe County, which includes Seguin, with possession of drug paraphernalia, but the case was dismissed. Court records obtained by the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal show he was charged last year in Lubbock County with drug possession.

Daniels is the son of H. A. "Dan" Daniels, a well-known figure in Seguin. The elder Daniels was a city councilman from 1998 to 2002 and again from 2006 to 2010, when term limits prevented him from running for re-election. He didn't immediately reply to phone messages seeking comment that were left at a family business and calls to the family's home got a busy signal.

The school's president, Lawrence Schovanec, said East's family is in the thoughts and prayers of the Texas Tech community. East, 48, joined the department as a dispatcher in 2015 and became an officer in May. It was his first job in law enforcement, according to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.

"I want to express my deep appreciation to the Texas Tech Police Department, Lubbock Police Department, Lubbock Sheriff's Office, and other state and federal law enforcement officials for their response," Schovanec said.

Gov. Greg Abbott issued a statement expressing his condolences and saying he had mobilized state law enforcement resources to aid in the investigation. State Attorney General Ken Paxton went to the school Tuesday to show support.

Texas passed a law last year allowing students with concealed carry permits to bring guns into university classrooms and buildings. But a person must be at least 21 years old to get a concealed carry permit in Texas, so Daniels wouldn't qualify.

The state Democratic Party apologized Tuesday for a tweet it sent linking the campus carry law to Monday's shooting. The party had tweeted that allowing guns on college campuses "was a dumb and dangerous idea" but later backtracked and deleted the tweet.

AP-NORC Poll: Most don't want young immigrants deported

By **ADRIANA GOMEZ LICON** and **EMILY SWANSON**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Just 1 in 5 Americans want to deport young immigrants brought to the United States as children and now here illegally, the focus of a politically fraught debate between the White House and Congress.

Americans also have largely negative opinions about President Donald Trump's signature immigration pledge to build a wall along the entire U.S.-Mexico border, according to a new poll by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. Just under half — 49 percent — oppose construction, while 32 percent support it.

On Sunday, Trump told lawmakers his hardline immigration priorities, including the wall, must be approved if he is to go along with protecting the young immigrants from deportation.

About 800,000 young immigrants had been given a deportation reprieve under President Barack Obama's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, also known as DACA, until Trump ended the program last month. He's given Congress six months to act.

About 60 percent of Americans favor allowing those young immigrants, commonly referred as "Dreamers," to stay in the U.S. legally, compared to 22 percent who are opposed. Just 19 percent of respondents say all these childhood arrivals should be deported.

Sixty-eight percent of Hispanics, 61 percent of blacks and 57 percent of whites favor extending protections. Eight in 10 Democrats favor allowing the young immigrants to stay legally. So do more than 4 in 10 Republicans.

"For the ones who are already here, there should be a way for them to stay because it wasn't their fault," said Nik Catello, a 57-year-old independent film producer from Orange County, California. "But you have to give them a path to citizenship."

Showing sympathy for the young immigrants does not always translate into softer views on immigration. Catello, for example, favors the construction of a wall along the Mexican border.

Among those who favor a border wall, 38 percent also favor allowing "Dreamers" to stay.

"What you see is growing support within the voters overall in giving Dreamers a path to citizenship," said Todd Schulte, president of FWD.us, an immigration advocacy group founded by Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg. "Giving Dreamers the ability to earn citizenship is the most popular bipartisan, not just immigration, issue, the single most united issue in the country."

When Trump ordered the phase-out of the DACA program last month, he gave 150,000 young immigrants the chance to quickly renew permits that are to expire before March 5. Officials say that more



AP photo

In this Sept. 26, 2017 photo, immigrant rights supporters gather at the U.S. Capitol in Washington. Just 1 in 5 Americans want to deport young immigrants brought to the United States illegally as children, a group now at the center of a politically fraught debate between the White House and Congress. Americans also have largely negative opinions about President Trump's signature immigration pledge, according to a new poll by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

than 35,000 didn't make his Oct. 5 deadline. And many others will see their status begin expiring after March 5, unless Congress acts before then.

Trump suggested at the time that he was eager for a deal to settle the matter, telling reporters, "I have a love for these people and hopefully now Congress will be able to help them and do it properly." He also tweeted that if Congress was unwilling to find a fix, he would "revisit this issue!" in six months.

Trump had previously said he wanted a DACA deal to include significant money for border security and eventual funding for the wall. But the priorities released by the White House this week went far beyond that.

The White House's demands include limiting green cards to spouses and minor children of U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents, hiring 10,000 more immigration enforcement officers and making it easier to deport unaccompanied children. The White House says the measures are to soften the impact on the U.S. caused by granting benefits to DACA recipients.

Carolyn Kurtz, a 62-year-old retired engineer from Monument City, Colorado, who wants protections for young immigrants, said Trump hasn't done "the research necessary" on immigration.

"Do I believe that immigration should be more carefully monitored and maybe limited? Yes. But the way he wants to go about it is not the way to do it," Kurtz said. She called the president's stance

"very close-minded."

Two-thirds of Americans — 64 percent — say they disapprove of Trump's handling of immigration, and a similar percentage — 65 percent — say the same of his handling of foreign policy. Both of those are similar to Trump's overall approval rating.

The poll also revealed more Americans favor than oppose another aspect of Trump's immigration policy — his latest travel ban. Forty-four percent favor it compared to 37 percent who say they are against the new rules.

In September, the administration announced the most recent restrictions which affect citizens of Chad, Iran, Libya, North Korea, Somalia, Syria, and Yemen — and some Venezuelan government officials and their families. They are to go into effect Oct. 18. It was the administration's third try at limiting travel after a broader ban sparked chaos in January and was challenged in courts across the country.

The AP-NORC poll of 1,150 adults was conducted Sept. 28-Oct. 2 using a sample drawn from NORC's probability-based AmeriSpeak panel, which is designed to be representative of the U.S. population. The margin of sampling error for all respondents is plus or minus 4.1 percentage points.

Respondents were first selected randomly using address-based sampling methods, and later interviewed online or by phone.

