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Pro-Trump states most affected by his health care decision

By **CHRISTINA A. CASSIDY and MEGHAN HOYER**
 Associated Press

President Donald Trump's decision to end a provision of the Affordable Care Act that was benefiting roughly 6 million Americans helps fulfill a campaign promise, but it also risks harming some of the very people who helped him win the presidency.

Nearly 70 percent of those benefiting from the so-called cost-sharing subsidies live in states Trump won last November, according to an analysis by The Associated Press. The subsidies are paid to insurers by the federal government to help lower consumers' deductibles and copays. People who benefit will

continue receiving the discounts because insurers are obligated by law to provide them. But to make up for the lost federal funding, health insurers will have to raise premiums substantially, potentially putting coverage out of reach for many consumers.

Some insurers may decide to bail out of markets altogether.

"I woke up, really, in horror," said Alice Thompson, 62, an environmental consultant from the Milwaukee area who purchases insurance on Wisconsin's federally run health insurance exchange.

Thompson, who spoke with reporters on a call organized by a health care

advocacy group, said she expects to pay 30 percent to 50 percent more per year for her monthly premium, potentially more than her mortgage payment. Officials in Wisconsin, a state that went for a Republican presidential candidate for the first time in decades last fall, assumed the federal subsidy would end when they approved premium rate increases averaging 36 percent for the coming year.

An estimated 4 million people were benefiting from the cost-sharing payments in the 30 states Trump carried, according to an analysis of 2017 enrollment data from the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Of the 10 states with the highest percentage of consumers benefiting from cost-sharing,

Massachusetts — went for Trump.

Kentucky embraced former President Barack Obama's Affordable Care Act under its last governor, a Democrat, and posted some of the largest gains in getting its residents insured. Its new governor, a Republican, favors the GOP stance to replace it with something else.

Roughly half of the estimated 71,000 Kentuckians buying health insurance on the federal exchange were benefiting from the cost-sharing subsidies Trump just ended. Despite the gains from Obama's law, the state went for Trump last fall even as he vowed to repeal it.

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advocacy group, said she expects to pay 30 percent to 50 percent more

Friends of the Library book sale slated for next weekend

By **AMBER MANSFIELD**
 Staff Writer

Come one, come all, to the Friends of the Library annual book sale! Have a passion for the written word? Then you're going to want to attend this once a year event for your chance to buy used books and also donate those unwanted books you no longer want.



The book sale is being held in the Howard County Library Basement Oct. 20th and 21st from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. This event is hosted and organized by the Friends of the Library of Howard County.

The Friends of the Library is an organization that was established in Howard County in 1947 by a group of citizens that had a desire for

a more formal organization to support activities of the library. The Friends support several library reading programs, help provide books for the library, and also help with setting up and running book sales to raise funds for the for future library projects and activities.

"Our goal is literacy," said Sherry Anthony, secretary of the Friends of the Library. "And the book sale is one event that really benefits the library while helping our mission."

One of the members who will set up and run the annual book sale is president of the Friends of the Library of Howard County, Joann Staulcup. Staulcup has been the president of the organization for 25 years and a member for even longer, and the book sale is something she prepares for all year round.

"This year we not only have books, but we also have audio books, dvd's, and even some puzzles to help our cause in aiding the library," said Staulcup. "But of course we will have a huge selections of books that caters to any taste and age."

Some of the different genres included at the book sale are: children's books,

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Celebrating 75 years



Tony Claxton photos (claxtonphotography.com)
On Thursday night, Hanger 25 celebrated the 75th anniversary of the Webb Air Force Base with food, fun, and music at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium. Above, the Big Spring Junior High Show Choir performs for the crowd during the benefit concert. To the right, the guitar playing comic, Lloyd Claxton, performs for the crowd during the Hanger 25 Benefit Concert commemorating the 75th anniversary of Webb Air Force Base held on October 12, 2017.



Syria government forces take town, IS stronghold in east

By **SARAH EL DEEB**
 Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — Syrian government forces and their allies on Saturday said they seized the town of Mayadeen,

an Islamic State stronghold in the country's east, in a major gain in the race for territories previously held by the militant group. The announcement came as U.S.-

backed Syrian Democratic Forces said they were in the "final" battle for control of Raqqa, the IS' de facto capital and the symbol of the group's reign of terror. However,

officials with the Kurdish-led SDF said it could be hours or days before IS is uprooted from the city, to the north of Mayadeen. Over the past months, Mayadeen

had become a refuge for the IS leadership from Syria and Iraq as its self-proclaimed caliphate crumbled.



The town, on the See **IS**, Page 3A

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Snyder comes out on top of Steers 40-13 in first district game of season



Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Big Spring cornerback Jack Everett turns the Tiger runner back at the endzone during the Steers' road loss to district rival Snyder on Friday, October 13, 2017.

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**
Sports Editor

It was a tough night for the Steers on Friday as they faced off with the Snyder Tigers in a road matchup for their district opening game and came back with a 40-13 loss, dropping their record for the season to 0-7.

The first quarter of the game looked promising, as the Steers started the game with strong defense and forced Snyder to go three-and-out on their opening drive.

The Tigers bounced right back as Roland Morin of Snyder recovered a Big Spring fumble in the end zone a few plays later, which put them at a 7-0 lead early in the first quarter.

On Snyder's following drive, Tiger quarterback Logan Greene delivered a pass that went off the hands of his intended receiver and into the hands of Big Spring's Mikey Rinteria after making a great diving effort for the ball.

Big Spring was able to capitalize on the interception by Renteria as they put together a seven-play 44 yard drive to find the end zone and tie up the game at sevens. The score came on a scramble from Steer quarterback, Abel Clark, who broke quite a bit of tackles but eventually found wide receiver, Jeremiah Cooley, for six with under four minutes remaining in the first quarter.

Fast forward to the last three minutes of the half, where Big Spring stood at a 14-7 deficit. The Steer defense continued to make plays and they forced the Tigers to punt, which ended up being downed by Snyder at the Big Spring one yard line. From their own end zone, Clark scrambled to make something happen on the next play, but the Tigers got to him first. With the safety, Snyder increased their lead to 16-7 heading

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Coahoma shuts out district rival Stanton 34-0

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**
Sports Editor

The Coahoma Bulldogs went head to head with district opponent Stanton Friday night in what turned out to be a complete shut out as they defended their home turf and grabbed the 34-0 district opener victory.

Coahoma was able to stay true to what they know best, which is their ground game. The Bulldogs racked up a total of 214 yards on the ground, and added 143 through the air to give them a total of 357 offensive yards.

The Bulldog defense proved to be a problem for the Buffs as they held Stanton to only 76 rushing yards and 17 receiving yards for a total of 93 offensive yards for the game. The Buffs also committed six fumbles, four of which were recovered by the Bulldogs.

Zach Schneider lead the pack in Coahoma's rushing attack with 23 carries for 114 yards and a touchdown. Right behind him was Braden Pearson, who racked up 57 yards on 13 carries and found the end-zone twice. Zach Holmes also recorded two carries for 29 yards and a touchdown.

The Bulldogs didn't have as much success through the air as they may have liked, but since they can get in done with the run so well, they still had a big night. Quarterback Mason Moore went 6-15 for 126 yards and one touchdown. Schneider also completed his lone passing attempt for 17 yards.

Leading the way in receiving yards was Gage Clark, who caught the ball twice, which was good for 69 yards and one touchdown. Not far behind him was Adam Clark with three catches for 38 yards, Aleks Duenes with one 20 yard reception, and Zach Holmes with one 16 yard catch.

While the Bulldogs did put on a dominant performance, they had a little trouble getting things going in the first half. The coaching staff was able to motivate them at the half and the Bulldogs came out and finished the game strong.

"I wasn't real happy, I will be honest. We didn't play as well as we are capable of playing, so I challenged them," said head football coach Fred Dietz. "I said 'Hey, we are all about the next play, whether its good or bad so lets go forward'. I told them to play like we are capable of, and I think we did a good job of that."

Up next, the Bulldogs will pay district opponent Idalou a visit and will look to keep their momentum rolling. Their game is set to kick off Friday, October 20 at 7:30 p.m. in Idalou.

"They (Idalou) are always a constant contender. They always make deep runs in the playoff and they are a good football program," said Dietz. "We've got to go play good football. I am proud of our kids. Our kids are fired up and chomping at the bit and I am excited about the opportunity."



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Pictured above is Coahoma quarterback Zach Schneider carrying the football in their district matchup against the Stanton Buffaloes on Friday, October 13 2017.

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Book clubs of Howard County

By **AMBER MANSFIELD**
Staff Writer

Those who love the written word say that reading a good book is like going on a journey without every having to move your feet. Books can take you on an adventure, send you back in history, teach you things about yourself or life, or even give you perspective on someone else's life. Seeing someone reading the same book as you feels like going on the adventure together and it makes the journey that much more worthwhile.

But finding others that not only love to read, but to be also reading the same book as you is like finding the proverbial needle in the haystack. That's where book clubs come in handy. Book clubs offer a way for people with a love of reading to come together and read the same book and discuss all the different paths or dif-

only discuss works of literature but to attain bonds of friendship.

"Anytime you sit down with friends, you learn about yourself," said Linda Conway, five year Book Club member. "When discussing a book with friends it makes the literature come alive."

Book Club is a group-ran club that doesn't have a leader or president to assign which book will be read that month. It's simply whoever has read something that interested them and they want to share that read with the club, or a group member might just see something that looks intriguing and suggest that find to the other members. Last month the group read a Swedish book that was translated into English: "A Man Called Ove," by Fredrik Backman. The book was also made into a Swedish movie. Another read was suggested by a member of the group who had a sister who taught in the Middle East and read "Nine Parts of Islamic-Hidden World of Islamic Women by Geraldine Brooks" and suggested it to the group.

Another local book club is called Page Turners. This book club is slightly different than some of the more traditional book clubs. Instead of reading different books each month, Page Turners reads "The Best American Short Stories of the Century." With works by such writers as Ernest Hemingway, William Faulkner, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Flannery O'Connor, John Cheever, Eudora Welty, Philip Roth, Joyce Carol Oates, Raymond Carver, Cynthia Ozick, and scores of others. Page Turners meets at a different member's house once a month and the host of that meeting gets to pick which short story they group will read and discuss.

"The good thing about having a small book club is we can

all have an actual conversation and discuss the stories without disruption," said Conway, who is also a member at Page Turners. "We aren't looking for any more members but you only need two to start a club."

While Book Club and Page Turners aren't taking on any new members there is still hope for those wanting to join a club without having to start their own.

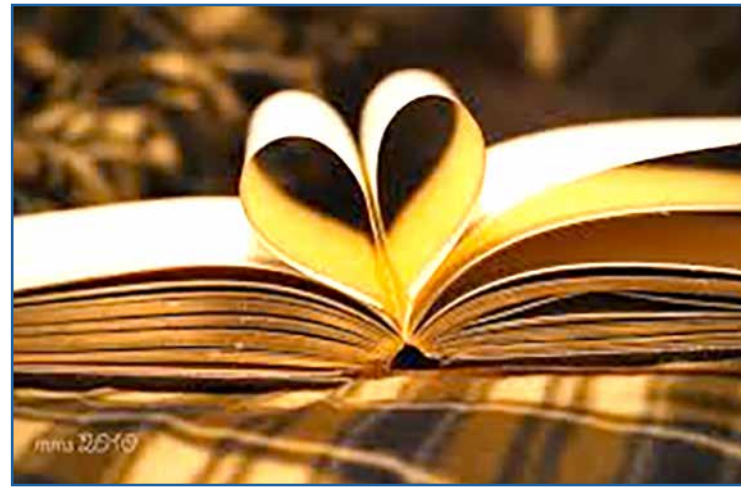
One of the those clubs is called The Library Book Club. The Library Book Club is run by Tammy Depauw, who has been a member of The Library Book Club for the past 17 years.

"I like to read," said Depauw. "And the book club provides a way to enjoy reading with other, while creating friendships."

The Library Book Club meets the first Monday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Howard County Library, hence the book's name. The club is currently reading "Immortal Wife" by Irving Stone. The group reads anything from science fiction, history, classics, to new releases, and really anything they can get their hands on. Right now the book club is a seven member group but they are always wanting a few more to add to the group. The library provides the books for the group, granted that they don't grow too large in numbers. If you're interested in joining The Library Book Club, call the Howard County Library at 432-264-2260, and leave a message for Tammy Depauw with your name and number.

The other book club, while not local, is taking on as many members as they can. The Boom or Bust book club is based out of UTPB but travels to Big Spring, where they hold their

monthly book club meetings at the Train Car located on 100 S Main St. This book club is generously funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. This book club pays par-

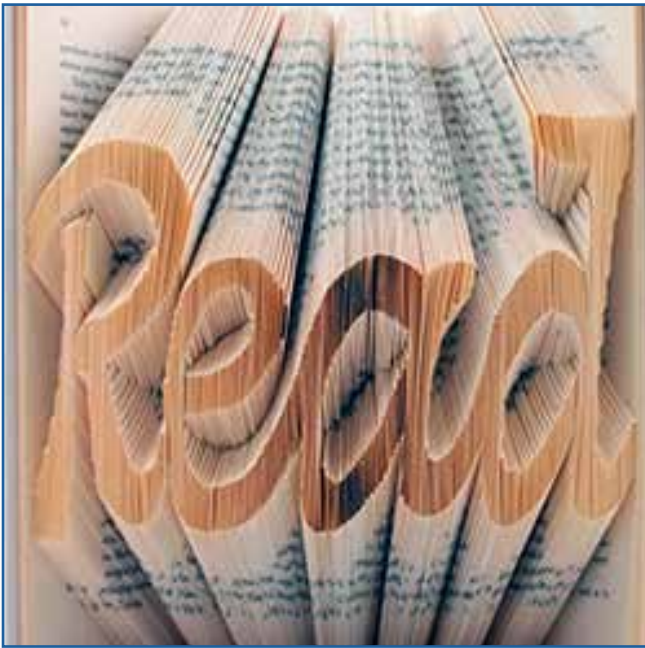


ticular attention to economic growth cycles and downturns and the toll such volatility has on local inhabitants, and as such strives to find stories relating to the matter.

The Boom or Bust Book club is ran by Professor Rebecca Day Babcock, a professor in the English program. On October the 14th they had their monthly meeting and the club had read and discussed Mary Shelley's "Frankenstein." This upcoming month the book club will read "The World Without Us" by Alan Weisman and meet Dec. 2nd. For more information on the Boom or Bust book club and future reads then visit their website at: www.utpb.edu/boomorbust.com.

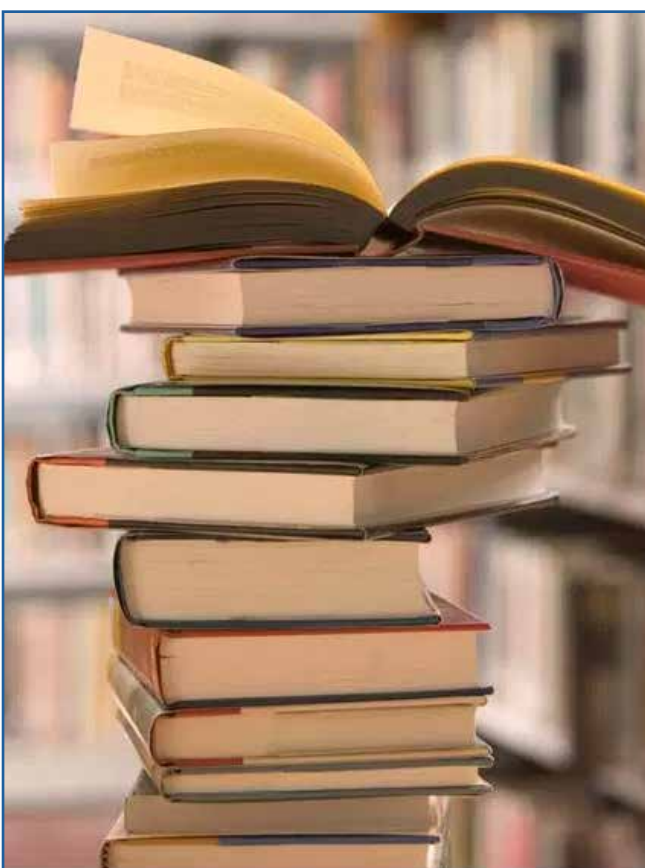
If wanting to start your own book club its' not a difficult process. Especially in todays times where you can find people with similar interests and events are posted with a click of a button.

Starting your own adventure with a group of people who share the same passions and understand how words in a book can make the impossible seem possible. As in the words of Stephen King, "Books are uniquely portable magic."



ferent perspective the individual gained from the book. There are three different small groups of people in Big Spring that have banded together through close friendship and love of books to create a book club for them that has lasted years.

One local book club simply called Book Club, is a laid back book club with nine close friends that come together once a month to not



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Obituaries

Della Sue Elliott

Della Sue Elliott, 81, of Scottsdale, Arizona died Oct. 8, 2017 in Phoenix, Arizona.



