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Weather looking clear for Christmas

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer
 It is almost time to get out the reindeer food and cookies and milk!
 It looks like Sunday night, Christmas Eve, will be a great night for a little high-altitude sleigh ride – at least in Howard County.
 According to the local office of the National Weather Service, Santa can expect clear skies across most of their service area for his holiday delivery ride.
 "We're going to have dry conditions. Could see a little bit of precipitation – this is for the Big Spring area – tonight and then maybe a little bit

tomorrow," said Midland/Odessa NWS Meteorologist Abbi Duval. "But then it's looking pretty dry until about mid-week. Maybe Wednesday night into Thursday. That's getting pretty far out, and the forecast does have a tendency to change.

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At this point we're not expecting any precipitation for (Christmas Eve or Christmas Day).
 Although the conditions might make gift delivery easier, Duval said those dreaming of a white Christmas will be disappointed this year.
 "Not at this point, no. We're

looking at more dry conditions."
 Temperatures are expected to be below freezing Sunday night, with a low around 26 degrees (about -3 degrees Celsius), while highs on Christmas Day will stay around 56 degrees (around 13 degrees Celsius), according to the National Weather Service website.
 For more information, visit www.weather.gov.
 Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 432-263-7331 ext. 235 or at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

KBEST names lights contest winners



KBEST Media grand prize winner Antonia Castellan, center in the gray top, poses with KBEST staff News Director Adrienne Green (left); Operations Manager Mark Richardson; and Managing Partner Malinda Flenniken Thursday afternoon at the prize presentation ceremony held at the Historic Spring Plaza in Comanche Trail Park.

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer
 Big Spring is a town that loves its Christmas. But when they noticed that brightly lighted homes were becoming a bit fewer and farther apart in our fair city, KBEST Radio knew just what to do: Host a Christmas decoration contest.
 Well, the results are in, and the winners were announced Thursday at the Historic Spring in Comanche Trail Park.
 Awards included first, second, and third place in each city district;

plus a grand prize winner and runner-up. In each district, first place winner received \$500; second place got \$250; and third place received a Butterball turkey. Each winner received a stocking full of Christmas goodies as well. The grand prize runner up received a hotel stay and tickets to Six Flags "Holiday in the Park" in Arlington, as well as dinner at "The Mellow Mushroom" restaurant and tickets to Ripley's Believe It Or Not; while the grand prize winner received Christmas with the Dallas Cowboys, including a hotel stay and four tickets to a Dallas Cowboys game, a VIP tailgate party, and a meet-and-greet with for-

mer Dallas Cowboys star Bill Bates.
 Displays were judged on four criteria: Lights, Creativity, Design, and Overall Presentation. Extra points were awarded for use of lighted poinsettias, since Big Spring is the official Lighted Poinsettia Capital of Texas.
 District 1 winners included third place: Jacob and Stephanie Rios, 712 Lorilla St.; second place: Gwen Collins, 806 San Antonio St.; and first place: Zeke Flores, 1619 Harding St.
 District 2 winners included third place: Angelita Sosa, 912 E. 12th St.; Luz Viera, 623 State St.; and Angel and Antonia Castellan, 1005 Howell St.

District 3 winners included third place: Buster Gartman, 2608 Alamesa Dr.; Jewel Johnson, 2504 Ent Dr.; and Cheryl Payne, 2520 Hunter Dr.
 District 4 winners included third place: Ace Nieto, 415 Westover Rd.; second place, Josh Mireles, 705 Oak Glen Dr.; and first place: Kevin Nichols, 704 Highland Dr.
 District 5 winners included third place: Lori Huitt, 2505 Rebecca Dr.; second place: Domingo Rios, 3206 Auburn; and Barbara Averette, 707 Colgate Ave.
 District 6 winners included third place: Sammy Rodriguez, 800 Birdwell Lane; second place,

FISD bands shine at Christmas concert

Special to the Herald
 The sight and sounds of the Christmas season were apparent on Tuesday night at the Forsan auditorium. A standing-room-only crowd filled the seats and lined the walls as the stage donned decorative lights, garland, and page after page of sheet music.
 As the lights dimmed, a hush came over the massive crowd as the sixth graders took the stage under the direction of band director, Mr. Jim Rhodes, who was stepping on stage for his 20th year at Forsan ISD.
 As a "beginner band," the sixth graders are playing concert instruments for the first time. When Mr. Rhodes gave the "instruments up" signal, the band came together in harmony and rhythm that swept through the auditorium leaving smiles on the faces of the attendees.
 The sixth graders flawlessly performed selections from Rhythm Masters, which include childhood favorites such as, "This Old Man," "Some Folks Do," and "Twinkle, Twinkle." After showing off their range and developing skills, Mr. Rhodes moved the performance into full Christmas mode! The band successfully transformed the crowd into the Christmas spirit by playing "Jingle Bells," "Jolly Old St. Nicholas," and "Up on the Housetop."
 At the conclusion of the performance, Mr. Rhodes took a moment to recognize the Forsan Sixth Grade Music Memory Team who received first place at the District UIL Meet in Irion

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Big Spring Herald's Christmas Countdown



Pace'Lei says "Only 1 Days 'til Christmas!"
 (Pace'Lei, Daughter Of Angela Lance)


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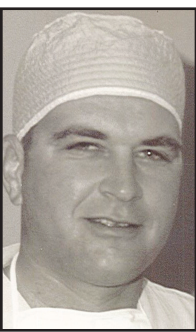
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Obituaries

James E. Mathews M.D.



James Evert Mathews M.D. died suddenly Dec. 16, 2017, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, after being airlifted to Lovelace Heart Hospital.

Dr. Mathews was born Nov. 22, 1936, in Pampa, Texas. He lived his early life in Throckmorton, Texas, and later graduated from Texas Christian University, Texas Wesleyan College and Tulane Medical School. During the 1960s, he served in the Army Medical Corp with stations in Fort Hood, Texas, and Minneapolis, Minn..

After completing a residency in General Surgery at Scott and White Hospital and a fellowship in Vascular Surgery at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Temple, Texas, Dr. Mathews practiced surgery in Big Spring, Texas, from 1972 until retirement in 2002. He served as Chief of Staff at Malone

Hogan Clinic for several years. He was active in the Texas Surgical Society before moving to Santa Fe in 2012. A daily golfer, he was also high school and college football and basketball player.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Rosemary Lindsey Mathews; and three daughters, Anne Mathews of New York, N.Y., Mary Catherine Mathews (Bill Bennett) of Santa Fe, N.M., Kristina Mathews Lafaye M.D. (Ryan Lafaye) of New Orleans, La.; and seven grandchildren: Robert, Charles, and Christopher Nunziato, both of New York; Anna and Sophie Bennett, both of Santa Fe; Claire and Will Lafaye, both of New Orleans; and sisters Sue Yeary and Joy Cogburn, both of Texas.

Dr. Mathews was preceded in death by his father, John Evert Mathews; and mother, Eunice Jones Mathews Estridge.

Cremation will take place in Santa Fe followed by a Rite of Committal service at Greenwood Cemetery in Fort Worth, Texas, in January.

Paid Obituary

Anna Marie Miller



Anna Marie Miller, 67, of Midland, formerly of Big Spring, died Thursday, Dec. 21, 2017, in Midland after losing her battle with COPD. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2017, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Randy Cotton officiating.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday, Dec.

26, 2017, at the funeral home. Marie was born Jan. 9, 1950, to Dutch and Myrtle Strickland in San Angelo and grew up in Forsan. She married Larry Miller May 28, 1968, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death Dec. 24, 2016. They lived in Big Spring from 1970 until 1995 when they moved to Midland. She was a member of Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. She loved Bingo, Las

Vegas, and her two schnauzers Rufus and Scooter.

She is survived by a son, Shane Miller of Big Spring; two daughters, Carol Jeter and husband, Steve and Meredith Burgess and husband, Tommy all of Midland; five grandchildren, Presley Miller, Danielle Jeter, Jensen Jeter-LeClear and husband, Justin, Breeana Jeter, and Tyler Burgess and wife, Aimee; a brother, Eddie Strickland and wife, Linda of Odessa; two sisters, Janette Cunningham and husband, Larry of Lubbock, and Virginia Stanton of Lewisville; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

In addition to her husband, she is preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Eugene Strickland and Elbert Strickland; and two sisters, Elizabeth Staley and Evelyn Morgan.

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

Paid Obituary

Jack Capps



Jack Capps, 81, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2017, in Temple, Texas. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2017, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2017, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Pastor Billy J. Capps of Sand Springs Baptist Church and Pastor Elwin Collom, of Hillcrest Baptist Church, officiating. Burial

will follow at Vealmoor Cemetery.

Jack was born on Aug. 10, 1936, in New Mexico to Francis Statham Capps and Irvin Thomas Capps. He married Jo Ann Watson on Nov. 10, 1955, in Levelland, Texas. Jo Ann passed away on March 18, 2013. He spent his lifetime in both Howard and Borden County. Jack worked all his life as a cowboy and in the oilfield. He was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church.

Jack was survived by one son, Rev. Billy and Brenda Capps of Ackerly; one daughter, Denise Emfinger of Big Spring; three grandchildren, T.J. Capps (Shelbie) of San Angelo, Ashley Ann Allen (James) of Austin and Jaclyn Renee Connolly (Chisom) of Vealmoor; four great grandchildren, Jimmy Jack Walker of Austin, Gaberial Capps of San Angelo, Lacey and Ashton Connolly of Vealmoor; two sisters: Charlene Metcalf of Temple and Barbara Santiago of Sterling City; two brothers, Joe Kropp of Cotulla, Texas and Marvin T. Capps of Vernal, Utah.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by two sisters: Dorothy Denton and Gladys Pruitt and one brother, Ray Neal Camp.

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

Paid Obituary

Jose "Little Joe" Davila



Jose "Little Joe" Davila, 79, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Dec. 21, 2017, at Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home. He will lie in state Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2017 from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Jose was born May 9, 1938, in Hargill, Texas, to Lydia Garza Davila and Luis Bernados Davila. He married Sara Lopez on Nov. 18, 1963, in Big Spring.

He is survived by his wife Sara Davila of Big Spring; three sons, Oscar Davila (Joann), Rolando Davila (Rhonda) and Luis Davila (Karen) all of Big Spring; one daughter, Cynthia Villareal (John) of Odessa; one sister, Olivia Montemayor of Edinburg; 16 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son David Davila; one sister, Olga Macias and one great granddaughter, Faith Davila.

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

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.

noon and the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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- WILLIE FOSTER**, 63, of 205 W 18th St., was arrested on the charges of public intoxication.
- THEFT** was reported on the 300 block of S Runnels St., and the 2700 block of Larry Dr.

Support Groups

SUNDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

MONDAY

Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

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County last week. These honors were received by flute player Krislynn Matthies, french horn player Ethan Barker, tuba player Preston Krodell, and percussion member Addie Beall.

Once the sixth graders finished their performance, the stage was set for the Forsan Junior High Band to dazzle the crowd. Mr. Chans Moellendorf, assistant band director, entered the stage as the massive one-hundred-eleven-student band took their places. The junior high band is made up of seventh and eighth graders who work diligently to fine-tune their skills.

Yes, band is important to them and they enjoy it, but they know their time in the award winning, ten-time state qualifying, Forsan High School Band is quickly approaching.

The junior high band jumped immediately into their Christmas series by playing a catchy tune entitled, "St. Nick Salsa." After getting the crowd going, Mr. Moellendorf eased them into Christmas favorites such as "Winter Wonderland," "Tis the Season to Be Jolly," and "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer." The evening festivities ended with a sing-along arranged by James Swearingen called, "Songs of Christmas Cheer" which included many traditional favorites.

At the conclusion of the program, Mr. Moellendorf took a few moments to recognize several students for various achievements. Two junior high students were selected to the All-Region Band: flute player Samantha Buhanan and tuba player Caylor Averette. Mr. Moellendorf went on to acknowledge the UIL Music Memory teams. Both the seventh and eighth grade teams won first place at the UIL District Meet in Irion County last week, sweeping the competition. The seventh grade team consisted of five members and won first, second, third, fourth, and fifth places at the competition! The team was comprised of Joanna Gato, Samantha Buhanan, Taelyn Fulgham, Trevor Cole, and Noel Sorola. The eighth grade team consisted of only three members and took first, second, and third place. Eighth graders representing Forsan in the competition were Thomas

Gabehart, Jessica Long, and Caylor Averette.

The time and effort put into these phenomenal bands is apparent to faculty, community members, parents, and onlookers throughout the community. A major piece of the students' success and level of intensity is learned through the three teachers charged with their development. The husband-wife team of Chans and Misty Moellendorf has been a great asset to Forsan Junior High and High School. They have a combined 24 years of experience between them. Chans and Misty both come from musical backgrounds and can be seen picking up any instrument in the band hall and playing it flawlessly. They spend countless hours devoting their time before and after school, including weekends, working with the Forsan kids. Campus principal, Kenny Lowery, believes that the work put forth behind the scenes by the Moellendorfs and Mr. Rhodes set a precedent that the students see and take note of. "One thing that sets our band apart is high expectations on a consistent basis," he said. When the students see that the bar is set high, and only gets higher, they always rise to the occasion. The junior high band students know that a lot is expected of them and look forward to donning the black and white uniforms exhibited by the Forsan High School Mighty Buffalo Marching Band in the very near future.

The Moellendorf team has had the distinct pleasure of working with, and learning from, one of the greatest band directors in Texas. Mrs. Moellendorf spoke of Mr. Rhodes and his pursuit of excellence: "I truly enjoy working with and learning from him. He always strives to achieve excellence and teach our students the same. His attention to detail is noticed by adjudicators state-wide." Noticed, he is, indeed. Mr. Rhodes is an active clinician,



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helping area bands and has also been a guest clinician for both TMEA and TBA on numerous occasions. In 2011, he was a presenter in the 1st Annual Texas Bandmasters Association Academy, focused on guiding and mentoring young band directors. Mr. Rhodes is a highly sought after adjudicator and presently serves on the Phi Beta Mu Member at Large committee. Mr. Rhodes is a member of ATSSB, TMEA, TBA, TMAA, Phi Beta Mu, and has served on the State UIL Advisory Committee for One Act Play.

Mr. Rhodes' bands have been consistent UIL Sweepstakes winners and State Marching Band and TMEA Honor Band finalists. His Grandfalls-Royalty band was named the 1987 Class A State Honor Band and appeared at the State Marching Contest 3 times.