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a burglary when they returned from a dinner to celebrate Thomas Whitaker's graduation from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville. Whitaker never graduated.

Whitaker does not yet have an execution date.

In a second case involving a Texas death row inmate, the Supreme Court ordered the 5th Circuit to review the case of 36-year-old Obie Weathers, who was convicted in a robbery-slaying in San Antonio in 2000.

The 5th Circuit last year re-

jected arguments that Weathers is mentally impaired and shouldn't be put to death. That decision, however, preceded a similar case earlier this year in which the high court decided that the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals ignored current medical standards and required use of outdated criteria when ruling

on the mental disabilities of capital murder convicts.

Weathers was 19 in February 2000 when he shot 63-year-old Ted Church twice in the head and once in the abdomen as Church tried to break up the robbery at the bar on San Antonio's east side. Church was a customer. Weathers fled with about \$200.

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Dear Annie: I need your advice. My very musically gifted high school senior appears to want to go to college and major in music performance. But he is refusing to visit colleges. He won't discuss why; he just gets very belligerent when the subject comes up and won't expand on any reasons. Should I let it be or make the contacts for him and force him to go? -- Music Man's Mom

Dear Music Man's Mom: It's possible that your son is afraid to leave home -- which would show his intelligence; it's a big scary world out there. Courage arises not when we suppress our fears but when we find something so worthwhile we temporarily

forget them. So do what you can to help him find exciting possibilities. There are many amazing colleges that specialize in music, which you can research together. See whether any schools within a short driving distance have solid music programs. In the end, though, this is his search process, and he should take the lead. It's the first step he'll take as an independent adult, and it's healthy for him to take ownership of the decision.

Dear Annie: I read your advice column every day and love it. I am 64 years old and have been very happily married for 45 years.

I read about the grumpy old dad whom "Hurt Daughter in

New Hampshire" has to deal with. I am part of a local association mostly made up of older men. We tend to be grumpy. Why? We hurt. We have health issues. We see changes in the world around us that we don't appreciate. We didn't realize that retirement was going to make us feel unneeded. We are not attractive anymore. Many have been hurt from previous failed marriages and relationships, so they don't trust anyone anymore.

This is what I have learned about how to stop a grumpy old man in his tracks and, if not change, at least realize how he's acting. I first empathize, telling him I feel his pain, and then I encourage him to not take his pain out

on other people. That friendliness and kindness breeds more of the same. But grumpiness and meanness will only make things worse.

When that doesn't work (and it usually doesn't), then I go at him by confronting his hypocrisy: "You are angry with everyone else for all kinds of things, but by being that way, you are acting like a spoiled brat who needs discipline. Get over it! You are a grown man who knows how to act maturely and friendly. Show love even if you don't feel it. Change or get used to being rejected."

This works for most guys. It's the language they understand. They will probably dislike the one who says it to them, but everyone else

around them will begin to see the change and appreciate it. I do not let my pain and discouragement affect my actions. -- Father, Grandfather, Husband, Pastor

Dear FGHP: Empathy and honesty are great virtues and useful tools. Thank you for your tips.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Planetary Patience Trial

Tests of patience are tests of character, as the best and worst of human qualities emerge when patience is tried. Such is today's cosmic challenge, with Mars and Saturn forming a stressful pattern custom-designed to elicit frustration. Dig down deep and show that you're made of something stronger and more mature than false urgencies.



Mathis

ARIES (March 21-April 19). If it's good, it will be good in many situations. You'll be able to present it with pride. You won't have to wonder whether or not it's going to hold up. Look for what's good. What has integrity. Look for it, and honor it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The takeaway isn't always something neat and clean that you can tuck away in a wallet like a business card. The takeaway might be a messy little feeling.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You work this way, they work that way... now how does it all work together?

That's the question to be answered today, and you'll answer it best when you collaborate with a Taurus or a Sagittarius.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There is no perfect partner. The list of qualities that might make up such a person go out the window as it becomes clearer to you what really matters now -- namely chemistry and compatible lifestyles.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your loved ones appreciate you, though you can't feel it at all times. When do you feel it most? When there's enough space and time between you for them to get some perspective on your wonderful qualities.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There's a habit you've been trying to break, and you certainly can. The answer is right in front of you. All it will take is one good you-to-you talk to sort it all out.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). People think they can help you, and yet they have no concept of what it is you really do. It goes against all you're thinking, and yet it really is true: The only one to fill the role the way you do it is you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The saying goes, "You can't hunt two hares with one

dog." There will be multiple options available to you, but only one viable one. Which one is that? Either, really, as long as it's the only one you choose. So choose one and chase.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Work on. Work how you are. Work when you're up, sluggish, inspired, tired, enthused or used. Work for you. And work because the real glory is in the work.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's so easy to explore new worlds these days; you're only a few keyboard clicks away from it. You'll dive into a virtual adventure and learn so well about what's there that you'll soon be able to give a tour on the subject.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The critical thinking might not serve you so well right now, and you shouldn't let the details weigh you down. If you refuse to get mired in minutiae you'll get a powerful big-picture perspective.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You will solve problems and generate ideas while your brain is in a kind of default mode, occupied gently by some kind of low-stress rhythm, such as the type created by walking, driving, showering and the like.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 11). You'll meet the people you want to know right at the start of this solar return. Love fills your life with joy. It all happens for one reason -- because you're paying attention, seizing opportunities to connect. A perspective shift and a new way of setting up your days will make you more productive in 2018. Taurus and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 1, 13, 7 and 41.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: "I have three young children, and they're each so totally different. What might astrology have to say about my girls -- a 5-year-old Gemini, a 2-year-old Capricorn and a newborn Taurus?"

