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Herald Christmas parade slated for Saturday

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

Prep the lawn chairs and blankets, the 32nd Annual Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade is marching out this Saturday, and this year, the parade is making its way "around the world".



Sullivan



Hamby



Williams



Telchik

This year's parade will wind its way down Scurry Street starting at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2, said Rick Nunez, publisher of the Herald. Although in past years, the parade traveled down Gregg Street, truck traffic on the town's major north-south thoroughfare has made that a major inconvenience, and for the past few years, the parade has moved one block east to Scurry Street.

"Scurry is really perfect because it runs right in front of the Herald, and down in front of the Heritage Museum where people sit out in front and watch it," Nunez said. "And it keeps the flow on Gregg moving along."

The parade travels straight for 20 blocks before hooking to the right.

"It goes all the way down to Fourth Street, Fourth and Scurry, and then hangs a right over to Wells Fargo, which is Fourth and Main, and then turns south," Nunez said. "The officials want to do the drop off for the children and whatnot in that area where it's not as congested. If kids are on floats, they can just get off there and not have to worry."

This year's parade theme is "Christmas Around the World," said Nunez.

Various school and community organizations are expected to participate in the parade, as well as a jolly visitor from up north.

"We're not sure if we'll have a Mr. and Mrs. Santa, but we'll definitely have Santa," Nunez said. "This year we'll also have a couple of individuals on horses that will be helping

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SMMC giving back



HERALD photo/Erin Stephens

Scenic Mountain Medical Center employees presented the President of the Isaiah 58 board Shawn Cooley with leftover turkeys at Porter's. SMMC buys turkeys for hospital employees every year and the ones that aren't picked up are then donated to local food pantry, Isaiah 58. Pictured (left to right): Nadine Reyes, SMMC HR Manager; Judy Roever, SMMC CNO; April Arms, SMMC administrative assistant; Cooley, president of Isaiah 58 board; and Amanda Duforat, SMMC marketing manager.

Low grain prices bad for farmers, good for livestock producers

Special to the Herald

COLLEGE STATION – Plentiful grain supplies likely mean low crop prices for farmers but lower costs for livestock producers looking for feed options through winter, said a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service economist.

Low grain prices could mean lower feed prices for livestock producers through the winter. (Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service photo by Adam Russell)

Dr. Mark Welch, AgriLife Extension grains marketing economist, College Station, said the expected drier weather pattern through winter could cause problems for cattle producers' winter pastures and potential

grazing. But abundant supplies of grains and subsequent low prices could mean lower feed costs for all livestock.

Corn prices should remain low and steady, he said, following heavy yields at harvest for U.S. and Texas producers.

"There was a whale of a corn crop this year," he said. "Acreage was down, but with the varieties we have now and the techniques that farmers employ, those acres brought unprecedented yields."

Sorghum, another important grain that creates feed, fuel and food for Texas and U.S. markets, also had a banner production year but is expected to garner low prices, he said. Corn and sorghum acres were lower in 2017 compared to the year before, but above-average yields contributed to high supply numbers and, therefore, lower price trends.

Those above-average yields for the two major grains would be good for livestock producers who will find lower feed prices on various nutritional sources that could supplement traditional forages, Welch said. But grain producers will likely continue to see stagnant prices.

"It's been a doldrum for corn prices the last few years," he said. "We're seeing \$3.40 to \$3.60 per bushel, and going into 2018 I don't see that trend changing

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Chamber Toy Drive contributions

Courtesy photo

SM Energy Representative, Kate Noble (middle) presented Chamber Staff, Debbye ValVerde, executive director and Nancy Davenport, executive assistant a check for \$1,000 to go towards the purchase of toys for the Chamber's Annual Toy Drive. This is SM Energy's second year helping the Chamber purchase toys.

Big Spring Herald's Christmas Countdown



Erin says
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 (Erin Stephens, Staff Writer)

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Obituaries

Viron T. Hartin



Viron T. Hartin, age 86 years, 3 days, of Big Spring went to be with his Lord on Monday, Nov. 27, 2017.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2017, at Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at Myers and Smith Chapel with Pastor Derrick Looney of Spring Creek Fellowship and Pastor Axel Chavez of Iglesia Bautista La Fe, officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Viron loved his Lord and his church, Iglesia Bautista La Fe, very much. He was a Sunday School teacher there for 60 years. Now, he is with the Master teacher. The sermons at his church were in Spanish. Viron knew no Spanish, but thanks for his interpreter, Daniel Rodriguez, he could understand the messages.

Viron is survived by his brother, Del Hartin of

Big Spring; his niece, Ladene Hartin of San Angelo, Texas; a nephew, Mark Northcutt of The Colony, Texas; another nephew, Marty Northcutt of Irving, Texas; and a long-time family friend, Wanda Archer of Big Spring, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Elzie Hartin and Rudie Mae Ferrell Hartin; two infant brothers; other brothers, Elton Hartin and Weldon Hartin; two sisters, Violet Northcutt and Arlene Hartin; and a niece, Linda McKinney.

Viron had worked 45 years for Morehead Transfer and Storage before retiring. He was a veteran, having served the Army in Japan.

The family is forever grateful for all the prayers and concerns during this trying time. A very special thank you to all those who cared for Viron the eight days he was in ICU and the three days in a hospital room. They all did an outstanding job and are really appreciated by the family.

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

Paid obituary

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **JUAN INGACIO OCHOA**, 47, of 1101 Lamar was arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended or invalid license.
- **SONIA LEOS**, 34, of 505 S.

Aylesford St. was arrested on warrants for expired registration, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and driving with an invalid license.

- **DAVID WAYNE GRANT**, 47, of 607 Linda Lane was arrested on a warrant for assault/family vio-

lence (threat or offensive touch).

- **JOHN HENRY GRAYSON JR.**, 53, of 1303 Marijo Ave. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 300 block of South Owens St.

Take Note

- The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains. The corps provides spiritual services to Howard County residents and visitors in crisis situations. Prospective chaplains don't require any specific experience or education to qualify for the position, just a calling from God and a willingness to devote time to the program, which requires a 24- to 30-week training program and dedication of one day per week for emergency call-outs. Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Joel Miller at 432-213-1221.

- Big Spring's Centennial Lions Club is holding a drive to collect books for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. Books for kids in kindergarten through about 10th grade will be accepted, with special preference for books for younger children in kindergarten through third grade. Cash donations to allow the Lions to purchase additional books are also appreciated. Books or donations can be taken to the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., or to the home of Lions member Ken Lawhon at 1707 E. 15th St. For more information, contact Lawhon at 214-998-9716 or Lions member David Stives at 432-270-2251.

- Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

- Each week Kindred offers free health checks from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Corner House Coffee Shop, 1701 Scurry St.

- Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat.

Cost has dropped to \$5 per person thanks to a

sponsor Marcy House, 2301 Wasson Road.

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

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

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

- The Christensen-Tucker Post-2013 Veterans of Foreign Wars meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at 500 Driver Road. For more information, contact David Leonard, Post Commander, at 432-816-6004. All combat veterans of foreign wars are invited to come.

- The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

- Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact 432-271-2138.

- Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 1/2 Main St. All Masons are welcome.