She was born in Big Spring, Texas, on April 13, 1936 to Curtis and Jo Reynolds. After graduation from Big Spring High School she married Doug Graves and moved to Odessa, Texas. On May 9, 1968 in Odessa she married Doyce Elliott. Later, they moved to Malibu, California, then to Scottsdale, Arizona. Della worked at the Mayo Clinic and retired from there. She loved to play the piano, read and watch old movies. She was a huge Neil Diamond fan, and saw him many times. They enjoyed traveling and their day trips to Sadona, Arizona.

Della Reynolds (Graves) Elliott was preceded in

death by her parents; her beloved husband, Doyce in 2016; and children, Scott Graves and Linda Graves Steel.

Survivors include one son, Darin Graves of Snoqualmie, Washington; a sister, Jolene and husband, Charles Dunnam; a brother, Carl Reynolds all of Big Spring; two daughters, Sharon Elliott and husband, Sam of Houston, and Vicki Long of Midland; a son-in-law, Bob Steel of Seattle, Washington; two grandchildren, Peyton and Parker Graves of Snoqualmie, Washinton; and numerous nieces and nephews.

No services are planned. Della and Doyce were supporters of the University of Arizona Willed Body program in Tucson, Arizona. Hopefully a cure for Heart disease and Alzheimer's disease will be able to help others. Della was also a cancer survivor.

Paid obituary

John Alfred McDiffitt Sr. (Mac)



John Alfred McDiffitt Sr. (Mac), 86, widower of the late Dovie Laverne Woodrum of Big Spring, Texas, died Thursday, Sept. 28th, 2017, at the loving and caring hospice, Community Living Center, West Texas VA Medical Center in Big Spring. Funeral services were held Sept. 29th, 2017 at Trinity Memorial Park.

John was born July 4th, 1931 in Power, West Virginia, and raised in Big Run which he referred to as the "homestead".

He was a 1951 graduate of Pine Grove Valley High School and a veteran of the United States Air Force who served from 1952 to 1956, as Corp Engineer. Upon joining, he was stationed at Webb Air Force Base, Big Spring, where he met his future bride, Dovie

Laverne Woodrum, in her hometown of Midland, Texas. They married Aug. 4th, 1953.

He was transferred to Victoria, Texas, and deployed to Guam, Okinawa Japan, Formosa Taiwan, and served in the Korean War. After the service he continued to work as supervisor in Civil Engineering until his retirement in 1978. Soon after retirement he worked at Forsan Oil Well Service, as a dispatcher for many years. He also volunteered at Big Spring's Veterans Administration Hospital and was a active in the Disable American Veterans for many years. He enjoyed spending time with family and watching the grandkids play video games.

He is survived by four children, son John A McDiffitt Jr, wife Brenda of Granbury, Texas, daughter Joyce O'Rear, husband Mark of Grand Junction, Colorado, Sonny McDiffitt, wife Sandra of Oklahoma, and daughter Mary Forshee, husband Michael of Big Spring, Texas; 9 grandchildren, grandson John A McDiffitt III (Jonnas), wife Jessica,

granddaughter Megan McDiffitt Bailey, husband Tyler, granddaughter Jade Jones, grandson Jacob O'Rear, granddaughter Leslie O'Rear, granddaughter Ashli McDiffitt Volker, Husband John, grandson Lee McDiffitt, wife, Jennifer, grandson Justin Forshee, wife Elizabeth, and granddaughter Morgan Forshee, seven great grandchildren; great grandsons Justin Jr (JJ) Forshee, Kamdyn Riley Volker and Easton Jones; great granddaughters Olivia O'Rear, Carley and Adalynn McDiffitt and one sister, Freda Lee Harris of NC.

He was preceded in death by father Peter Virgil McDiffitt, Mother Ida Mabel Willey McDiffitt, two sisters Wavalene, and Betty and seven brothers Everette, Mansel, Larry, Patrick (Pat), Franklin, Mike and Jack.

The family suggests memorials to Disable American Veterans.

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

Paid Obituary

Winona (Cartwright) Welch

Winona (Cartwright) Welch, 87 years old, of Coahoma, Texas, went to be with her Lord, Friday, Oct. 13, 2017 in Big Spring, Texas. Winona was born in Paducah, Texas, on July 4, 1930 to John Delaney & Annie (Cooper) Cartwright. She graduated from Paducah High school and was working at Southwestern Bell Telephone Company when she met and married Cecil Welch on Oct. 17, 1951 in Paducah. Cecil passed away in 1996.

Winona lived and worked with her husband on ranches most of her married life. When she moved to town, she enjoyed keeping her yard, painting ceramics, cooking cakes and making candy for the holidays.

She was devoted to her family and as long as she was able hosted holiday celebrations at her home. To countless people who knew her and loved her, she was simply "Nanny!"

Winona was a member of the United Methodist Church in Coahoma, Texas.

Those remaining to cherish her memory are her children Randy Welch and wife Sonia of Big Spring, Texas, Renae Garner and husband Char-

ley of Cartwright, Oklahoma, Roylyn Welch of Big Spring, Texas, and Cherri Rainey and husband, Kent of Big Spring, Texas; eight grandchildren, Christy Welch, Cindy Welch, Jennifer Chandler, Tuff Metcalf (Priscilla), Jamie Garner, Meagan Hansen (Nathan), Taylor Lara (Justin), & Reagan Rainey and 18 great-grandchildren.

Preceded in death by her parents; a grandson, Cody Ross Welch, sister Anne Smith of Paducah, Texas, sister Imogene Cartwright who died in infancy, brother Billy Cartwright of Paducah, Texas and sister Juanita Wood of Tucson, Arizona.

Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 16, 2017 at Coahoma Cemetery.

The family will welcome guests from 4:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 15, 2017 at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Tuff Metcalf, Jamie Garner, Justin Lara, Trenton Crenshaw, Braxton Chandler and Russell Welch.

The family wishes to thank the staff of Parkview Nursing Center for the love and care they have shown our mother over the last several years. May God bless each of you.

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

Paid obituary

Gabriel Dominic (DeLeon) Garcia

Gabriel Dominic (DeLeon) Garcia, 21, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2017 in Lubbock. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 16, 2017 at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Gabriel was born March 12, 1996 in Big Spring, Texas. He is survived by his parents, Mary Ann and Benjamin DeLeon of Big Spring; biological mother, Priscilla Ann DeLeon of Midland; seven brothers,

Uncle Benjamin DeLeon, Jr., and wife Brenda of Big Spring, Angelo Garcia and wife Stephanie of Bremerton, Washington, Julian Garcia and wife Katie of Seattle, Washington, Christian Garcia of Big Spring, Jacobe Rodriques of Big Spring, Nicholas Galindo and Kaleb Galindo, both of Midland; three sisters, Erica Rodriques and husband Tony, Kenzie Rodriques, all of Big Spring and McKayla Galindo of Midland; several aunts, uncles and cousins including Ashley DeLeon and Triston DeLeon. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **DEVIN ALLEN BUCK**, 24, of 1602 79th PL, Lubbock, Texas, was arrested for the warrants of operating motor vehicle without license plate, and driving while license is invalid.
- **SUSIE LEDESMA**, 32, of 910 S Nolan St., was arrested for the warrants of driving while license invalid, safety seat of child less than eight, no driver's license.
- **RICHARD MONTEZ JR.**, 38, of 2302 W 13th,

was arrested for the charge of public intoxication.

- **MARTINA RENEE**, 27, of 1425 E 6th St., was arrested for a warrant of abandon or endanger child.
- **THEFT**, was reported on the 500 block of E. FM 700 and 1700 block of E. 15th St.
- **HARASSMENT**, was reported on the 7000 block of E Mosslake Rd.
- **BURGLARY OF HABITATION**, was reported on the 800 block of W FM 700.

Jo Ann KennedyJo Ann Kennedy

Jo Ann KennedyJo Ann Kennedy, 65, of Big Spring died Saturday, Oct. 14, 2017. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Sterling McIntosh

Sterling McIntosh, 34, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Oct. 12, 2017 at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Lela Baker Geer



Lela Baker Geer, 95, of Big Spring died, Thursday, Oct. 12, 2017 in a local hospital. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 16, 2017 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. to 6: p.m. Sunday, Oct. 15, 2017 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Lela Baker Geer was born Aug. 11, 1922, to Luie A. and Lillie Bynum Atchley in Hamilton, Texas. She first married James William Baker on Oct. 5, 1940 in Hamilton, Texas. She married Kenneth Vance Geer on June 2, 1986 in Corpus Christi, Texas.

She moved to Big Spring in the early 1950's and worked at Anthony's and 1st National Bank among others. She was a Baptist and attended Trinity Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Kenneth Vance Geer of Big Spring; two sisters, Fay Dean Kendall and Margie Harris and husband, Elmer; three children, Louise Whitaker, Don Baker and wife, Linda all of Big Spring and Steve Baker and wife Pam of Lubbock; eight grandchildren, Stacey Childers and husband, Jeff, Lori Massingill, Jody Whitaker and wife, Cheryl, Craig Baker, Meredith Crisp and husband, Charlie, Marc Baker and wife, Sandy, Chance Baker and wife, Heather and Whitney Crump and husband, Chris; twenty great grandchildren, Josh Childers and wife, Amber, Ryan Childers, Atchley Massingill, Cassi Massingill, Tara Kimberly and, husband Matt, Savannah Grigg, Sheridan, Shiloh and Sarah Whitaker, Zak and Callie Baker, Ashley, Kylie and Carlie Crisp, Bella and Jace Baker, McKenley and Connor Baker and Kyslie and Casen Crump and seven great great grandchildren; Gracie and Johnathan Childers, Vye Mendoza and Rilya Massingill, Bre and Ashlyn McPherson and Mason Kimberly and numerous nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Bill Baker and a son, Doyal Wayne Baker.

Pallbearers will be Marc Baker, Zak Baker, Chance Baker, Chris Crump, Josh Childers, Ryan Childers and Charlie Crisp.

The family suggests that memorial be made to Compass Hospice, 1900 S. Gregg Street, Suite C, Big Spring, Texas 79720 or to a favorite charity.

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

Paid obituary

JoAnne Ford

JoAnne Ford, 68, of Big Spring, died Monday, Oct. 9, 2017 in a local nursing home. No services are planned at this time.

She was born July 7, 1949 in Denver, Colorado. She married John Ford and he preceded her in death. She then married George Griffith January 1, 2001 in Big Spring.

Survivors include her husband, George Griffith of Big Spring; one daughter, Melba Melton of Brownwood; two granddaughters; four great-grandchildren; and her pups. She was also preceded in death by her parents and one brother.

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Wednesday: Breakfast: Breakfast slider, diced pears, milk. Lunch: Fish sticks, macaroni and cheese, pineapple chunks, campfire beans, fresh celery sticks, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Sausage breakfast pizza, fresh bananas, milk. Lunch: Hot dog, fresh zucchini squash, fresh baby carrots, fresh cantaloupe, applesauce, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: French toast sticks, fresh apples slices, milk. Lunch: Cheese pizza, mandarin oranges, broccoli, fresh cucumber slices, milk.

Elementary Schools

Monday: Breakfast: Lucky charms cereal, string cheese, fresh apples, grape juice. Lunch: Salisbury steak, dinner roll or diced chicken salad, fresh grapes, mixed fruit cup, buttered peas and carrots, fresh tomatoes, side salad.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Sausage kolaches, fresh oranges, fruit juice. Lunch: Pork rib sandwich or popcorn chicken bowl, fresh broccoli, craisins, diced peaches, fresh roasted carrots, fresh jicama sticks, side salad.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Sausage breakfast, pizza, fresh pears, orange juice. Lunch: Chili mac with breadstick, or corn dog, fresh apples, diced pears, zucchini squash, fresh celery sticks, side salad.

Thursday: Breakfast: Bagel with strawberry cream cheese, fresh apples, cherry star juice. Lunch: Cheeseburger or popcorn chicken salad, fresh oranges, rosy applesauce, kickin' pinto beans, fresh baby carrots, side salad.

Friday: Breakfast: Apple frudel, fresh bananas, apple juice. Lunch: Beef taco salad or pepperoni pizza, fresh cantaloupe, pineapple tidbits, fresh buttered broccoli, fresh cucumber slices, side salad.

Intermediate School

Monday: Breakfast: Cheerios cereal, graham crackers, fresh apples, grape juice. Lunch: Salisbury steak or cheeseburger or diced chicken salad, dinner roll, fresh grapes, mixed fruit cup, roasted Brussels sprouts, fresh tomato, garden salad.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Sausage kolaches, fresh oranges, fruit juice. Lunch: Spicy chicken sandwich, cheeseburger, chicken nugget bowl, craisins, diced peaches, fresh roasted carrots, peas, garden salad.

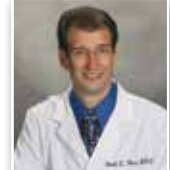
Wednesday: Breakfast: Breakfast sandwich, fresh pears, orange juice. Lunch: Chicken sandwich or hot dog or chili mac pasta, fresh apples, diced pears, fresh zucchini squash, fresh celery sticks, garden salad.

Thursday: Breakfast: Strawberry PBJ, fresh ba-

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nanas, cherry star juice. Lunch: Cheeseburger or popcorn chicken salad, Philly steak sub, fresh oranges, applesauce, BBQ beans, fresh celery sticks, garden salad.

Friday: Breakfast: Bagel with strawberry cream cheese, craisins, apple juice. Lunch: Chicken sub melt, pepperoni pizza or tuna salad platter, pretzel roll, fresh cantaloupe, pineapple tidbits, collard greens, cucumber/tomato salad, garden salad.

Junior High School

Monday: Breakfast: Fruit Loops cereal, string cheese, fresh apples, grapes juice. Lunch: Cheeseburger salisbury steak in dinner roll, diced chicken salad, fresh grapes, mixed fruit cup, roasted Brussels sprouts, fresh tomato, garden salad.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Sausage kolaches, fresh oranges, fruit juice. Lunch: spicy chicken sandwich, popcorn chicken bowl, ham/turkey Cobb salad, dinner roll, fresh bananas, diced peaches, fresh roasted carrots, fresh jicama sticks, garden salad.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Breakfast taco, fresh pears, oranges juice. Lunch: Cheeseburger or chili mac or pork rib sandwich, fresh apples, diced pears, fresh zucchini squash, fresh celery sticks, garden salad.

Thursday: Breakfast: Strawberry PBJ, fresh bananas, cherry star juice. Lunch: Spicy chicken sandwiches or roasted turkey with gravy, with dinner roll, fresh oranges, applesauce, kickin' pinto beans, fresh baby carrots, garden salad.

Friday: Breakfast: Waffles, fresh grapes, apple juice. Lunch: Cheeseburger or bean taco salad or stew with rice, fresh cantaloupe, pineapples tidbits, fresh buttered broccoli, fresh cucumber slices, garden salad.

High School

Monday: Breakfast: Egg and ham burrito or sausage muffin or waffles, warm cinnamon apples, raisin bran cereal, string cheese, fresh apples, diced pears.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Sausage cheese quesadilla or egg and bacon muffin or waffles, warm cinnamon apples, trix cereal, animal crackers, fresh oranges, mixed fruit cup.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon raisin bagel or breakfast cron dog or waffles, warm cinnamon apples, fruit loop cereal, string cheese, fresh pears, applesauce.

Thursday: Breakfast: Sausage kolaches or egg and bacon sandwich or waffles, warm cinnamon apples, apple jack cereal, animal crackers, fresh bananas, raisins.

Friday: Breakfast: French toast sticks or potato egg casserole or waffles, warm cinnamon apples,

frosted flakes 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: Sausage kolache and yogurt. Lunch: Chicken salad with croissant or breaded chicken leg and Texas toast or french bread pizza, baby carrots, seasoned corn, fresh grapes, cookie.

Tuesday: Breakfast: cheese omelet with toast, yogurt or breakfast taquito. Lunch: Crispy chicken salad or crisoy taco or Frito pie, veggie cup, Charro beans, salsa, apple d'lite

Wednesday: Breakfast: waffles and sausage, breakfast parfait. Lunch: Asian salad or ravioli or chicken nuggets with mashed potatoes, garden salad, tuscan veggies, dinner roll, pears.

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza. Lunch: Chef ham salad or hot dog or hamburger or cheeseburger, fries, baby carrots, orange smillies.

Friday: Breakfast: Donut holes and sausage. Lunch: Sante fe salad, chopped BBQ sliders or chicken Parmesan with breadstick, green beans, chilled fruit cup.

Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast: Breakfast burrito or cereal and toast or yogurt parfait, mandarin oranges, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Steak fingers or BBQ pulled pork, mashed potatoes, gravy, savory green beans, roll, fresh fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza or cereal and toast or yogurt parfait, peach cup, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Hamburger or taco soup with tostitos, California bend, tater tots, ranch style beans, fresh fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: French toast with sausage patty or cereal and toast or yogurt parfait, fruit juice, mandarin oranges, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken sandwich or mandarin orange chicken asian bowl with egg roll, waffle fries, baby carrots, fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Blueberry sausage wrap or cereal and toast or yogurt parfait, strawberry cup, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken nuggets with mac and cheese or beefy spaghetti with garlic bread sticks, seasoned corn, baby carrots, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Dutch waffle with bacon or cereal an toast or yogurt parfait, applesauce cup, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Cheese or pepperoni pizza or crispy chicken salad, Italian vegetables, fresh veggies cup, garden salad, fresh fruit, milk.