Sibling rivalry won't be an issue for your Gemini, who will love the social fun and all that goes along with sisters. However, she won't suffer boredom kindly, so get her involved: try making games out of mundane chores and the care of her sisters. Your Capricorn is in her "terrible twos," so-named after the astrological Mars return to its position at her birth. Self-assertion and boundary-testing are common here, but Capricorn kids often enjoy straightforward rules, so you'll find her re-

sponsive to guidelines and rewards for following those. Taurus babies are physically responsive and need lots of hugs. So whether she needs the challenge of a new game (Gemini), a mommy's-little-helper responsibility to make her feel important and loved (Capricorn) or just a little more cuddle time (Taurus) each daughter will shine in her way as those unique needs are met.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Voicing animation is one of her specialties, and Joan Cusack will continue the trend with the upcoming "Toy Story 4." Cusack, who rose to fame alongside her brother John in such movies as "Sixteen Candles" and "High Fidelity," was born under the artistic Libran sun and has Mercury in this sign of bonding and partnership as well. Her empathetic Pisces moon is an ideal placement for actors.

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Pissarro painting looted by Vichy regime fuels legal battle



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People wait outside the Marmottan museum in Paris, Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2017. A painting exhibited in the museum called "La Cueillette des Bois," or "Picking Peas," by impressionist master Camille Pissarro that was looted by the Vichy regime during World War II is at the center of a legal battle in Paris.

By SAMUEL PETREQUIN

Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — Back in 1995, when they spent \$800,000 on a work by impressionist painter Camille Pissarro in New York, Bruce Toll claims he had no idea the canvas had been looted by the Vichy regime during World War II.

The New York art collector says he and his wife, Robbi, bought the painting in good faith.

"I just know that I bought the painting from Christie's and that it had been sold by Sotheby's 30 years earlier," Bruce Toll told The Associated Press after a court hearing in Paris on Tuesday. "If it had been stolen during the war, it would

not have been sold by Sotheby's, then Christie's. At least I would assume that. There was no way I should know that."

"La Cueillette des Bois," or "Picking Peas," was painted by Pissarro in 1887. French authorities confiscated the painting earlier this year, and it will remain in their custody until the case pitting the Tolls against the fam-

ily of a Jewish collector is resolved.

French authorities seized the painting at the Marmottan museum after Simon Bauer's relatives found out it was on display in Paris as part of a Pissarro exhibition, on loan from the Tolls, and filed a lawsuit to have the work returned.

A verdict will be issued next month, but the Tolls' lawyer, Ron Soffer, said he will appeal if his client does not win.

Bauer's collection of more than 90 paintings was confiscated in 1943 by the Vichy regime, which collaborated with the Nazis, and sold by a vendor designated by the General Commissariat for Jewish Questions.

"This painting has

been illegally confiscated by Vichy, and the French state should pay. This is a fair solution," said Soffer, referring to the financial compensation the Bauers have received from the state.

Financial details of that deal have not been disclosed, but the family's lawyer said the money covered all of their stolen art.

"The Bauers will give back to the French state the fraction of the money corresponding to the painting's value they received when they will have it returned," lawyer Cedric Fischer said.



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Klingberg, Seguin score early, Stars hold off Red Wings 4-2

DALLAS (AP) — The first win for the Dallas Stars this season was No. 782 of Ken Hitchcock's career. And that's a significant figure for NHL coaches.

Stint with Dallas, Hitchcock tied Al Arbour for third place on the all-time wins list Tuesday night. John Klingberg and Tyler Seguin scored first-period goals, and the Stars never trailed in a 4-2 victory over the Detroit Red Wings.

Anthony Mantha's goal with 4:49 remaining pulled Detroit (2-1) within one, but the Red Wings couldn't tie the game even with goalie Petr Mrazek pulled for the final 2:56.

"I was thinking on the bench that we've played three great hockey games, and it would have felt poorly to not finish this off," Hitchcock said. "I thought this was the best balance we've had. This looked like something you could really build on."

Mattias Janmark scored in the second period for the Stars (1-2), and Martin Hanzal put the puck into an empty net with 2 seconds remaining.

Ben Bishop made 23 saves. In two starts, Bishop has allowed only two goals in 103:58 of ice time.

"We've got some work to improve in the third period, and just be a little bit more composed," Bishop said.

Klingberg also thought the Stars could play better.

"I felt like we sat back a little bit too much. We got away with a win today," he said.

Justin Abdelkader scored in the second period for the Red Wings. Mrazek finished with 29 saves.

The Stars have totaled 119 shots in their first three games but managed only seven goals — including two each by Klingberg, Seguin and Janmark.

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Dallas Stars' Remi Elie (40), John Klingberg, center, and Esa Lindell (23) celebrate a goal scored by Klingberg in the first period of an NHL hockey game against the Detroit Red Wings on Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2017, in Dallas.

AP photo

Fertitta introduced as new owner of Houston Rockets



Rockets owner Tilman Fertitta holds a jersey during an introductory news conference, Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2017, in Houston.

AP photo

By KRISTIE RIEKEN
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Tilman Fertitta has been a fan of the Rockets since before they moved to Houston, and after a failed attempt to buy the team long ago he was prepared to do whatever it took not to miss another chance.

To make his dream come true, the businessman had to shell out an NBA-record \$2.2 billion. And on Tuesday when he was introduced as the team's new owner, he admitted that it was worth every dime. The owner of the Landry's restaurant chain and Golden Nugget casino and hotels, he also has built several landmarks in the area including the Downtown Aquarium, the Kemah Boardwalk and the Pleasure Pier in Galveston.

The Rockets are tops to Fertitta.

"I don't want to take away anything from the great things that I've been able to build for the Houston area ... but honestly nothing compares," he said. "Nothing compares whatsoever. This is the ultimate ... you're in a club of 30. Anybody can go build a boardwalk, anybody can

go build an aquarium, anybody can build tall buildings, but not everybody gets to own an NBA franchise."

Fertitta and a partner were in the running to buy the team when Leslie Alexander bought it in 1993. He's remained friends with Alexander since then, even hosting him for Thanksgiving on one occasion. Their close relationship didn't mean much when it was time to negotiate.

"When it came time to sell the team I didn't get any favors," Fertitta said. "It went back to business again."

Alexander, who announced the team was for sale in July, took over as owner on July 30, 1993, and the Rockets went on to win back-to-back titles in 1994-95 behind the likes of Hakeem Olajuwon and Clyde Drexler. In 24 seasons under Alexander, the Rockets have won 56.9 percent of their games, fifth-best in the league.