- Membership to the Big Spring Native American Association is open to the public. People interested in Native American culture are encouraged to find out more about the organization by calling Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125,

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

Dickie "Dee" Henkell

Dickie "Dee" Henkell, 70, of Big Spring, died Monday, November 27, 2017. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Sheriff

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

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

- **DAVID WAYNE GRANT**, 47, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for assault/family violence.
- **JOHN HENRY GRAYSON JR.**, 53, of 1303 Marijo Ave. was arrested on a parole violation.
- **ADRIAN JAVIER HERNANDEZ**, 31, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for resisting arrest, search, or transport.
- **SONIA LEOS**, 34, was booked by BSPD on warrants for expired registration, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and driving with an invalid license.
- **JUAN IGNACIO OCHOA**, 47, was booked by BSPD on a charge of driving with an invalid license.
- **JOHN JOSEPH SCHELLY**, 45, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for criminal trespassing.
- **CODY RAY THOMPSON**, 31, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for failure to identify/giving false information.
- **ANTAVIUS JAQUAN TOLER**, 19, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for theft of property (\$750 to \$2,500).

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of Simler Drive.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1100 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3300 block of Drexel Ave. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAUMA CALL** was reported in the 200 block of West Marcy Drive. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of North Highway 87.

Support Groups

WEDNESDAY

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

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

THURSDAY

- GriefShare is a biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support). Weekly 10/5/17 through 01/11/18; 6:00 - 8:00 pm at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for more information.

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

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

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much from a producer's price outlook."

Grain from other producing nations could depress prices further, or be a catalyst for a rise in domestic prices, Welch said.

Corn prices reacted positively for farmers in June and July with the news of fewer planted corn acres nationally and dry conditions in the western portions of the Corn Belt and wet conditions in eastern portions of the Corn Belt, Welch said. But concerns were abated and the price jump was short-lived.

The same could happen if South American grain crops face problematic weather or some other misfortune during their growing season, which is now underway, Welch said.

"Our harvest gets us to February-March, but if there is anything that could derail the price trends it would happen in South America," he said. "Any problems and we

might see firming prices, but if they bring in above-average yields like we did you could see prices continuing at relatively depressed levels."

Welch said oilseed production continues to expand as stressed producers view soybeans, sunflowers, canola, and sesame as potential alternatives to feed grain and wheat production.

Cattle producers should also see good prices on oil seeds as feed, including cottonseed and soybean meal.

Low feed prices could mean further expansion of already record production numbers in the livestock industry, Welch said. U.S. poultry and pork producers set production records last year and cattle markets are still good for ranchers.

"Feed prices could support expansion of the industry that is at an all-time record high for production," he said. "The cost component of feed will only help profitability."

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries:

PANHANDLE: Tempera-

tures continued to be erratic, hot then cold then hot again. Soil moisture was short to adequate in most areas. Soil moisture declined with windy conditions and above-average temperatures. Moisture was needed throughout the district. Harvest was still underway. Deaf Smith County producers were busy harvesting cotton fields. Quality issues were coming up with lint and boll maturity. The corn crop was finally in with good yields reported on most fields. Winter wheat plantings were ongoing, and early planted fields were starting to be grazed by stocker cattle. Supplemental feeding of cattle on rangeland continued.

FAR WEST: Temperature highs were in the high 90s with lows in the 50s. No precipitation was reported. Cotton harvest was slowly nearing completion as producers finished up fields that required more travel time to reach. Yields still looked fairly good. Pecan harvest began and yields looked good so far. Rangeland conditions were in good shape and winter

wheat was starting to emerge, but fields really needed rain. Producers continued to feed wildlife and livestock.

WEST CENTRAL: Weather conditions continued to be warmer than normal and very dry. Soil moisture continued to decline. Stock tanks were low with many dry or reaching critical levels. All areas needed rain. Fire dangers increased and burn bans were in effect. Winter wheat was in fair to poor condition due to lack of moisture. Wheat planting continued in some areas. Cotton harvest was in full swing with good yields reported in most locations. Most farmers should have all cotton stripped by the end of December. Rangeland and pasture conditions remained fair. All forages were slow growing due to dry conditions. Livestock remained in fair to good condition. Many farmers and ranchers turned livestock on wheat fields for grazing. Supplemental feeding was increasing. Pecan harvest was still underway but expected to be complete soon.

SOUTHEAST: Livestock were in good condition. The final cutting of hay was complete, and pastures could use rain as they transition from warm-season to cool-season forages. Dry conditions were persisting. Cool-season forages planted prior to an earlier rain were still holding on. Later-planted fields were not developing growth. A cold front dropped temperatures at night. Brazos County experienced some near-freezing temperatures. Cover crops appeared to be in good condition. Soil moisture levels throughout district ranged from adequate to very short with short being most common. Rangeland and pasture ratings varied from excellent to very poor with good ratings being most common.

SOUTHWEST: Weather conditions remained very dry with soil moisture levels depleting rapidly. Rangeland and pasture conditions continued to decrease due to lack of moisture. Livestock remained in fair condition.

NBC News fires Matt Lauer over inappropriate sexual behavior



AP photo

In this April 21, 2016, file photo, Matt Lauer, co-host of the NBC "Today" television program, appears on set in Rockefeller Plaza, in New York. NBC News announced Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2017, that Lauer was

By DAVID BAUDER
AP Media Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — NBC News fired longtime "Today" show host Matt Lauer on Wednesday for "inappropriate sexual behavior," making him the second morning television show personality to lose his job because of sexual misconduct charges in a week.

Lauer's co-host Savannah Guthrie made the

announcement at the top of Wednesday's "Today" show. Last week, CBS News fired Charlie Rose after complaints from several women who worked for him.

NBC News Chairman Andrew Lack said the network had received a complaint from a colleague on Monday night, but gave no details of the alleged misconduct. A review determined it was a clear

violation of company standards, he said. It was the first complaint lodged against Lauer, but Lack said in a memo to staff that "we were also presented with reason to believe this may not have been an isolated incident."

Lauer, 59, has hosted "Today" for two decades. When paired with Katie Couric, "Today" was the longtime ratings leader and was highly lucrative for NBC. It now runs second in the ratings to ABC's "Good Morning America."

Many "Today" show viewers took out their anger for the unsightly 2012 firing of co-host Ann Curry on Lauer, sending the show plunging in the ratings. But NBC stuck with Lauer and the show had steadied with his pairing with Guthrie. The show runs for four hours, with Lauer and Guthrie hosting the first two.

He joins a lengthening list of media figures felled by sexual misconduct charges this year. Besides Rose, they include Lauer's former

NBC News colleague Mark Halperin, former Fox News prime-time host Bill O'Reilly and National Public Radio newsroom chief Michael Oreskes. The New York Times suspended White House correspondent Glenn Thrush last week.

Messages to Lauer and his agent were not immediately returned.

Lack, in his memo, said that "we are deeply saddened by this turn of events. But we will face it together as a news organization — and do it in as transparent a manner as we can." There were reports that, before the firing, some media organizations were looking into Lauer's behavior. The morning host is married with three children.