Amazon Studios chief on leave following harassment claims

By LYNN ELBER

AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The head of Amazon Studios was put on leave Thursday following sexual harassment allegations from a producer on the Amazon series "Man in the High Castle," adding to Hollywood's crisis over its mistreatment of women.

Studio executive Roy Price is on a leave of absence effective immediately, Amazon said in a statement.

The company also said it's reviewing its options for projects it has with The Weinstein Co., the embattled firm that fired co-founder Harvey Weinstein on Sunday over allegations of sexual misconduct and assault.

Amazon is developing two series with The Weinstein Co., "The Romanoffs" from "Mad Men" creator Matthew Weiner and an untitled drama from filmmaker David O. Russell and starring Robert De Niro and Julianne Moore.

Dozens of women, including actresses Angelina Jolie and Gwyneth Paltrow, have gone public with accusations against Weinstein after a report by The New York Times on misconduct claims by others. Many are calling for sweeping changes in the industry, and urg-

ing more women to speak out about harassment and abuse.

The Eastern branch of the Writers Guild of America noted the scope of the problem in a statement Thursday, writing "sexual harassment and assault have long been hallmarks of the entertainment industry."

The Amazon statement tied

together the Weinstein scandal roiling Hollywood and rumored allegations against Price by producer Isa Hackett. Details of her claims were first reported by The Hollywood Reporter on Thursday.

Christopher Tricarico, an attorney for Hackett, said that the trade paper's account of her allegations was accurate.

Big Spring Art Association news

The September Big Art Association meeting made plans for this years activity. The highlight was the summer project. Each participating artist sent a picture for each participant to reproduce. It was interesting to see how each one interpreted the same picture!

Our next meeting is October 17 at the Pocket Park

next to the Court House Annex. We will do some some Plein Air Painting. Plein Air painting is in the manner of the 19th century style of painting outdoors with a strong sense of open air. We look forward to having a great time! We invite anyone who is interested to come by and see what we are doing!



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Consumers such as Marsha Clark fear what will happen in the years ahead, as insurers raise premiums on everyone to make up for the end of the federal money that helped lower deductibles and co-pays.

"I'm stressed out about the insurance, stressed out about the overall economy, and I'm very stressed out about our president," said Clark, a 61-year-old real estate broker who lives in a small town about an hour's drive south of Louisville. She pays \$1,108 a month for health insurance purchased on the exchange.

While she earns too much to benefit from the cost-sharing subsidy, she is worried that monthly premiums will rise so high in the future that it will make insurance unaffordable.

Sherry Riggs has a similar fear. The Fort Pierce, Florida, barber benefits from the deductible and co-pay discounts, as do more than 1 million

other Floridians, the highest number of cost-sharing beneficiaries of any state.

She had bypass surgery following a heart attack last year and pays just \$10 a visit to see her cardiologist and only a few dollars for the medications she takes twice a day.

Her monthly premium is heavily subsidized by the federal government, but she worries about the cost soaring in the future. Florida, another state that swung for Trump, has approved rate increases averaging 45 percent.

"Probably for some people it would be a death sentence," she said. "I think it's kind of a tragic decision on the president's part. It scares me because I don't think I'll be able to afford it next year."

Rates already were rising in the immediate aftermath of Trump's decision. Insurance regulators in Arkansas, another state that went for Trump, approved premium increases on Friday ranging from 14 percent to nearly 25 percent for plans offered

through the insurance marketplace. Had federal cost-sharing been retained, the premiums would have risen by no more than 10 percent.

In Mississippi, another state Trump won, an estimated 80 percent of consumers who buy coverage on the insurance exchange benefit from the deductible and co-pay discounts, the highest percentage of any state. Premiums there will increase by 47 percent next year, after regulators assumed Trump would end the cost-sharing payments.

The National Association of Insurance Commissioners has estimated the loss of the subsidies would result in a 12 percent to 15 percent increase in premiums, while the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office has put the figure at 20 percent. Experts say the political instability over Trump's effort to undermine Obama's health care law could prompt more insurers to leave markets, reducing competition and driving up prices.

In announcing his decision, Trump argued the subsidies were payouts to

insurance companies, and the government could not legally continue to make them. The subsidies have been the subject of an ongoing legal battle because the health care law failed to include a congressional appropriation, which is required before federal money can be spent.

The subsidies will cost about \$7 billion this year.

Many Republicans praised Trump's action, saying Obama's law has led to a spike in insurance costs for those who have to buy policies on the individual market.

Among them is Republican Rep. Andy Biggs of Arizona, a state Trump won. An estimated 78,000 Arizonans were benefiting from the federal subsidies for deductibles and co-pays.

"While his actions do not take the place of real legislative repeal and revitalization of free-market health care, he is doing everything possible to save Americans from crippling health care costs and decreasing quality of care," Biggs said.



AP photo

This frame grab from a video provided on Friday, Oct. 13, 2017 by Turkey-based Kurdish Mezopotamya agency media outlet that is consistent with independent AP reporting, shows Syrian civilians run on a damaged street as they fleeing from the areas that still controlled by the Islamic State militants, in Raqqa, Syria. Scores of civilians including women and children are fleeing the last few remaining neighborhoods held by the Islamic State group in Syria's northern city of Raqqa, ahead of an anticipated final push by U.S.-backed fighters seeking to liberate the city.

IS

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western bank of the Euphrates River, was also a major node in the race for control of the oil-rich eastern Deir el-Zour province that straddles the border with Iraq.

SDF has steadily been making a bid for areas in the province, securing territory to the east of the river as the U.S.-backed offensive focused on the Iraq border area, still controlled by IS.

Washington fears further advances by Syrian government forces could help Iran, which backs militias fighting alongside the Syrian military, expand its influence across the region by securing a land route extending from Iraq, Syria and Lebanon, all the way to Israel.

As the Syrian government launched its Deir el-Zour offensive in September, the U.S.-backed forces diverted some fighters from Raqqa toward Deir el-Zour to secure the Iraqi border. This prompted the government troops and allied militiamen to push south to Mayadeen, finally securing the town on Saturday.

The fall of Mayadeen would strangle IS militants in the city of Deir el-Zour, cutting their supply route from the south and the desert.

The pro-government Al-Ikhbariya TV quoted an unnamed Syrian military official as saying that IS' defenses in Mayadeen collapsed on Saturday, with troops chasing last IS fighters out of town as corps of engineers cleared land mines.

Rami Abdurrahman, the head of the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said government troops, backed by Shiite militias, have control of

the city, in haunting scenes reflecting their years-old ordeal. Earlier this week, U.S. officials said an estimated 4,000 civilians are believed still trapped in the city.

Omar Alloush, a local Raqqa official, told The Associated Press on Friday that about 100 IS militants surrendered at once.

The Observatory said negotiations over the fate of foreign fighters who remain in Raqqa have delayed the final push to regain control of the city. But SDF officials deny there are talks to evacuate IS fighters. U.S. officials have said that only surrender, not a negotiated withdrawal for IS fighters in Raqqa, would be accepted while the top U.S. envoy for the anti-IS coalition Brett McGurk had said earlier foreign fighters in Raqqa will die in the city.

Losing Raqqa, in many ways the symbol of IS' caliphate, would be yet another blow to the militant group and its reign of terror in the region as its strongholds crumble one after another in Iraq and other parts of Syria.

Still, the U.S.-led coalition said it expects "difficult fighting" in the days ahead to completely oust IS from the city and secure it. SDF and U.S. officials said the remaining militants are mostly suicide bombers who only have small arms and rifles. With a small area remaining, they have no access to their weapon of choice, car bombs, said Bali,

the town but are still combing it for militants.

With IS under fire in Deir el-Zour and Raqqa, the only remaining urban stronghold still in the militants' hand is Boukamal, a strategic border town that had linked IS territory in Syria and Iraq.

Meanwhile, the U.S.-backed Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces, said the IS militants were putting up a desperate fight in its few remaining neighborhoods in Raqqa, spokesman Mustafa Bali, said. The U.S. coalition said about 85 percent of Raqqa was now controlled by the SDF.

Scores of civilians were seen in a video that surfaced Friday leaving Raqqa in desperate and terrified condition. They emerged from destroyed districts, some of them collapsing on the ground in exhaustion as they arrive to a Kurdish-held area of

the SDF spokesman.

"Our forces are waging the final phase of the battle of the presence of Daesh in Raqqa. We have not decided if this battle will last hours, days or weeks," Bali said, using the Arabic name for IS.

Militants seized Raqqa in 2014, the first city to fall under the full control of the extremist group. It became synonymous with IS' reign of terror, with public killings and beheadings — videotaped slayings that have shocked the world. It was also from Raqqa, which became a destination for foreign fighters from around the world, that many of IS' attacks in the West were plotted.

The latest battle for Raqqa began in June, with heavy street-by-street fighting amid intense U.S.-led coalition airstrikes and shelling. The battle has dragged on in the face of stiff resistance from the militants and civilians trapped in the city.

On Saturday, the SDF said they seized the al-Nahda neighborhood in Raqqa's western sector. A day earlier, IS carried out an offensive on SDF forces near the city's main hospital, an IS fortified headquarters.

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Billy Wood, 64, Sept. 27, 2017. Funeral service was at 11 a.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Bobbie Jean Cornelison Tonn, 87, died Oct. 7, 2017. Memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Winona Welch, 87, died Friday. The family will receive friends from 4:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Grave-side service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Coahoma Cemetery.

Gabriel Dominic (DeLeon) Garcia, 21, died Tuesday. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Sterling McIntosh, 34, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Forsan Buffaloes fall 40-21 in district opener against Hawley Bearcats



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Pictured above is Forsan Buffalo wide receiver Ehren Hillger avoiding defenders while running with the football in their district matchup against the Hawley Bearcats on Friday, October 13, 2017 in Forsan.

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**
Sports Editor

The Forsan Buffaloes hosted the Hawley Bearcats in their district opener on Friday night, but came up short in what was a hard-fought battle. In their last meeting, Hawley defeated Forsan 58-14. While not in the same dominating fashion, the rematch ultimately had the same result as the Bearcats grabbed a 40-21 victory to begin district play.

The Buffs established an early 7-0 lead in the first quarter, but the Bearcats put forth a 26-point offensive effort in the second quarter, that put them up 26-15 at the half.

Things continued to go Hawley's way as they only allowed six points in the second half while racking up 14 points of their own.

Despite Forsan's defeat, they still had a great showing from quarterback Bryce Hergert who threw for 243 yards and two touchdowns on the

night, and had success through the air as two receivers, Garrett Evans and Ehren Hillger, had over 90 receiving yards each.

The win put Hawley's record at 5-2 for the season, with a 1-0 for district, and put Forsan's record at 3-4 for the season, 0-1 for district.

Leading Rushers for the Buffs:

Dylon Kligora - 16 carries for 50 yards
Bryce Hergert - 15 carries for 49 yards, 1 TD

Leading Receivers for the Buffs:

Garrett Evans - 6 catches for 105 yards
Ehren Hillger - 9 catches for 92 yards, 1 TD
Kobe Richardson - 5 catches for 46 yards, 1 TD

Forsan racked up a total of 118 yards on the ground and 243 yards through the air.

Next week, Forsan will be on a bye week, but they will look to bounce back against the Anson Tigers in another district matchup on Friday, October 27 in Anson at 7:30 p.m.

Keuchel strikes out 10, Astros beat Yanks 2-1 in ALCS opener

By **KRISTIE RIEKEN**
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Dallas Keuchel faced the New York Yankees in the postseason for the second time and the Houston Astros ace shut them down again.

Keuchel struck out 10 in seven scoreless innings to help Houston to a 2-1 victory on Friday night in the AL Championship Series opener. "I think it's just pitch execution, and it's just been there more times than it hasn't against the Yankees," Keuchel said.

Keuchel threw six scoreless innings in a 3-0 win over New York in the 2015 AL wild card game.

He allowed four hits — all singles — and walked one to improve to 8-2 with a 1.09 ERA in eight starts against the Yankees in the regular season and postseason combined. He joined Nolan Ryan and Mike Scott as the only Astros pitchers to reach double digits in strikeouts in a postseason game.

"Late movement — he moves the ball and he commands it well," the Yankees Greg Bird said.

Carlos Correa and Yuli Gurriel hit RBI singles in the fourth off loser Masahiro Tanaka, and left fielder Marwin Gonzalez threw out Bird at the plate trying to score on Aaron Judge's two-out single in the fifth.

"We had a shot," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said. "If Bird's safe maybe we really get to him in that inning."

Bird homered off Ken Giles with two outs in the ninth, and the closer struck out pinch-hitter Jacoby Ellsbury. Giles, who threw a season-high 37 pitches, escaped a two-out jam in the eighth by striking out Didi Gregorius.

Greeted by MVP chants each time to the plate, Jose Altuve had three more hits and at 11 for 19 (.579) has the most hits in a team's first five postseason games since Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki in 2001.

Houston is in the Championship Series for the first time since beating St. Louis in 2005. The Yankees, who overcame a 2-0 deficit to beat Cleveland in the Division Series, lost their sixth straight ALCS game since 2010.

After the Astros totaled eight runs in the first innings of their four AL Division Series games, Tanaka kept

the Astros hitless until Altuve's infield single rolled through the pitcher's legs in the fourth. Altuve swiped second before scoring on Correa's single. Gurriel followed with a two-out single, his 10th hit of the postseason.

Bird singled to start the fifth and Matt Holliday, making his first appearance of the postseason, reached when Altuve dropped his slow bouncer to second for an error. Judge singled with two outs and Gonzalez, throwing with such force that he fell to the ground, made a 97 mph one-hop throw to catcher Brian McCann, who tagged the sliding Bird.

"That was their best moment in the game, (I needed) to stop the momentum," Gonzalez said. "All I was thinking was to go get the ball as fast as I could."

The call was confirmed in a video review.

"I'm too slow. I wish I was a little faster," Bird said.

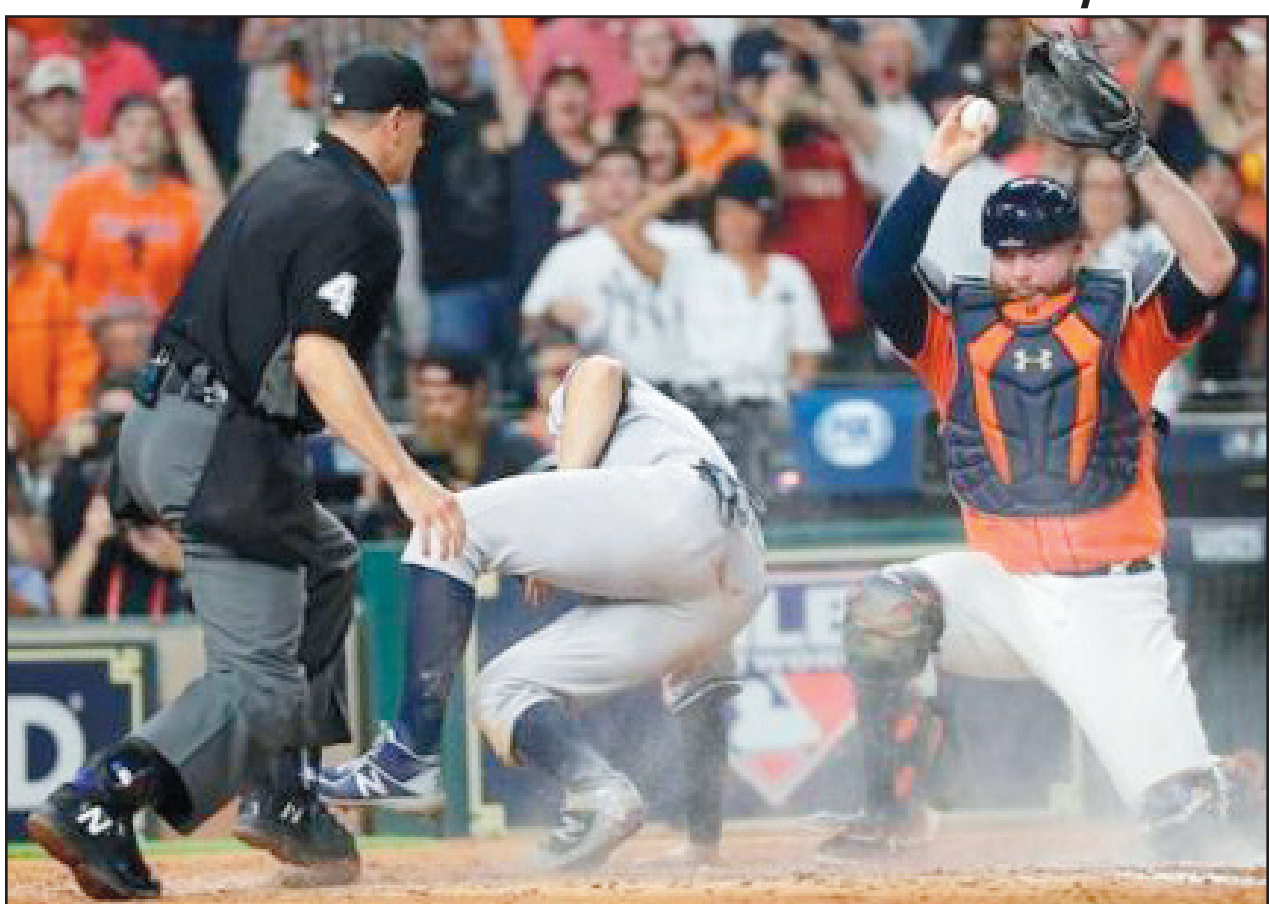
Primarily an infielder, Gonzalez had just two outfield assists in the regular season. He beat his hand into his glove three times in celebration after watching McCann make the tag.