Rockets chief executive officer Tad Brown said that they had about a dozen legitimate contenders to buy the team and that half of those could have closed the deal, but in the end it really wasn't a contest.

"This is his team and this is his town and he wanted it more," Brown said.

Fertitta was born in Galveston, Texas, and has lived in Houston his entire adult life. The 60-year-old is the chairman of the board of regents of the University of Houston System and star of the reality show "Billion Dollar Buyer" on CNBC.

He is already looking ahead to doing more. He said he would be open to talks about the potential of bringing an NHL team to Houston share the Toyota Center with the Rockets.

"We'll do whatever we can do, but whatever we do has to make sense," he said. "Will we be aggressive. That's my nature."

He was asked what kind of owner he would be — extremely hands on and front-and-center like Mavericks' owner Mark Cuban or more of a behind-the-scenes presence like Alexander was.

"I didn't think the player's cafeteria was very nice and we're going to fix it," he said. "So that's the style of owner I'm going to be."

Then he added: "I'm

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Rangers infielders Gosselin, Middlebrooks now free agents

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Texas Rangers infielders Phil Gosselin and Will Middlebrooks have become free agents after declining outright assignments to Triple-A Round Rock.

The Rangers said Tuesday that Gosselin, Middlebrooks, right-hander Paul Espino and outfielder Jared Hoying cleared waivers and were assigned outright to the Triple-A team.

Gosselin, acquired from Pittsburgh on a

waiver claim Aug. 12, hit .125 in 12 games over three stints with the team. Middlebrooks led Round Rock with 23 homers and 64 RBIs before being called up by the Rangers on Sept. 1, and then hit .211 in 22 games.

Espino had a 5.68 ERA in six relief appearances after being acquired from Milwaukee in an Aug. 26 trade. Hoying hit .222 with one homer in 36 games.

Sluggish Florida plans to pick up pace against Texas A&M

By KRISTIE RIEKEN
AP Sports Writer

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Nick Saban thinks his players have gotten too wrapped up in the constant talk in the media about how good they are.

And he shared just what he thinks about that after the top-ranked Crimson Tide struggled to put Texas A&M away in a 27-19 win on Saturday night.

"I'm trying to get our players to listen to me instead of listening to you guys," he said referring to reporters. "All that stuff that you write about how good we are and all that stuff they get on ESPN is like poi-

son. It's like taking poison. Like rat poison. I'm asking them: 'Are you going to listen to me or are you going to listen to these guys about how good you are?'"

Damien Harris ran for 124 yards and a touchdown, and Jalen Hurts had a touchdown pass and ran for another score to help Alabama remain undefeated.

The Aggies (4-2, 2-1 Southeastern Conference), who entered the game as 26 1/2 point underdogs, made the game interesting, but in the end freshman quarterback Kellen Mond was

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In this Sept. 2, 2017, file photo, Florida quarterback Feleipe Franks throws a pass during an NCAA college football game against Michigan in Arlington, Texas.

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ciones en el Distrito Escolar
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noviembre de 2017, según
está previsto en la Orden de
convocatoria de elecciones
para la emisión de bonos
aprobada por el Consejo de
Administración del Distrito
Escolar Independiente de
Coahoma, cuya copia fiel se
incluye a continuación.

ORDEN DE CONVOCATOR- IA DE ELECCIONES PARA LA EMISIÓN DE BONOS DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDI- ENTE DE COAHOMA Y QUE ESTABLECE CÓMO PROCEDER EN LAS ELECC- IONES Y DEMÁS ASUN- TOS PERTINENTES A LAS MISMAS

ESTADO DE TEXAS §
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DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDE-
PENDIENTE DE COAHOMA
§

CONSIDERANDO QUE, el
Consejo de Administración
del Distrito Escolar Inde-
pendiente de Coahoma (el
"Distrito") celebró una
reunión extraordinaria el día
10 de agosto de 2017, est-
ando dicha reunión abierta al
público, y habiéndose dado
aviso público de la hora,
lugar y propósito de dicha
reunión, según lo exige el
Capítulo 551 del Código
Gubernamental de Texas; y,

CONSIDERANDO QUE, el
Distrito considera aconsej-
able convocar las elecciones
para la emisión de bonos (las
"elecciones") que se orde-
nan en este documento; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, el
Distrito en forma simultánea
con el presente ha aprobado
un acuerdo para celebrar
elecciones conjuntas y un
contrato de servicios elector-
ales con el Condado de
Howard (el "JEA"); y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, en
dicha reunión se declaró y
determinó oficialmente que
(1) es en interés público
convocar y celebrar las elec-
ciones conjuntamente con el
Condado de Howard (el
"Condado"); (2) la celebración
de las elecciones que aquí se
ordenan cumple los requisi-
tos de elecciones conjuntas a
tenor de la sección 271.001 y
siguientes del Código Elec-
toral de Texas; y (3) es en
interés público que el distrito
celebre las elecciones que
aquí se ordenan el día 7 de
noviembre de 2017, fecha
para la celebración de elec-
ciones uniformes establecida
por la sección 41.001(a) del
Código Electoral de Texas; y,

AHOR, POR LO TANTO, EL CONSEJO DE ADMINISTRACIÓN DEL DIS- TRITO ORDENA:

1. Las declaraciones conteni-
das en el preámbulo de esta
orden son ciertas y correctas
y han sido adoptadas como
decisiones de hecho y dis-
posiciones operativas del
presente documento. Se
celebrarán las elecciones en
el distrito entre las 7:00 de la
mañana y las 7:00 de la
tarde, el día 7 de noviembre
de 2017. Las elecciones
tendrán lugar en los
siguientes centros elector-
ales y se han nombrado a los
siguientes funcionarios elect-
orales para celebrarlas:

Jefa presidenta:
Judi Duck
Coahoma, TX 79511

Compuesto por las sec-
ciones de las circunscrip-
ciones electorales 205, 207,
207c, 404, 408 y 409 del
Condado de Howard que se
encuentran dentro del DEI de
Coahoma.