Guthrie co-hosted Wednesday's show with Hoda Kotb, who said both of them were awakened with the news Wednesday morning. Guthrie appeared to fight back tears as she called Lauer her friend who is beloved by many at NBC, and said she

was "heartbroken for my colleague who came forward to tell her story and any other women who have their own stories to tell." "We are grappling with a dilemma that so many people have faced these past few weeks," she said. "How do you reconcile your love for someone with the revelation that they have behaved badly? I don't know the answer to that. But I do know that this reckoning that so many organizations have been going through is important, it's long overdue and it must result in workplaces where all women, all people, feel safe and respected." Two hours later, NBC's Megyn Kelly noted the anguish on the faces of her colleagues but said, "what we don't see is the pain on the faces of those who found the courage to come forward, and it is still a terrifying thing to do."

Kelly, who has written about being sexually harassed by former boss Roger Ailes at Fox News Channel, has covered the issue ag-

gressively on the third hour of "Today," helping stabilize her hour of the program after it got off to a rocky start this fall.

On Twitter Wednesday, President Donald Trump said "Wow, Matt Lauer was just fired from NBC for 'inappropriate sexual behavior in the workplace.' But when will the top executives at NBC & Comcast be fired for putting out so much Fake News."

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Miguel Bencomo, 23, died Nov. 22, 2017. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Funeral Chapel. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Viron T. Hartin, 86, died Monday. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Dickie "Dee" Henkell, 70, died Monday. Services are pending.

Kelly Jean Long, 66, died Wednesday. Services are pending.

PARADE

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us. Traditionally we always use golf carts to line everybody up, but now we have a couple of people on horses as well."

People can literally get into the parade at the last minute, he added.

"I will be at the corner of 24th and Scurry, because I will be the one that will have everyone

set up according to their number," Nunez said. "I will tell them where they'll need to go and line up. They'll have to be at the tail end, right before Santa Claus. There's nothing after Santa."

The parade's grand marshal this year will be Howard County Volunteer Fire Department Chief Tommy Sullivan; while parade judges will be Howard County Attorney Josh Hamby, Big Spring Police Chief Chad Williams, and Terri Telchik of

the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

"We look forward to everyone coming out, and we always want to make it even better than before," Nunez said.

For more information about the parade, call the Herald at 432-263-7331.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 432-263-7331 ext. 235, or by email at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

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- "Camino Island" and "The Firm" by John Grisham
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- "Frost," and "Skin Trade" by Laurell K. Hamilton
- "Death's Excellent Vacation" by Charlaine Harris
- "Into the Water" by Paula Hawkins
- "Crusade" by Nancy Holder
- "Dead Harvest" by Chris F Holm
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- "Without Mercy" and "You Don't Want To Know" by Lisa Jackson
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- "An Obvious Fact," "Any Other Name," and "Dry Bones" by Craig Johnson
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- "Nightwatch" by Sergei Lukyanenko
- "The Shadow Man" by John Lutz
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- "The Professional" and "Slow Burn" by Robert B. Parker
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- "Cabinet of Curiosities," "The Wheel of Darkness," & "White Fire" by Douglas Preston
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That's all the time I have this week so until next week I leave you with a quote from John F. Kennedy: "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

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Survivor of serial killer's attack retells story to inspire

By BRUCE SCHREINER

Associated Press
LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — As a college student, Holly K. Dunn survived a savage attack by a rail-riding serial killer who left her for dead after her boyfriend was beaten to death. Twenty years later, Dunn is a wife, mother and author of a book retelling her tragedy in hopes of inspiring resilience in others.

Dunn's life changed forever in August 1997 when Dunn and Chris Maier were attacked by Angel Maturino Resendiz — the notorious "Railroad Killer," linked to at least 15 murders and executed in Texas in 2006. Dunn and Maier were students at the University of Kentucky and the two were on their way home from a party in Lexington, Kentucky.

Dunn overcame the attack to graduate from UK in 2000, but instead of joining her family's hotel business, she became an advocate for victims of sexual assault and other violent crimes.

Now her story of survival and healing is recounted in "Sole Survivor." Dunn said the

book's title has special meaning since she's the only known survivor of an attack by Resendiz.

Her message to other victims: "Don't let this destroy you. You can get through this, and there can be life after it does. You can have a happy life. But it does take work."

Dunn, 40, is back in Kentucky this week to promote the book and talk about how she overcame the trauma of being stabbed and raped and having her boyfriend murdered.

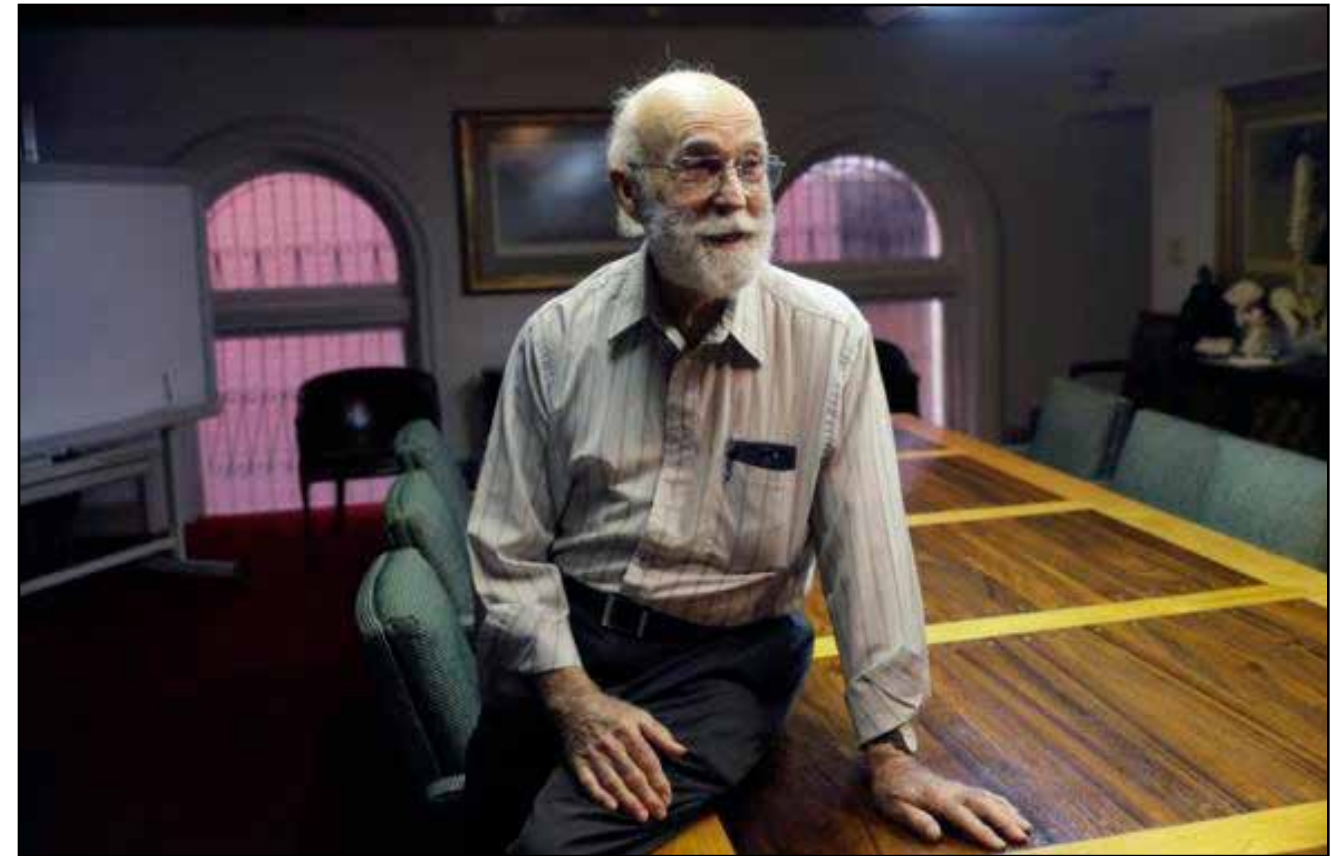
"I hope it's inspirational to them," Dunn said in a phone interview Tuesday. "Everybody's been through something. Yes, my story is very unique. But everybody's been through brokenness. ... If you know that you can go through that brokenness but you can be OK and you can live a happy life, that's what my book's trying to tell them."