"It's one of the best throws I've ever seen from an outfielder," Correa said. "Long hop, low tag right there. It was just perfect. Unbelievable."

Gonzalez threw out Boston's Mitch Moreland at the plate in the Division Series finale and is the first outfielder with assists in consecutive postseason games since Jim Rice in the 1986 World Series. He joined Lance Berkman as the only players in franchise history to have two outfield assists in one postseason.

After controversially failing to challenge a call in Game 2 of the Division Series, Girardi didn't hesitate to ask for a review.

"We thought he was out," he said. "But God knows I'm not doing that again."



AP photo

Houston Astros catcher Brian McCann reacts after tagging out New York Yankees' Greg Bird at home during the fifth inning of Game 1 of baseball's American League Championship Series Friday, Oct. 13, 2017, in Houston.

UP NEXT

Yankees: Luis Severino will make his third start of this postseason on Saturday. Severino yielded three runs and four hits in seven innings of a win in Game 4 of the ALDS to bounce back after allowing three runs and getting just one out in the wild-card game.

"I feel good, I feel confident in myself," he said. "I knew that that first start I did, that

wasn't me, and I made adjustments. That's how we do it; we make adjustments and the second start I put in place those adjustments and did good."

Astros: Justin Verlander is scheduled to make his 18th playoff start on Saturday. Verlander got the win in Game 1 of the ALDS against the Red Sox and picked up win No. 2 of this postseason when he made his first career

relief appearance in Game 4. He's 9-5 with a 3.36 ERA and 115 strikeouts in his postseason career.

GAME 3

Manager A.J. Hinch announced that Charlie Morton will start Game 3 and that Lance McCullers, a starter who pitched in relief in the ALDS, could pitch Game 4. The Yankees will start CC Sabathia in Game 3 and Sonny Gray in Game 4.

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In Harvey Weinstein saga, young lives forever altered

By **JAKE COYLE**

AP Film Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Katherine Kendall was 23 and fresh out of acting school when she met him. A former ballet dancer working hard to launch herself as an actress, she had just landed a good agent and was juggling a schedule packed with auditions.

"He was so warm when I met him and so inviting. He made me feel he was going to take me under his wing," Kendall, now 48, recalled in an interview with The Associated Press. "He literally said, 'Welcome to the Miramax family.'"

Her meeting with Harvey Weinstein, she thought, was going really well.

Weinstein gave her scripts to read and took her to a movie screening at an Upper West Side theater, she said. When they exited, he said he needed to stop at his apartment. There, after spending some time talking, she said, Weinstein came back from the bathroom in a robe and asked for a massage. When she hesitated, Weinstein implored, "Everybody does it," Kendall recalled. She fled after he briefly left the room and returned nude, chasing her around the room, she said.

Like variations of a scene shot over and over again, there have been common hallmarks in the disturbing allegations leveled against Weinstein in the past week by some 30 women: A bathrobe. A request for a massage. A suggestion that it's simply the way things work in the movie business.

Another tragic repetition has been in the women who say Weinstein preyed upon them. Overwhelmingly, they constitute young actresses making their first steps into the movies — vulnerable Hollywood hopefuls looking for a part, a movie, their big break.

"We were all so young," Kendall said. "He must have enjoyed on some level watching us squirm."

As much as the Weinstein scandal is about the downfall of a Hollywood titan and the male-dominated industry many say he's symptomatic of, it's also about the women who have come forward. Many of those who have spoken about their encounters with Weinstein include well-known actresses like Gwyneth Paltrow and Angelina Jolie who largely managed to pivot their careers away from Weinstein. But others, after such a first impression with

the movie business, retreated from it, disgusted and disillusioned.

"It took a big chunk out of my drive," said Kendall. "It made me wonder: Am I in over my head? Am I in a business where this happens all the time and I don't know it? I'm not going to be able to play this game, so maybe this just isn't for me."

"I went in with my best self, thinking I'm giving my best meeting," said Kendall, who first recounted her encounter to The New York Times. "And I come out with that. You feel sort of like, 'God, maybe this whole time they were just playing me. Maybe I have nothing interesting to say at all.' There's a lot of self-doubt that can pile on after something like that happens."

Sallie Hofmeister, Weinstein's representative, said the embattled movie mogul was unavailable for comment. Weinstein previously responded to some of the collective sexual harassment allegations by saying that "the way I've behaved with colleagues in the past has caused a lot of pain, and I sincerely apologize for it." Three women — Asia Argento, Rose McGowan and Lucia Evans — have alleged that Weinstein sexually assaulted them. Said Hofmeister: "Any allegations of non-consensual sex are unequivocally denied by Mr. Weinstein."

Evans, a college student and aspiring actress when she met Weinstein, told The New Yorker that Weinstein forced her to perform oral sex on him at the Miramax Tribeca offices in 2004. She's now a marketing consultant. Dawn Dunning, a 24-year-old in 2003, told the Times that Weinstein said, "You'll never make it in this business," after she refused to have a three-some with him. Dunning gave up acting and became a costume design.

Tomi-Ann Roberts was an aspiring actress in 1984 when Weinstein held an audition for her from his bathtub and told her she would need to get naked for him if she wanted to play the character in question, she told the Times. She's now a psychology professor at Colorado College. Her experience with Weinstein, she told the Denver Post, was "foundational" in her academic interest: sexual objectification.

That Weinstein allegedly used the audition process and the promise of movie roles to lure young actresses, is to veteran casting director Cindy Tolan, a corruption of the casting profession.



AP photos

This combination photo shows actresses listed in alphabetical order, top row from left, Asia Argento, Rosanna Arquette, Jessica Barth, Cara Delevingne, Romola Garai, Judith Godreche, Heather Graham, Angelina Jolie, Ashley Judd, Rose McGowan, Lea Seydoux and Mira Sorvino, who have made allegations against producer Harvey Weinstein.

"This is by no means reflective in any way as to what a 'casting process' is and it is derogatory to all casting directors and their art form when it is referred to as such, similarly the term 'casting couch,'" said Tolan. "That is not what this is. This is sexual assault, aggression and rape."

Women in Film, a nonprofit advocating gender parity in Hollywood, has suggested three correctives to the industry: gender inclusive boards (the Weinstein Co.'s was all male), inclusive hiring practices "from the top down," and lasting legal penalties for "crimes of discrimination."

"It really comes down to changing the culture within the industry and having a zero tolerance policy and a code of conduct that doesn't allow for this to happen in small companies or big companies," said Kirsten Schaffer, the group's executive director. "One of the fastest solutions is for men to call out the behavior when they see it."

Kendall had previously only spoken about her en-

counter to friends and family. "The next day I was crying on my mom's shoulder," she remembers. She opted to go on the record after Ashley Judd came forward with her story with Weinstein, the first big-name to do so.

"I thought: I can stand by her. She doesn't know me, but I can stand by her," said Kendall. "This is for all the women that this has happened to. I'm going to stand by them right now. There's no reason I need to carry this anymore."

Kendall spoke for an hour by phone from her Los Angeles home where her Chihuahua and a visiting friend's parrot occasionally interrupted. Her voice quivered at times with emotion but she mostly spoke with resolution, gratitude for the other accusers and with a hard-earned sense of closure.

"I heard (attorney) Gloria Allred say the

other day on CNN: 'Sexual harassment harms people,'" said Kendall. "And it's true. It does. Your body remembers the trauma. Your heart remembers the trauma. It changes you and makes you make decisions about life, like, I'm going to go in another direction. You don't know the harm it can do."

Kendall works as a photographer and sometimes teaches dance, but she has continued to sporadically act and appears in the upcoming celebrity satire "An L.A. Minute," with Gabriel Byrne. Since first speaking out, she says she's been inundated by women with their own stories of harassment and assault.

As alone as she felt in 1993, Kendall now feels a profound unity with the other women who have recounted their meetings with Weinstein.

Manuela turns 100!

Our mother, Manuela Moron of Big Spring, Tx celebrated her 100th birthday on Sunday with her kids, grandkids, great grandkids, & great great grandkids. She turned 100 yrs young on Tuesday October 10, 2017. On Tuesday, she celebrated with her 6 daughters & 1 son. She was born in Bakersfield, California, met the late Simon Moron in Melvin, Tx & they married in 1936 in Brady, Tx.

They moved to Howard County in 1944. She enjoyed quilting, em-

broidering, crocheting & gardening!

She continues to be a devoted Catholic. She enjoys her family around her.

Her daughter's are Stella Moron, Alice Salazar (married the late Leo Salazar), Terry Cervantez, Olivia Hernandez (married to Rudy Hernandez), Amy Hernandez (married to Louis Hernandez), and Sally Munoz (married the late Samuel Munoz), her son is Ray Moron, and she has 17 grandchildren, 43 great grandchildren &

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Travels with Crocodile Lyle

When he's not tending his store on Route 66 in Amarillo, Crocodile Lyle is probably taking some New Zealanders along America's Main Street.

"I've been a Route 66 guide for several years. I rent a bunch of Mustang convertibles in Chicago for my groups from down under and we travel the whole length of the highway, from Chicago to San Diego. It takes about three weeks. I tell 'em stories along the way and some of them are true."

Crocodile was a scout leader for thirty-five years. A scout gave him the nickname Crocodile and it stuck. His real first name is Bob. He is an ex-Marine who saw duty in Viet Nam. He grew up in the panhandle town of Booker where his dad had a car dealer-

ship.

"It's in the northeast corner of the panhandle. It's three miles from Oklahoma and forty-five miles from Kansas. It's not really the end of the earth but you can see it from there."

When I visited him in his store and studio in the old San Jacinto district I told him it was hard to find a parking place nearby.

"There's one reason for that," he said. "It's Route 66. There's a lot of antique shops around here and locals come down to go to the junk stores. One of them told me he buys junk and sells it for antiques. There are four art galleries down in this area."

Crock is an artist.

"Well I'm an abstract expressionist. That's my first choice. I do landscapes, still life, figure studies, but my first love is abstract. And I make mosaics from paint chips off the cars at Cadillac Ranch. My latest claim to fame is making jewelry out of those paint chips. They're four or five inches thick and I thin them down. They fall off on the ground. Kids

knock them off 'cause they crawl all over them and the wind blows them off. I just pick them up and recycle them. They estimate nearly a million people a year go out there and spray paint the cars. It's weird, man. I mean people from all over the world come to Amarillo and one of the rules is you've got to go to Cadillac ranch. And they're on motorcycles, in Mustangs, Corvettes, and old cars. They're out there."

He's been making the jewelry nearly three years.

"It has put me on the map. I now have it in thirty-three states, eight European countries, Canada, China, Japan, Australia and New Zealand. I make rings, bracelets, necklaces, earrings and all kinds of stuff. I'm not getting rich but I'm paying the rent."

He used to write about Route 66 for a monthly publication. One story was about him and his son riding their motorcycles the entire length of the highway.

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DAILY PRAYER

With You, Lord, we can get everything back into perspective. Amen.

That little light of His

For several days, I've started off humming a certain tune extracted from memories of Vacation Bible School days. (At times, I have broken into song, but retreated quickly to humming-or sometimes whistling-upon my wife's mention that a continuance of the off-key noises, however joyful, threatens to ruin her day.)

Mine is a modified version of "This Little Light of Mine." A more accurate title would be "That Little Light of His."

Such tiny illumination in the darkness pitched around 5 a.m. on a recent Saturday morning prevented a serious accident.

I was en route to Richardson, where several hundred members of Texas Lions Clubs were gathered to observe the 100th anniversary of their founding in Dallas. The men and women of Lions International were festive. They asked me to help waken them with a talk at the 7 a.m. hour.

If there is a next time, my wife and I will opt to accept their invitation to drive over on Friday afternoon to join them for a banquet and a good night's rest in the hotel before the speaking assignment.

Foolishly, we declined, both dreading the prospect of bum-

per-to-bumper traffic that is inevitable when millions of workers crowd all freeway lanes on their way home.

It was decided that I could arise at 3:15 a.m. Saturday, dress leisurely and begin a drive to Richardson around 4:30. Little traffic was expected, so some thought-gathering while driving seemed probable. (My wife Brenda, who has endured my speeches several hundred times, opted to "sleep in" at home. She's in the crowd that professes it has nothing against mornings, unless they begin at an ungodly hour.)

I anticipated arrival in Richardson by no later than 6 a.m., a full hour before breakfast.

The plan looked good on paper, and could have worked to perfection. Thanks to "that little light of his", (and my reasonably good reflexes) it did.

The drive was 90% complete. The traffic on Interstate Highway 635 was extremely light. Soon I would see signs for US 75 north.

A mile or so ahead, I could see taillights of a couple of cars. Suddenly, perhaps 15 yards in front of me, I saw the tiny illumination of a vehicle's dome light. The unlighted vehicle was stopped, most of it in the very lane in which I was driving.

The lone occupant of the car had just opened the door, thus activating the dome light. I quickly swerved to the left, barely avoiding him as he attempted to exit. The car would have been in total darkness without the tiny dome light glimmer. Instead of seeking

the exit to Richardson, I could well have been exiting life. Later, I remembered my cardiologist's warning to avoid bleeding, since I've been on blood thinner for years, and to stay a good distance away from any car accidents.

Composure was gathered upon my arrival at the hotel, and the Lions' merry-making seemed to soothe nerves. Further, I could feel my brows unfurrowing.

I told a few stories that were new to me, and got by with others I'd told many of the members at an earlier convention.

One fable concerned the awakening of a lion and a gazelle in darkest Africa. They were only a few yards apart, the former thinking if it didn't outrun the slowest gazelle that day, starvation would loom. And the gazelle awakened with the realization that if it didn't outrun the fastest lion, it would be table fare. The moral? Both got up running.

And so do the Lions, and other civic organizations, whose goal is to serve others.

It's a good plan for all of us.

Let us awaken each day with a sense of purpose like the lion and the gazelle. And by all means, let our lights shine.

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DR. DON NEWBURY

Spurs' star Kawhi Leonard won't be ready to start the season

HOUSTON (AP) — Kawhi Leonard still isn't ready to play.

San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said the All-Star forward needs more time to get his injured thigh muscle right, meaning he won't be out there when the Spurs open their regular season on Wednesday against Minnesota.

"He's still rehabbing and when he's ready, he'll be ready," Popovich told reporters in Houston before San Antonio's preseason finale.

Leonard didn't play at all in camp or preseason, after a year where he averaged 25.5 points — raising his scoring average for the fifth consecutive season — and finished behind only Russell Westbrook and James Harden in the MVP race.

The Spurs aren't alone when it comes to injury woes heading into the season.

Many are minor, like Cleveland's LeBron James nursing a sprained ankle and Golden State's Andre Iguodala dealing with a balky back — issues that might keep them out of their respective opening nights. Kevin Durant (virus) and Draymond Green (back) also missed Golden State's preseason finale on Friday, though neither situation is thought to be serious. Nor is the Rockets' Chris Paul sitting out Friday with a sore knee, after missing a game earlier this week with a sore shoulder.

Some other injuries from training camp and preseason action are far more significant, like the ones endured by Charlotte's Nic Batum (elbow ligament tear), Miami's Rodney McGruder (stress fracture in left leg), Indiana's Glenn Robinson III (high ankle sprain followed by surgery to repair ligaments Friday), Washington's Markieff Morris (sports hernia), New Orleans' Rajon Rondo (sports hernia) and Utah's Dante Exum (shoulder).

They are looking at weeks — or in many cases, months — before they'll play again.

HORNETS 111, MAVERICKS 96

Kemba Walker scored 17 points and Johnny O'Bryant III had all 15 of his points in the fourth quarter for Charlotte.

O'Bryant was 5 for 5 from the field and 3 for 3 from the foul line in the fourth, helping the Hornets (2-3) pull

away with a 29-15 spurt.

Harrison Barnes scored 24 for visiting Dallas (4-2).

MAVERICKS: Dennis Smith Jr. closed his preseason with 10 points and nine assists. ... Dirk Nowitzki had 14 points and J.J. Barea added 13.

HORNETS: Dwight Howard grabbed 12 rebounds, helping Charlotte win that battle 50-37. ... Malik Monk and Dwayne Bacon each scored 14.

CAVALIERS 113, MAGIC 106

Playing without LeBron James, Cleveland got 18 points from Jose Calderon and 15 from Dwyane Wade to beat Orlando.