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Karen Moore
Jueza suplente:
Sally Grant

2. Cada jueza presidente
nombrará no menos de dos
(2) ni más de seis (6) secre-
tarios electorales cualificados
para servir y ayudar en la
celebración de las elec-
ciones; siempre que la juez
presidente ejerza sus fun-
ciones como tal, el juez o
jueza suplente será uno de
dichos secretarios.

3. La votación adelantada se
celebrará durante el periodo
requerido o permitido por la
ley, siendo dicho periodo
desde el 23 de octubre de
2017 hasta el 3 de noviembre
de 2017, y durante las horas
permitidas por la ley y que se
mencionan a continuación.
La votación adelantada se
realizará mediante compare-
cencia en persona en el
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De 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m.
•Martes, 24 de octubre de 2017
De 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m.
•Miércoles, 25 de octubre de
2017
De 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m.
•Jueves, 26 de octubre de 2017
De 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m.
•Viernes, 27 de octubre de 2017
De 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m.
•Lunes, 30 de octubre 2017
De 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m.
•Martes, 31 de octubre de 2017
De 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m.
•Miércoles, 1 de noviembre de
2017
De 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m.
•Jueves, 2 de noviembre de 2017
De 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m.
•Viernes, 3 de noviembre de
2017
De 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m.

El centro electoral principal
para la votación adelantada
permanecerá abierto durante
las horas y fechas mencio-
nadas anteriormente para la
votación adelantada en per-
sona.

4. De conformidad con el
JEA, el secretario para la
votación adelantada será
Jodi Duck, el administrador
de las elecciones del
Condado de Howard, y la
secretaria delegada para la
votación adelantada será
Brittany Bakley.

5. Las solicitudes para la
votación adelantada por
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electrónico a
Jodi.duck@howardcountytx.c
om. Las solicitudes para la
votación adelantada por
correo deberán recibirse
antes del cierre del horario
de oficinas del día 27 de oc-
tubre de 2017.

6. Se formará un Consejo
electoral para la votación ad-
elantada que procesará los
resultados de las elecciones.
Martha Beene será la Juez
presidente de dicho Consejo
de elecciones adelantadas,
quien a su vez nombrará al
menos otros dos (2) miem-
bros para servir en el Con-
sejo.

7. Todos los electores califi-
cados que residan en el dis-
trito tendrán derecho a votar
en las elecciones.

8. En las elecciones se
presentará la siguiente
PROPUESTA, de conformid-
ad con la ley, y que es-
tablece el propósito para el
que se autorizarán los bonos:

ELECCIONES EX- TRAORDINARIAS DEL DIS- TRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE COAHOMA PROPUESTA "A" DEL DEI DE COAHOMA

¿Se autorizará al Consejo de
Administración del Distrito

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distrito, en una o más series,
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de \$4,000,000 con el fin de
pagar y financiar la
construcción, adquisición, re-
formas y equipamiento de
edificios escolares del dis-
trito, y dichos bonos tendrán
fecha de vencimiento en
serie o de otro modo, en un
plazo no superior a 40 años
desde la fecha de emisión, y
devengarán intereses, y
serán emitidos y vendidos de
acuerdo con la ley vigente en
el momento de emisión; y se
autorizará al Consejo de
Administración a gravar y
avaluar, y hacer que se calcu-
len y recauden impuestos
anuales ad valorem sobre to-
das las propiedades sujetas
a impuestos en el distrito,
suficientes, sin límite en cuanto
a la tasa o cantidad, para
pagar el capital e intereses
de los bonos y el costo de
cualquier acuerdo crediticio
ejecutado en relación con di-
chos bonos?

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permitir a los electores votar
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de la PROPUESTA anterior y
dichas papeletas incluirán las
disposiciones, anotaciones y
lenguaje que la ley exige, y
cuya PROPOSICIÓN
quedará expresada esencial-
mente de la manera
siguiente:

ELECCIONES EX- TRAORDINARIAS DEL DIS- TRITO ESCOLAR INDE- PENDIENTE DE COAHOMA PROPUESTA "A" DEL DEI DE COAHOMA

___A FAVOR ___EN CONTRA

LA EMISIÓN DE BONOS
POR EL DISTRITO ESCOL-
AR INDEPENDIENTE DE
COAHOMA POR UN VAL-
OR DE \$4,000,000 PARA LA
CONSTRUCCIÓN,
ADQUISICIÓN, REFORMAS
Y EQUIPAMIENTO DE EDI-
FICIOS ESCOLARES DEL
DISTRITO, Y EL GRAVA-
MEN DE IMPUESTOS PARA
EL PAGO CORRESPONDI-
ENTE.

10. El lenguaje de la prop-
uesta que aparecerá en la
papeleta está expresado en
la sección 9 anterior. El
propósito para el cual se
autorizará la emisión de
bonos está expresado en la
sección 8 anterior. La can-
tidad de capital de las obliga-
ciones de deuda a ser autor-
izada es de \$4,000,000. Si
los electores aprueban la
emisión de bonos, el Con-
sejo de Administración es-
ará autorizado a gravar anu-
almente impuestos ad valor-
em sobre todas las
propiedades sujetas a im-
puestos en el Distrito, sufi-
cientes, sin límite en cuanto
a la tasa o la cantidad, para
pagar el capital e intereses
de los bonos y el costo de
cualquier acuerdo crediticio
que se haya celebrado en
relación con los mismos.

11. Basándose en las condi-
ciones actuales del mercado
en la fecha en que se adopta
la presente Orden, se calcu-
la que la máxima tasa de
interés de los bonos o cu-
alquier serie de bonos, si se
autoriza su emisión, será del
3.4%. Se indica dicha tasa
máxima a título informativo,
pero no constituye limitación
alguna en la tasa de interés a
la que los bonos, o cualquier
serie de bonos, puedan
venderse. Las condiciones
del mercado podrían cambi-
ar en el momento en que se
vendan los bonos y afectar la
tasa de interés disponible.