Under the direction of Mr. Rhodes, the Forsan High School Band has been recognized on the state level in the TMEA Honor Band Competition several times. In 2003 the band placed 5th (class 2A), in 2005 the band placed 2nd (class 1A), was the TMEA Class A Honor Band in 2007, and the band placed 5th (class 1A) in 2014.

In addition to being competitive in the Honor Band process, the FHS Band has also had much success in march-

ing band, advancing to the UIL State Marching Contest 10 times, which encompasses the last 20 years. In 1999 the band placed 5th (1A), in 2001 the band placed 12th (2A), and in 2003 the band placed 4th (2A). In 2005, the band was the State Marching Runner-up and won the Silver Medal (1A). In 2007, the Buffalo Band was the State Marching Champion and won the Gold Medal (1A). In 2009, the FHS Band once again won the Silver Medal at the State Marching Band Contest (1A). In 2011, the band finished in 6th place (2A), was the State Marching Runner-up and won the Silver Medal (1A) in 2013, finished in 8th place in 2015 (1A), and was 4th place (1A) this past fall.

The FHS Band represented the State of Texas in the 2005 Fourth of July Parade in Washington D.C. In 2014, the Forsan Band was invited to be the small school demonstration band and provided both marching and concert band clinics at the Texas Bandmasters Association Convention. The Forsan Band has won 18 consecutive sweepstakes under the baton of Jim Rhodes.

In 2009, Mr. Rhodes was awarded the UIL Sponsor of Excellence Award, in 2011 he received the Marcia McEntyre Zoffuto Hero Score A Goal in the Classroom Award, and in 2014, he received the

Texas Bandmasters Meritorious Achievement Award.

In addition to being the head band director, Mr. Rhodes serves in many other roles in the class 2A Forsan ISD including: UIL Academic Director, JH and HS One Act Play Director, and UIL academic coach for poetry and prose.

Jim Rhodes is currently in his 20th year as Band Director in the Forsan Independent School District. His 41 years of teaching in public schools also include stops in Alpine, Grandfalls-Royalty, and Monahans. He is a 1971 graduate of Humble High School and a 1975 graduate of Sul Ross State University in Alpine.

CONTEST

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Felicia Guerra, 1406 Princeton Ave.; and first place, Allison Redding, 1314 Mt. Vernon.

The runner-up grand prize winner was Barbara Averette, while the grand prize winner was Angel and Antonia Castellana.

"The whole point of the KBEST Christmas Lights Contest started with a few people saying, 'You know, we don't notice that people are hanging as many Christmas lights as they used to.' So we wanted to start that up again. It provides Christmas spirit," said KBEST Managing Partner Malinda Flenniken, speaking at the awards ceremony Thursday

afternoon. "We got several comments from people saying that they saw more Christmas lights in town this year than in previous years. So good job spreading Christmas spirit! That was the point of doing it, so that it will cause a change reaction. We thought, what better motivation to hang Christmas lights than a cash award, right? Right before Christmas."

Sponsors of the contest provided prizes, and a portion of each sponsorship went to purchase the giant Christmas tree on display at the Historic Spring Plaza. Sponsors included: Premiere Companies, SM Energy, Franklin and Son, Kiki's Corner Photography, Home Realtors, Wards Western Wear, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce,

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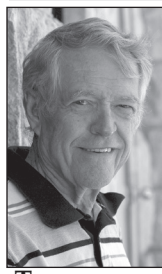
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The hog killers of Draw

Ricky Barnes lives at Draw, a small place southeast of Tahoka. He loves to kill ferrell hogs.

"It's an addiction. I could make excuses like it's good for the environment, it's good for my farming and ranching neighbors, but even if it wasn't all that, would still love killing pigs."

He and his wife Diana shoot hogs a lot in the 75 miles of ranchland and Caprock country between Post and Gail. They started doing it 17 years ago just before Diana was going in for major surgery. "She mentioned that she was not going to be able to use her rifle for a while and that we ought to go out and kill a hog. So we did. We made a game out of it and called that hog number one. Since then, seventeen years ago, we've killed 978 wild hogs." After getting that first hog, Diana checked into a hospital in Lubbock for surgery at 6



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AM the next day.

They both use single shot weapons. Ricky uses a pistol; Diana uses a rifle, both Thompson breakover guns. They had the barrels custom made because they take an unusual 375-caliber shell. They make their own bullets and save their shell casings. "My pistol has been shot 5,300 times."

They get around on 4-wheelers. Ricky drives while Diana sits behind him. They put 18,000 miles on their first one, then traded it for another one. This second one has 20,000 miles on it. They do take chances. Both have had wounded hogs run right toward them. Once Ricky, hunting by himself, had to stand up on the seat of the 4-wheeler and shoot down at a wounded hog that was mad and getting blood all over the side of the vehicle.

Ricky will actually walk into a sounder (that's what a bunch of hogs is called) that has about 30 animals in it and start shooting. "I get in the middle of them, put myself in harm's way, and I pick out the biggest boar and I bust him. After that, all these pigs are going nuts because they have figured out that something

is not right. I killed 7 of those pigs in less than a minute with a singleshot breakover pistol. I had to shoot, unload, reload, re-aim and fire 7 times before the sounder got away. I've done that 4 times."

Ricky travels with a camera and has a dozen thick albums with pictures of the hogs he and Diana have shot. Ricky tries to hit a pig in its ear. "Shoot them in the ear and they'll drop like a sack of flour. Of if they're running away from you, shoot 'em in the butt." Some of these hogs are more than 5 feet long and weigh hundreds of pounds. He used to give the hogs to his neighbors until they got tired of eating them. He hunts a lot. "On a 30-day month I'll hunt 25 days."

He says hogs are tough. "A wild pig will eat anything but a caliche rock to survive." A pig can have 3 liters a year. The normal life span is 8 years. "One male and one female and their offspring can be responsible for 24,000 pigs in 8 years."

Ricky has not been hurt. "Knock on wood and praise the Lord, not yet."



God bless us, everyone

To some, it could be a Cinderella story. Djimonii Jackson, a Howard Payne University senior, was featured in the parade and at the football game as the 2017 Homecoming Queen. Snappily dressed and flashing a disarming smile, she charmed effortlessly. She was escorted by her godfather, Michael Thomas, and also present was her mother, Marsena Alexander, all from Beaumont.

When we headed home early the next day, we saw Djimonii in her "grubbies," dragging out huge bags of trash from Veda Hodge Dormitory. How could this be, my wife and I wondered.

As delightful as she appeared to be from a distance at the game, she was the same—and more—up close. "I'm a dorm RA (resident assistant), and it's my weekend to take out the trash," she said, smiling.

"You made us so very proud," I said. "And if heaven has a glass bottom, I'm sure many other African Americans are looking down with smiles."

Djimonii, who arrived at HPU in the fall of 2016, has captured the hearts of both faculty and students with her cheerful nature, work ethic, basketball participation and spirit of Christian optimism to the core.

She is the second African American homecoming queen in the school's 128-year history, and the first since 1985.

Her friends call her "Monii," and she is thankful for them, and much else.

Her car broke down before school started this fall, but no matter. She doesn't complain, getting by on the shuttle bus between campuses and catching rides with friends.

"I also have my bike, and I ride it often getting from here to there."

I am proud both of my alma mater and Brownwood Independent School District for integrating several years before it was mandated. The transition was smooth in both cases.

Some key individuals made it possible. Dr. Guy D. Newman, HPU president during my student years, and two key figures in the Brownwood African American community, smoothed the way.

The two men referenced were Cecil Holman and Bennie Houston. The former was a funeral director and grocery store owner; Bennie, first African American on the Brownwood City Council, was always at Cecil's side. They were the "heart and soul" of the community, revered by all. (Brenda and I were honored 51 years ago when the pair drove 330 miles to attend our wedding in Alpine.)

Though "Uncle Cecil" (that's what the masses called him) was limited to a high school education, he was as wise as any person I've ever known. He was one of the three persons from whom I learned most. I learned much about life observing his interaction with customers at his store many hundreds of times.

Bennie's son, Cecil (named for Holman) was among the early African American students to enroll at Brownwood High School, where he was Vice President of the Student Body during his senior year. (Cecil died on July 17 at age 72.)

In 1967, he married the former Mary Loretta Jones. She was the first Black student to live in the women's dormitory and the first HPU student to compete at the National Forensic League Speech Tournament in Chicago.

About 25 years ago, an elderly lady gathered with several dozen others to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Mount Zion Baptist Church. President of HPU at the time, I attended to extend greetings from the school.

The late Paralee Reed, long-time church secretary, read some "meaningful minutes" from church records dating back to the 1930s. "The congregation voted to send a collection to Howard Payne College to express thanks for sending their 'preacher boys' down here in the flats to practice 'missionarying' on us." Stunned by such an expression of thanks, I wept.

That offering was a few cents north or south of ten dollars, but it did my heart millions of dollars of good. Until the early 1960s, African Americans were welcome on campus only to work in maintenance, lawn care or the cafeteria.

Now, mantles have been handed to others to make good on Howard Payne's long-standing claim to be the institution "where everybody is somebody."

It is a good note on which to end 2017.

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Dear Lord, thank you for sending your son to save us and bring peace and joy into the world. Amen.

AP finds climate change risk for 327 toxic Superfund sites



AP photo

In this Dec. 11, 2017 photo, a woman pushes a stroller near her home and the Martin Aaron Inc. Superfund site in Camden, N.J. Nearly 2 million people in the U.S. who live within a mile of 327 Superfund sites in areas prone to flooding or vulnerable to rising seas caused by climate change, according to an Associated Press analysis of flood zone maps, census data and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency records.

By **JASON DEAREN, MICHAEL BIESECKER** and **ANGELIKI KASTANIS**

Associated Press
TARPON SPRINGS, Fla. (AP) — Anthony Stansbury propped his rusty bike against a live oak tree and cast his fishing line into the rushing waters of Florida's Anclote River.

When he bought a house down the street last year, Stansbury says he wasn't told that his slice of paradise had a hidden problem. The neighborhood is adjacent to the Stauffer Chemical Co. Superfund site, a former chemical manufacturing plant that is on the list of the nation's most polluted places. That 130-acre lot on the river's edge is also located in a flood zone.

"Me and my kids fish here a couple times a week. Everyone who lives on this coast right here, they fish on this water daily," said the 39-year-old father of three.

Stansbury is among nearly 2 million people in the U.S. who live within a mile of 327 Superfund sites in areas prone to flooding or vulnerable to sea-level rise caused by climate change, according to an Associated Press analysis of flood zone maps, census data and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency records.

This year's historic hurricane season exposed a little-known public health threat: Highly polluted sites that can be inundated by floodwaters, potentially spreading toxic contamination.

In Houston, more than a dozen Superfund sites were flooded by Hurricane Harvey, with breaches reported at two. In the Southeast and Puerto Rico, Superfund sites were battered by driving rains and winds from Irma and Maria.

The vulnerable sites highlighted by AP's review are scattered across the nation, but Florida, New Jersey and California have the most, and the most people living near them. They are in largely low-income, heavily minority neighborhoods, the data show.

Many of the 327 sites have had at least some work done to help mitigate the threat to public health, including fencing them off and covering them in plastic sheeting to help keep out rain water.

The Obama administration assessed some of these at-risk places and planned to gird them from harsher weather and rising seas. EPA's 2014 Climate Adaptation Plan said prolonged flooding at low-lying Superfund sites could cause extensive erosion, carrying away contaminants as waters recede.

President Donald Trump, however, has called climate change a hoax, and his administration has worked to remove references from federal reports and websites linking carbon emissions to the warming planet.

"Site managers had started reviewing climate and environmental trends for each Superfund site, including the potential for flooding," said Phyllis Anderson, who worked for 30 years as an EPA attorney and associate director of the division that manages Superfund cleanups until her retirement in 2013. "The current administration appears to be trying to erase these efforts in their climate change denials, which is a shame."

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt has said he intends to focus on cleaning up Superfund sites, and he appointed a task force that developed a list of sites considered the highest priority. The Stauffer site in Florida is not on it.

Like Trump, Pruitt rejects the consensus of climate scientists that man-made carbon emissions are driving global warming. His task force's 34-page report makes no mention of the flood risk to Superfund sites from stronger storms or rising seas, but eight of the 21 sites on EPA's priority list are in areas of flood risk.

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4.50 miles northeast of Knott
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Latitude 032.450531, Longitude -101.664129. Datum: NAD 27
250' FSL, 2310' FEL of 800-acre lease
2383' FNL, 2310' FEL of the survey

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Total Depth: 7300 feet
X=741227, Y=253858. Datum: NAD 27
283' FSL, 903' FEL of 567.11-acre lease
283' FSL, 903' FEL of the survey

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Deputies shoot, kill 7-year-old boy at Texas trailer park

SCHERTZ, Texas (AP) — Four sheriff's deputies firing at a wanted felon shot and killed a 7-year-old boy when at least one round went through the wall of his San Antonio-area mobile home and struck him, sheriff's officials said.

The woman, sought for offenses including car theft who was being chased by Bexar County deputies, was attempting to break in to the trailer Thursday afternoon when the shooting happened, Sheriff Javier Salazar said. The woman was shot multiple times and died at the scene. The boy was struck in the torso and taken to a hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Authorities have not released the names of the boy or the woman killed. Salazar said she had no apparent connection to the child or his family.

"I can definitely tell you that myself and all the deputies involved, there's not a single one of that wouldn't trade places with this child," Salazar told reporters late Thursday.

It wasn't immediately clear what prompted the deputies to fire at the woman. No weapon was found on her after she died. One of the deputies who was involved in a two-hour search for the woman said she had earlier pointed a gun several times, Salazar said.

The events unfolded Thursday morning when a man reported that a woman he knew had stolen his car, the San Antonio Express-News reported. Deputies found the woman hiding in the closet of a home where she pointed a gun at them before fleeing on foot, Salazar said. At one point she swam across a creek before

running into a wooded area next to the trailer park where the boy lived.

It's not clear if she lost the weapon or discarded it as she was being chased.

Salazar said the woman tried to break into several homes at the trailer park in an effort to evade authorities before she came to the home where the child was inside with other family members.

Anthony Fritcher, 33, told the Express-News that he was closing the back door of his home at the trailer park when the front door was flung open and the woman walked in, demanding the keys to a Kia Soul parked in the driveway. Fritcher, along with others in the home, charged at the woman, who ran outside and out of sight.

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Despite EPA's announced emphasis on expediting cleanups, the Trump administration's proposed spending plan for the current 2018 fiscal year seeks to slash Superfund program funding by nearly one-third. Congress has not yet approved new spending plans for the fiscal year, which began Oct. 1.