James missed his fourth preseason game with a bad ankle, and Kevin Love also didn't play for the visiting Cavaliers (1-4). Aaron Gordon had 21 points for the Magic (3-3).

CAVALIERS: Kyle Korver took five 2-point attempts, something he did in only six games all last season. ... Wade and Derrick Rose didn't play in the second half. ... JR Smith came off the bench to further acclimate to his new role, now that Wade is the starting shooting guard.

MAGIC: Orlando allowed 36 points in the third quarter. ... Jonathon Simmons started again in place of the injured Terrence Ross (hamstring).

... Simmons had 12 points and Elfrid Payton had 11 on 4-for-4 shooting.

WIZARDS 110, KNICKS 103

Bradley Beal scored 24 points in his best game of the preseason, helping Washington (4-1) send the Knicks to a winless exhibition slate.

Tim Hardaway Jr. had 23 points as the host Knicks finished 0-5.

WIZARDS: All-Star John Wall sat out the finale. ... Kelly Oubre Jr. scored 21 points. ... Former Knicks forward Jason Smith had 17 points.

KNICKS: Kristaps Porzingis (sore right hip) and Frank Ntilikina (bruised right knee) were held out again. Ntilikina, the Knicks' first-round pick, appeared in just one preseason game. He said

he expects to fully practice Saturday. ... Doug McDermott scored 21 points off the bench. He had 12 in his first five minutes.

RAPTORS 125, BULLS 104

Toronto outscored Chicago 38-17 in the fourth quarter to turn what was a tie game into a blowout.

CJ Miles scored 27 points for visiting Toronto (3-2), which got 17 from Kyle Lowry and 16 from Norman Powell. Justin Holiday scored 17 for Chicago (3-3).

RAPTORS: Jonas Valanciunas had 11 points and 10 rebounds. ... The Raptors were 19 of 48 from 3-point range.

BULLS: Lauri Markkanen scored 13 and Bobby Portis added 12. ... Chicago had 28 assists on 38 field goals.

SPURS 106, ROCKETS 97

LaMarcus Aldridge had 26 points and 10 rebounds for San Antonio (3-2).

Rudy Gay scored 14 points and Kyle Anderson added 13 for the Spurs. Eric Gordon led the host Rockets (4-1) with 27 points, and James Harden added 15 points and 11 assists — but shot a mere 5 for 17.

SPURS: Danny Green had 11 points and seven assists. ... The Spurs outscored Houston 60-38 in the paint.

ROCKETS: Houston took 53 shots from 3-point range, making 15. ... Trevor Ariza and Ryan Anderson combined for 27 points, but shot 5 for 20 from behind the arc.

GRIZZLIES 142, PELICANS 101

New Orleans' Tony Allen — who will have his jersey retired by the Grizzlies when his career ends — got a huge ovation from fans in Memphis in his first trip back as an opponent. He didn't play, and the Pelicans got routed.

Jarrell Martin scored 20 points and Marc Gasol fin-

ished with 19 points, 10 rebounds and eight assists for Memphis (3-2). Jordan Crawford scored 19 for New Orleans (1-3).

PELICANS: Anthony Davis and DeMarcus Cousins both shot 2 for 5, combining for 16 points. ... New Orleans trailed by as many as 49.

GRIZZLIES: Memphis got to the 100-point mark with 4:17 left in the third quarter. ... Mike Conley scored 19.

BUCKS 107, PISTONS 103 Giannis Antetokounmpo scored 17 points, grabbed six rebounds and handed out six assists as Milwaukee (1-3) avoided a winless preseason.

Avery Bradley and Andre Drummond were brilliant for visiting Detroit (2-3). Bradley scored 26 points on 11-for-17 shooting, and Drummond finished with 18 points, 22 rebounds and seven assists.

PISTONS: Tobias Harris scored 13 points and Boban Marjanovic added 10. ... Detroit got outscored 48-27 from 3-point range.

BUCKS: Khris Middleton and Mirza Teletovic each scored 14. ... Milwaukee used 14 players — 13 of them scored (rookie of the year Malcolm Brogdon was the exception) and all 14 got at least one rebound.

76ERS 119, HEAT 95

Ben Simmons and J.J. Redick each scored 19 for Philadelphia (2-3), with Redick going 5 for 6 from 3-point range.

Bam Adebayo, James Johnson and Dion Waiters had 13 apiece for Miami (3-3).

Hassan Whiteside picked up three fouls by the midpoint of the first quarter, with Joel Embiid drawing them all. ... Jordan Mickey had 12 points and 10 rebounds, and Justise Winslow scored 10.

76ERS: Philadelphia "hosted" the game in Kansas City,

Missouri. ... The 76ers shot 14 for 39 from beyond the arc, while holding Miami to a 4 for 30 performance from long range.

WARRIORS 117, KINGS 106

Stephen Curry had 18 points in 19 minutes as Golden State made a successful return home after its two-game China trip.

David Stockton had 23 points and eight assists for the Kings (1-5).

KINGS: Veteran summer acquisitions Zach Randolph, Vince Carter and George Hill all were sidelined. ... Rookie Frank Mason started and had 10 points. ... Rookies De'Aaron Fox and Bogdan Bogdanovic missed the game with injuries.

WARRIORS: Kevin Durant, Draymond Green and Andre Iguodala didn't play. ... Patrick McCaw scored 17 points and Nick Young made five 3-pointers for 15. ... Rookie Jordan Bell started and finished with 10 points and 11 rebounds.

LAKERS 111, CLIPPERS 104

Brook Lopez scored 16 points for the Lakers (2-4), and the Los Angeles teams tuned up against each other before they meet in their season openers on Thursday.

Tyrone Wallace had 23 points, six rebounds and five assists for the Clippers (2-3).

LAKERS: Brandon Ingram and Julius Randle each scored 15 points. ... Rookie Kyle Kuzma struggled to a 1-for-8 night, scoring eight points. ... Lonzo Ball sat again after hurting his ankle earlier in the preseason.

Rookie Jawun Evans had 22 points and eight assists. ... Blake Griffin, DeAndre Jordan, Danilo Gallinari, Austin Rivers and Milos Teodosic all sat.

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 Big B Properties, LLC., 2100 Morrison Dr., res. gas Val: \$1,500, Fee: \$32
 Big Spring Reality Inc., 2300 Marcy, res plumb, Val: \$2,500, Fee: \$59
 Mary Whitley Williams, 2413 Alabama St., res. plumbing, Val: \$840, Fee: \$30
 Antonio J Flores, 1309 Utah Rd., res. re-roof, fence Val: \$12,000, Fee: \$85
 Billy S Schafner, 2501 Central Dr., res. plumbing, Val: \$3,000, Fee: \$32
 Shelly Neighbors, 2714 Carol Dr., res. hvac, Val: \$4,400, Fee: \$45
 Carroll Eugene Husted, 2312 Roberts Dr., res. plumbing, Val: \$2,500, Fee: \$45
 Arthu Graves, 2500 Gunter Cir, res. addition, Val: \$1,500, Fee: \$25
 Tammy Lynn Ochoam 2109 Carl St., structure other than, Val: \$1,500, Fee: \$25
 Marisue Cunningham, 2105 Cecilia St., res. hvac, Val: \$1,500, Fee: \$25
 Texas Quality Buildings, 1111 N. Gregg St., com. Elec. Val: \$0, Fee: \$25
 Charlie Mendoza, 406 NW 11th St., res. re-roof, Val: \$1,400, Fee: \$25
 Frances Mathie, 610 San Antonio St., res. hvac, Val: \$5,200, Fee: \$45
 Kelly Thames Priebe, 2905 Hunters gln., res. hvac Val: \$10,700, Fee: \$45
 Jeremy Daniel Hart, 2207 Morrison Dr., res. elec., Val: \$0, Fee: \$25
 Steve Girby, 1406 Virginia Ave., structures other than Val: \$1,000, Fee: \$25
 Bobby Richard Coleman, 1900 Commanche Dr., struc res., plumbing, Val: \$30,800, Fee: \$212
 Sherry Rae Phillips, 605 Highland Dr., res. re-roof, Fee: \$12,000, Fee: \$70
 Helen Katherine Laning, 2510 Rebecca Dr., fence Val: \$2,100, Fee: \$25
 Brittany Chance Roberts, 721 Colgate Ave., fence Val: \$1,500, Fee: \$25
 Barbare Cortez Hilario, 1801 S Main St., fence, Val: \$700, Fee: \$25
 Morgan Eden Rodriguez, 2711 Coronado Ave., res curb cut, Val: \$2,000, Fee: \$25

Tech stocks lead US indexes higher; hospitals, insurers sink

By MARLEY JAY

AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A strong forecast from PC and printer maker HP is helping technology companies Friday as U.S. stock indexes approach record highs again. Retailers are also up after the Commerce Department said Americans shopped more in September. Health insurers and hospital operators are skidding after President Donald Trump said he will stop government payments to insurance companies under the Affordable Care Act.

KEEPING SCORE: The Standard & Poor's 500 index added 5 points, or 0.2 percent, to 2,555 as of 3:05 p.m. Eastern time. The Dow Jones industrial average picked up 47 points, or 0.2 percent, to 22,888. The Nasdaq composite gained 20 points, or 0.3 percent, to 6,611. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks remained at 1,505.

HEALTH SCARE: The White House said late Thursday that it is stopping subsidy payments to insurers under the 2010 health care law. Those payments help reduce copays and deductibles for people with lower incomes. The move could reduce payments to hospitals and raise costs for insurers. Adding to the uncertainty, the sign-up period for subsidized private insurance starts Nov. 1.

Medicaid program administrator Centene lost \$3.23, or 3.4 percent, to \$90.45 and insurer Anthem gave up \$5.36, or 2.8 percent, to \$184.38. Hospital operator Tenet dropped 70 cents, or 5.1 percent, to \$13.16 and ambulatory surgery center operator Envision Healthcare fell 86 cents, or 3.3 percent, to \$40.79.

SHHH: Third-quarter results are pouring in, but investors haven't reacted much so far. Sean Lynch, the co-head of global equity strategy for Wells Fargo Investment Institute, said that unless this batch of corporate reports is surprisingly good, stocks won't rise much further.

"If we come in at expectations or slightly above, I think markets maintain these gains," he said.

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Sheriff again shifts time gunfire started in Vegas massacre



AP photo

In this Monday, Oct. 9, 2017 file photo, Clark County Sheriff Joe Lombardo discusses the Route 91 Harvest festival mass shooting at the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department headquarters in Las Vegas. On Monday, Lombardo said Paddock shot and wounded the security guard outside his door and opened fire through his door around 9:59 p.m. - six minutes before shooting into the crowd. That was a different account from the one police gave last week: that Paddock shot the guard, Jesus Campos, after unleashing his barrage of fire on the crowd.

By KEN RITTER and MICHAEL BALSAMO

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Las Vegas investigators offered a new version of events Friday in a shifting timeline surrounding the deadliest shooting in modern U.S. history as they described how the gunman opened fire on nearby airport jet fuel tanks and on police officers arriving at the massacre.

Clark County Sheriff Joe Lombardo held a highly anticipated news conference alongside the top FBI agent in Las Vegas amid questions about whether police could have done more to stop gunman Stephen Paddock on Oct. 1.

They provided no new information about Paddock's motivation as he killed 58 people at a country music festival. Lombardo again revised the number of injured, to 546, with 45 people still hospitalized, including some in critical condition.

The sheriff said a visual inspection during a coroner's autopsy found "no abnormalities" in Paddock's brain. Lombardo said the brain has been shipped to a facility to do a microscopic evaluation.

Lombardo confirmed that Paddock intentionally opened fire on jet fuel tanks at the nearby Las Vegas airport and said he took shots at arriving police officers, possibly to keep them at bay as police rushed to his room.

But nearly two weeks after the massacre, questions remain unanswered.

What made Paddock open fire on the country music festival? Police and the FBI say they're still at a loss to explain his motive but said they have found no signs that he had ideologies or connections to any groups.

Why did Paddock stop firing into the concert? Authorities do not know, but police apparently had not reached his hotel room by that point.

In a chronology provided Monday, Lombardo had said Paddock started spraying 200 rounds from his suite into the hallway of the Mandalay Bay at 9:59 p.m. Oct. 1, wounding an unarmed security guard in the leg.

He said Friday that the security guard came to a barricaded stairwell door at 9:59 and wasn't shot until around 10:05 p.m.

About that time, the gunman unleashed a barrage of bullets on the festival crowd. Then he killed himself with a gunshot to the head.

Lombardo's newest version of events aligns with what Mandalay Bay owner MGM Resorts International said Thursday. They had disputed whether six minutes actually passed between the first shots in the hallway and the start of the concert rampage and said Paddock may have wounded the security guard within 40 seconds of firing into the crowd.

Earlier this week, lawyers had questioned why

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Weekly Oil Report

New Locations:

Howard County

Callon Petroleum Operating, Co. #3AH Wright Unit "33-40 B", drill horizontal, El: NA
 P.O. Box 1287 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
 Natchez, MS 39121-0000 18.63 miles northwest of Big Spring
 Ryan Emery, Regulatory Specialist A-350, Section 33, Block 33, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey
 (281) 589-5200 Total Depth: 8500 feet
 Latitude 032.293556, Longitude -101.372707. Datum: NAD 83
 823' FNL, 236' FWL of 690-acre lease
 823' FNL, 2404' FEL of the survey

Callon Petroleum Operating, Co. #4AH Wright Unit "33-40 B", drill horizontal, El: NA
 P.O. Box 1287 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
 Natchez, MS 39121-0000 18.63 miles northwest of Big Spring
 Ryan Emery, Regulatory Specialist A-350, Section 33, Block 33, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey
 (281) 589-5200 Total Depth: 8500 feet
 Latitude 032.293585, Longitude -101.372717. Datum: NAD 83
 793' FNL, 236' FWL of 690-acre lease
 793' FNL, 2404' FEL of the survey

Oxy USA, Inc. #1WA Frazier Stallings "0402", drill horizontal, El: NA
 5 Greenway Plaza, Suite 110 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-39166
 Houston, TX 77046-0000 4.60 miles southwest of Big Spring
 Amanda Maxian, Reg. Specialist A-1069, Section 4, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey
 (713) 840-3036 Total Depth: 8900 feet
 X=749222.65, Y=226308.94. Datum: NAD 27
 1967' FNL, 981' FWL of 563.87-acre lease
 1967' FNL, 981' FWL of the survey

Sabalo Operating, LLC #1BH Aron "41-32", drill horizontal, El: NA
 P.O. Box 2907 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
 Corpus Christi, TX 78403-0000 2.94 miles southeast of Vealmoor
 Shelly Carrigan, Reg. Coordinator A-295, Section 41, Block 32, T&P RR Co. survey
 (361) 888-7708, Ext. 6015 Total Depth: 9000 feet
 Latitude 032.491354, Longitude -101.532829. Datum: NAD 27
 2635' FEL, 2275' FSL of 479.79-acre lease
 2635' FEL, 2275' FSL of the survey

Sabalo Operating, LLC #4AH Crazy Cat "41-32", drill horizontal, El: NA
 P.O. Box 2907 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
 Corpus Christi, TX 78403-0000 2.94 miles southeast of Vealmoor
 Shelly Carrigan, Reg. Coordinator A-295, Section 41, Block 32, T&P RR Co. survey
 (361) 888-7708, Ext. 6015 Total Depth: 9000 feet
 Latitude 032.491339, Longitude -101.532892. Datum: NAD 27
 2275' FSL, 2617' FEL of 479.79-acre lease
 2275' FSL, 2617' FEL of the survey

Sabalo Operating, LLC #1BH Bow Tie "41-44", drill horizontal, El: NA
 P.O. Box 2907 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
 Corpus Christi, TX 78403-0000 2.95 miles southeast of Vealmoor
 Shelly Carrigan, Reg. Coordinator A-295, Section 41, Block 32, T&P RR Co. survey
 (361) 888-7708, Ext. 6015 Total Depth: 9000 feet
 Latitude 032.491369, Longitude -101.532767. Datum: NAD 27
 370' FNL, 20' FWL of 472.39-acre lease
 2275' FSL, 2615' FEL of the survey

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Boy dies, man survives California wildfire 'nuclear blast'

By AMY TAXIN

Associated Press

When flames swept over the mountain like a "nuclear blast," Paul Hanssen ran from his burning home, a water-soaked towel around his head and dog by his side, and took shelter in a trailer. He waited nervously for two long hours as winds howled and embers flew by.

When the fire passed, he emerged, parched with thirst. He went to a nearby spring for water and screamed to see if anyone else was around.

No one answered. Hanssen hurried toward his neighbors' house, where he found Sara Shepherd and her 17-year-old daughter, Kressa, lying on the ground, more than half

their bodies burned. He called 911 and took water from a hot water heater left in the charred remnants of the family's home, squeezing drops into their mouths with the towel from his head.

"It was the most gut-wrenching, heartbreaking thing I've ever seen in my life," he said. "They were so thirsty, and I knew how they felt because I just went through that thirst."