"If you're happy in your life, then you've survived, you've thrived."

Dunn, the mother of two boys, ages 1 and 5, said she reached "an emotional point" where she was able to write the

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Air Force: Lapse in Kelley case was part of a pattern



AP photo

In this Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2017 photo, Joe Holcombe visits with an attorney as he waits for an interview, in San Antonio. Holcombe, who lost eight members of his family in a shooting that killed more than two dozen people at a Texas church including his son Bryan, filed a claim on Tuesday against the U.S. Air Force, alleging the agency's failure to report the criminal history of the gunman to an FBI database used to check the backgrounds of gun buyers helped cause his loved one's death.

By ROBERT BURNS

AP National Security Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — The Air Force said Tuesday that its failure to report the criminal history of the former airman who massacred 26 people at a Texas church in early November was

"not an isolated incident," suggesting it was part of a pattern of reporting lapses.

In a written statement on progress in its investigation, the Air Force blamed gaps in "training and compliance measures" for the lapse involving Devin P.

Kelley, who had been convicted of assaulting his then-wife and stepson in 2012. The fingerprint card and the report on the outcome of his court martial were not submitted to the FBI by Air

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Force personnel at Kelley's base in New Mexico. If reported, this information should have stopped him from buying weapons.

Kelley was sentenced to 12 months in confinement and given a bad conduct discharge. He left the Air Force in 2014.

The Air Force inspector general is undertaking an in-depth review of the service's compliance with long-standing requirements to report certain criminal history information to the FBI for inclusion in databases used to conduct background checks of gun buyers. It is part of a broader Pentagon-wide review of compliance with these requirements.

Air Force Secretary Heather Wilson has previously acknowledged that Kelley's criminal history should have been reported to the FBI but was not.

In its statement Tuesday, the Air Force said its review, which is not yet complete, found that the reporting failure in the Kelley case was by Office of Special Investigation officials and Air Force security force personnel at Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico.

"The review also found the error in the Kelley case was not an isolated incident and similar reporting lapses occurred at other locations," it said. "Although policies and procedures requiring reporting were in place, training and compliance measures were lacking."

In a related development, a family that lost eight relatives in the church killings filed an administrative claim with the Air Force alleging that the Air Force's failure to report Kelley's criminal history contributed to the massacre.

Joe Holcombe and his wife Claryce filed the claim in the death of their 60-year-old son Bryan. Other Holcombe family members killed in the Nov. 5 shooting included Bryan Holcombe's wife, his son and his pregnant daughter-in-law. The claim could lead to a lawsuit if the Air Force denies it was at fault.

Joe Holcombe said his

family filed the claim because the Air Force made a "very serious mistake."

The claim alleges that although Kelley pulled the trigger, "the failures of the Air Force, and others, allowed the shooter to purchase, own and/or possess the semiautomatic rifle, ammunition and body armor he used, and it is these failures that were the proximate cause" of the injuries and death.

An Air Force spokeswoman, Ann Stefanek, said the Air Force does not comment on specific claims.

"Every claim that is filed is thoroughly investigated and researched in accordance with established law and regulations," she said. "We will communicate progress directly with the claimant, or their representative, as appropriate."

In its statement about the broader scope of the reporting issue, the Air Force said it has made changes designed to prevent such failures in the future. For example, it is now requiring that leaders up the chain of command verify that criminal history reporting requirements have been met in every case. In the Kelley case, the failure to submit the required information to the FBI was not caught by higher-ups because no such verification was required.

Additional training on these procedures is being conducted now. Also, the Office of Special Investigations will require physical verification, in the form of a printout or screenshot, from the FBI's National Crime Information Center that it received and accurately entered the criminal history information in its database. Thus, the Air Force will verify that its information was received by the FBI, not just that it was sent. The Air Force is not alone in recognizing such reporting failures. The Army chief of staff, Gen. Mark Milley, said in recent days that his service failed in a "significant amount" of cases to alert the FBI to soldiers' criminal history.

"It's not just an Air Force problem," Milley said. "This is a problem across all the services where we have gaps in reporting criminal activity of people in service."

Emails: UNC leaders lamented options for Confederate statue



AP photo

In a Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2017 file photo, police surround a Confederate monument during a protest to remove the statue at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, N.C. Fearing violence or vandalism at a campus rally against a Confederate statue, two top University of North Carolina leaders, Margaret Spellings, the president of the UNC system and Carol Folt, chancellor of UNC-Chapel Hill, privately lamented their dilemma and appeared envious of another university that abruptly took down similar monuments, newly released emails show.

By **JONATHAN DREW** and **MICHAEL KUNZELMAN**

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Fearing violence or vandalism at a campus rally against a Confederate statue, two top University of North Carolina leaders privately lamented their dilemma and appeared envious of another university that abruptly took down similar monuments, newly released emails show.

On August 21, top University of North Carolina leaders were preparing to handle a protest the following night at the Confederate statue known on campus as "Silent Sam," according to emails obtained by The Associated Press through a public records request. The Chapel Hill rally, while not violent, ultimately resulted in multiple arrests and included protesters blocking traffic and marching to the residence of Margaret Spellings, the president of the UNC system.

The day before the rally, Spellings exchanged emails with Carol Folt, chancellor of UNC-Chapel Hill, about the University of Texas decision to send crews to swiftly take down three Confederate statues overnight, making crowds less likely to gather. Also on their minds: Earlier that month, protesters tore down a bronze statue of an anonymous rebel in nearby Durham, North Carolina. "Texans are smarter," Spellings wrote after Folt sent her a Texas news account.

Folt then replied with a smiley face symbol: ":)".

UNC system spokesman Josh Ellis described Spellings' comment in an email Tuesday as "a throwaway line from a native

Texan" that shouldn't be interpreted as her endorsing how the University of Texas handled its statues.

Hours after the email exchange, Folt sent a campus-wide message saying university leaders would move the statue to protect safety "if we had the ability," but noting that state law prevented them from doing so.

Folt and Spellings also signed a letter on Aug. 21 seeking guidance from Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper, citing the possibility of violence or efforts to topple the statue. Cooper responded that a provision of the 2015 law passed by Republican legislators would allow moving the statue for safety reasons. Both letters were made public that same day.