Pruitt's office declined to comment this week on the key findings of AP's analysis or why the agency appears to no longer recognize an increasing flood risk to toxic sites posed by the changing climate.

However, Jahan Wilcox, an EPA spokesman, said, "Despite fear-mongering from the Associated Press, not a single dollar has actually been eliminated, as Congress still hasn't passed a budget."

Many flood-prone Superfund sites identified through AP's analysis are located in low-lying, densely populated urban areas. In New Jersey, several polluted sites have more than 50,000 people living within one mile.

In Hoboken, across the Hudson River from New York City, the site of a former manufacturing plant for mercury vapor lamps sits within a mile of almost 100,000 residents, including 7,000 children under 5.

The Martin Aaron Inc. Superfund site is in the heart of Camden's Waterfront South, a low-income neighborhood of crumbling row houses and industrial facilities stretching along the Delaware River.

The 2.5-acre lot, which takes up most of a city block, has been home to a succession of factories dating back to 1886 that included a leather tannery. The air around the fenced site hangs heavy with the nose-stinging odor of solvents. Testing found that soil and groundwater under the site contained a witch's brew of highly toxic chemicals, including PCBs and pesticides.

Earlier this month, workers used heavy machinery to remove contaminated soil and to pump polluted water from deep underground. Long range plans approved by EPA call for eventually covering the land and restricting its future use.

Just around the corner, Mark Skinner and his niece Cherise Skinner pushed her 1-year-old son in a stroller in front of their rented row house. Mark Skinner shrugged when asked about the work at the former industrial site.

"It's really contaminated, there's a lot of stuff in the ground, but I don't know what all it is," said Skinner, 53, who works at a nearby scrap metal yard and has lived in Waterfront South since he was a teenager.

Foul-smelling water filled the streets there during Superstorm Sandy in 2012, flooding many basements, long-time residents said. Census data show about 17,250 people live within a mile of the Martin Aaron site — 65 percent are black and 36 percent are Latino.

Across the nation, more than 800,000 homes are located near flood-prone toxic sites.

OIL

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Total Depth: 9500 feet
Latitude 032.451092, Longitude -101.661649. Datum: NAD 27
250' FSL, 1518' FEL of 720-acre lease
2383' FNL, 1518' FEL of the survey

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2382' FNL, 553' FEL of 720-acre lease
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250' FSL, 503' FEL of 720-acre lease
2382' FNL, 503' FEL of the survey

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Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-39399
7.50 miles southwest of Big Spring
A-409, Section 13, Block 34, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9000 feet
X=738238.73, Y=213395.91. Datum: 27
1618' FNWL, 1923' FNEL of 485.21-acre lease
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12.40 miles northwest of Big Spring
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Total Depth: 13,500 feet
X=801656, Y=312270. Datum: NAD 27
1734' FSEL, 1792' FSWL of 404.24-acre lease
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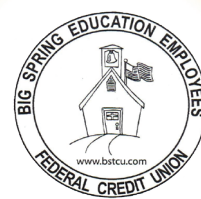
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JV Bulldogs defeat Eagles 36-34 in Monday night thriller



Courtesy Photo by Lyndel Moody

Coahoma's D'Kota Harrison (32) dribbles the ball around Eagle defenders in their game against Sterling City on Monday, December 18, 2017.



Courtesy Photo by Lyndel Moody

Coahoma's Kolt Redden (15) takes the basketball down the court in their game against Sterling City on Monday, December 18, 2017.

Special to The Herald

COAHOMA - It was an exciting end to a well fought game between the Coahoma JV boys and the Sterling City Eagles Monday night in the Coahoma ISD competition gym.

The game came down to the last second as a Sterling City player inbounded the ball to a fellow teammate who then sent off a deep pass in a desperate attempt to tie the score. It missed however, leaving the Bulldogs the victors with a final 36-34 score.

Both teams battled hard on the court as they traded off the lead throughout the entire game. Kolt Redden put the first points on the board for the Bulldogs. He hit a sweet basket off a rebound in the first quarter. Isaac Murillo, who played aggressive basketball throughout the game, snatched away the ball from a Sterling City player to race down the court and dropped it in the net for two.

As the last few seconds of the game ticked down, Garrett Anderson buried one from behind the arc to give the Bulldogs the lead and a 2 point cushion at the half.

Both teams were geared up to finish the fight as they returned to the court from the locker room in the third quarter, and from there they continued to trade off the lead. Coahoma's Sean Striegler intercepted the ball from a Sterling City player at mid-court and raced down to the post to deposit it into the net, which gave the Bulldogs the lead once again.

By the start of the fourth quarter, the 'Dogs had built up a 5 point advantage over the Eagles, but the Sterling City team was not giving up yet. The Eagles narrowed to the deficit down to 2 before the buzzer sounded to end the game. Seth Brooks, Cody Salinas, Brant Gartman, and D'kota Harrison all contributed to the Bulldogs' win Monday night

Enjoying Life in God's Country

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**
Sports Editor

You may recognize Mitch McLemore as the head football coach and athletic director at Big Spring High, but aside from his devotion for working in kid's lives through sports, he also has a passion for the outdoors. Whether it be out on the field with the kids, or out in the country fishing, camping or hunting, it is where he loves to be. Of all the things the outdoors has to offer, one of his favorite things to do is hunt.

Mitch, a 52 year old Arch City native, is no stranger to hunting competitions and just recently competed in the World Championship Coyote Calling Contest (WCCCC), which was located out of Spanish Fork, Utah. The WCCCC

is a weekend-long coyote hunt of a very high level of competition. Being so, you either have to be a member of the WCCCC or receive a personal invitation to qualify to compete.

People from Virginia, the Carolinas and many other places across the country participate in this event every year. Teams are welcome to travel and hunt anywhere they choose after checking in as long as it doesn't break any of the guidelines.

Of the 62 teams that competed, It was the Texas teams that came out on top. Mitch and his long-time hunting partner, Clay Reid, finished in second place and turned in a total of 16 coyotes on the weekend. The first place

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Courtesy Photo

Pictured above is Big Spring High's head football coach and Athletic Director, Mitch McLemore.

On Christmas, NBA shows off its best and who's got next



AP Photo

In this Dec. 9, 2016, file photo, Houston Rockets guard James Harden (13) is defended by Oklahoma City Thunder guard Russell Westbrook (0) on a drive to the basket during the second half of an NBA basketball game in Oklahoma City.

By **BRIAN MAHONEY**
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK — There's LeBron James, Kevin Durant and Golden State against Cleveland, for fans wanting more of the NBA's reigning rivalry.

For those preferring something new, the league's Christmas Day schedule has that, too.

It's a star-studded slate, with the NBA Finals rematch standing out among the top teams and power players.

The league is driven by star power, and the NBA is going all-in this year. The schedule is about the best players, not all the best teams.

And with Joel Embiid, Ben Simmons and Kristaps Porzingis starting the day, and Lonzo Ball, Kyle Kuzma and Karl-Anthony Towns finishing it, this

year's showcase is as much about the guys who got next on the marquee as the ones on top already.

"They're doing it for talent. You have the talent and the marketable players, so I understand why they're picking those teams," said Sacramento veteran Vince Carter.

The schedule:

— New York hosts Philadelphia, getting its first Christmas game since 2001.

— The Warriors welcome the Cavaliers back to the place where they finished them off in Game 5 in June for their second championship in three years.

— Washington at Boston in the Celtics' first home game on Christmas.

— Oklahoma City against Houston, a matchup of MVP Russell Westbrook and runner-up James Harden.

— Minnesota visiting the Lakers, two non-playoff teams who have acquired some of the best young talent in the league in recent drafts.

Christmas was once a kickoff of sorts for the NBA, the first time a national audience paid attention to basketball with the football season winding down. ABC analyst Jeff Gundy, who will work the Cavs-Warriors game, was among those who had said the NBA should consider starting its season at Christmas to get out from under the NFL's shadow.

Now it's a celebration of the success the league is already enjoying. Combined viewership on ESPN and TNT is up 21 percent this season, with games averaging 1.9 million viewers, even before what figures to be the biggest numbers of the season.

ESPN said its audience is the second-highest it's ever had at this point behind 2010-11, James' first season in Miami, and Van Gundy said he's even a little surprised.

"I don't know what it speaks to, but we do have a bunch of really good, young players," Van Gundy said. "We have a dynasty in the making in Golden State, we have a team trying to challenge them in their own conference, or a couple teams in San Antonio and Houston, and LeBron is still rolling."

All of them but the Spurs are in action Monday.

As it often is with the NBA, Christmas is about the players more than the teams.

Carter was that kind of player who NBA fans couldn't get enough of early in his career, before every game was on League Pass and highlights all over the internet. He'd have been the perfect player to get on Christmas but the league only played two or three games back then, and his Toronto Raptors were only shown once.

"We were fun to watch," Carter said. "We wanted that opportunity."

Now this is the 10th straight year of five games on Christmas, and with a third of the league playing, room is there for just about everybody fans want to pile in front of their TVs to watch.

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Well, almost everybody. Van Gundy was hoping for the Milwaukee Bucks and their gravity-ignoring Greek Freak, Giannis Antetokounmpo. "They should just film a scrimmage of theirs then, because Giannis is so good that he deserves to have publicity on Christmas Day," Van Gundy said. Maybe next year. As for this year, the holiday hoops smorgasbord includes something old, something new and a little something blue: — A tantalizing twosome that could've been a Big Three. Embiid and Simmons have the Sixers on the rise in their first year together, but imagine if Porzingis was there with them. The Knicks took the 7-foot-3 forward with the No. 4 pick in 2015, immediately after Philadelphia passed for the since-traded Jahlil Okafor. — LeBron & KD — Enough said. — Peace on Christmas? Maybe not in Boston, where the Celtics and Wizards renew a heated rivalry that only grew hotter after they went seven games in the Eastern Conference semifinals. Toss



AP Photo

In this June 9, 2017 file photo, Cleveland forward LeBron James drives on Golden State forward Kevin Durant during Game 4 of basketball's NBA Finals in Cleveland.

in Kyrie Irving going against John Wall, and the plot thickens. — Westbrook vs. Harden alone would have been a good gift, but it's even better after Chris Paul joined Harden in Houston, and Paul George and Carmelo Anthony surrounded Westbrook in Okla-

homa City. — Christmas is for kids, and the Lakers have Ball and Brandon Ingram, the last two No. 2 picks, and the lesser-known Kuzma who might become the best of the bunch. The Wolves have their own youngsters in Towns and Andrew Wiggins, but it's the acquisition of Jimmy Butler that could finally end the postseason drought that dates to 2004. Teams win titles but stars are the stories on Christmas, as the Celtics know. Kevin Garnett, Paul Pierce and Ray Allen had just departed when Brad Stevens arrived, and the NBA didn't want the league's most storied franchise without its superstars. So Boston was ignored for three years before finally getting back on the schedule last year, and now Irving, Jayson Tatum and these Celtics make history as the first to be home for the holiday. "I understand that it's probably not everybody's favorite event, people that bust their tail and work in the arenas and are there all the time, and maybe media and everybody else," Stevens said. "But to be a player or coach on Christmas Day, it's pretty special and I think it's something that having not been there, our first couple of years, I don't take for granted that we're on that schedule, for sure."

Top right photo: Photographed are the top finishers at the World Championship Coyote Calling Contest (WCCCC). From left to right are Mitch McLemore, Clay Reid, Nathan Spencer and Laramie White. Spencer and White, both from Midland, finished in first place. McLemore and Reid finished in second.

Bottom right photo: Clay Reid (left) and Mitch McLemore (right) after competing in the WCCCC earlier this month.

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team featured two gentlemen out of Midland, Texas who finished with a total of 26 coyotes. "Clay and I have hunted with each other since '97. We said we were going to do it (The WCCCC) at least one time, so we did. Clay is one of my best friends on the face of the earth, and when we both started hunting it was actually funny because we were both learning together. We had a lot of success and developed some pretty good stuff. It translated into a lot of blessings and a lot of success," said Mitch. "We did well. I have to tip my hat to Clay though. He shot some unbelievable shots. I made a few, but he made some really great shots. Clay is very good at what he does. We have had a lot of success together in the past and it was a very good time for us. Unfortunately we didn't kill quite enough to win it, but it was really a great hunt. They also weigh for the 'big dog' and the 'small dog'. Come to find out, we actually got the small dog, which was 14 pounds, and got a lot of neat stuff from Venom Outdoors and won some other prizes." Though the duo are both rather experienced in hunting competitions, this one had its challenges as well as its rewards.

fool. A deer is really dumb compared to a coyote. So just that challenge in itself, and just seeing if we can set up right, execute and make good shots. Clay runs the caller, and he is really good at it. There is an art to that too. There is an art to the whole set up. But mainly, I just love to compete. We had more crazy stuff happen, more laughs, more tiredness than I have ever experienced in doing something like that for sure. It was a blessing. I bet I could write a whole book of just that one trip." The WCCCC tries to spread awareness of the population of Coyotes. In holding these events, it kills two birds with one stone. While enjoying the sport of hunting, the people are doing their part to keep coyotes regulated, and also educating others on their cause. While the WCCCC knows that coyotes are needed in the ecosystem, they also understand the effects and dangers they present on livestock, crops and even pets and humans across the country. "One of the big things though, when I was in the fifth grade, I walked up on a momma cow that had trouble giving birth. Coyotes had ate her calves and ate up through her hips, so she couldn't get up but she was still alive and in a lot of pain. You know, they are doing what they do, but we have to do our part to manage them. We don't believe in putting down a coyote that has babies or anything. We aren't mean. They just do what they do and we do what we do," explained Mitch. "It's like deer, when the population explodes there is a lot of sickness and lack of food etc. With Coyotes, they get their share of deer and quail of that nature. They are the only mammal that we know of that the female will have a litter size that matches the food supply. So if there is a lack of food supply, or an overpopulation of coyotes, they may only have three pups. If there is plentiful food and water, they may have up to 13. We know of no other mammal that can do that. It is instinctive. They are the ultimate survivor and the smart-

est animal in the woods, so when you can fool one of those, in my opinion you've done something." Mitch has also assisted many farm owners who have had issues with coyotes by hunting on their land. He is still always eager to help and go on a hunt, and while also the athletic director at the Big Spring High School, he is not very hard to find either. "What they notice at first, is they might lose a calf or two. Its really not as common as people think, and is actually rare if you keep the coyotes controlled. They may also start noticing short tailed calves. That means a coyote had them by the tail and bit it off, but the momma came and dealt with it, because they usually cant handle a full grown momma. So they will call me, and I would go out there and try to kill what I could when I could. Almost always, there is one alpha male or female, and if you can get them then the rest of them will stop," said Mitch. "I am always grateful to get a chance to help the ranchers, and I am always open to phone calls and have a ton of references. I have been very blessed to have been on some beautiful ranches, so I enjoy helping them and going out and pursuing the coyote. They keep me on my toes, thats for sure. Any ranch, small or big. It's what I do and what I like to do."