12. Como se expone en la
sección 8 anterior, si se
aprueba la emisión de bonos,
se podrán emitir en una o
más series, con un vencim-
iento a lo largo de un periodo
específico de tiempo que no
excederá los 40 años. La
cantidad total del capital pen-

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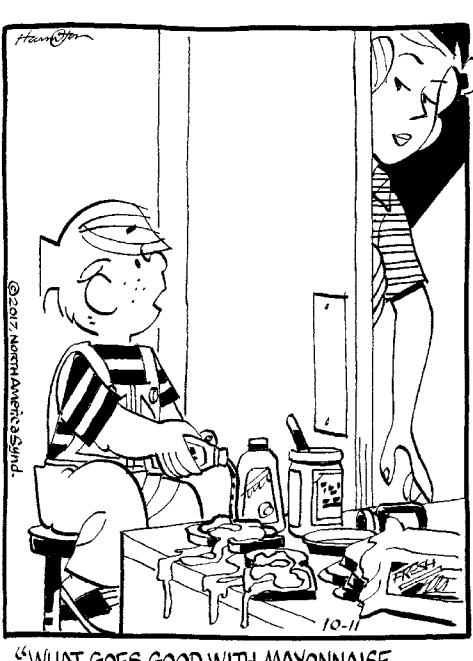


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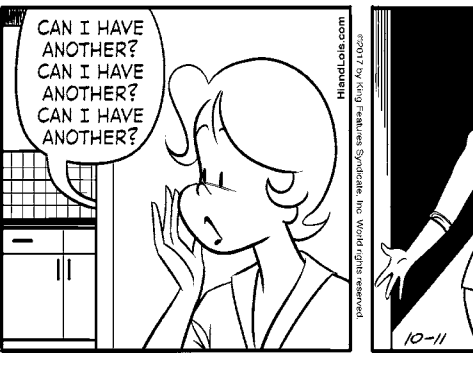
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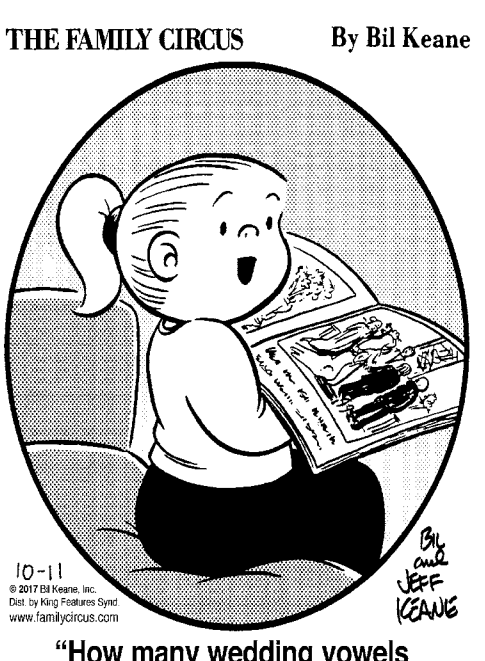
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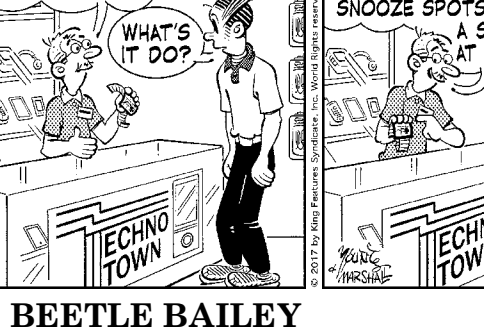
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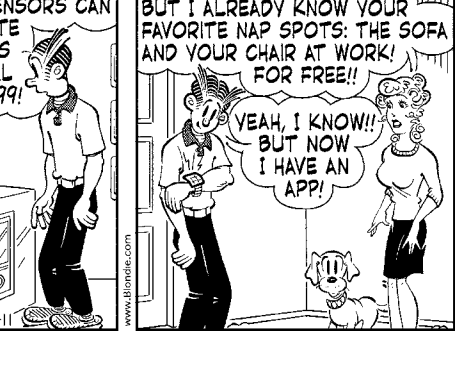


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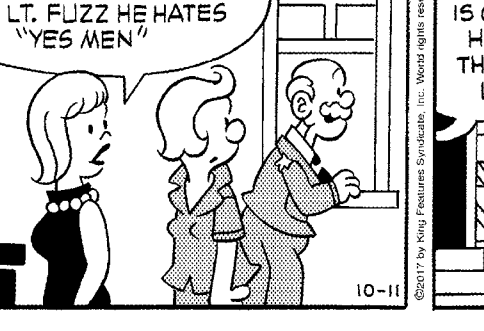


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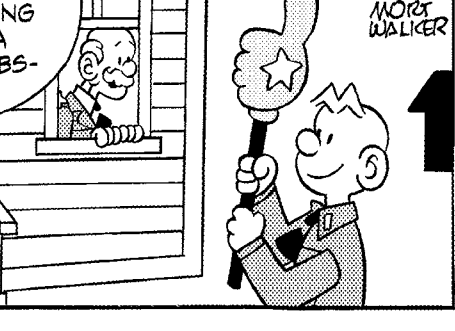


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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 11, the 284th day of 2017. There are 81 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Oct. 11, 1942, the World War II Battle of Cape Esperance began in the Solomon Islands, resulting in an American victory over the Japanese.

On this date:

In 1779, Polish nobleman Casimir Pulaski, fighting for American independence, died two days after being wounded during the Revolutionary War Battle of Savannah, Georgia.

In 1890, the Daughters of the American Revolution was founded in Washington, D.C.

In 1910, Theodore Roosevelt became the first former U.S. president to fly in an airplane during a visit to St. Louis.

In 1932, the first American political telecast took place as the Democratic National Committee sponsored a program from a CBS television studio in New York.

In 1958, the lunar probe Pioneer 1 was launched; it failed to go as far out as planned, fell back to Earth, and burned up in the atmosphere.

In 1968, Apollo 7, the first manned Apollo mission, was launched with astronauts Wally Schirra, Donn Fulton Eisele and R. Walter Cunningham aboard. The government of Panama was overthrown in a military coup.

In 1979, Allan McLeod Cormack and Godfrey Newbold Hounsfield were named co-recipients of the Nobel Prize for Medicine for their work in developing the CAT scan X-ray.