Hours later, a UNC law professor congratulated Folt for getting "permission" to move the statue. Folt responded she "sadly" didn't believe the governor's interpretation gave them room to take action.

"There is no Governor's permission sadly. But we're still trying," Folt wrote.

The next evening, hundreds gathered around "Silent Sam" and chanted "tear it down," but were kept away from the statue by officers in riot helmets watching from behind temporary metal barriers.

The newly released emails also show that Folt received scores of let-

ters and email from alumni surrounding the protest, passionately calling on university authorities to remove the statue, while some others argued it should stay in place. Folt typically responded by reiterating that campus safety was their top concern and that state law prevented university officials from moving the statue.

The exchanges came in the aftermath of deadly violence during demonstrations by white nationalists over the fate of a Confederate statue in Charlottesville, Virginia.

A UNC spokeswoman said Tuesday that Folt wasn't immediately available for comment, and referred to her remarks during a November 16 meeting of the UNC-Chapel Hill trustees, reiterating that she would move the statue if she had the authority. At Folt's urging, trustees also heard from many students who advocated for the statue's removal and a few people who said it should stay. Ellis, responding separately, added: "As President Spellings has said throughout this process, the UNC System does not have the authority to remove monuments and we will continue to follow the law."

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book with Heather Ebert, a friend and writer. But there were lots of tears along the way, she said.

As part of her healing, she sought out books from survivors of attacks. Dunn wanted to do the same for other victims by telling her own story.

"When I was going through my healing, I needed to know that I was normal," she said. "I needed to hear that

everything you're going through is OK. It's OK to feel that way."

Dunn became a motivational speaker and activist. She co-founded Holly's House, an advocacy center for victims in her hometown of Evansville, Indiana.

After the attack, Dunn spent five days in the hospital. She suffered a broken eye socket, a broken jaw and cuts to her head and face. The emotional healing took much longer.

"For a long time, I avoided railroad tracks any way I could," she

said. "And anytime I heard the sound of a train, I just kind of shut down."

Dunn and Maier were attacked while walking along railroad tracks.

She remembers her 21-year-old boyfriend as a "larger than life, gregarious" theater major who liked wrapping his friends in bear hugs. Maier was killed with a 50-pound (23-kilogram) rock.

Her attacker was executed in Texas for the slaying of a physician during the deadly spree that earned Resendiz a

spot on the FBI's Most Wanted list.

Dunn said she forgave her attacker. "I did that for myself," she said. "So I let all those bad feelings go with him."

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Stem cell clinics in Texas attract patients, scrutiny



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The numbers only figure to increase as a result of a 2017 Texas law that facilitates clinics purporting to use such cells as treatment for people with chronic illness — without the regulatory testing and approval normally required under federal law.

By **TODD ACKERMAN**

Houston Chronicle
HOUSTON (AP) — Martha Barden hobbled around in so much pain — barely able to navigate stairs, always calculating distances she could walk — that her husband told her she needed knee replacement.

The Houston Chronicle reports the Friendswood woman didn't disagree, but she wasn't keen on surgery, which she hadn't done wonders for some of her friends and made her nervous at 65 years of age. She was more interested in the promise of stem cell therapy, touted for an ability to rejuvenate aging or injured joints.

"I noticed that lots of athletes had done stem cell treatment and figured if it's good enough for them, it's probably good enough for me," said Barden, who skied and played tennis in her younger years. "I could always have surgery later if it didn't work."

In April, Barden got an injection of stem cells at a Pearland clinic, one of more than 100 for-profit businesses in Texas providing the increasingly popular but unproven and expensive therapy. A recent report found the state is one of the nation's stem cell hotbeds, promoting the treatment as a possible cure for everything from multiple sclerosis and Alzheimer's to diabetes and hypertension.

The numbers only figure to increase as a result of a 2017 Texas law that facilitates clinics purporting to use such cells as treatment for people with chronic illness — without the regulatory testing and approval normally required under federal law. A companion piece to the 2015 right-to-try law that seeks to make pharmaceutical drugs still in clinical trials accessible to cancer patients, the new law would allow patients with chronic conditions to give stem cell therapy a shot.

The new law, which went into effect in September, makes Texas the first U.S. state to

sanction experimental stem cell therapy and the latest to provoke scientists, some of whom express fear such backing will lend legitimacy to adventurous treatments, prey upon the desperation of patients and give rise to hucksters.

It certainly will impose demands on patients to choose wisely among the maze of clinics, given that some patients report dramatic improvement, some report no benefit and a few report disastrous results. The latter include cases of patients going blind after receiving injections in the eye.

The law could also put some Texas clinics on a collision course with the federal government, which in November announced plans to crack down on some stem cell practices. Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Scott Gottlieb acknowledged the field's promise but warned that the agency must "meet its obligation to ensure the safety and efficacy of medical products patients rely upon."

"Stem cells have been called everything from cure-alls to miracle treatments," the FDA said in a consumer health alert with the announcement. "Don't believe the hype."

No one doubts the potential of stem cells, long used to treat blood cancers and more recently found to possess even greater versatility. Their ability to grow into different kinds of tissue and the possibility they can repair organ function has excited researchers in the Texas Medical Center and around the nation for 20 years now. They envision it as the linchpin of a new field, regenerative medicine.

But progress harnessing stem cells' potential has been slow. Most scientists deploying the cells in clinical trials say they are not yet ready for mainstream use.

Such warnings didn't deter then-Gov. Rick Perry from getting the therapy for his ailing back in 2011. A Houston

orthopedic surgeon took stem cells from Perry's fatty tissue, had them treated and expanded in a for-profit Sugar Land laboratory and then re-infused them in Perry during back surgery. Though Perry claimed that he got great relief from the procedure, he later blamed his continuing back pain for the "oops" moment and other gaffes that sunk his once-promising 2012 presidential campaign.

As governor, Perry was one of stem cell therapy's great boosters. At a 2012 Houston gathering of researchers, industry leaders and patients, he compared stem cell treatment to previous innovations in space and heart care and said the field "holds the promise of miracles" desperately needed by people across the world. Urging stem cell companies to locate or relocate in Texas, he said the state's "wildcat spirit" and "conducive climate" could make their businesses blossom here.

Five years later, despite an increase in stem cell clinics, Texas legislators decided that access for patients with chronic illness wasn't happening fast enough. They learned of Americans leaving the country for stem cell treatment and concluded there was no good reason patients shouldn't be able to get the therapy in Texas.

The resulting bill set up a process for patients whose chronic ailments haven't responded to conventional treatment to get stem cell therapy in Texas hospitals and clinics.

It requires an institutional review board to be in place to monitor the therapy, but those details have yet to be worked out by the Texas Medical Board.

"I would rather have the state helping out with these therapies than wait for the FDA to make up their mind in 20 years," said Sen. Paul Bettencourt, R-Houston, one of the bill's authors. "If stem cells can save lives or improve their quality, we need to get government out of the

way so it can flourish."

Leigh Turner, a University of Minnesota bioethicist who testified against the Texas bill in the 2017 Legislature, argues that the notion Americans have to travel outside the country for the therapy is a fallacy. He co-authored a 2016 report that showed stem cell clinics are already sprouting up all over the United States.