Farther down the mountain, Hanssen found Shepherd's 14-year-old son, Kai. The eighth-grader at Eagle Peak Middle School, who loved baseball and wrestling, did not survive.

First responders found Kai's father, Jon Shepherd, separately,

on the mountain. He was also badly burned but alive.

The wildfires that started late Sunday and swept across a wide area north of San Francisco are the deadliest and most destructive the state has ever seen. While much of the devastation is in Sonoma and Napa counties, the heart of California's wine country, fire also wiped out a swath of Redwood Valley, a community of about 1,800 roughly 70 miles (113 kilometers) north in Mendocino County.

Sara, 40, and Jon Shepherd, 44, finished building their dream home there two years ago on a long, winding road up a mountain where they could garden and raise their two children.

Now, the house is gone, their son is dead and the couple and their daughter are hospitalized in three different Northern California burn centers.

"Our minds are swirling," said Mindi Ramos, Sara's sister. "We've lost our nephew. Everyone is in critical care right now. We don't know if Sara or Jon — we don't know what they remember. We don't know if they know that Kai is gone."

Ramos, who grew up in the tight-knit community, said her family got a call from the Shepherds around 1 a.m. Monday to let them know they were evacuating. Time passed and when they didn't

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WHO AND WHAT CAN WE BELIEVE?

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 Please donate only new or clean reusable coats.

Contact Audra Bailey 432-213-0462 or Maria Ontiveros 432-816-6474 with any questions.





AP photo

This Dec. 21, 2016, file photo shows the New York Stock Exchange. A strong forecast from PC and printer maker HP is helping technology companies higher Friday, Oct. 13, 2017, as U.S. stock indexes make small gains. Retailers are also up after the Commerce Department said Americans shopped more in September.

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But if that doesn't happen, Lynch said the S&P 500 could

decline four or five percent by the end of the year. That's not a huge loss, but stocks haven't fallen that much since early 2016.

Wells Fargo fell \$1.81, or

3.3 percent, to \$53.40 after its third-quarter results came up far short of analyst estimates as its legal expenses rose.

Bank of America rose 47 cents, or 1.8 percent, to \$25.92

after its report.

TECH GAINS: HP forecast an adjusted profit of \$1.74 to \$1.84 a share in its next fiscal year, which is better than Wall Street expected, and also said it will return at least 50 percent of its free cash flow to shareholders by paying dividends or buying back stock.

HP stock gained \$1.57, or 7.7 percent, to \$21.97. Elsewhere, Facebook rose \$1.38 to \$173.93 and Apple added \$1.16 to \$157.16.

SHOPPING DIDN'T DROP: The Commerce Department said retail sales grew 1.6 percent in September after a small decline in August. Much of the gain came from car and gasoline sales: sales of cars jumped as people living in the Southeast and Gulf Coast replaced vehicles that were destroyed by hurricanes Harvey and Irma, while gas prices increased due to temporary shortages in those areas. But other sales also grew by a solid amount.

Tiffany jumped \$2.46, or 2.7 percent, to \$94.54 and home improvement retailer Lowe's rose 89 cents, or 1.1 percent, to \$82.46. Other consumer-

focused companies rose as well. Travel website Expedia gained \$2.11, or 1.4 percent, to \$150.09 and streaming video company Netflix added \$3.48, or 1.8 percent, to \$199.35.

METALS CLIMB: Materials companies rose with metals prices. Gold gained \$8.10 to \$1,304.60 an ounce. Silver climbed 15 cents to \$17.41 an ounce. Copper rose 1 cent to \$3.13 a pound.

Steel prices climbed after Bloomberg News reported that China imported a record amount of iron ore in September and exported less steel. That sent prices higher. U.S. Steel climbed \$1.85, or 7.2 percent, to \$27.41 and AK Steel added 27 cents, or 4.9 percent, to \$5.76.

Utility PG&E continued to tumble as investors wondered if the company will face stiff fines connected to the California wildfires. Officials said Thursday they are investigating the possibility that downed power lines or other faulty equipment touched off the fires. The stock dropped 6.7 percent Thursday and fell another \$6.58, or 10.2 percent, to \$57.92 on Friday.

RECORDS

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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

Sandra Ann Gutierrez, 1501 N. Fourth Place, 1312 S. Ave. L, Lamesa

Mike Haddix, 401 Humble St. Apt. E, Midland
Alfred Hamilton Jr., 1110 1/2 Aylesford, Big Spring
Dylan Hammons, 4401 E. 11th Place, Big Spring
William J. Harman, HC 76, Box 147K-1, Big Spring
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Ann Hashem, 120 Airbase Rd. 15-5, Big Spring
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

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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

District Court Filings

Plaintiff: Leslie Whitten
Respondent: Phillip Whitten
Type of Case: Divorce
Date: Oct. 5, 2017

Plaintiff: Bank of America N.A
Respondent: Andres N.A
Type of Case: Contract-Consumer/debt
Date: Oct. 5, 2017

Plaintiff: Ally Financial Inc.
Respondent: Yessenia Escobar, Romeo Escobar
Type of Case: Contract-Consumer/debt
Date: Oct. 5, 2017

Plaintiff: Nicole Smith
Respondent: Derick Smith
Type of Case: Divorce
Date: Oct. 6, 2018

Plaintiff: Big Spring Hospital Corporation
Respondent: Roger Winters, and Becky Winters
Type of Case: Contract-Consumer/debt
Date: Oct. 6, 2017

Plaintiff: Acar Leasing LTD
Respondent: Joe McMurtrey
Type of Case: Contract-Consumer/debt
Date: Oct. 6, 2017

Plaintiff: Riley Industrial Services Inc.
Respondent: Vortech Contracting Inc., DCP Operating Company, LP
Type of Case: Contract-Consumer/debt
Date: Oct. 6, 2017

Plaintiff: Bank of America
Respondent: Albert Franco JR
Type of Case: Contract-Consumer/debt
Date: Oct. 9, 2017

Plaintiff: Stephane Wantou Siantou
Respondent: Equifax
Type of Case: Civil Case
Date: Oct. 10, 2017

Plaintiff: Stephane Wantou Siantou
Respondent: Transunion
Type of Case: Civil Case
Date: Oct. 10, 2017

Plaintiff: Stephane Wantou Siantou
Respondent: Experian
Type of Case: Civil Case
Date: Oct. 10, 2017

Plaintiff: Stephane Wantou Siantou
Respondent: Maryland Collection Unit, Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation
Type of Case: Civil Case
Date: Oct. 10, 2017

Plaintiff: Erika Ybarra
Respondent: Michael Ybarra
Type of Case: Divorce
Date: Oct. 11, 2017

Plaintiff: John Finnegan
Respondent: Evelyn Finnegan
Type of Case: Divorce
Date: Oct. 11, 2017

County Court Judgements (The State of Texas is listed as the prosecutor in all county court judgements)

Defendant: Michael Martinez

Offense: Driving while intoxicated
Sentence: probation for 12 months.
Date: Aug. 8, 2017

Defendant: David L. Kilgore
Offense: Possession of marijuana less than two ounces
Sentence: \$500 fine, 180 days in jail, and a year probation
Date: Aug. 8, 2017

Defendant: Christina Ruiz
Offense: Theft of property between \$750 and \$2500
Sentence: \$100 fine, 180 days in jail, and a year probation
Date: Aug. 18, 2017

Defendant: James B. William
Offense: DWLI w/ previous conviction
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$292 court fine, two days in jail
Date: Aug. 8, 2017

Defendant: Brittany D. Castillo
Offense: Driving while intoxicated
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$467 in court cost, 45 days in jail.
Date: Aug. 14, 2017

Defendant: Kenneth W. Phillips Jr.
Offense: evading arrest
Sentence: \$400 to be reimbursement to Howard County for appointed council.
Date: Aug. 18, 2017

Defendant: Nicole Juarez
Offense: theft of property between \$100 and \$750
Sentence: \$250, \$342 court cost
Date: Aug. 18, 2017

Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Tammy Rangel and Briana Michelle Rangel
Grantee: James Edward Fox and Elaine Fox
Property: Lot 11 and, block 50, Original town
Date: Oct. 6, 2017

Grantor: Maricela Flores Stinson
Grantee: Tommy Rodriguez and Virginia Rodriguez
Property: Being the South 50' of lot one, block 90
Date: Oct. 10, 2017

Warranty Deeds with Vendors' Liens

Grantor: Chuck Rosenbaum
Grantee: Allen B. Plounsky
Property: Lot 11, block 28, in College Park Estates
Date: Oct. 10, 2017

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Suspect in 4 Ohio slayings arrested while walking a long road

By **KANTELE FRANKO**

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Unarmed, worn out and ready to give up, the suspect in the fatal shootings of three adults and a 7-year-old boy didn't try to flee when officers arrested him Friday as he walked along a road in far southern Ohio, a sheriff said.

Officers were acting on a tip from a resident who spotted 23-year-old Arron Lawson. Authorities had said he fled into the woods Thursday, shortly after midnight.

Lawson is an outdoorsman and hunter who liked being in the woods, but "I think he was just plumb worn out from being out in the elements" during a manhunt that spanned two cool nights, Lawrence County Sheriff Jeffery Lawless said.

The sheriff wouldn't discuss any potential motive or the chronology of the slayings, and he declined to disclose what Lawson said to the arresting officers. Lawson was wearing a camouflage jacket, but the sheriff said investigators hadn't determined

whether it was his or an item he stole while on the run.

Lawson is being held on charges of murder and aggravated murder. It wasn't immediately clear whether he has an attorney.

He was arrested roughly 12 miles (19 kilometers) south of where authorities found three adults dead in a house trailer on Wednesday evening. The sheriff identified them Friday as a 28-year-old resident of the home, Stacey Jackson, and two relatives who lived at a property on the same road, 50-year-old Donald McGuire and 43-year-old Tammie McGuire.

The father of 7-year-old victim Devin Holston came upon the scene after work, was stabbed and fled the home to seek help. He was flown to a hospital in Huntington, West Virginia, and is recovering well, Lawless said.

Devin initially was the subject of a missing-child alert after the adults were discovered. Authorities spent hours searching for him, only to later find him dead in

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police and security weren't able to stop Paddock sooner when Lombardo said six minutes passed between the shooting of guard Jesus Campos and the gunfire into a crowd of 22,000 at the Route 91 Harvest Festival concert.

Lombardo also pushed back against criticism of his office over whether more could have been done to stop the shooter.

"In the public space, the word 'incompetent' has been brought forward. I am absolutely offended with that characterization," he said.

The 10-minute attack on the crowd began at 10:05 p.m., when the 64-year-old real estate investor and retired accountant began firing more than 1,000 rounds from two bashed-out windows, police said. Officers didn't arrive on the 32nd floor until 10:17 p.m., two minutes after he had stopped shooting, according to Lombardo.

The wounded Campos used his radio to call for help, the statement said. A maintenance worker, Stephen Schuck, has said he also called for help on his radio, asking a dispatcher to call the police because someone was shooting a rifle on the 32nd floor.

It's not clear what Mandalay Bay maintenance and security workers did with those messages by the guard and maintenance worker.

The timeline given by police earlier this week differed dramatically from the one they gave last week: that Paddock wounded Campos after he had opened fire on the crowd. Campos was called a hero whose presence outside Paddock's suite stopped the concert carnage.

As authorities seek answers, they are lacking one important investigative tool. There are no surveillance cameras in the hallways at the Mandalay Bay.

The FBI, which is leading the investigation, again pleaded for the public's help.

"We continue to ask you

if you have factual information in furtherance of this investigation, please call us. If you know something, say something," FBI Special Agent in Charge Aaron Rouse said.

Court officials on Thursday released copies of two search warrant applications that police submitted to a judge who approved a raid on Paddock's home in a retirement community in Mesquite, Nevada. The documents list items that investigators were seeking, including guns, explosives, computers, medications and personal records.

OIL

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#5LS Bullfrog "47" North "A" Unit, drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
3.09 miles northwest of Knott
A-511, Section 47, Block 34, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9025 feet
Latitude 032.264601, Longitude -101.404037. Datum: NAD 27
1450' FEL, 2429' FSL of 245.17-acre lease
1450' FEL, 2429' FSL of the survey

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Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
3.10 miles northwest of Knott
A-511, Section 47, Block 34, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9025 feet
Latitude 032.264609, Longitude -101.404003. Datum: NAD 27
1420' FEL, 2429' FSL of 240-acre lease
1420' FEL, 2429' FSL of the survey

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Total Depth: 9345 feet
Latitude 032.264624, Longitude -100.403935. Datum: NAD 27
1360' FEL, 2429' FSL of 240-acre lease
1360' FEL, 2429' FSL of the survey

CrownQuest Operating, LLC
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Ann Ritchie, Agent
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#1HA Tubb "C" drill horizontal, El: NA, API #42-227-38704
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
2.70 miles southeast of Elbow
A-376, Section 37, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9800 feet
Latitude 032.091922, Longitude -101.275584. Datum: NAD 83
318' FWL, 5r082' FSL of 640-acre lease
2335' FEL, 200' FNL of the survey

Occidental Permian, Ltd.
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Amanda Maxian, Reg. Specialist
(713) 840-3036

#1WA Van Halen "2918", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
10 miles northwest of Big Spring
A-578, Section 29, Block A, Bauer & Cockrell survey
Total Depth: 9000 feet
X=723789.14, Y=260730.91. Datum: NAD 27
110' FSL, 591' FEL of 1,611.74-acre lease
110' FSL, 591' FEL of the survey

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Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
10 miles northwest of Big Spring
A-578, Section 29, Block A, Bauer & Cockrell survey
Total Depth: 9000 feet
X=723750.10, Y=260722.39. Datum: NAD 27
110' FSL, 631' FEL of 1,611.74-acre lease
110' FSL, 631' FEL of the survey

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Trump, unlikely religious favorite, hails Christian values

By **JONATHAN LEMIRE** and **KEN THOMAS**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump's evolution from twice-divorced casino owner viewed warily by Christian conservatives to evangelical favorite defending religious liberty was on full display Friday as he promised conservatives a return to traditional American values, including restoring "Merry Christmas" to the national discourse.

Trump, the first sitting president to address the Values Voter Summit, ticked off the promises he's fulfilled to evangelical Christians and other conservatives, pledging to turn back the clock in what he described as a nation

that has drifted away from its religious roots.

"How times have changed, but you know what, now they are changing back again, just remember that," Trump told the cheering crowd.

It was a far cry from the skeptical welcome Trump received when he first addressed the

group as a neophyte politician in 2015. With questions swirling then about whether he could appeal to evangelicals over conservative candidates like Texas Sen. Ted Cruz and former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, Trump held a Bible aloft and

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Public Notice

(DP 823276), 2WA (DP 823280), 4LS (DP 823283), and 4WA(DP 823284); Bullfrog 47 North Unit wells 1LS (DP 813390), 1WA (DP 813387), and 1WB (DP 818266); Bullfrog 1 (RRC Lease ID 35097); and Reed 1 A (Lease ID 47783). All wells are in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field in Howard County, Texas. This application is for common separation, common storage and casinghead gas metering by allocation by well test. Production will be allocated by W-10 Tests. Any royalty or working interest owners or offset operators who have not received written notification, please consider this your Notice of Application. If you have objections to the issuance of this permit, you may submit a letter to P-17 Department, Railroad Commission of Texas, PO Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711. Unless the Railroad Commission receives a protest to this application, the Commission may issue a permit within 21 days following the date of last publication.

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AP Explains: What is Iran's Revolutionary Guard?



AP photo

In this file photo taken on Thursday, April 22, 2010, and released by the semi-official Iranian Fars News Agency, Revolutionary Guard's troops attack and take over a war ship, being used as a target, during a manoeuvre in the Persian Gulf, Iran. Iran's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard faces new sanctions from U.S. President Donald Trump as he has declined to re-certify the nuclear deal between Tehran and world powers. But what is this organization?

By JON GAMBRELL

Associated Press
DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Iran's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard faces new sanctions from U.S. President Donald Trump as he accuses the country of violating the spirit of the 2015 nuclear deal between Tehran

and world powers. But what is this organization?

BORN IN REVOLUTION

The Guard formed out of Iran's 1979 Islamic Revolution as a force meant to protect its Shiite-cleric-overseen government and later enshrined in its

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FIRES

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hear more, Ramos' parents grew nervous and checked the hospital in the nearby town of Ukiah.

It was then, Ramos said, that they learned their son-in-law had been brought in for burns. They later found out about the other family members.

Hanssen, a 46-year-old construction worker and sculptor, said he spoke with Jon Shepherd by phone shortly after they got a call to evacuate as flames lapped on the ridge across the valley. Shepherd said he was leaving with his wife and children. Hanssen decided to stay, hoping to save his home.

But the fire sped across the mountain too quickly, pushed by fierce winds. Within a half-hour, the windows blew in and everything inside Hanssen's home was on fire.

"It was like a nuclear blast wave that hit," he said. "The embers were insane. They penetrated everything and set everything on fire."

Hanssen retreated to the trailer and shut himself in with his dog. At one point, he stepped out and grabbed a piece of hose that held some trapped water, then soaked himself and resumed hiding.