In 1984, Challenger astronaut Kathryn D. Sullivan became the first American woman to walk in space as she and fellow Mission Specialist David C. Leestma spent 3 1/2 hours outside the shuttle.

In 1987, the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt was unfurled for the first time on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.; the 7,000-pound quilt bore the names, personal effects and, in some cases, the ashes of victims of AIDS.

In 1991, testifying before the Senate Judiciary Committee, Anita Hill accused Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas of sexually harassing her; Thomas re-appeared before the panel to denounce the proceedings as a "high-tech lynching."

In 1992, in the first of three presidential debates, three candidates faced off against each other in St. Louis: President George H.W. Bush, Arkansas

Gov. Bill Clinton and businessman Ross Perot.

In 2002, former President Jimmy Carter was named the recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize.

Ten years ago: The Bush administration reported that the federal budget deficit had fallen to \$162.8 billion in the just-completed budget year, the lowest amount of red ink in five years. Cold medicines for babies and toddlers were pulled off shelves amid concerns about unintentional overdoses. Briton Doris Lessing won the 2007 Nobel Prize in literature. Werner von Trapp, a member of the musical "The Sound of Music," died in Waitsfield, Vermont, at age 91.

Five years ago: Vice President Joe Biden and Republican opponent Paul Ryan squared off in their only debate of the 2012 campaign; the two repeatedly interrupted each other as they sparred over topics including the economy, taxes and Medicare.

One year ago: President Barack Obama, in an op-ed on CNN's website, sought to reinvigorate his six-year-old call for the U.S. to send humans to Mars by the 2030s. Samsung Electronics said it was stopping production of Galaxy Note 7 smartphones permanently, a day after halting global sales of the ill-fated devices amid reports that batteries were catching fire.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Earle Hyman is 91. Former U.S. Defense Secretary William Perry is 90. Actor Ron Leibman is 80. Actor Amitabh Bachchan is 75. Country singer Gene Watson is 74. Singer Daryl Hall (Hall and Oates) is 71. Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., is 67. Rhythm-and-blues musician Andrew Woolfolk is 67. Actress-director Catlin Adams is 67. Country singer Paulette Carlson is 66. Actor David Morse is 64. Actor Stephen Spinella is 61. Actress-writer-comedian Dawn French is 60. Pro and College Football Hall of Famer Steve Young is 56. Actress Joan Cusack is 55. Rock musician Scott Johnson (Gin Blossoms) is 55. Comedy writer and TV host Michael J. Nelson is 53. Actor Sean

Patrick Flanery is 52. Actor Lennie James is 52. College Football Hall of Famer and former NFL player Chris Spielman is 52. Actor Luke Perry is 51. Country singer-songwriter Todd Snider is 51. Actor-comedian Artie Lange is 50. Actress Jane Krakowski is 49.

Rapper U-God (Wu-Tang Clan) is 47. Actress Constance Zimmer is 47. Bluegrass musician Leigh Gibson (The Gibson Brothers) is 46. Rapper MC Lyte is 46. Figure skater Kyoko Ina is 45. Actor Darien Sills-Evans is 43. Actor/writer Nat Faxon is 42. Singer NeeNa Lee

is 42. Actress Emily Deschanel is 41. Actor Matt Bomer is 40. Actor Trevor Donovan is 39. Actress Michelle Trachtenberg is 32. Actress Lucy Griffiths is 31. Golfer Michelle Wie is 28.

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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Web address starter
 - 5 Run ___ (go wild)
 - 9 Caribou cousin
 - 14 Prefix for dynamic
 - 15 Autobahn auto
 - 16 Hearing-related
 - 17 Chowder morsel
 - 18 Roomy skirt design
 - 20 Well-___ (tidy)
 - 22 Windowsill, e.g.
 - 23 That lady
 - 24 Thread holder
 - 26 Flying stunt
 - 28 Web businesses
 - 31 Small flute
 - 34 Online "That's hilarious"
 - 35 Mix with a spoon
 - 36 On a regular basis
 - 37 Go round and round
 - 39 Skyscraper girder
 - 41 Alan of M*A*S*H
 - 43 Make into law
 - 45 "Excuse me . . ."
 - 47 Once around the track
 - 48 Nintendo rival
 - 49 Winfrey's periodical
 - 51 Put an end to
 - 53 Chopping down
 - 54 Mac alternatives
 - 57 Propane and gasoline
 - 60 Narrow channel
 - 62 Rental for moving day, perhaps
 - 65 Clinton's vice president

- DOWN**
- 1 Cab driver
 - 2 Observatory devices
 - 3 Acrobat's apparatus
 - 4 Cheerleader's accessory
 - 5 Small-sized battery
 - 6 Think (over)
 - 7 Garfield canine
 - 8 Ignite
 - 9 Absconded (with)
 - 10 Belonging to us
 - 11 Sources of gold and silver
 - 12 Wide belt
 - 13 Alternatively
 - 19 Sense of self
 - 21 Male turkeys
 - 25 "___ ride!" (bettor's order)
 - 27 Bread with a pocket
 - 28 Half-rectangle shapes
 - 29 Barbecue bit
 - 30 Dairy product
 - 32 Was smitten
 - 33 In trouble
 - 36 Greek alphabet ender
 - 38 Reminds too much
 - 40 "Now I see!"
 - 42 King Kong, for one
 - 44 Door installation for felines
 - 46 Lengthy skirt
 - 49 Dramatic musical productions
 - 50 Clever comeback
 - 52 Not at home
 - 54 They retail ale
 - 55 Small talk
 - 56 Price reduction
 - 58 Service station service
 - 59 One from Edinburgh
 - 61 Register stack
 - 63 Take advantage of
 - 64 Boxing blows, briefly

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SEWS	FEED	LEASH

A&M

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simply too inexperienced to help them topple a team as talented as Alabama.

Alabama (6-0, 3-0) had rolled past Vanderbilt and Mississippi by a combined score of 125-3 over the last two weeks, but got much more of a test from the young Aggies.

"We definitely needed a reality check," senior linebacker Rashaan Evans said.