In all, the report found 570 such clinics, a number that has continued to grow, said Turner. Only California and Florida are home to more than Texas, where Austin, San Antonio and Houston, in that order, boast the highest numbers.

Barden received her infusion of stem cells at Premier Medical Group, an upscale integrative clinic — it also incorporates acupuncture, chiropractic care, physical therapy and nutrition counseling — primarily for patients who want their muscle, nerve, joint or disc pain treated without drugs or surgery. The clinic was a focus of attention when Sean Salisbury, broadcaster and former NFL player, got stem cell therapy there.

For a single injection of stem cells taken from umbilical cord tissue and blood, Premier charges \$5,000 for the knee, \$8,500 for the neck or hip, and \$10,000 for the lower back — no portion of which is reimbursed by any type of insurance. In most cases, just one injection is needed, but severe cases can require additional injections at the start or at a later time, according to Premier Medical Group.

Barden landed at Premier after attending an "educational seminar" she read about on Facebook.

The events, termed "infomercial seminars" by critics, have been promoted on network television station's local affiliates and in front-page wrap-around newspaper advertisements by a group called the Stem Cell Institute of America. The Houston Chronicle was among the papers to run the ad.

"We all want to be self-sufficient human beings, not reliant upon people pushing us around in a wheelchair," James Parsons, Premier's director, told a crowd of mostly senior citizens at one of the seminars advertised by the institute. "Stem cells can provide that sort of life-changing result — people who come in in wheelchairs and go to walkers to canes to nothing. It's phenomenal."

Parsons, a former college baseball player who's received stem cell treatment for a myriad of injuries, told the crowd that 75 percent to 90 percent of patients get complete pain relief and full function within six months of receiving an injection.

Seven months out, Barden's improvement hasn't been quite that impressive, but she said she's pleased with the results. She estimates she's probably 80 percent better, off painkillers and able to walk longer distances before feeling a twinge in her knee. She says it was money well spent.

Parsons downplays the relationship with Stem Cell Institute of America, controversial among some observers and bloggers because one of its leaders was convicted of health care billing fraud in 2007.

The 3-year-old organization provides business help to independent practitioners, mostly chiropractors, who have added stem cell therapy to their clinics, said owner Steve Peyroux. It provides no oversight or membership requirements.

"Stem cell therapy isn't an easy business for doctors," said Peyroux, whose company represents about 120 clinics around the country. "Stem cell vendors offer an array of products, most expensive. You have to train some people, hire others. It takes business acumen to pull off" opening a clinic.

Parsons says the relationship is "just marketing," which gets a rise out of Turner, the Minnesota bioethicist and report author. He notes the organization's ads and website makes it look like a national franchise of clinics when it's "nothing more than a bunch of unrelated chiropractic offices. It's just a marketing front?"

In a blog comment,

stem cell researcher Henry Young expresses concern that many clinic personnel are trained in "everything you ever wanted to know about stem cells, including treatment paradigms" in three- or five-day courses. As someone still just beginning to "learn the do's and don'ts" of stem cell treatment after 40 years in the field, Young wrote that the hubris behind the idea expertise can be learned in such a short time "boggles my mind."

The FDA's crackdown won't target clinics that focus on joint and muscle pain like Premier Medical Group in Pearland because such procedures are considered relatively safe. FDA officials said they instead will focus their enforcement efforts on "bad actors" who inject stem cells into the bloodstream, nervous system or eyes. Those procedures pose the biggest risk to patients, they said.

Turner fears the strategy, probably logical prioritizing given the FDA's limited resources, will nonetheless send the message that most stem cell clinics are fine and do nothing to stop their continued proliferation. Similarly, he worries that no one in Texas will enforce regulatory standards set forth in the new right-to-try stem cell law.

Doris Taylor, the Texas Heart Institute's director of regenerative medicine research, says the increase in stem cell clinics speaks to patients' frustration with the lack of treatment options 20 years after the field first flashed promise. She says the failure reflects not just hurdles making the therapy work, but funding difficulties that have caused companies to shut down even as they got positive results. Regenerative medicine needs new strategies to get therapies to the marketplace, she said.

"I can tell you firsthand that people faced with a chronic or potentially terminal illness want a solution," said Taylor, a cancer survivor working to develop a natural heart made from stem cells. "But people have to remember that stem cells aren't like drugs — you can stop taking drugs if it has unintended consequences. You can't take back stem cells injected in the body."

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Moore scores 27, leads Dogs past Wildcats 69-49



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Pictured above is Coahoma's Mason Moore working his way around defenders in their basketball game against Grady on Tuesday, November 28, 2017.

Special to the Herald

The Coahoma boys varsity basketball team remains undefeated (3-0) as they started out fast and aggressive against the Grady Wildcats Tuesday night and kept the pressure on all through the game to come away with a 69-49 win in the Coahoma ISD competition gym.

The Dogs played aggressive defense throughout the game forcing turnovers from the Wildcats and keeping them at bay from scoring in all four periods of play.

Just seconds after tip off, no. 14 Bryson Cline quickly put the Bulldogs on the score board sinking a basket for 2 points. No. 12 Mason Moore would pad the score 7-2 netting

a shot from the three-point line with the game clock at 6:36. After several successful layup runs by Cline and Moore, the Bulldogs built up a 21-11 lead at the end of the first period of play.

The 'Dogs were able to slightly edge up the lead ending the second period of action at 36-22 thanks to the scoring effort of No. 23 Gage Clark, Moore,

Cline, and No. 9 Brice Martin. During the period, Cline shot a beautiful 3-pointer with 6:08 on the game clock.

After the first half, the Bulldogs came in full force with their best effort of the game. The Dog's added 22 more points to the scoreboard compared to 15 earned by the Grady team who also began to step up their game.

After being fouled while sinking a successful 2-point shot, Moore added one more to the Bulldogs lead from the free throw line with the game clock at 5:07. As the clock ticked down to end the third period of play, Martin successfully landed two 3-point shots upping the Coahoma score to 58-31 to end of the period. Cline, Clark, No. 5 Joe Manning, and No. 13 Gage Hill added to Coahoma's lead during the third.

As the game entered the last period of play, the Wildcats began to see some momentum turn in their favor as they racked up 15 points during the fourth, thanks to Coahoma's 11. However, the Dog's had already built a strong lead and were playing as if they were not going to be denied this win. Martin sank one in for 2 points with 8 second left of the clock for the last basket of the night.

Earlier in the night, the Junior Varsity Bulldogs lost the Wildcats team 22, 33 in basketball action play held at the Coahoma Competition gym.

Varsity Game stats:

Brice Martin, 10 points, 1 assist, 2 three-pointers

Adam Clark, 6 assists, 2 rebounds, 1 steal

Joe Manning, 4 points, 3 assists 5 rebounds

Mason Moore, 27 points, 2 assists, 6 rebounds 3 steals, 2 three-pointers

Gage Hill, 4 points, 3 assists, 1 rebound, 3 steals

Bryson Cline, 14 points, 1 assist, 1 rebound, 4 steals, 2 three-pointers

Keegan Dobbs, 2 points

Bracy Bacon, 2 rebounds

Jonathon Schneider, 1 rebound.