When the winds died down, Hanssen came out. Everything had burned. Water tanks had melted.

The only things left were the trailer that sheltered him and a backhoe.

"I really should be dead right now, and the only reason I lived was an act of God, or something," he said.

The Shepherds had tried to drive down the mountain to escape the fire. Their two charred vehicles were blocking the road, doors still ajar from when they apparently abandoned them and fled on foot, Hanssen said.

Irma Muniz, Sara Shepherd's childhood friend who lives in Redwood Valley, evacuated with her family when a neighbor knocked on her door early Monday and told them to get out. Her house burned to the ground.

The 40-year-old photographer, who is 38

weeks pregnant with her third child, is now staying in a trailer on a friend's property.

She remembers driving up to the Shepherds' home last year to take photos of the family for a Christmas card. It was the first time she had met the children and remembers how Kai was timid, giggling as she had the family pose in the woods.

Now, the surviving Shepherds face a lengthy road to recovery. Kressa Shepherd, a Ukiah High School junior and talented artist, had both legs amputated beneath her knees, Ramos said.

Relatives are raising money to cover medical expenses and to prepare to eventually bring the family to live with Sara Shepherd's parents in Redwood Valley. Neighbors have offered to help retrofit the house to make it wheelchair accessible, Ramos said.

She said the Shepherds could not get fire insurance for their home due to its remote location.

Hanssen is staying with a friend in Pacifica, near San Francisco, thankful he survived and that his two children weren't with him at the time.

"I lost everything that didn't matter and I kept everything that did," he said of his family. "I'm not going to go back up on the mountain anytime soon."

OIL

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Borden County

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Houston, TX 77064-0000
Gayle Foord, Regulatory Analyst
(832) 333-2332

#8AH Succubus Unit "B 25-24", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
12.05 miles northeast of Vealmoor
A-228, Section 25, Block 31, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9500 feet
X=808592.29, Y=345042.04. Datum: NAD 27
330' FEL, 300' FSL of 641.73-acre lease
330' FEL, 300' FSL of the survey

Glasscock County

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Austin, TX 78701-0000
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#4315H Currie "41-44", drill horizontal, API #42-173-37569
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
10 miles west of Garden City
TechA-332, Section 41, Block 35, T-3-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9000 feet
X=1590740.86, Y=802787.86. Datum: NAD 27
700' FEL, 1930' FNL of 486.48-acre lease
700' FEL, 1930' FNL of the survey

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Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
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TechA-332, Section 41, Block 35, T-3-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 8500 feet
X=15907488.49, Y=802758.78. Datum: NAD 27
700' FEL, 1960' FNL of 486.48-acre lease
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Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
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X=802729.76, Y=1590756.16. Datum: NAD 27
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Thunder Valley (Canyon Sand) Field, El: NA
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A-661, Section 14, Block 24, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 7399 feet
Latitude 032.293618. Longitude -100.375982. Datum: NAD 83
468' FEL, 600' FNL of 40-acre lease
1289' FWL, 1064' FSL of the survey

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#2 Thunder Valley North, drill directional, API #42-353-33644
Thunder Valley (Canyon Sand) Field, El: NA
6 miles northwest of Roscoe
A-661, Section 14, Block 24, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 7399 feet
Latitude 032.293594, Longitude -100.375975. Datum: NAD 83
1289' FWL, 1039' FSL of 571-acre lease
1289' FWL, 1039' FSL of the survey

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AP photo

In this undated photo provided by Irma Muniz shows the Shepherd family, Jon and Sara Shepherd and their children, Kressa, and Kai. Kai, left, was killed after a wildfire tore through his family's home in Redwood Valley, Calif. on Monday, Oct. 9, 2017. He was 14 when he died, said his aunt, Mindi Ramos. Sara and 17-year-old daughter, Kressa, both sustained burns on 60% of their bodies. Jon sustained burns on 45% of his body. Relatives are trying to raise money to cover medical expenses and prepare to eventually bring the family to live with Sara's parents' home in Redwood Valley.

Our hearts are full of gratitude when we say many thanks to the family members & friends for all acts of kindness and sympathy: flowers, cards, visits, food. The kind words spoken to our family regarding the recent passing of a wonderful mom, grandmother, & great grandmother,

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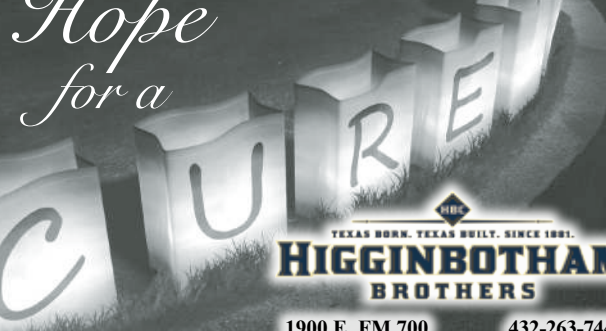
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Above, President Donald Trump speaks to the 2017 Value Voters Summit, Friday, Oct. 13, 2017, in Washington.

TRUMP

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declared: "I believe in God. I believe in the Bible. I'm a Christian."

Trump appeared before the group again last September, in the electoral stretch run usually devoted to wooing undecided voters, and aimed his pitch toward his religious base. Though he avoided some hot-button social issues like same-sex marriage and abortion, he vowed his support for Israel, an important issue for evangelicals, and said it was the "dream" of the Islamic State for his opponent Hillary Clinton to be elected president.

This time, he had the crowd won over before he stepped onstage.

He bemoaned the use of the phrase "Happy Holidays" as a secular seasonal greeting and vowed a return to "Merry Christmas."

He noted, as Christian conservatives often do, that there are four references to the "creator" in the Declaration of Independence, saying "religious liberty is enshrined" in the nation's founding documents.

"I pledged that in a Trump administration, our nation's religious heritage would be cherished, protected and defended like you have never seen before," Trump said. "Above all else in America, we don't worship government. We worship God."

Trump stressed his move to weaken the Johnson Amendment, which limited political activity or endorsements by religious groups that received tax exemptions, as well as his administration's effort to expand the rights of employers to deny women insurance coverage for birth control. The White House has also issued sweeping guidance on religious freedom that critics have said could erode civil rights protections for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people.

Trump waded again into the cultural war that has captured his attention in recent weeks, declaring to loud applause that "we respect our great American flag," a not-too-subtle reference to his repeated denunciations of NFL players who have taken to kneeling during the national anthem. But Trump also struck several empathetic notes, offering condolences to the victims of the Las Vegas mass shooting with a quote from scripture and pledging support to the people of Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico, which have been ravaged by recent hurricanes. His kind words for Puerto Rico — which included a morning tweet in which he vowed to "always" be with its residents — stood in stark contrast to his tweets the day before, when he declared that federal personnel would not be able to stay "forever" to help the island.

OIL

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 Total Depth: 9000 feet
 Latitude 031.363930, Longitude -101.254108. Datum: NAD 83
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 X=1588179.49, Y=689083.59. Datum: NAD 27
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Dear Crossroads: I don't think you're confused. I think you're looking for someone to tell you what you

already know: You need to leave this man. If you want further evidence than your own letter, close your eyes and picture yourself three years from today. First imagine that you're still in the same place, waiting for this man to reflect back some modicum of the love you've shown him. Then imagine you're somewhere else, a place you've always wanted to go, re-discovering what a joy it is to be alive. Which daydream makes you want to keep your eyes shut a little longer?

If you're struggling to find the self-confidence to leave, one step you can take today is to attend Al-Anon meetings. Living in a household with alcoholism has most likely warped your perspective, making it hard for you to really look after yourself. Visit <https://al-anon.org> to find a meeting.

Stay strong. I know that change is scary, but only after you end this relationship will you really begin to live.

Dear Annie: How do you decide on an executor, a durable power of attorney and a medical power of attorney if you have no family or healthy/young-enough friends? I have stepchildren but cannot trust them or their spouses.


I am fortunate enough to have my husband, but I need a backup person in place

for the potential situation in which he dies and I am not mentally or physically able to set up a replacement for him. Should I use an attorney specializing in elder law as the backup power of attorney, or is that too risky? I was told that would be foolhardy because a durable power of attorney carries so much power. Whom else could I consider? I feel so helpless and alone in this. What should I do? -- Alone

Dear Alone: Take comfort in the fact that you're not alone -- many seniors who don't have children are dealing with these same questions -- and you're on top of it. One option is to talk to your bank's trust division about using the bank as an executor. Another is an attorney specializing in elder law, as you mentioned. If you need help finding a professional, the National Association of Estate Planners & Councils (<http://www.naepc.org>) and the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (<https://www.naela.org>) are good places to start.

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Contract Bridge



By Steve Becker

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NORTH			
♠ A J 9			
♥ J 3 2			
♦ 9 5 4 3			
♣ K J 2			
WEST		EAST	
♠ 5 4 3		♠ 7 2	
♥ 10 4		♥ A Q 9 8 7 6 5	
♦ Q J 8 7		♦ 2	
♣ 8 7 6 5		♣ A 4 3	
SOUTH			
♠ K Q 10 8 6			
♥ K			
♦ A K 10 6			
♣ Q 10 9			

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	4 ♥

 Opening lead — ten of hearts.

queen.

This tends to confirm that East's diamond deuce was a singleton, so you now know that you'll have to work mightily to bring the contract home. Accordingly, you play a trump to the jack, ruff a heart, then lead a trump to the ace to produce this five-card position:

	North		
	♠ 9		
	♥ J		
	♦ 9 5 4		
		West	East
		♠ 5	♥ Q 9 8 7 6
		♦ Q J 8	
		♣ 8	
		South	
		♠ K 10	
		♦ K 10 6	

You next go out of your way to ruff the jack of hearts, and the effect of this unusual play is that you have West over a barrel, whatever he does.

1. **If he underruffs**, you next play the six of diamonds. West wins with the jack, but whatever he returns, you score the rest of the tricks.
2. **If he discards** the eight of diamonds, you play the king and another diamond to make the contract.
3. **If he discards a club**, you cash the spade king and exit with the diamond six to put West out of his misery. All roads lead to Rome.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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GUARD

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constitution. It operated parallel to the country's regular armed forces, growing in prominence and power during a long and ruinous war with Iraq in the 1980s. Though facing possible disbandment after the war, Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khomeini allowed it to thrive, granting it powers to expand into private enterprise. The Guard answers only to Iran's supreme leader.

WARS ABROAD

One of the main reasons the U.S. is targeting the Guard is its expeditionary Quds — or Jerusalem — Force. That force is headed by Gen. Qassem Soleimani, who has risen to prominence by advising forces fighting the Islamic State group in Iraq and in Syria on behalf of embattled Syrian President Bashar Assad. U.S. officials say the Guard under Soleimani taught Iraqi militants how to manufacture and use especially deadly roadside bombs against U.S. troops after the 2003 invasion of Iraq.

Iran has denied that Soleimani himself re-

mains popular among many Iranians, who see him as a selfless hero fighting Iran's enemies abroad.

TENSE NAVAL ENCOUNTERS

The U.S. Navy regularly has direct, tense encounters with Revolutionary Guard vessels in the Persian Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz, the narrow waterway at the Gulf's mouth through which a third of all oil traded by sea passes. Its speedboats race alongside U.S. aircraft carriers, while it also has flown drones over U.S. warships and near U.S. fighter jets. Those encounters have stepped up since the 2015 nuclear deal, a direct sign of hard-liners' displeasure over any warming ties with the West. Iran has more than 2,000 kilometers (1,240 miles) of shoreline facing the Gulf and the Sea of Oman.

The Guard oversees Iran's ballistic missile program and has conducted several tests since the nuclear deal. While the atomic accord does not specifically stop those tests, U.S. officials have said they violate the spirit of the deal.

OHIO

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the same house trailer, his body apparently hidden, Lawless said.

A few relatives of the victims said after the arrest that they had seen no sign or warning of such violence by Lawson, who lived up the road from the trailer home.

Lawson was being questioned by investigators Friday and could face more charges, the sheriff said.

Agents from the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation have been helping Lawrence County with the investigation, BCI spokeswoman Jill Del Greco said.

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A-868, Section 130, Block 2, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9000 feet
Latitude 031.353599, Longitude -101.220568. Datum: NAD 83
242' FNL, 2534' FWL of 1,928.4-acre lease
242' FNL, 2534' FWL of the survey

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Latitude 031.353594, Longitude -101.214615. Datum: NAD 83
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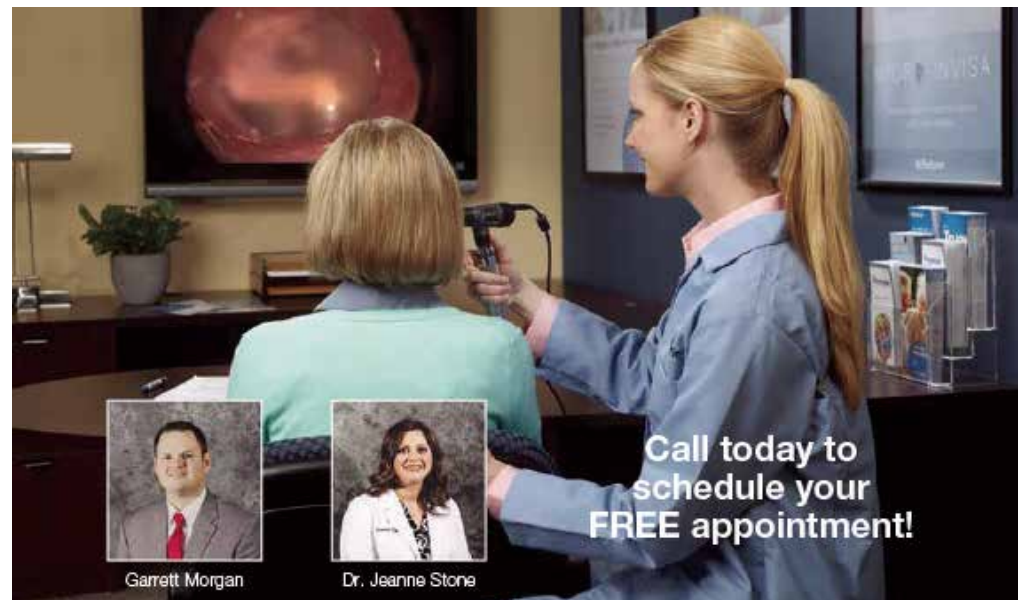


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Here's How It Works:

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!

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



Mercury and Uranus Opposition

In terms of sound, the amplitude of the resonance can become far greater than the amplitude of the forcing function. In terms of emotion, the impact can be entirely incommensurate with the inciting incident. In terms of planets, you just can't tell how things will be received and interpreted, considering the opposition of Mercury and Uranus.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The one who owns the problem is in the best position -- a position to fix it, change things, move the plot forward. The one who passes the blame is powerless to do any of that.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There are things you do because you want to, but today those actions will take a back seat to the things you do because you must and that which you do because you are.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The outburst of your soul is sometimes compliments, sometimes laughter, love, music, conversation, movement... You've so many avenues to express your joy, and you keep on finding new ones.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your mind is full and churning, so you appreciate the bright people who know how to grab your attention and then get right to the point. When people value your time, they value you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're capable of living in fantasies, the future, the past and many versions of the present, too. You'll bounce between earth and ethereal realms of thought and feeling on this highly creative day. Take notes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You care. You try. Whether or not your efforts land as planned, your good intentions will shine

through. You'll either get what you set out for or attract the kind of help you need to do it next time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You are like a hot air balloon today. Your elevation depends on releasing the sandbags of fear, doubt and resentment. The more you let go of the higher you'll rise.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You see others for who they are, which is a relief to all of you. They feel free to be themselves and will be honest and comfortable with you. You will understand what you can expect of them and plan accordingly.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Is the guilt really necessary? If you didn't think any way about it until people told you how to think with their disapproval, chances are it's not all that bad. Maybe you're just playing it to the wrong crowd.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll be handling a one-of-a-kind, rare and precious commodity. Of course, you'll try to be as careful and meticulous as possible, but this thing isn't so fragile as you think.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll have success, but don't rest on the latest hit. Take it as a sign to challenge yourself further. Go until you miss. Because when it doesn't work out, that's when the real learning takes place.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Assume that they are doing their best. It won't seem as if that's the case. Then again, you can't see the hidden pressures on the situation. You may never know them. Just know that you won't regret extending the benefit of the doubt.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 15). You're waking up in some ways, blossoming into your power. What worked for you before may no longer be necessary. You figure out what's at the root of a bad habit, and you'll break it. Hold out for the ideal, because it is out there for you and it wants you, too. Financial bonus comes in November and February. Libra and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 39, 27, 11 and 9.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: The thing about uncharacteristic moves is that even the steadiest, most predictable people will make them. The reason is simple. No one is the same thing all through or all of the time. There are many people inside us. Everyone we've been is in there. Each age we've grown through is still there somewhere, as is the dream of everyone we could be.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: The writings of Friedrich Nietzsche caused a great ruckus among his contemporaries, as the philosopher challenged the religion, morality and culture of his time. The Libra intellectual's ideas continue to have a strong influence in philosophy, science and even pop songs, as evident in the Kelly Clarkson hit. "That which does not kill us makes us stronger." -- Friedrich Nietzsche