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No. 21 Texas Tech rolls past ACU 74-47 in last Big 12 tuneup



AP Photo

Texas Tech's Davide Moretti (25) drives the ball around Abilene Christian's Tevin Foster (3) during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game Friday, Dec. 22, 2017, in Lubbock, Texas.

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Zach Smith returned to Texas Tech's starting lineup after coming off the bench for a game for an unspecified violation of team rules.

The senior forward looked ready for the start of the rugged Big 12.

Smith scored a season-high 16 points, freshman Zhaire Smith added 14 and the 21st-ranked Red Raiders beat Abilene Christian 74-47 on Friday in their final tuneup for conference play.

After scoring just four points while not starting for the first time this season in a win over Florida Atlantic, Zach Smith made

his first seven shots before his only miss to go with six rebounds, his second-best total of the season.

"There's some things we believe in. Discipline's at the top of that list," Texas Tech coach Chris Beard said. "Guys just got to continue to grow as men. Great people. Just a simple mistake. They pay the consequence. We move on."

Texas Tech (11-1) won its fifth straight game and extended its nonconference home winning streak to 38 games, holding the Wildcats to 17 percent shooting (5 of 31) in the first half and 30 percent overall.

Keenan Evans and Justin Gray had 11 points apiece in the first meeting between the West Texas schools since Dec. 2, 1957, also in Lubbock. The Red Raiders have won 11 straight in the series, a streak that dates to 1938.

Tevin Foster and Hayden Howell scored nine points each for the Wildcats (8-5), who played their first ranked opponent in 33 years. They lost 84-72 at No. 19 Kansas on Dec. 8, 1984.

"There's no question that's the best team we've played in nonconference," ACU

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NBA Leaders (through December 22)

		Scoring				
		G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Harden, HOU	31	297	268	994	32.1	
Antetokounmpo, MIL		29	313	218	858	29.6
James, CLE		33	357	153	936	28.4
Durant, GOL		27	261	128	718	26.6
Curry, GOL		23	192	139	606	26.3
Cousins, NOR		32	288	192	839	26.2
Davis, NOR		27	252	167	687	25.4
Lillard, POR		31	251	193	782	25.2
Irving, BOS		33	300	135	821	24.9
Oladipo, IND		31	276	132	770	24.8
DeRozan, TOR		30	259	198	742	24.7
Porzingis, NYK		26	230	131	641	24.7
Booker, PHX		25	213	120	608	24.3
Embiid, PHL		23	192	155	555	24.1
Westbrook, OKC		32	269	163	753	23.5
Beal, WAS		32	268	133	742	23.2
Aldridge, SAN		32	273	139	702	21.9
Walker, CHA	30	216	146	647	21.6	
Thompson, GOL		32	260	37	667	20.8
McCollum, POR		31	246	81	646	20.8

		FG Percentage		
		FG	FGA	PCT
Capela, HOU		167	241	.693
Jordan, LAC		148	227	.652
Adams, OKC		156	246	.634
Collins, ATL		127	206	.617
Kanter, NYK		169	279	.606
Davis, NOR		252	441	.571
James, CLE		357	626	.570
Favors, UTA		154	280	.550
Gibson, MIN		147	269	.546
Randle, LAL		144	264	.545

		Rebounds				
		G	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG
Jordan, LAC		31	148	322	470	15.2
Drummond, DET		32	157	317	474	14.8
Cousins, NOR		32	67	324	391	12.2
Howard, CHA		32	112	275	387	12.1
Towns, MIN		32	93	278	371	11.6
Capela, HOU		28	90	225	315	11.2
Embiid, PHL		23	54	199	253	11.0
Davis, NOR		27	66	220	286	10.6
Antetokounmpo, MIL		29	64	240	304	10.5
Jokic, DEN		25	63	195	258	10.3

		Assists		
		G	AST	AVG
Westbrook, OKC		32	316	9.9
James, CLE		33	305	9.2
Harden, HOU	31	275	8.9	
Simmons, PHL		30	234	7.8
Green, GOL		26	190	7.3
Lowry, TOR		30	214	7.1
Teague, MIN		28	199	7.1
Ball, LAL		30	209	7.0
Schroder, ATL		29	194	6.7
Curry, GOL		23	151	6.6

Tiger Woods decides to be his own swing coach

By **DOUG FERGUSON**
AP Golf Writer

Tiger Woods is embarking on his latest comeback without a swing coach.

Woods said Friday on Twitter that since fusion surgery on his lower back in April, he has been relearning his body and his golf swing by relying on feel and the previous three years of work with Dallas-based Chris Como.

"For now, I think it's best for me to continue to do this on my own," Woods said. "I'm grateful to Chris Como for his past work, and I have nothing but respect for him."

Como was not in the Bahamas when Woods returned following his fourth back surgery. In his first competition in 10 months, Woods had plenty of speed and power in his swing, shot three rounds in the 60s at the Hero World Challenge and tied for ninth against an 18-man field, 10 shots behind Rickie Fowler.

More important than his score was his form: Woods looked strong and fit with his swing and his posture all through the week.

He has not said where he will play first in 2018.

Unlike the previous three coaches employed by Woods — Butch Harmon, Hank Haney and Sean Foley — Como was not as steady a presence in public even when Woods played an 11-event schedule in 2015.

Notah Begay, who has known Woods since they played together at Stanford, introduced him to Como in the summer of 2014. Woods hired him as a consultant late that



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year as he talked about a "new old swing" he would try to employ.

Como said in a text message that Woods' "electrifying play" in the Bahamas was the by-product of "a lot of hard work over the last few years while fighting through injury and pain," and he felt there was plenty of enthusiasm for next year.

"When our professional relationship began, I was asked to help Tiger utilize his own instincts and feel while playing pain free," Como said. "I think we've accomplished that and I'm proud of the results. Tiger is ready to have an incredible run in his career. I'm eager to watch what will be one of the most exciting sports comebacks of all time."

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	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:				
Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 19,149,020	\$ 4,688,812	\$ 520,474	\$ 24,358,306
State Program Revenues	10,942,163	81,152	241,782	11,265,097
Federal Program Revenues	483,562		4,707,824	5,191,386
Total Revenues	\$ 30,574,745	\$ 4,769,964	\$ 5,470,080	\$ 40,814,789
Expenditures:				
Instruction	\$ 17,831,617	\$	\$ 1,487,473	\$ 19,319,090
Instructional Resources and Media Services	398,159		15,479	413,638
Curriculum and Staff Development	237,420		560,611	798,031
Instructional Leadership	312,945		165,452	478,397
School Leadership	2,357,313		2,067	2,359,380
Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services	625,520		392,217	1,017,737
Social Work Services	81,707		11,385	93,092
Health Services	336,504			336,504
Student Transportation	716,914			716,914
Food Services			2,379,780	2,379,780
Extracurricular Activities	1,317,651			1,317,651
General Administration	1,040,915			1,040,915
Plant Maintenance and Operations	4,878,254		3,109	4,881,363
Security and Monitoring Services	65,657			65,657
Data Processing Services	780,712			780,712
Debt Service - Principal	51,506	1,515,000		1,566,506
Debt Service - Interest	3,628	2,433,213		2,436,841
Debt Service - Fees		2,850		2,850
Facilities Acquisition and Construction			157,460	157,460
Other Intergovernmental Charges	314,599			314,599
Total Expenditures	\$ 31,351,021	\$ 3,951,063	\$ 5,175,033	\$ 40,477,117
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Under Expenditures	\$ (776,276)	\$ 818,901	\$ 295,047	\$ 337,672
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Transfers In	\$ 456,428	\$	\$ 5,250	\$ 461,678
Transfers Out			(461,678)	(461,678)
Total Other Financing Sources	\$ 456,428	\$ 0	\$ (456,428)	\$ 0
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ (319,848)	\$ 818,901	\$ (161,381)	\$ 337,672
September 1, 2016 - Fund Balance	13,577,024	2,259,599	277,055	16,113,678
August 31, 2017 - Fund Balance	\$ 13,257,176	\$ 3,078,500	\$ 115,674	\$ 16,451,350



AP Photo
Texas Tech's Niem Stevenson (10) lays up the ball around Abilene Christian's Drake Green (11) during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game Friday, Dec. 22, 2017, in Lubbock, Texas.



AP Photo
Texas Tech's Zach Smith (11) dunks the ball over Abilene Christian's Hayden Howell (23) during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game Friday, Dec. 22, 2017, in Lubbock, Texas.

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coach Joe Golding said. "I think our nonconference schedule's been pretty good, but that was a whole different level."

The Red Raiders opened the game with a 9-0 run and finished the first half with three straight Smith dunks — two by Zhaire, one by Zach — as part of an 8-0 spurt and 30-15 lead.

BIG PICTURE

ACU: The toughest game on ACU's schedule went about as expected, although the Wildcats surely didn't anticipate the kind of poor shooting game they had. With Southland Conference play next, they lost the momentum of a 62-58 win at Air Force by getting beat at Lipscomb and never really giving themselves a chance against the Red Raiders.

Texas Tech: Beard has to be pleased with how the noncon-

ference schedule prepared his team for the Big 12. The Red Raiders lost to Seton Hall immediately after getting ranked for the first time since January 2010. They knew their last chance to get back in the Top 25 was the next game against then-No. 22 Nevada, and they rallied to win in overtime.

TIES THAT BIND

Beard's first full-time job as an assistant was at ACU for the 1996-97 season, when Golding was the team's point guard. Two of Golding's assistants — Brette Tanner and Ted Crass — have served under Beard elsewhere. "It wasn't a game that I enjoyed coaching in because that bench has three guys that I love dearly," said Beard, whose three daughters live in Abilene.

UP NEXT

ACU: Southland opener at New Orleans on Dec. 28.

Texas Tech: Big 12 opener at home against No. 18 Baylor on Dec. 29.

No. 15 TCU beats William & Mary for record 17th straight win

By SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Sports Writer

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Since he's from Fort Worth, Alex Robinson knows a couple of players from the previous TCU team to take a perfect record into Big 12 play.

The expectations were different a few years ago because the Horned Frogs were coming off a winless conference season. Robinson and crew just won the NIT, and have kept it going with a school-record 17 straight wins.

Robinson scored a season-high 23 points, Jaylen Fisher had 17 of his career-best 21 points after halftime and the 15th-ranked Horned Frogs extended the nation's longest winning streak, beating William & Mary 86-75 in their final Big 12 tuneup Friday night.

"I think this is a whole different situation," said Robinson, a junior in his second season after transferring from Texas A&M. "I don't know how they were, but I know right now we're a huge family. We push each other every day. I think we'll be in great shape."

Playing without leading scorer and rebounder Kenrich Williams because of a knee injury, TCU (12-0) went unbeaten before Big 12 play for the second time in four seasons. The winning streak includes the last five games of last season in the NIT.

The Horned Frogs broke the previous school record of 16 straight wins under Billy Tubbs in 1997-98, the last time they made the NCAA Tournament. TCU's ranking is its highest since that season.

Although the Horned Frogs started 13-0 in 2014-15, they weren't expected to contend in the Big 12 because of their 0-18 conference record the previous season. They went 4-14 in league play, the only time they didn't finish last in the Big 12 in four seasons under Trent Johnson.

Expectations have changed under second-year coach Jamie Dixon, a player on the last TCU team to win an NCAA Tournament game in 1986-87.

"Everybody's kind of talking about us in a different light to where we're picked and where we're ranked," Dixon said. "I think we're good. I know we can be better."

A couple of weeks after losing by 35 at Ohio State, the Tribe (7-4) were within two points with 6 1/2 minutes left. Among the nation's most accurate teams from 3-point range, William & Mary used that weapon to stay close.

Matt Milon was 6 of 11 from long range and scored 22 points as the Tribe went 15 of 38 from long range.

Connor Burchfield, the active NCAA leader in career 3-point accuracy coming into the game, scored 18 and was 4 of 7 beyond the arc, including two that helped cut a 10-point lead to five in less than a minute in the second half.

"We didn't come here to scare them," said coach Tony Shaver, who just picked up his 200th win at William & Mary. "We came here to win the ballgame."

Fisher was 3 of 3 from long range after halftime, including one right after William & Mary had pulled within 70-68. Fisher and Robinson were a combined 17 of 27 from the field as TCU shot 62 percent, including 72 percent in the second half.

JD Miller scored 12 points on 5-of-7 shooting, Vladimir Brodziansky made all four of his shots to finish with 11 and Desmond Bane had 11 points and eight rebounds for TCU.

BIG PICTURE

William & Mary: The Tribe were much more competitive in their second higher-profile matchup following the 97-62 loss at



AP Photo
TCU's Kouat Noi (12) slam-dunks during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game against William & Mary in Fort Worth, Texas, Friday, Dec. 22, 2017.

Ohio State on Dec. 9. William & Mary trailed by 18 at the half and by 28 early in the second half against the Buckeyes. They stayed with the Horned Frogs most of the way.