Mond was 19 of 29 for 237 yards with a touchdown and an interception. He also ran for a touchdown and lost a fumble.

"There's no moral victory in this deal," Texas A&M coach Kevin Sumlin said. "When you play that hard and you play that long nobody's happy."

Hurts threw for 123 yards and ran for 56.

"Are we happy? Are we pleased? No," he said. "But we are happy that we can walk out of here with a win."

Mond connected with Damien Ratley on a 32-yard pass on fourth-and-9 to get the Aggies to the 3 late in the third quarter. They were facing another fourth down later in the possession when Mond evaded one sack and got the ball off just as he was hit, finding Christian Kirk for a 2-yard touchdown pass to get the Aggies to 24-10. Kirk grabbed the ball just before his knee hit the ground.

The Aggies were driving again early in the fourth quarter when Minkah Fitzpatrick intercepted Mond near the goal line for his

first pick this season.

But Alabama couldn't move the ball and had to punt out of the end zone. Cullen Gillaspia, who wears Texas A&M's beloved 12th man jersey, blocked JK Scott's punt in the end zone for a safety to make it 24-12.

"I think we proved something to ourselves," Gillaspia said. "We can play with anyone in the country."

Texas A&M couldn't do anything on its next drive, with Mond getting sacked twice and losing two yards on a run to force the Aggies to punt.

Alabama added a field goal with about two minutes left to make it 27-12.

Mond cut the lead to 8 with a 1-yard run with 17 seconds left, but the Aggies ran out of time to do anything else.

"He hasn't always done everything right but he has given us a chance in all of these games to be successful," Sumlin said.

Alabama took its opening drive of the second half 75 yards, capped by an 8-yard touchdown pass from Hurts to Henry Ruggs to extend the lead to 24-3 early in the third quarter.

"My biggest disappointment is we're ahead 24-3 in the game and we didn't finish the game," Saban said.

Later in the third quarter Robert Foster simply dropped what should have been an easy catch before fumbling after a catch on the same drive. It was Alabama's first turnover since Nov. 24, 2016 — a span of 638 plays — and earned Foster a talking to from Saban as soon as he reached the sideline.

The Aggies led 3-0 early after Daniel LaCamera made the longest field goal of his career and the first over 50 yards with a 52-yard field goal.

The lead didn't last long as Damien Harris ran 75 yards for a touchdown on the first play of the next series.

THE TAKEAWAY

Alabama: The Crimson Tide got an unexpected test in this one which will certainly give Saban plenty of things to work on with his team. The win wasn't as pretty as most of their victories have been this season, but a closer game like this could be good experience for Alabama as the season continues.

Texas A&M: Mond and the Aggies have come a long way since squandering a 34-point third quarter lead in the 45-44 loss to UCLA in their opener. If he keeps making the kind of plays he did on Saturday and can limit his mistakes Texas A&M should be in good shape as SEC play continues.

STALLINGS SALUTED

Texas A&M honored Gene Stallings on the field in the second quarter on Saturday as the Aggies celebrated the 50th anniversary of his 1967 team which won the Southwest Conference. The 82-year-old Stallings, who coached Alabama to a national championship in 1992, was able to attend the game despite suffering a heart attack last weekend.



AP photo
Texas A&M quarterback Kellen Mond (11) avoids being sacked by Alabama linebacker Jamey Mosley during the first quarter of an NCAA college football game Saturday, Oct. 7, 2017, in College Station, Texas.

STARS

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Dallas dominated the first period, winning 17 of 22 faceoffs. Jason Spezza won six of seven draws, including one that set up Klingberg's goal at 9:15.

For the game, Dallas won 58 percent of the faceoffs, led by Spezza going 13 for 16.

"We've got to do a better job in the faceoff circle," Detroit coach Jeff Blashill said. "The one thing I'd say with that is we're very worried about taking the penalty. I guess I've got to wait for the league and see if they've called any yet."

On Seguin's power-play goal at 19:29, Klingberg passed cross-ice to Seguin at the top of the left circle. His shot banked in off the right post.

Abdelkader scored at 3:50 of the second on a 4-on-3 advantage. He camped at the left of the net, took a pass from Henrik Zetterberg and put the puck past Bishop.

Mantha's goal came when his shot from a low angle on the left side went inside the right post.

"We still felt that we had the tying goal in us," Detroit captain Henrik Zetterberg said, "but didn't really get much out of the 6-on-5. Got to win some more draws there; I lost three in a row."

NOTES: Jamie Benn got his 300th career assist on the first-period goal by Seguin. Klingberg has scored a goal in each of the last two games and has at least one point in all three Dallas has played. Both of Seguin's goals have come on the power play. Detroit's Mike Green had two assists, giving him six in three games. Red Wings D Danny DeKeyser left with a lower-body injury. The video board showed a tribute to Detroit defenseman Trevor Daley, who played 756 games for Dallas.

UP NEXT

Red Wings: Play at Arizona on Thursday for the third of four road games in a row.

Stars: Will visit Nashville on Thursday.

ROCKETS

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into details, I'm not into micromanaging."

Fertitta spoke in front of a backdrop featuring the Rockets logo and that of his Landry's restaurant chain, suggesting the Toyota Center's concessions might get a change, too.

"I don't think they'll let me put a casino in here," he said before cracking up. "(But) will you start seeing some of our brands and some of our food here? Yes ... we want to cross promotion anything we can to offset

that 2 billion."

Fertitta said he is thrilled to own a team with superstars James Harden and Chris Paul, and can't wait until the Rockets open the season at Golden State on Tuesday in California. But he knows the real joy will be when they play their first home game on Oct. 21 against the Mavericks.

"On opening night when I get to walk on that floor and look at it totally different, even though I've walked on that floor hundreds of times," he said. "This is my building and my team and it's kind of fun."

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Pigskin Picks Entry Form

Team

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____ 7. _____ 8. _____ 9. _____ 10. _____ 	<p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>Phone Number: _____</p> <p>Tie Breaker - Circle the winner and note total points scored</p> <p>New York Giants vs Denver Broncos</p> <p>Score: _____ + _____ = _____</p>
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