Bulldogettes fall to Lady Wildcats 42-62

Special to the Herald

The Coahoma girls varsity basketball team had its first loss of the season Tuesday night when Grady Lady Wildcats came away with the win 42-62.

The Wildcats were the first to put points on the board after tip-off with a successful 2 point shot. However, No. 11 Caitlyn Corley answered back with a successful lay-up run to even the score at 2-2. That was as close as the Bulldogettes would come as the Lady Kats continued to pad lead throughout the night in basketball action at the Coahoma ISD competition gym.

The 'Dogettes picked up some steam in the second period with No 25 Cassie Grant sinking a basket for 2 after a teammate stole the ball away from the Wildcats while in Coahoma's court. Grant followed up by sinking a successful shot from the three-point line to make the score 11-17 at the 6:15 mark. After a good bout of defense from the Bulldogettes to keep Grady from scoring, No. 24 Abbie Lopez dropped in a 2 pointer at the 4:40 mark. However, the Lady Kats answered back with two successful runs leaving the score at 13-23 with 3:22 left in the second period.

Corley, who was successful at sinking baskets all throughout the night, was fouled while dropping the ball in the net for 2 points. She added another at the free throw line leaving the score 16-23 with 2:18 left to play in the second. Lopez roared back making the score 18-29 at the half.

During the third period of play, the Lady Wildcats padded the lead and entered the last period of play with the score at 28-47. Corley dropped the ball into the net for 2 points at the beginning of the third. Lopez sank a basket for one point at the free throw line. Grant and Maykayla Overton added points to Coahoma's score and Corley dropped the ball into the basket after a successful layup at the end of the third.



Courtesy photo

Pictured above is Coahoma's Ashley Romero (4) taking a shot as teammate Abbie Lopez (24) stands by in their basketball game against Grady on Tuesday, November 28, 2017.

The Bulldogettes came roaring back in the last period of play adding 14 points to the scoreboard; however, Grady also netted 13 points to ensure the win.

Earlier in the evening, the Coahoma junior varsity team lost to the Grady Lady Wildcats 12-30 in the Coahoma ISD competition gym.

The Bulldogettes will be back in action on Tuesday when the two teams head to Reagan County to take on the Lady Owls in basketball action. The JV takes the floor at 5:15 p.m. while the varsity will play at 6:30 p.m.

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The bidding:
South 1♠
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avoiding the heart loser, declarer ruffed a club at trick two, hoping the queen would fall on this round or the next time clubs were led. **South then cashed** the ace of spades, learning to his horror that West had two apparently certain trump tricks. Undaunted, he played for the only distribution that would permit the contract to be made. **At trick four,** he led a heart to the ace and ruffed the nine of clubs. Next he cashed three rounds of diamonds ending in dummy, and then ruffed the jack of clubs. **West by now** had been shorn of all his clubs and diamonds. And when South next cashed the king of hearts, West ran dry in that suit also. With three tricks to go, West's hand consisted of the Q-10-9 of spades, while declarer had the K-J of spades and six of hearts. **Having won the first 10 tricks,** South now led the six of hearts, and suddenly the three losers he had started with dwindled to one. West was forced to trump the heart, though it was his partner's trick, and had no choice but to return a spade into South's K-J. **Thus South, in one motion,** found a way to telescope three losers into one, and a bewildered West could do no less than offer his congratulations on a well-played hand.

Opening lead — king of clubs. **Performing the impossible** is a contradiction of terms, but there are times when declarer can give a good imitation of the feat. **Examine this deal in its entirety.** South has a heart to lose and, as the cards unfortunately lie, two trump losers. It isn't easy to make a slam when you start with three losers, but South managed the affair without much trouble. **West led the king of clubs,** taken by dummy's ace. With a view toward

Tomorrow: The right choice.
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Venus Transition Imminent

By HOLIDAY MATHIS enlighten.

We want to be close to one another, but how close? The average distance kept between people in a public social setting varies by culture. The emotional distance varies with personal preference. With the change of Venus imminent, we may fumble the transition, overstepping, bumping into one another, fleeing. Don't worry; it will resolve.



ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your goal really is to find the solutions that are best for everyone, and that's what you'll do -- just as soon as people understand that your aim is true. Trust and rapport are built slowly. Put the other person first.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You've been compromising quite a lot lately, mostly effectively, causing satisfaction throughout the group. This is excellent for your social life, but it's time to do something just for you, exactly the way you like it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The feeling that you'd like to escape will likely come when circumstances seem either too boring or too exciting. So go. If you can't remove yourself physically, a book or movie will do the trick.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There will be no lone geniuses today. Any greatness that happens will be a group effort. It doesn't even have to be a particularly good group to bring out your best today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You want to be seen in a certain way. Making that happen will be grueling, tedious, expensive and thankless work. So think about whether the result is really worth going all in, because that's what it will take.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You don't have to like what

you're asked to do to approach the request with good cheer. Your attitude will be what helps you rise to a new level of respect and prominence.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll have your reasons for doing more today. You're not trying to impress anyone. This is about finding out what your limits really are. So go on and push yourself into uncomfortable (but not painful) territory.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll switch the channel in your mind from the doubt and worry network to the action channel. Better results will come from overworking than from overthinking.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You think you're arguing about the truth, but if you're like most people, you aren't. Most arguments are to serve or eradicate a feeling. The truth will outlast the argument. The truth is inarguable.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Oscar Wilde once put it like this: "The world was my oyster, but I used the wrong fork!" Ignore social formalities at your own peril. If you don't know then read, ask or observe until you pick up on what you're supposed to do.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). When people want what you have, it's both flattering and frustrating. They often act as if you got there by luck. Outsiders just don't realize the effort that went behind all this. It will be your job to

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Think it over; write about it; talk about it with a trusted friend. Self-reflection will help you uncover your motivation for upholding bad habits and help you find a healthier way to meet your needs.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 29). Happiness is not the goal. To change something, help someone, make a lasting impression on the world and set up a future you can be proud of -- that's the goal. Happiness will, however, be a byproduct of your efforts -- as will sweat and toil. The more you can tolerate, the richer you'll be (financially and otherwise). Leo and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 40, 11, 19 and 32.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Anna Faris recently wrote a hilarious new memoir, "Unqualified," and hosts a podcast by the same name. The spirited Sagittarius was born when the moon was in Pisces, an ideal placement for artist in spite of, or perhaps because of, the intense empathy and sensitivity of the sign. Saturn in Leo suggests that the entertainment business is a primary source for life lessons.

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SUDOKU

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

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DENNIS THE MENACE

MOM SAYS YOU'VE HAD SOME WORK DONE. NEXT TIME GIVE ME A CALL...I'M PRETTY GOOD WITH A RAKE.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

"Yeah, I know, 'happily ever after,' but then what?"

HI AND LOIS

I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S WRONG WITH US.

WE JUST CAN'T GET IN THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT.

HOW ABOUT I BAKE SOME CHRISTMAS COOKIES?

NOW THAT'S THE SPIRIT!

This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 29, the 333rd day of 2017. There are 32 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 29, 1947, the U.N. General Assembly passed a resolution calling for the partitioning of Palestine between Arabs and Jews; 33 members, including the United States, voted in favor of the resolution, 13 voted against while 10 abstained. (The plan, rejected by the Arabs, was never implemented.)