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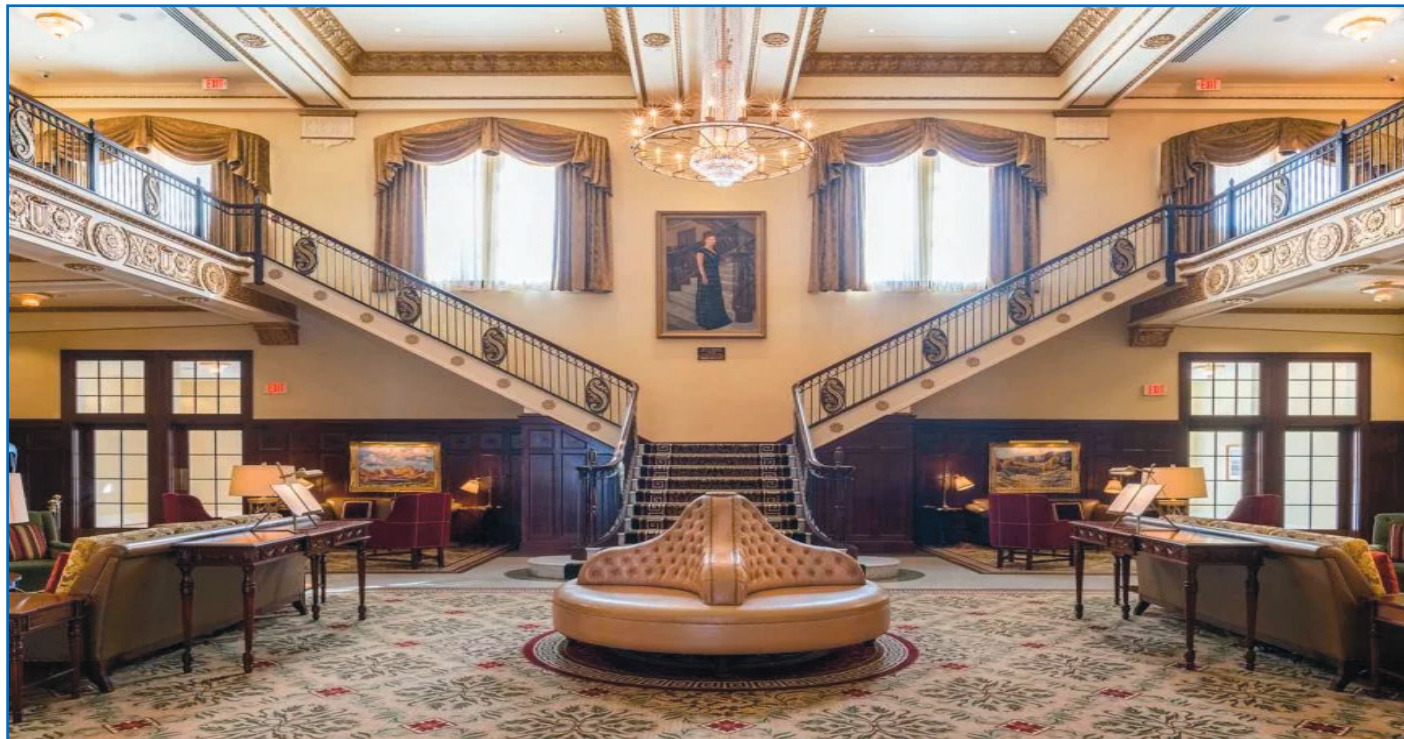
Staff Writer
On Dec. 28, 2012 the Hotel Settles re-opened its doors to the public after being subsequently abandoned for around 30 years. The Settles Hotel is an historic 15-story hotel located at 201 East Third Street in Big Spring, Texas. Originally completed in 1930, the Settles opened for business Oct. 1, 1930. It operated from 1930 through the early 1980s when it closed down for decades. Fortunately though, the Settles breathed life into the city of Big Spring once again, following a \$30 million renovation led by Big Spring native and Dallas businessman G. Brint Ryan. Now the Hotel Settles is celebrating its 5th anniversary of reopening. In the beginning the Settles was built by Will R. and Lillian Settles, after the discovery of oil on their ranch, hence the name "Settles." Designed by architect David Castle, the building was constructed as a solid concrete, 15-story, 150-room hotel with a restaurant and a pharmacy. At the time, it was the tallest building between El Paso and Ft. Worth. The Settles family owned the hotel for two years, but sold it when the

Great Depression gripped the nation and their oil revenues diminished. The hotel went through several owners in the ensuing years. In 2006, Ryan purchased the property and teamed up with

charm while honoring the building's history. Everyone was committed to the preservation of this remarkable building, believing that the Settles is a treasure in and of itself.

better service, the renovation team used the original set of blueprints in helping bring the Settles back to life. "Its quintessential wedding and event venue, and restaurant with extensive

On April 10, 2015, the West Texas Historical Association at its 92nd annual conference in Amarillo, presented a lecture and discussion on the Hotel Settles: "A Grand Dame Shines Again: Big Spring's



HERALD Photo/Amber Mansfield
The amazing Hotel Settles foyer shows guest upon entering, the glamorous interior of the hotel. The painting that is being displayed is a painting of owner Brint Ryan's mother.

Jeff Trigger and La Corsha Hospitality Group to bring their trademark blend of Texas hospitality and effortless-ness era property. Hotel Settles reopened on Dec. 28, 2012, debuting its restored Southern

"My goal was to bring Hotel Settles back to its original grandeur and stature in the community," Said Ryan. Although the hotel was updated with such conveniences as heating, air conditioning, modern plumbing to

wine list and craft cocktails, is only matched by the Hotel's elegant guest rooms and suites," said Ryan. "My belief is if we provide guests with quality service and a product to match, that business will naturally follow."

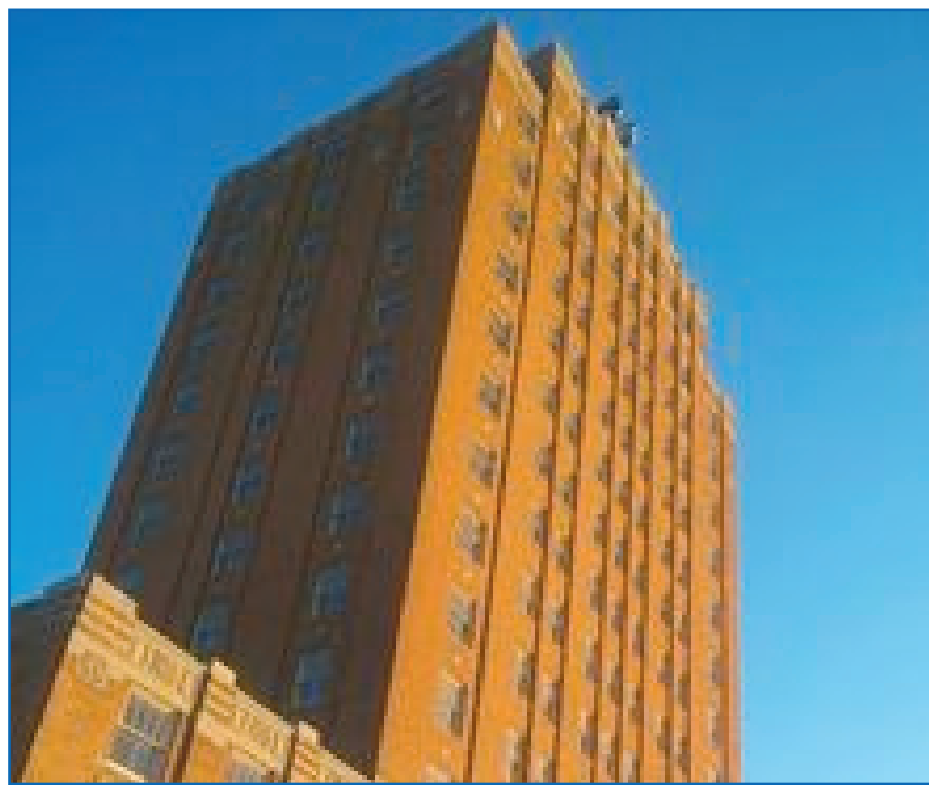
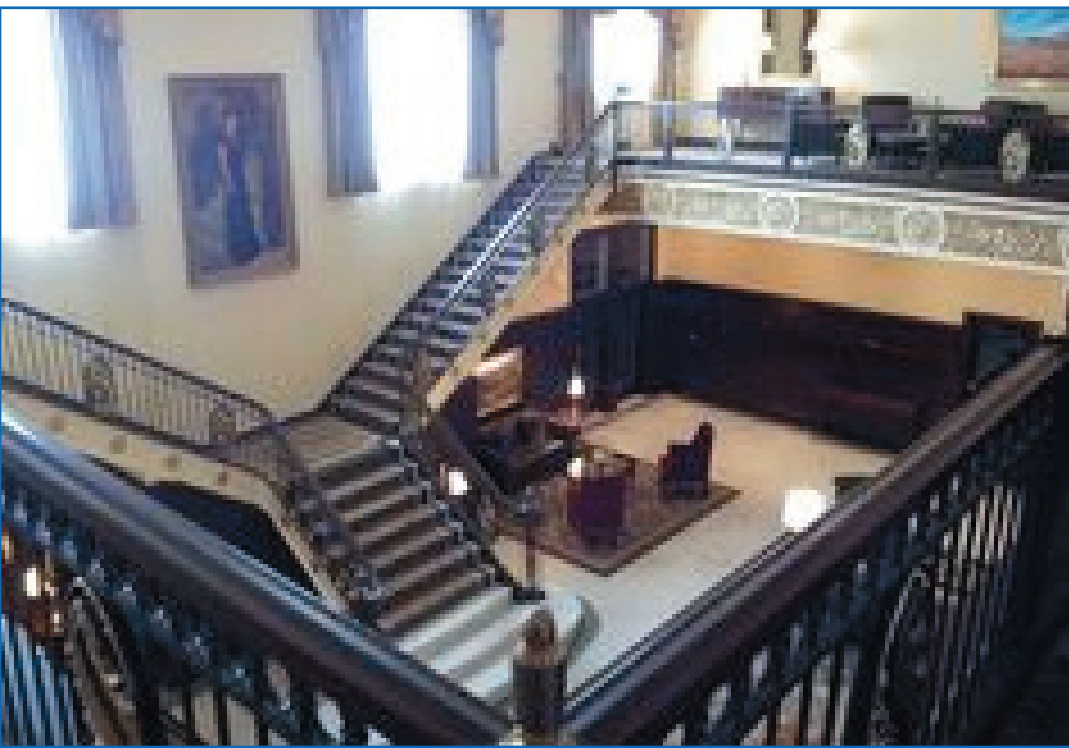
Hotel Settles During Eighty-five Years of Boom, Bust, and Boom" by Barbara Brannon. The Hotel Settles combines true Texas hospitality and effortless sophistication with 65 guestrooms, an expansive grand ballroom, a pool, fitness center and two dining and drinking establishments Settles Grill and Pharmacy Bar and Parlor. It's easy to say that the hotel has had a big part in reviving downtown Big Spring to its former bygone times. Most folks are glad to see that side of town, which has looked like a ghost town for some many years, have some spirit again. So come down and have a good meal and enjoy a cocktail, while appreciating the history and the fact that such a piece of Big Spring's history was brought back to life.



It was an extensive process to bring back the beautiful details that evoke the craftsmanship and architectural details of that forgotten time, but it was well worth the effort it took. The Hotel Settles was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on April 18, 2013. Hotel Settles is a member of Historic Hotels of America, the official program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

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Here shown is the elegant Pharmacy Bar at the Hotel Settles. Guest can enjoy a cocktail while relaxing in a luxurious environment.



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On the left shows another view of the foyer taken from the second floor. The right emphasis the 15 story historical building.

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Dutoit out at 7 symphonies amid sexual assault accusations

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The stellar career of world-renowned conductor Charles Dutoit has come crashing down in the wake of sexual assault accusations by three singers and a musician. Symphonies from Boston to Sydney have severed ties with the maestro, and he has canceled guest appearances with other major orchestras.

The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra in London, where the 81-year-old Dutoit is artistic director and principal conductor, issued a statement early Friday saying the symphony and Dutoit "have jointly agreed to release him from his forthcoming concert obligations with the orchestra for the immediate future."

The Royal Philharmonic statement says the facts should be determined by a legal process and that Dutoit "needs to be given a fair opportunity to seek legal advice and contest these allegations."

Meanwhile, orchestras in New York, Chicago and Cleveland announced that Dutoit has withdrawn his services for upcoming concerts. In addition to Sydney and Boston, the San Francisco Symphony cut ties with Dutoit, citing the "serious nature of the allegations" detailed by The Associated Press.

He had been set to appear at the New York Philharmonic next month; the other performances were scattered through 2018.

Aside from the orchestra statements attributed to Dutoit about his voluntary withdrawals, the famous conductor has remained silent.

Prior to release of the AP story, Dutoit did not respond to multiple attempts for comment through the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and his office in Montreal. The Royal Philharmonic said Dutoit was on vacation, but that it had forwarded the AP's emailed requests for comment directly to him. The AP also reached out to Dutoit's office with several phone calls and emails.

The reaction to the graphic sexual assault accusations made by the four women has been swift in the classical music world, accompanied by assertions about Dutoit's decades-long reputation for inappropriate behavior. The developments also have left the orchestras scrambling to find substitute conductors.

Joe Kluger, former president of The Philadelphia Orchestra from 1989 to 2005, told The AP that Dutoit's reputation as "extremely flirtatious" was one

factor that caused the organization to pass him over twice for the job of music director during those years.

He said rumors of Dutoit's "inappropriate behavior with women were common knowledge in the classical music business." He added: "I do recall telling our staff to be wary around him and encouraged them to report any inappropriate behavior immediately."

Kluger said he was unaware of any formal complaints filed about Dutoit by musicians or staff members.

He said he had never heard that Dutoit had assaulted women.

The AP story published Thursday included detailed accounts by the four women, who said Dutoit attacked them on the sidelines of rehearsals and performances with orchestras in five cities — Chicago, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Philadelphia and Saratoga Springs, New York.

All four told the AP they never filed formal complaints because they were young and Dutoit was the maestro; they figured they would lose their jobs, not him.

They said the incidents occurred between 1985 and 2010 in a variety of places, including a moving car, Dutoit's dressing room, a hotel elevator and his suite at the Four Seasons Hotel in Chicago.

The women, two who were named, said the Swiss-born conductor physically restrained them, forced his body against theirs, sometimes put his tongue in their mouths and, in one case, stuck her hand down his pants.

One of the women who spoke to the AP said Dutoit attacked her on four occasions during performances with The Philadelphia Orchestra in 2006 and 2010.

The accusations against Dutoit made him the second high-profile figure in the classical music world to be accused of sexual misconduct recently.

Earlier this month, the Metropolitan Opera suspended conductor James Levine when misconduct accusations surfaced.

In a long, distinguished career, Dutoit has traveled the world as a guest conductor and led several highly regarded orchestras, including the Orchestra National de France, the NHK Symphony in Tokyo and the Montreal Symphony Orchestra.

Pascale Ouimet, spokesman for the Montreal Symphony, where Dutoit served as music director for nearly 25 years until 2002, said he had no comment on the allegations.

Dutoit's long relationship with Montreal came to an acrimonious end in 2002, following a dispute with the musicians' union.

Natasha Gauthier, a writer based in Ottawa, said Dutoit's reputation as a womanizer was common knowledge in the Montreal classical music world and she even wrote about her own unwanted encounter with the conductor in 1995 for a prominent weekly magazine.

She described how she arrived in his dressing room for an interview only to have him snatch away her notebook, then lean in, putting his hand on her knee while trying to give her a massage.

She said he asked about her marital status.

Gauthier quoted Dutoit as saying he would not speak to her for the story when he learned she had been inquiring about his reputation.