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

SATURDAY STUMPER by Brad Wilber Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS**
- 1 Goals for memorization
 - 9 Something served with a flute
 - 15 "Angelic Salutation"
 - 16 One of the Dutch
 - 17 Dumas title nationality
 - 18 Take badly
 - 19 Word from the Greek for "increase"
 - 20 Follow-up header
 - 22 Evinces envy of, perhaps
 - 23 Make certain pie preparations
 - 25 Stephen's *Misery* antagonist
 - 27 What may figure into a suite price
 - 29 Member of the flounder family
 - 33 World Heritage hot spot
 - 36 *Glengarry Glen Ross* characters
 - 38 Fabric named for a nation
 - 40 '70s day-care attendee
 - 41 Campaign, in part
 - 42 Try to bring down, say
 - 45 ___ team
 - 46 Play seen by Pepys
 - 47 Heroic history
 - 49 Superhero movie sets
 - 51 Scarlett O'Hara suitor treatment
 - 55 Tongue like Laotian
 - 58 Goes around
 - 60 Priced at
 - 61 Canine favored by the czars
- DOWN**
- 1 Flew
 - 2 Summon mentally
 - 3 Destination of NASA's *Dawn*
 - 4 Some strings of emojis
 - 5 World's tallest building locale, 2004-2009
 - 6 Pedestrian protectors
 - 7 "Be bad, but at least don't be a ___": Tolstoy
 - 8 Canada's HOH OHO postal code addressee
 - 9 Collections of slips
 - 10 Impetus for boiling, perhaps
 - 11 Parisian art center
 - 12 Antonym of "buck"
 - 13 Marked by aplomb
 - 14 Queen's subjects
 - 21 Podiatric products
 - 24 Recruits ardently
 - 26 Intelligence
 - 28 Many a royal figure in Westminster Abbey
 - 30 Deduce or derive
 - 31 ___ part
 - 32 Source of red food coloring
 - 33 Corroborate, say?
 - 34 Fancy follower
 - 35 Practically here
 - 37 Jasmine creation
 - 39 Paella pan
 - 43 Jack-o'-lantern feature
 - 44 Stetson University team
 - 48 National pastime, per Bombeck
 - 50 Two-bridge instrument
 - 52 "As a backup plan..."
 - 53 Conte Dracula's up time
 - 54 Flagrant
 - 55 Rope-tow alternative
 - 56 Strained to lift
 - 57 One's discipline
 - 59 Opportune
 - 62 Performer at Starr's 70th birthday show
 - 64 *Pas* ___ (somewhere else)

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Prairie dogs: Guardians of the prairie



Courtesy photo

Prairie dogs can be found in several locations in Big Spring. Prairie dogs are a "keystone species" which means other species depend on their existence.

By JUDY TERELETSKY

HSWCD District Clerk

In the grasslands and prairies of West Texas there are underground towns. No this is not science fiction this is description of a prairie dog town. A member of the squirrel family and close cousin to the ground squirrel, the Prairie Dog is a small burrowing rodent. These curious but extremely cautious creatures band together to create extensive underground tunnels. Their burrows can become incredibly large with individual tunnels ranging in length from 12 feet to over 100 feet.(1) The main entrance tunnel can go straight down for 6 to 14 feet with a listening-post chamber close enough to the surface to hear activity but deep enough to protect the listener. From the main tunnel there are horizontal tunnels branching off in different directions. These may lead to chambers for food, to a nursery area for young, to resting areas, to trash and sanitary areas, and even areas to trap air in case of a flood. There are tunnels constructed as escape routes and some for ventilation. This city under the ground is also divided into neighborhoods called coterie. Each coterie (KOTE-uh-ree) usually contains one male, several females and 6 or more young prairie dogs. There is communication between the coterie but the members do not invade each other's territory. The members recognize one another by "kissing" (touching noses and teeth) and by frequently grooming each other. It is not unusual to see a pair of prairie dogs sitting side by side with the arm of one over the shoulder of the other.(2) Communication is an

important part of the prairie dog's life. The mornings are the busiest time in the town as the residents emerge to eat plants near the entrances of their burrow. They sociably wander around eating plants, visiting with others and often play among the group. However they are constantly on alert and sit up frequently to observe their surroundings and with lightning quick moves they make a split second dive into the safety of their burrows. During their above activities one or more of the prairie dogs are on sentry duty. At the first sign of danger the sentry makes a sharp warning bark. This signals all to take cover and they race to their burrows sometimes with others "barking" to spread the word of danger. If the situation calls for it all the residents can quickly seek cover underground and the town will look deserted. Before they leave the burrow, they pop their heads up to scan the horizon in all directions to make sure it is once more safe to venture out sometimes giving an all-clear bark for others.

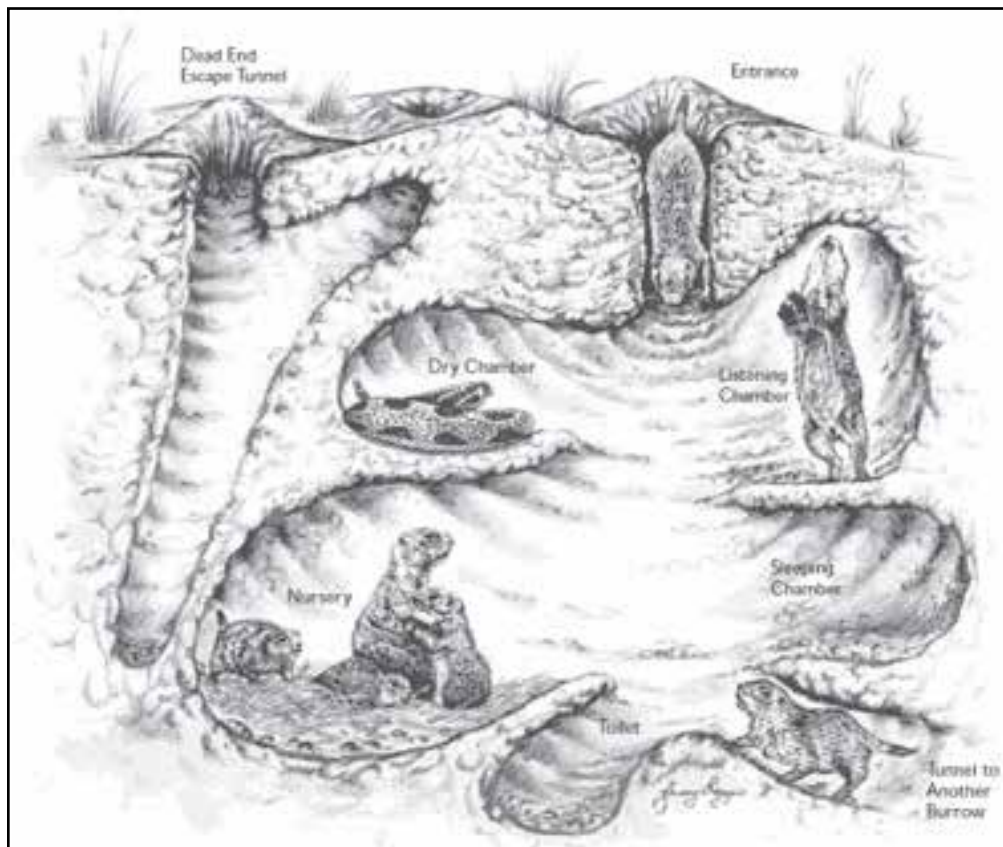
Contrary to the popular belief that prairie dogs are fast-multiplying animals they actually mate just once a year in early winter. The female have litters of three to eight pups (usually only half survive their first year). The young do not appear above ground until they are about 6 weeks old. Male prairie dogs usually live about 5 years and the female up to eight years.

At one time prairie dog towns were enormous- one in Texas was reported to have covered 25,000 square miles housing some 400 million prairie dogs. Settlers who encountered these towns traveling across the plains

thought the warning calls sounded similar to dogs barking and thus the title of prairie dog was given. However now only about 5% of prairie dogs exist today with some counts recording less than 1% remaining.(3)

Since most livestock pastures are open and grassy, prairie dogs find them attractive places to create their homes. Tunnel systems created by prairie dogs can weaken the soil and cause problems for farm machinery and livestock. Cattle and other livestock may suffer when prairie dogs invade their pastures since they compete for the same food sources. Prairie dogs are also susceptible to diseases caused by ticks and fleas. In the 1800's, disease wiped out entire prairie dog colonies in the northern Great Plains. Today there are two species of prairie dogs on the threatened or endangered list while other species are thriving once again.

Since the prairie dog is such a cautious animal it prefers the wide open spaces where they have vantage points to see danger. For this reason they avoid buildings and fences. They also avoid heavy brush and tall grass areas due to the reduced visibility of these habitats.(4) The creation of a tall grass barrier is being used to contain the prairie dog in the northern Great Plains area where the effort to repopulate the prairie dog is occurring.(5) The loss of the prairie dog has had a ripple effect on the black-footed ferret and the burrowing owl. The black-footed ferret is considered the rarest mammal in North America and appears on both the state and federal endangered species lists. It is doubtful if a single one can be found in Texas. (6) The prairie



Courtesy photo

This diagram is one example of how a prairie dog constructs their burrow creating bedrooms, nurseries, escape tunnels, listening areas, etc. Sometimes other species will invade a prairie dog chamber for their own hibernation space or nest.

rie dog is the ferret's main food source. The burrowing owl often prefers to eat the prairie dog but it also will take up residence in the prairie dog burrow to raise its own young.

Another intruder to the burrow system is the rattlesnake. The burrows are a cool place for the snakes to retreat from the hot sun while probably eating their share of young prairie dogs. Rattlesnakes can "den up" and hibernate until spring. When a rattlesnake is discovered by the prairie dogs,

the prairie dogs can escape the snake through the emergency exit tunnel. Often they will circle back and fill in the hole burying the snake alive. Other predators include coyotes, bobcats, hawks, eagles and badgers.(7)

Although vast prairie dog towns are a thing of the past there are still areas to visit and watch the prairie dog. Mackenzie Park in Lubbock was established for the prairie dog in the 1930's by Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy Clapp. Located at 4th St and I-27 visitors can

view the inhabitants and learn about Prairie Dog Pete, the park's mascot. A little bit closer to home, residents of Big Spring who can no longer visit the prairie dog town that was once on at the state mountain park can see the animals at their daily routines by the north end of the McMahan-Wrinkle Airport on Business 80.

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Ford offers repairs to address Explorer exhaust gas concerns

DETROIT (AP) — Responding to consumer concerns about exhaust fumes, Ford is offering to inspect and repair Explorer SUVs at no cost to owners.

Ford maintains the vehicles are safe, but said it's making the repairs available in response to customer concerns about exhaust odors and carbon monoxide.

"Our investigation has not found carbon monoxide levels that exceed what people are exposed to every day," Ford spokesman Mike Levine said.

Ford has sold more than 1.35 million Explorers since 2011, when the vehicle was redesigned and the exhaust problems began. The move an-

nounced Friday comes as the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration continues to investigate complaints of fumes and carbon monoxide leaking into the passenger cabins of police and consumer versions of the SUVs.

Ford previously focused repair efforts on police versions of the Explorer, but civilians continue to complain to the agency about exhaust fumes and symptoms such as nausea, headaches and drowsiness.

The company said it will send letters to owners of 2011 through 2017 Explorers starting the week of Nov. 13 telling them to take their SUVs to dealers for the work.

In Weinstein saga, Rose McGowan emerges as powerful voice



AP photo

In this April 15, 2015 file photo, Rose McGowan arrives at the LA Premiere Of "DIOR & I" held at the Leo S. Bing Theatre in Los Angeles. McGowan emerged from a brief suspension on Twitter on Thursday, Oct. 12, 2017, to offer her most pointed accusation that she was sexually abused by film mogul Harvey Weinstein. Weinstein's representative says the producer denies he engaged in "any non-consensual contact."

By **JAKE COYLE and COLLEEN LONG**

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — In a flurry of unrestrained tweets and with the "RoseArmy" at her back, Rose McGowan has emerged a kind of whistle-blowing avenger in the Harvey Weinstein saga, leaving a scorched path behind her across social media.

After long referencing a past incident with Weinstein, McGowan on Thursday for the first time said it outright: "HW raped me," the actress wrote, apparently referring to the embattled former Weinstein Co. co-chairman. Weinstein representative Sallie Hofmeister said "any allegations of non-consensual contact are unequivocally denied by Mr. Weinstein."

The Hollywood Reporter said McGowan confirmed it was Weinstein she was referring to; her representative did not respond to a message seeking comment.

McGowan's accusation was the latest development in the fast-unraveling saga surrounding Weinstein.

Police detectives in New York and London said Thursday that they are taking a fresh look into sexual assault allegations against Harvey Weinstein now that some 30 women have accused the Hollywood film producer of inappropriate conduct. Hachette Book Group, one of the country's top publishers, announced it has pulled the plug on its Weinstein Books imprint.

But it has been McGowan who spoke loudest Thursday, even though she spent half the day suspended by Twitter.

McGowan last year said that she had been raped by a "studio head." The New Yorker expose that ran Tuesday reported that Weinstein had allegedly sexually assaulted three women, though the third woman was unnamed. The New York Times earlier reported that Weinstein paid a financial settlement of \$100,000 to McGowan in 1997 after an episode at a hotel room during the Sundance Film Festival in Utah.

That settlement included provisions about speaking about the case in the future, but McGowan has increasingly refused to mince words. "It's on," tweeted McGowan before launching into a series of tweets directed at Amazon head Jeff Bezos.

"I told the head of your studio that HW raped me," said McGowan in tweets directed to Bezos. "Over and Over I said it. He said it hadn't been proven. I said I was the

proof."

Amazon did not return a message seeking comment.

Authorities are also seeking evidence against Weinstein, who in a video posted by celebrity website TMZ was shown Wednesday outside a Los Angeles home telling the paparazzi he's "not doing OK" and that he "needs help."

New York Police Department spokesman Peter Donald said Thursday that investigators are reviewing police files to see if anyone else reported being assaulted or harassed by him.

So far, no filed complaints have been found, he said, other than one well-known case that prompted an investigation in 2015, but authorities are encouraging anyone with information on Weinstein to contact the department.

London police were also looking into a claim it had received from the Merseyside force in northwest England, British media reported Thursday.

Merseyside police said the allegation was made a day earlier and concerned "an alleged sexual assault in the London area in the 1980s."

Some 30 women — including actresses Angelina Jolie, Ashley Judd and Gwyneth Paltrow — have spoken out recently to say Weinstein had sexually harassed or sexually assaulted them. Weinstein was fired Sunday by The Weinstein Co., a studio he co-founded with his brother.

Some of the allegations involved conduct at hotels in Beverly Hills, but police there didn't return calls on whether they were investigating any possible crimes. The Los Angeles Police Department has no

open investigations.

Detectives in the NYPD's special victims unit were instructed to identify and speak with any potential victims, including the women who spoke about their encounters with Weinstein in the New Yorker article, according to a law enforcement official briefed on the matter who spoke to The Associated

Press on condition of anonymity.

The Summit County Sheriff's Office, which shares a records system with Park City Police, had no reports or calls involving Weinstein or McGowan in the past 30 years, sheriff's spokesman Lt. Andrew Wright said.

In The New Yorker expose, a former actress, Lucia Evans, said Weinstein forced her to perform oral sex in 2004 when she was a college student.

A second woman, actress and filmmaker Asia Argento, told the magazine that Weinstein forcibly performed oral sex on her in 1997 at a hotel in France.

Under New York law, making someone engage in oral sex by physical force or the threat of it is a first-degree criminal sexual act. There's no legal time limit for bringing charges.

New York detectives already investigated Weinstein once, the 2015 probe when an Italian model said the studio executive grabbed her breasts and groped her.

Detectives set up a sting where they recorded a conversation between the woman and Weinstein while he tried to persuade her to come into his hotel room.

Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance Jr. said prosecutors decided there wasn't enough evidence to prosecute the case.

"I, like they, were very disturbed by the contents of the tape," Vance said. "But at the

end of the day we operate in a courtroom of law, not the court of public opinion. And our sex crime prosecutors made a determination that this was not going to be a provable case."

Police investigated that allegation as a case of forcible touching, a misdemeanor with a two-year time limit for bringing charges. The statute of limitations has since expired.

Thursday evening, Amazon Studios announced its chief, Roy Price, had been placed on leave after a producer detailed crude remarks she said he made to her after a 2015 Comic-Con event in San Diego.

Isa Hackett, the daughter of author Philip K. Dick and a producer on the Amazon series "Man in the High Castle," told The Hollywood Reporter that Price persisted with sexual remarks toward her throughout the evening.

She said she complained to Amazon executives who launched an investigation but never informed her of the results. She told the Reporter she never saw Price again at an Amazon event promoting the show or another series based on her father's work.

Hours earlier, the Eastern branch of the Writers Guild of America pledged to take action to prevent future abuse, noting that "sexual harassment and assault have long been hallmarks of the entertainment industry."

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