On this date:

In 1530, Cardinal Thomas Wolsey (WOOL'-zee), one-time adviser to England's King Henry VIII, died.

In 1890, the first Army-Navy football game was played at West Point, New York; Navy defeated Army, 24-0. The Imperial Diet, forerunner of Japan's current national legislature, opened its first session.

In 1924, Italian composer Giacomo Puccini died in Brussels before he could complete his opera "Turandot." (It was finished by Franco Alfano.)

In 1956, the musical comedy "Bells Are Ringing," starring Judy Holliday, opened on Broadway.

In 1961, Enos the chimp was launched from Cape Canaveral aboard the Mercury-Atlas 5 spacecraft,

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WHY DO GIRL MODELS GET THEIR LIPS PLUMPED UP LIKE CLOWN LIPS?

I THINK THEY LIKE THAT FULLER, POUTY LOOK!

I BET THERE ARE EVEN SOME MEN WHO GET IT DONE

HUH...

NO, MAYBE NOT!

Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

1 Thaws

6 Barton of the Red Cross

11 Chemist's workplace

14 Author/poet T.S.

15 Petroleum-carrying vessel

16 Rock that's mined

17 Acidity-testing strip

19 Letters on Postal Service stamps

20 Fawn or doe

21 One of the Beatles

23 Batters' toppers

27 Aquarius and Aries

28 Veggies in omelets

29 Understated

32 Ward off

33 Shows concern

34 Revolutionary Guevara

37 Was a passenger

38 Short pleasure trip

39 "Beg pardon . . ."

40 Tint changer

41 Outdoes

42 Alternative strategy

43 Acquire molars, say

45 Catch sight of

46 Sneaker pattern

48 Applied

49 Disqualify, as a juror

51 Mariner's greeting

52 Appear in a film

DOWN

1 Actor Gibson

2 Yale student

3 Ignited

4 Hanks or Cruise

5 Pupil

6 Handles adversity

7 Untruthful one

8 Swiss peak

9 Fishing line holder

10 Takes into custody

11 Piece of patio furniture

12 Fire-setting crime

13 Burrito ingredients

18 Prepares, as an alarm clock

22 Zilch

23 Hidden supply

24 Diplomat

25 Interrogation device

26 Extra amount

29 Fry lightly

30 Large coffee dispensers

31 Casino transaction

33 Dollars and cents

35 From now on

36 Plant firmly

38 Part of an airline fleet

39 Operatic voice

41 Mattress support

42 Triangle or square

44 ___ de Cologne

45 Busy time at urban food trucks

46 Line of work

47 Happen again

48 Crunchy snacks

50 Worry-free feeling

51 Genesis exile

54 Compass pt.

55 A.M. show on ABC

56 Brain wave test: Abbr.

57 Santa ____, Calif.

58 String after Q

LEFT TO RIGHT by Fred Piscop

Edited by Stanley Newman

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BEETLE BAILEY

WHY DO THEY CALL THAT 'SARGE MOUNTAIN'?

GEE! I HAVE NO IDEA, DO YOU, PLATO?

GOLLY, NO. I SEE NO REASON TO CALL IT THAT

tle with cancer; he was 58.

Ten years ago: A court in Sudan convicted British teacher Gillian Gibbons of insulting Islam for letting her pupils name a teddy bear "Muhammad" and sentenced her to 15 days in prison. (Gibbons was pardoned after spending more than a week in custody; she then left the country.)

Pakistan's president, Pervez Musharraf (pur-VEHZ' moo-SHAH'-ruhv), embarked on a new, five-year term as a civilian president, a day after ceding the powerful post of army chief. Former congressman Henry Hyde, R-Ill., died in Chicago at age 83. Former General Motors chief executive Roger B. Smith died in Detroit at age 82.

Five years ago: The United Nations voted overwhelmingly to recognize a Palestinian state, a vote that came exactly 65 years after the General Assembly adopted a plan to divide Palestine into separate states for Jews and Arabs. (The vote was 138 in favor; nine members, including the United States, voted against and 41 abstained.)

President Barack Obama had lunch with defeated Republican nominee Mitt Romney in the White House's private dining room; the White House says they discussed America's leadership in the world.

One year ago: President-elect Donald Trump continued to fill out his Cabinet, choosing former Goldman Sachs executive Steven Mnuchin (mih-NOO'-shin) as secretary of the Treasury Department, Georgia Rep. Tom Price to oversee the nation's health care system, and Elaine Chao, a former labor secretary and the wife of Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, to lead the Department of Transportation. Regional leaders and tens of thousands of Cubans jammed the Plaza of the Revolution in Havana, celebrating Fidel Castro on the spot where he delivered fiery speeches to mammoth crowds in the years after he seized power.

Today's Birthdays: Hall of Fame sportscaster Vin Scully is 90. Former French President Jacques Chirac is 85. Blues singer-musician John Mayall is 84. Actress Diane Ladd is 82. Songwriter Mark James is 77. Composer-musician Chuck Mangione is 77. Country singer Jody Miller is 76. Pop singer-musician Felix Cavaliere (The Rascals) is 75. Former Olympic skier Suzy Chaffee is 71. Actor Jeff Fahey is 65. Movie director Joel Coen is 63. Actor-comedian-celebrity judge Howie Mandel is 62. Former Homeland Security Director Janet Napolitano is 60. Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel is 58. Actress Cathy Moriarty is 57. Actress Kim Delaney is 56. Actor Tom Sizemore is 56. Actor Andrew McCarthy is 55. Actor Don Cheadle is 53. Actor-producer Neill Barry is 52. Musician Wallis Buchanan is 52. Pop singer Jonathan Knight (New Kids on the Block) is 49. Rock musician Martin Carr (Boo Radleys) is 49. Actress Jennifer Elise Cox is 48. Actor Larry Joe Campbell is 47. Rock musician Frank Delgado (Deftones) is 47. Actress Paola Turbay is 47. Contemporary Christian singer Crowder is 46. Actress Gena Lee Nolin is 46. Actor Brian Baumgartner is 45. Actor Julian Ovenden is 42. Actress Anna (AH'-nuh) Faris is 41. Gospel singer James Fortune is 40. Actress Lauren German is 39. Rapper The Game is 38. Actress Janina Gavankar is 37. Rock musician Ringo Garza is 36. Actor-comedian John Milhiser is 36. Actor Lucas Black is 35. Actor Diego Boneta is 27. Actress Lovie Simone (TV: "Greenleaf") is 19.

Answer to previous puzzle

B	A	I	T	C	H	O	M	P	I	T	A	S
A	N	T	E	R	A	V	E	L	D	I	S	H
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Thought for Today:
"If moderation is a fault, then indifference is a crime."
Jack Kerouac
American author
(1922-1969).

SWCID Lady Rattlers fall to Ranger College 91-24 in final home game of season



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SWCID's Kejunna Holmes is fouled while going up for a layup during the Lady Rattlers' last home game of the season vs Ranger College on Tuesday, November 28, 2017.



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SWCID's Kelijah Palmer takes a three point attempt during the Lady Rattlers' last home game of the season vs Ranger College on Tuesday, November 28, 2017.



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