She didn't expect him to be fired as a result of the story, but she was stunned by the silence from orchestra management.

"Nobody doubted that this had happened just as I had described," Gauthier said, "but I'm the one who got blacklisted."

Among those who spoke to AP were soprano and two-time Grammy

winner Sylvia McNair, 61, who said Dutoit had cornered her in a hotel elevator after a rehearsal with the Minnesota Orchestra in 1985.

"As soon as it was just the two of us in the elevator, Charles Dutoit pushed me back against the elevator wall and pressed his knee way up between my legs and pressed himself all over me," said McNair, who was 28 at the time. "I managed to shove him off and right at that moment, the elevator door opened. I remember saying, 'Stop it!' And I made a dash for it."

Retired mezzo-soprano Paula Rasmussen said Dutoit summoned her to his dressing room at the LA Opera in September 1991, before a dress rehearsal for "Les Troyens."

"He threw me against the wall, shoved my hand down his pants and shoved his tongue down my throat," she said.

She refused to ever be alone with the maestro again, said Rasmussen, 52, now an attorney in the San Francisco area.

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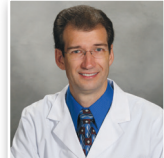


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Miss America Organization loses TV partner over emails



In this Aug. 30, 2016, file photo, Sam Haskell, left, CEO of Miss America Organization, speaks during Miss America Pageant arrival ceremonies in Atlantic City, N.J. On Thursday Dec. 21, 2017, the Huffington Post published emails it obtained that show Haskell and others from the Miss America Organization commenting harshly on past winners' appearance, intellect and sex lives. Dick Clark Productions, the pageant's TV production partner, severed ties with the Miss America Organization over the emails, which it termed "appalling."

AP photo

By WAYNE PARRY

Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — Dick Clark Productions says it has cut ties with the Miss America Organization over internal emails by pageant senior leadership that ridiculed past

winners' appearance, intelligence and sex lives.

The Huffington Post reported Thursday that the Miss America Organization's CEO, Sam Haskell, exchanged emails with a writer for the televised pageant and others that included harsh and sometimes vulgar

comments about past winners.

Dick Clark Productions, which produces the nationally televised pageant broadcasts, tells The Associated Press that it has cut ties with the pageant over the emails, calling them "appalling."

Among the comments included in the report was a reference to former Miss Americas using a vulgar term for female genitalia that Haskell indicated he found to be amusing. Others speculated about how many men one particular former Miss America had had sex with. That same former title holder, Mallory Hagan, also was ridiculed over a bathing suit photo in which she appeared to have gained weight from when she competed in and won the pageant.

The emails have cost the pageant its television production partner, and raised questions about the future of the nationally televised broadcast from Atlantic City's Boardwalk Hall the week after Labor Day each year.

Dick Clark Productions told The Associated Press Thursday night that it was made aware of the emails several months ago.

"We were appalled by their unacceptable content and insisted, in the strongest possible terms, that the Miss America Organization board of directors conduct a comprehensive investigation and take appropriate action to address the situation," the company said in a statement. "Shortly thereafter, we resigned our board positions and notified MAO that we were terminating our relationship with them."

In its own statement Thursday night, the Miss America Organization said that Haskell, who earns \$500,000 a year as CEO, had apologized to the

board for his comments. The statement did not say if he had apologized to the women mentioned by name in the emails, or whether such an apology was conveyed to them.

The organization said the emails "contain inappropriate language that is unbecoming at best and is not, in any way, indicative of the character and integrity of MAO or its representatives. Please note that MAO does not condone the use of inappropriate language and apologizes for this situation. The Board of Directors took the allegations very seriously, investigated them, and considers the matter closed."

Haskell said he would address the matter on Friday; he did not respond to a follow-up inquiry as to whether he had apologized directly to the women named in the emails.

The comments are in stark contrast to the glowing, supportive statements Haskell repeatedly made in public about past title winners.

The Huffington Post article shows that Haskell and others directed considerable attention to Hagan, who won the 2013 pageant. He forwarded an email he had been sent regarding Hagan to a writer for the pageant, who has since been terminated.

The writer responded by questioning whether he and Haskell were part of a tiny group of people who had not had sex with Hagan.

"It appears we are the only ones!" Haskell replied, according to the Huffington Post.

Hagan did not respond to a message from the AP seeking comment Thursday night.

She declined comment to the Huffington Post.

Poll: Most say sex misconduct victims are underprotected

By LAURIE KELLMAN AND EMILY SWANSON

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most Americans say sexual misconduct is a major problem and that too little is being done to protect victims, according to a new poll by the Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. But some — particularly Republican men — are concerned about the rights of the accused.

The sheer speed with which an accusation of sexual misconduct can sink a career rattles some men, and not just Republicans. Bart Cassida, a 40-year-old Democrat from Indiana, said he tends to believe the accusers. But he's concerned about employers "immediately dismissing people without proper investigation."

"People think that men don't mind being that kind of guy," someone physically assertive with women, said Dan Lee, 65, a Palm Springs, California, Democrat who retired after a four-decade career in computer science. "I think that's wrong ... men are concerned with their reputations."

The poll shows that nearly 6 in 10 Americans think there is too little protection for the rights of people who have been victims of workplace sexual misconduct. By contrast, just 37 percent think there's too little protection for people accused of sexual misconduct, 35 percent think there's the right amount and 26 percent think there's too much.

Majorities of women of all political persuasions, as well as male Democrats and independents, think too little is done to protect victims, but only about a third of male Republicans think the same. Among Republican men, by contrast, 52 percent think there are too few protections for the accused. Just 33 percent of Democratic men and 39 percent of Republican women think that's the case.

Whether there's a balance to be struck between protections for accusers and the rights of those accused of sexual misconduct is part of America's reckoning with the problem.

Women and some men have come forward in recent months with allegations credible enough to topple titans of entertainment, news, and members of Congress — often with blinding speed.

Just what is an unwelcome sexual advance, and whether there should be life-altering consequences for what some might see as just a dumb remark, have ignited ferocious exchanges across U.S. society.

"On that side of it someone should have a chance to defend themselves," said Cedar Rapids, Iowa, resident Emily Hass, 40, who says she's confronted two people who harassed her. She's among the 56 percent of Americans who think harassment is a major problem in U.S. workplaces. "Absolutely. I think we don't even know the half of it."

A third of working Americans say sexual misconduct is a very serious problem in their own workplace, a feeling most common among women, minorities and lower-income Americans. Three in 10 women and 1 in 10 men say that they've personally experienced sexual misconduct at work.

The tense discussion goes to the pinnacle of American government. Americans elected President Donald Trump even after they heard a recording of him boasting of groping women and knew he stood accused of assaulting or harassing more than a dozen women. He has denied any wrongdoing and has vowed to sue his accusers. Nearly a year

into his presidency, that hasn't happened.

Misconduct allegations have been made against several members of Congress, including Sen. Al Franken, who plans to step down due to sexual assault accusations.

Allegations of sexual misconduct, many of them denied, have forced a reconsideration of lifetimes of work by accused men, such as former President Bill Clinton, actor Kevin Spacey and Hollywood mogul Harvey Weinstein. And voters in overwhelmingly Republican Alabama on Dec. 12 elected a Democrat, Doug Jones, to the Senate for the first time in a quarter century. The Republican candidate, Roy Moore, stood accused of sexual misconduct with teenage girls while he was in his 30s. Moore denied the charges. Trump endorsed Moore.

The poll shows that majorities of Americans think broad sectors of society are not doing enough to prevent sexual misconduct, including institutions including the entertainment industry, colleges and universities, state and federal governments, the military and the news media.

The sweeping nature of the national reckoning shows no sign of being resolved soon, the poll found.

Overall, two-thirds think sexual misconduct happens in most or even all workplaces and more than 8 in 10 say false accusations happen at least some of the time.

And while a third of women worry at least somewhat about being victims, an equal percentage of men worry at least somewhat about being falsely accused.

The abrupt firing of NBC's Matt Lauer from the helm of the "Today" show this month rattled Cassida.

"By the time I had heard about it, he had already been let go. And I kind of went, whoa," said the Greencastle, Indiana, high school math teacher, a Democrat. NBC officials said they had identified a pattern of troubling behavior before giving Lauer the ax.

Lee worries that the privacy of accusers is protected more than the names of the accused.

"You always heard rumors about who was being accused. But you never heard who was doing the accusing."

Still the poll finds many hope the attention given to sexual misconduct will make a positive difference. Most Americans — 55 percent — think the spate of recent high-profile cases will result in change for the better for women.

The AP-NORC poll surveyed 1,020 adults from Dec. 7-11 using a sample drawn from NORC's probability-based AmeriSpeak panel, which is designed to be representative of the U.S. population. The margin of sampling error for all respondents is plus or minus 4.3 percentage points.



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In this Dec. 7, 2017 file photo, the office of Sen. Al Franken, D-Minn., is seen in the Hart Senate Office Building on Capitol Hill in Washington. Most Americans say sexual misconduct is a major problem in U.S. society wherever people go to work, train or learn, and too little is being done to protect victims.

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Expanded child tax credit may not be as generous as it seems

By SARAH SKIDMORE SELL

AP Personal Finance Writer

The expansion of a child tax credit helped seal Congress' approval of the Republican tax overhaul. Sen. Marco Rubio had insisted that House-Senate negotiators allow low-income households to claim more of the child credit. And the final bill did so.

So do poor families stand to benefit? Maybe. It depends on their circumstances.

The child credit is designed to help working families offset some of the cost of raising children. Under current law, the credit lets households reduce their taxes by up to \$1,000 for each child under their care. The tax overhaul doubled that credit to \$2,000.

It also made more of the credit refundable. That means that if the credit lowers a family's tax liability below zero, they can still receive the balance of the credit in the form of a tax refund. And more people will now be eligible to claim the credit because the income level at which it phases out has been raised.

On the surface, this sounds like happy news for American families. Yet tax experts say the expanded child credit will actually provide little relief for some of the lowest-income families.

HOW IT WORKS NOW

A family can claim the credit for each child under 17 they claim as a dependent and whom they have housed for at least half the year. The credit begins to phase out when adjusted gross income exceeds \$75,000 for single parents or \$110,000 for married couples.

The dollar value of the credit does rise with a household's earnings. As a result, the proportion of families that receive the credit — as well as the average size of the credit — is higher among moderate- and middle-income families than among low-income households, according to the Tax Policy Center.

Still, the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities has concluded that the credit helped lift roughly 2.7 million people out of poverty in 2016.

HOW THE CHANGES WOULD WORK

The final version of the Republican bill doubles the full tax credit to \$2,000 per child. And by raising the income threshold at which the credit phases out, the bill will allow more middle and upper-income families to claim it. It now won't start to phase out until income

hits \$200,000 for single filers and \$400,000 for married couples.

For families that earn too little to owe tax, the bill also made up to \$1,400 of the credit refundable. Before Rubio had demanded an increase, the refundable portion in the Senate bill had been \$1,100.

Yet like other elements of the tax bill that go to individual families, the increased child credit — and the increase in the refundable portion of it — are set to expire in 2026. In addition, to receive the child credit, parents will now have to provide their children's Social Security numbers. This requirement is intended to deny the child credit to people who are in the U.S. illegally.

WHY IT'S SO IMPORTANT. . .

Rubio, a Florida Republican, had threatened to vote against the bill without a sweetened tax credit for lower-income working families. Republicans needed his vote to help secure victory in the Senate.

So Rubio won a late-stage concession to increase the portion of the child credit that would be refundable for households that owe no income tax.

... AND WHY IT'S NOT SO IMPORTANT

The compromise tax bill does make more families eligible for the credit. And it increases its size. Yet it fails to provide much help for lower-income families, says Chye-Ching Huang of the CBPP.

Because of how rules covering the credit's refundability are written, Huang expects about 10 million children among the lowest-income working families to receive a token increase of up to \$75 per family — or no increase at all. That is because the refundable portion of the credit doesn't kick in until a family has income of \$2,500. For each additional dollar earned, a family receives a refundable credit worth 15 cents until it reaches its maximum credit of \$1,400. But some families won't come close to that threshold, Huang said.

The new requirement for a Social Security number also would harm about 1 million children in low-income working families by denying them the credit they now receive because they lack a Social Security number, she said. This will be a particular problem for

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- Letitia Baucham, 1202 Stanford, Big Spring
- Linda Beck, 1713 Worley Rd., Banner Elk, N.C.
- Joshua Bell, 1962 Tuscola, Snyder
- Elda Melina Bernal, 1311 Mobile, Big Spring
- Tammy D. Bishop, 1410 Tucson Rd., Big Spring
- John Bochnicka, 538 Westover Rd. #260
- Chad Wayne Brown, 3901 Ave. O, P.O. Box 391, Snyder
- Douglas "Doug" Lee Brown, 205 W. 14th St. P.O. Box 275, Monahans
- James Bullard, 202 Fourth St., Palestine
- Melinda Burns, 2218 Carlton Way, San Angelo
- Wayne Richard Buyce, 4042 Morningside Way, Canyon Lake
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- Raymond Carroll, 712 E. 17th St., Big Spring
- Gloria Cerna, PO Box 55, Lamesa
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- Matilda Cortez, 302 N. St. Teresa, Stanton
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- Laura W. Dennis, 1511 Scurry, Big Spring
- Humberto Diaz Jr., 3417 N. Midland Dr, Midland
- Nelba DeLosRios Diaz, 10600 McMillian Dr., Austin
- Krista A. Dickson, 6917 Todd,

- Sachse
- Jimmy Dodson, 405 31st St., Snyder
- Ben Doherty, 5019 McKinney St. No. 105, Dallas
- Angela Doty, 1401 E. Rundberg, Austin
- Clayton W Durbin, 6508 Centerpoint, Big Spring
- Tina Marie Ellis, 4002 Austin Ave., Snyder
- Selena Bethani Enriquez-King, 100 E. Parker, Midland
- Brittany Vanessa Escanuela, 1221 E. 17th St., Big Spring
- Joanna Esparza, 501 S. Tackitt, Seymour
- W. Carol Evans, 809 E. 33rd, Plainview
- Chris M. Fagan, 3508 W. Eighth St., Amarillo
- Kristen Falcon, 2606 Fairchild Dr., Big Spring
- Lez Faulkner, 1102 South Water, Burnet
- Jose Enrique Faz, 509 N. Goliad, Big Spring
- Mumduh Felemban, 9338 Perrin Beitel Apt. 701, San Antonio
- Alexander Fernandez, 404 Cypress, Colorado City
- Juana Fierro, 406 N.W. 5th St., Big Spring
- Tracy D. Flores, 2401 Russell Ave., Abilene
- Ellen French, P.O. Box 942, Poteau, Okla.
- Sharlamarr Frink, 3723 Monclair, Odessa
- Johnnie Fuller, 3801 23rd St., Snyder
- Molly Mier Galan, 1201 Mulberry Ave., Big Spring
- Juan E. Garcia, 3355 River Road North Keizer, Ok
- Mary Jo Garner, 11802 Silver Bar-ring Cove, San Antonio
- William Gene Garner, 704 Rosemont, Big Spring
- Rosa M. George, 509 W. Second St., Stanton, Texas
- Perry Gholar, 1510 Nolan, Big Spring
- Elizabeth Gomez, 509 Raleigh St., Plainview
- Guillermo Gomez, 2107 Morrison, Big Spring

- James E. Gonzalez, 604 Neff St., Sweetwater
- Jeremy Goodman, 3471 Green Meadow #24, San Angelo
- Kay Grant, 4405 N. Garfield #1005, Midland
- Whitney Marquez Gray, 2934 Old Anson Rd. \$1224, Abilene
- Isaiah Green, 4801 State St., Abilene
- James Michael Griffin, 303 Butler St. #502, Atlanta
- John Grima, 914 E. Sixth St., Big Spring
- Thomas E. Gross, 4100 S. Highway 87 #37, Big Spring
- Lynn Guerrero, 203 W. Ave #3, Clayton, N.M.
- Christina Nichole Gutierrez, 2809 25th St., Snyder
- Melissa Gutierrez, 3310 SF Austin, No. 58, Brownwood
- 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
- Nicholas D. Hasenbalg, 207 W. Williams St. #9, Breckenridge
- 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
- Scott Herrera, H.C 76, Box 97B Ash Rd., Big Spring
- 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
- Jim Bob Jennings, 4446 Ridgecrest Amarillo 9001 Indiana Apt D, Lubbock
- Stephanie Ford Johnson, P.O. Box 483, Coahoma
- David Kelley, P.O Bobx 724, Salado
- Joni D. Kelly, 3050 Co. Rd 139, Colorado

- Renola S. Kelly, 4503 LA Salle Circle, Colorado City
- Paige Morgan Kenas, 1003-2 Lake County Rd 175, Colorado City
- Cynthia Lee Kent, Moved to Newport News, Virginia
- Keith James Kochmick, 1003 Stadium, Big Spring
- Cyndi Michelle Lambert, 2600 Crestleline, Apt. C7, Big Spring
- Kayle R.Lane, P.O Box 83965, Waco
- Daniel Jerome Langston, 3307 Cornell Ave., Big Spring
- Rafael Lemus, 1804 Mittel, Big Spring
- Jesse Paul Lopez, 101 Scurry St., Big Spring
- Clifford G. Lowe, 501 Circle, Big Spring
- Patricia D. Lyons, 7502 Interstate 27 number A, Lubbock
- Aaron Christopher Mack, 2134 Bonham Ave., Odessa
- Bruce Edward Mallard, P.O Box 3265 504 Westover, Big Spring
- Barbara A. Marshall, P.O. Box 1065, Deming, New Mexico
- Martha McDonald Martin, 600 Driver Rd, Big Spring
- James Martinez, P.O. Box 269, Ft. Davis
- Ruann R. Martinez, 1005 N.W. 2nd St., Big Spring
- Victoria Josephine Martinez, 323 S. Main St., Loraine
- Karen McCalister, 5925 Raton Ln. number 154, Ft. Worth
- O'Neal McClain, 911 17th St., Snyder
- Diana McCool, 504 Donley, Big Spring
- Felicia Ornelas, 538 Westover No. 236, Big Spring
- Heriberto Palafox Mora, 1311 Mobile St., Big Spring
- Ethel Laverne McVae, 4202 Parkway Rd. Big Spring
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- Felicia Ornelas, 538 Westover number 236, Big Spring
- Callie Nicole Partlow, 2905 Navajo Dr., Big Spring

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Dana Kay Peach, 1806 N 13th, Lamesa
Nicole Preston, 1605 E 11th place, Big Spring
Jacquelin Dannon Ramsey, 1404 E 6th St., Gilbert P. Ramirez, 1614 Settles, Big Spring
Byron Roberts, 2206 Alabama St Big Spring
George Anthony Robinson Jr., 1905 Wasson Rd. #14, Big Spring
Juan Romero, 2504 March Circle, Big Spring
Veronica Romero, 103 Becker Road, Big Spring
Yuri Lozano Rubio, 421 Cedar, P.O. Box 173, Colorado City
Polly Ann Rusk, 4201 W. Highway 80, Big Spring
Lillie Shoup, 1301 Colby Big Spring
Shane Skaggs, 1 Courtney Place 301, Big Spring
Derrick Dewayne Smith, 1207 Mulberry Big Spring
Michael Ray Watson, 1503 Tucson Rd. Big Spring
Tamara Ruth Whitt, 3706 Connley, Big Spring
Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd. Apt. #28, Big Spring

Marriage Licenses

Brandon Leonard Guidry, 35, and Regena Faye Stone, 33, both of Mississippi
Cory Ryan Mecklenburg, 22, Laken Alizabeth Ingrand, 19, both of Merkel, Texas.
Tervin Jamaal Collier, 25, of Midland, Texas, and Mariah Kristian Deanda Rodriguez, 26, of Big Spring.
Jeffrey Scott Roman, 45, of Big Spring, and Maria Jose Hickman, 35, of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

County Court Judgments

(Note: The State of Texas is listed as prosecutor for all listed county court judgments)

Defendant: Carlos Ovalle
Offense: Possession of marijuana less than two ounces
Sentence: six month on probation, \$352 fine
Date: Sept. 21, 2017

Defendant: Christi Harrison
Offense: Possession of marijuana less than two ounces
Sentence: six months probation, \$352 fine
Date: Sept. 21, 2017

Defendant: Ernest Saiz Jr.,
Offense: Possession of marijuana less than two ounces
Sentence: 12 months on probation, \$352 fine
Date: Sept. 21, 2017

Defendant: Chase Billings
Offense: Criminal trespass
Sentence: 21 months probation, \$292 fine
Date: Sept. 12, 2017

Defendant: Adrain Rodriguez
Offense: Possession of marijuana less than two ounces
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$327 in court cost, 11 days in jail
Date: Oct. 25, 2017

Defendant: Jose A. Melendez
Offense: DWLs w previous conviction
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$267 court cost, 20 days in jail
Date: Oct. 5, 2017

Defendant: Vincent Duhon
Offense: Possession of marijuana
Sentence: \$721 fine, \$279 court cost, one time payment.
Date: Oct. 10, 2017

Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Macellous Weaver
Grantee: Jeremiah Peters
Property: a tract of land 30' square, the SW corner of Lot 11, block 20, original town of Big Spring
Date: Dec. 12, 2017

Grantor: Bill Baker and Erma Baker
Grantee: Judi Rodriguez and Chanda Neighbors
Property: S/13 of lots ten, 11, and 12, block one, FURRH addition, an addition to the city of Coahoma, Texas.
Date: Dec. 14, 2017

Grantor: Juanita Rodriguez
Grantee: Francisco P. Rodriguez, Lucrecia B. Lopez, Gloria Ann Gamez, and Bryan Christopher Stokes
Property: Being lot 27, block 5, college park addition
Date: Dec. 19, 2017

Grantor: William A. Chalfant and Katherine S. Chalfant
Grantee: Chalfant Operating Inc.
Property: The W/2 of section 16, block 33, Township 1 North, T and P Ry. Co. Survey.
Date: Dec. 19, 2017

Warranty Deeds with Vendors' Liens

Grantor: Michelleca, LLC.
Grantee: Robert Jackman
Property: All fo lot C, in block two, Highlands addition
Date: Dec. 14, 2017

Grantor: Evan Walton and Breanne Nicole Walton
Grantee: Hadley Holland
Property: Being a 5.0 acre tract of land out of the SE/4 of section 41, block 32, T-1-S, T and P, Railroad Co. Survey.
Date: Dec. 15, 2017

Grantor: Randy Nicholson, Dick Nicholson, Ann Nicolson Beisler AKA Ann N. Beisler, and Britton Dean Thornhill, as Independent Executor of the Estate of Ruth Elizabeth Nicholson
Grantee: Jay Hall and Ruth Hall
Property: All of surface lot number 18,
Date: Dec. 15, 2017

AP finds climate change risk for 327 toxic Superfund sites



AP photo

In this Dec. 11, 2017 photo, men in protective clothing work at the Martin Aaron Inc. Superfund site in Camden, N.J., Monday, Dec. 11, 2017. Hundreds of the nation's most polluted places are at an increasing risk of spreading contamination beyond their borders by more frequent storms and rising seas. An Associated Press analysis of flood zone, census and EPA data shows that almost 2 million people live within a mile of more than 300 at-risk toxic sites, mostly in low-income, heavily minority neighborhoods. These sites span the nation, but Florida, New Jersey and California have the most.

By JASON DEAREN, MICHAEL BIESECKER and ANGELIKI KASTANIS

Associated Press
TARPON SPRINGS, Fla. (AP) — Anthony Stansbury propped his rusty bike against a live oak tree and cast his fishing line into the rushing waters of Florida's Anclote River.

When he bought a house down the street last year, Stansbury says he wasn't told that his slice of paradise had a hidden problem. The neighborhood is adjacent to the Stauffer Chemical Co. Superfund site, a former chemical manufacturing plant that is on the list of the nation's most polluted places. That 130-acre lot on the river's edge is also located in a flood zone.

"Me and my kids fish here a couple times a week. Everyone who lives on this coast right

here, they fish on this water daily," said the 39-year-old father of three.

Stansbury is among nearly 2 million people in the U.S. who live within a mile of 327 Superfund sites in areas prone to flooding or vulnerable to sea-level rise caused by climate change, according to an Associated Press analysis of flood zone maps, census data and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency records.

This year's historic hurricane season exposed a little-known public health threat: Highly polluted sites that can be inundated by floodwaters, potentially spreading toxic contamination.

In Houston, more than a dozen Superfund sites were flooded by Hurricane Harvey, with breaches reported at two. In the Southeast and Puerto Rico, Superfund sites were battered by driving rains and winds from Irma and Maria.

The vulnerable sites highlighted by AP's review are scattered across the nation, but Florida, New Jersey and California have the most, and the most people living near them. They are in largely low-income, heavily minority neighborhoods, the data show.

Many of the 327 sites have had at least some work done to help mitigate the threat to public health, including fencing them off and covering them in plastic sheeting to help keep out rain water.

The Obama administration assessed some of these at-risk places and planned to gird them from harsher weather and rising seas. EPA's 2014 Climate Adaptation Plan said prolonged flooding at low-lying Superfund sites could cause extensive erosion, carrying away contaminants as waters recede.

President Donald Trump, however, has called climate change a hoax, and his administration has worked to remove references from federal reports and websites linking carbon emissions to the warming planet.

"Site managers had started reviewing climate and environmental trends for each Superfund site, including the potential for flooding," said Phyllis Anderson, who worked for 30 years as an EPA attorney and associate director of the division that manages Superfund cleanups until her retirement in 2013. "The current administration appears to be trying to erase these efforts in their climate change denials, which is a shame."

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt has said he intends to focus on cleaning up Superfund sites, and he appointed a task force that developed a list of sites considered the highest priority. The Stauffer site in Florida is not on it.

Like Trump, Pruitt rejects the consensus of climate scientists that man-made carbon emissions are driving global warming. His task force's 34-page report makes no mention of the flood risk to Superfund sites from stronger storms or rising seas, but eight of the 21 sites on EPA's priority list are in areas of flood risk.

Despite EPA's announced emphasis on expediting cleanups, the Trump administration's proposed spending plan for the current 2018 fiscal year seeks to slash Superfund program funding by nearly one-third. Congress has not yet approved new spending plans for the fiscal year, which began Oct. 1.

Pruitt's office declined to comment this week on the key findings of AP's analysis or why the agency appears to no longer recognize an increasing flood risk to toxic sites posed by the changing climate.

However, Jahan Wilcox, an EPA spokesman, said, "Despite fear-mongering from the Associated Press, not a single dollar has actually been eliminated, as Congress still hasn't passed a budget."

Many flood-prone Superfund sites identified through AP's analysis are located in low-lying, densely populated urban areas. In New Jersey, several polluted sites have more than 50,000 people living within one mile.

In Hoboken, across the Hudson River from New York City, the site of a former manufacturing plant for mercury vapor lamps sits within a mile of almost 100,000 residents, including 7,000 children under 5.

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some immigrant families because undocumented immigrants with children would not have a Social Security number.

Additionally, the benefit of the child credit will be eroded for some families by the tax bill's elimination of personal exemptions. Currently, a taxpayer can deduct from their income a \$4,050 exemption for herself, her spouse and each dependent.

On top of that, the benefits of the overall tax overhaul heavily favor corporations and high-income families over low- and moderate-income Americans. And what's more, millions of American households could face tax hikes in coming years once their tax cuts expire after 2025.

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The position provides Girl Scout activities and services directly for the girl and adult volunteers in the schools and other locations in the Midland, TX area.

Applications are accepted at 901 W Dengar Midland, TX 79705

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Big Spring State Hospital
1901 North Highway 87,
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Custodial/maintenance position available at New Hope Christian School. Must be able to pass background and drug tests. Apply in person at 118 Cedar Rd.

Help Wanted
Anchor truck drivers/installers wanted. No experience necessary. Benefits include health insurance, paid holidays, paid vacations, uniforms and scheduled days off. Commercial drivers license preferred but not required. Starting pay \$18-\$20 an hour. Must be at least 21 years old. 432-517-4527

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Help Wanted

O&M Manager Invenery LLC is hiring an O&M Manager for the Gunsight Energy Center, a 120 MW wind power generation facility utilizing GE 1.79 turbine technology, located in Big Spring, TX. Qualified applicants are encouraged to visit www.inveneryllc.com and click "Careers." Invenery LLC is a global developer, owner and operator of renewable and clean energy. Invenery is a highly-experienced leader in innovative clean energy solutions.
<https://inveneryllc.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/invenery-careers>

Parks Fuels is looking for a Outside Sales Manager who is capable of warehouse inventory and outside ordering. Excellent starting salary, car expense, retirement, & health insurance. Bring resume to 303 E. 1st St.

Parks Fuels is Looking For an Office Secretary. Should Have Excellent Organizational Skills w/ Attention to Detail. Required to Have The Ability to Use a Computer and Programs. Competitive Pay w/Health Insurance and Retirement. Please bring resume to 303 E. 1st. St. Big Spring.

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Wind Technician Invenery LLC is hiring a Wind Technician for the Gunsight Energy Center, a 1200 MW wind power generation facility utilizing GE 1.79 turbine technology, located in Big Spring, TX. Qualified applicants are encouraged to visit www.inveneryllc.com and click on "Careers"
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Public Notice

CITY OF BIG SPRING NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Pursuant to the authority granted by the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, the City of Big Spring will receive sealed proposals on the following date/time for the purchase of the items/services listed below:

Date/Time: Thursday January 4, 2018, at 2:00 p.m., for the following:

1. RFB # 18-011 Two (2) Ambulance Chassis
2. RFB # 18-012 Four (4) Police Department Vehicles
3. RFB # 18-013 One (1) Animal Control ½ Ton Truck

Proposals are to be opened and read aloud in the City Council Chambers at 307 East 4th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, with award to be made at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Big Spring City Council. Proposal information and specifications may be obtained from the Office of the Purchasing Agent, 1380 Airpark Drive East, Bldg. #19, Big Spring,

Public Notice

Texas 79720. All proposals must be marked with the date of the proposals and a general description of the proposal item(s).

The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any or all formalities.

#9640 December 17, 24, 2017

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR EXCEPTION TO SWR 26/27 SURFACE COMMINGLING PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that Diamondback E&P LLC (RRC P-5 # 217012) is filing with the Texas Railroad Commission the following P-17 Application for the Exception to Statewide Rules (SWR) 26 and/or 27 to surface commingle oil and casinghead gas production from leases: Target H 3905WA (DP #820900), Target J 3906WB (DP #820896), Target I 3907WB (DP #820892), Target F 3901WA (DP #812592), Target G 3901WB (DP #812590), Target B 3905WB (RRC Lease #47900), Target D 3904WB (RRC Lease #47951), Target E 3902WB (DP #822235), Target K 3906WA (DP #827023), Target L 3908WB (DP #827016), Target M 3907WA (DP #827018), Target O 3902WA (DP #829244), Target P 3903WB (DP #829245), Target Q 3903WA (DP #829246), Target R 3904WA (DP #829247). All wells are in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field in Glasscock 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, P. O. 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.

#9647 December 24, 31, 2017 January 7, 14, 2017

In accordance with City Ordinance Chapter 6, Article 1. Cemeteries; the City of Big Spring is responsible for the care and upkeep of all Sections of the Mt. Olive Cemetery that are under "permanent care".

The City of Big Spring, Mt. Olive Cemetery will begin

Public Notice

Cemetery clean up January 2, 2018. All permanent care sections of the cemetery will be cleaned and all items allowed per policy will be removed. The following is a list of the permanent care section:

New City
New Mt. Olive
Old Mt. Olive
IOOF
Oak Garden
Mimosa Garden
Old Masonic
New Masonic
Anglo Catholic
Mulberry Garden

The following is the Cemetery Rules and Policy:

It is the intent of this policy to define the floral policy of Mount Olive Memorial Cemetery concerning floral arrangements, flowers (both fresh and artificial), wreaths, and potted plants placed on burial spaces. This policy pertains to after-interment and special occasion floral arrangements and will apply only to those areas designated as permanent care.

RULES

1. Floral arrangements will be allowed at the head of the burial space only. Floral arrangements may be placed in flower vases on the base of the head stone.
2. No digging of any kind or burial of vases or any glass items. No use of personal machinery such as mowers, weed eaters, or tillers.
3. No placement of glass jars, tin cans, rocks, metal rods, or statues. No lit candles unattended.
4. No concrete slabs or curbing.
5. No setting of benches of any kind on or around plots.
6. No planting of permanent plants, trees, or bushes of any kind without prior City personnel approval.
7. No alcoholic beverages allowed in cemetery.

POLICY

1. Fresh and artificial flowers are to be removed by the cemetery staff whenever the flowers or arrangement become wilted or unsightly.
2. If flowers, wreaths, or potted plants interfere with the maintenance of the burial space, they will be removed and discarded in its entirety by the cemetery staff in the appropriate waste containers or carried out to the landfill.
3. Floral arrangements placed on burial spaces after



West Texas Centers

MH Registered Nurse performs responsible nursing duties in the assigned outpatient centers. Responsible for the care and treatment of individuals in accordance with the accepted nursing standards of West Texas Centers. Must be licensed in the State of Texas to practice as a Registered Nurse. \$26.44 hr Monday-Friday 8-5.

MH Family Partner: Experienced parent of a child or children with serious emotional disturbance who provides peer mentoring and support to the parents or primary caregiver of children in services at WTC who are receiving a special service package. High School Diploma or GED The Family Partner must have had a child in services with any MHMR or private psychiatrist treating for a children's DX. \$10.59 hr \$847.38 bi weekly and \$22,032 annually.

MH Mobile Crisis Outreach Worker: Will respond to the crisis hotline and provide face to face care for in-crisis mental health consumers. Requires Bachelor's degree in Social Work field or Bachelor's degree with a minimum of 24 hours in psychology, sociology or other human service hours. Travel within an assigned region is required. Personal vehicle required - mileage reimbursement. Hours are Mon.-Fri. 8-5 on call \$19.79 hr \$583.08 bi weekly \$41,160 annually.

Attention Veterans: West Texas Centers has a special job opportunity for a combat Veteran. This position will develop programs. To connect Veterans in the West Texas Center service area to local community resources. Other activities will include scheduling peer to peer groups and working closely with other veterans organizations. The successful applicant will need transportation and be willing to do daily travel with minimum overnight travel required. If you're a combat veteran and looking for something rewarding this could be the position for you. Travel is reimbursed at the Center approved rate. \$19.14 hr to \$1531.38 bi weekly \$39,816 annually.

MH Client Service Representative Provides direct clerical support to the Mental Health Center. Performing all tasks and functions to assist in the operation of the MHC clinic. Welcomes and greets clients & visitors in a manner that is helpful and friendly; ensures that there is adequate front desk coverage at all times. Answers incoming calls. Assists clients to complete all necessary forms and documentation. Maintain and manage patient records. Checks in all clinic appointments and ensures providers are notified. Documents in the EMR (Electronic Medical Record), via direct entry or scanning all appropriate correspondence. Routes Lab reports, logs in all incoming medications, routes medication refill requests, and prior authorization requests to the appropriate medical staff. Ensures that all authorization paperwork is current prior to all scheduled client appointments. Is responsible for collecting Co-Pays and Payments (MAP and/or payment on outstanding balances) prior to service delivery. Assists in performing Financial Assessments on all established and new client intakes. Safeguards patient privacy and confidentiality. Calls all patients daily to confirm next day's appointment and informs them on any existing balance or co-pay they need to be prepared to pay at the time of the visit. GED or High School Diploma \$10.59 hr.

Applications available at 409 Runnels or www.wtcmhmr.org

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Is It Just a Game?

Dear Annie: My wife is borderline addicted to "Words With Friends" (an app game similar to Scrabble), and it's causing me concern, in addition to creating some strife within our marriage. It would be one

thing if she were only playing with other female players, but she also has an ongoing game with a former male classmate, which I consider to be a form of online flirting. Would you agree, or am I overreacting?

I still work, and my wife is retired, so

when I'm ready for bed because I have to get up early, she is wide-awake and ready for late-night games with friends (one in particular). I have suggested repeatedly that she go to bed when I go, but she says she isn't sleepy and is a late-night person, so she stays up until 1 or 2 a.m. playing "Words With Friends." This continues to cause disharmony in our marriage, and it's something I have a hard time accepting as permissible.

Please let me know how you and your readers feel about this issue. -- Concerned Husband

Dear Concerned Husband:

Unless she's exchanging flirty messages with this old classmate or spelling out inappropriate words on the board, I wouldn't worry about the fact that she's playing with him. There's nothing wrong with connecting with old friends to play games online. There is, however, something wrong with allowing anything to consume your life -- be it alcohol, drugs, work, television or even "Words With Friends." Ask her whether she's game for a challenge:

She uninstalls the app for two weeks; you commit to getting home from work on time and planning a few date nights during that period.

If she's unwilling to give up an app for two weeks for the health of her marriage, then this is a deeper problem that requires the help of a counselor.

Dear Annie: I never proposed marriage to my wife, and if you think it's worthy of printing, I will correct that in your column. We're both faithful readers, so I'm sure she'll see it. Here's our story.

My family moved to our city during Christmas break of the fifth grade. Though my future wife and I lived within a mile of each other and could both walk to school, we had no classes together and never met. In junior high, we rode different school buses and shared no classes together. In high school, the 10th and 11th grades brought no classes together, and still we never crossed paths. Our senior year, in preparation of college, we both took typing. That's the one class we ever shared. We started dating. We

spent the first two years of college apart, but when we were home, we dated and spent a small fortune on stamps and envelopes to stay in touch. We spent the last two years of college together at the same university, and we dated each other exclusively. On a trip home during that last two years, we went to a jewelry store and put matching wedding bands on layaway. There was no engagement ring, nor was there a proposal. We just knew we were go-

ing to marry. So, now I'd like to ask: Teresa, will you marry me -- again? -- Bill

Dear Bill: This is certainly a first, but your letter gave me such a smile I couldn't not print it. I hope she says yes.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

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♠K Q 4 3
♥7 6 2
♦A
♣K J 8
♠Q 6 5

WEST
♠A 6
♥Q J 9 4
♦10 7 5 2
♣A 9 7

EAST
♠8
♥K 10 5 3
♦Q 9 6 4 3
♣J 10 2

SOUTH
♠J 10 9 7 5 2
♥A 8
♦A
♣K 8 4 3

The bidding:
North East South West
Pass Pass 1♠ Pass
3♠ Pass 4♠

Opening lead — queen of hearts.
A declarer is obliged, both for himself and his long-suffering partner, to seek a line of play that might succeed rather than adopt a course that will surely fail. This means declarer must stop and think at the outset rather than proceed impulsively. That is, after all, what the game is all about.

Take this case where West led a heart against South's four-spade contract. Declarer won with the ace and followed the line of least resistance by cashing the ace of diamonds and then leading a spade toward dummy. He was hoping that whoever had the

ace would not take this trick, in which case he could next discard his heart loser on dummy's king of diamonds. After that, the most he could lose would be two club tricks.

This, of course, was nothing more than wishful thinking, and West would have no part in it. When the spade was led, West rose with the ace, cashed the jack of hearts and played a third heart, ruffed by declarer. South still had to lose two club tricks, and so went down one.

Declarer had the right idea about trying to get to dummy to discard a heart, but he chose the wrong approach. Had he tried leading a low club toward dummy at trick three rather than a low spade, he would have gotten home safely. This may look like the same play, but there is a huge difference. If West has the ace of clubs — basically a 50 percent proposition — he finds himself in a hopeless position.

What can West do? If he plays low, declarer wins with dummy's queen, discards his heart loser and eventually loses two club tricks and the trump ace. And if West rises with the club ace and takes his heart trick, South winds up losing only one club instead of two.

The recommended play offers declarer essentially a 50-50 chance to make the contract. In anybody's book, that's a lot better than no chance at all.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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2	8	4	1	6	7	9	8	5
8	7	6	4	5	9	2	3	1
4	2	8	9	9	6	1	7	8
9	6	8	7	1	2	4	9	8
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ANSWER:

Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



Venus Sign Change

The love goddess puts on a formal gown and dances into the realm of Capricorn this Christmas Eve. Here Venus will observe matters of status, adhere to the rules and honor traditions. When in doubt about the rules, lead with kindness. "Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love." -- Hamilton Wright Mabie

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The weird thing you want to hide because it makes you different -- that might not be something to be ashamed of after all. Maybe this weird thing is even among your top strengths.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're always improving, but it's because you want to, not because there's anything wrong with how you are right now. And though you'll learn and grow, you know all you need to know to be the best you today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The fact is that the heroes are in short supply these days, and furthermore there are people who need them much more than you do. For these reasons and more, you'll become the hero you need.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It may seem as though the opportunity windows are opening and closing too quickly for you, especially on the social front. Don't worry. If you're really meant to connect with a person, you'll get more than one chance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Stay open and aware. You're about to get some magic, but it's something you won't see unless you're looking for it. With your keen eye and sixth sense it won't be too hard to figure out where your next big break will come from.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Want to know more about your unique talents and how you stand out from the crowd? There's a special person around today who sees you better than you see yourself. Ask for insights.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's as

though you can read a person's thoughts. This can be good or bad, depending on the situation. There are some things you'd rather not know, because knowing always comes with a certain responsibility.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Bad taste tries so hard to be good taste that it can only miss. Trying too hard is in and of itself an act of bad taste. You'll make tasteful decisions as you accept the nature of things instead of trying to improve upon everything.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You know authenticity when you see it. It's not something you can easily describe or define though, as authenticity is different for each person and situation. Anyway, it's what you're after today, and it's very attainable at that.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There's some struggle involved in the activities of the day, and this is actually for the best. People bond over struggle. If everything is too easy, connection will be the difficult thing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're intrigued by the qualities of others and will look for what's distinct about each person. For this reason, people tend to feel special around you and they want to be near you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're learning that you don't always have to know the answers to get the benefit. For instance, today there's something you like, and you don't know why you like it, but you trust the reason will eventually be revealed.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 24). Your exceptional handling of a difficult situation will lead to advancement. It's your year to attract really good matches -- work that only you can do and the right customer for it, friends whom you can help and celebrate, love that makes your life

sing. Ask for assistance big and small. There's magic in this. Leo and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 33, 32, 29 and 14.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: The Venus sign change on Christmas Eve ties up the festivities with a big red bow. This part of the sky can be rather formal, reigning in the fun-loving nature of Venus the way a formal dress and shoes might add a level of restraint to an evening. And while things won't move along in a free and comfortable style, we'll be trading that for proceedings that are lovely and fascinating in their decorum.

As if to put a finer point on the matter, Christmas Day brings a conjunction of Venus and Saturn, and our traditions may really seem more like mandates than suggestions. Get ahead of this with a little planning so you can pick, choose and perpetuate your favorite parts of the holiday instead of blindly falling into popular patterns. The following elements work regardless of religious orientation: family, friends, food, music, giving, receiving, giving anonymously, being grateful, taking pictures.

Thursday brings a trine of Mars and Neptune that's an invitation to the muses to generously grace us with inspiration and increased creative powers. Tasks that require inventive thinking will go exceptionally well. Any and all parts of life will be improved with an open-minded, imaginative approach.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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RAZOR	LAIC	MOOD
ORALB	ANNA	NUNS
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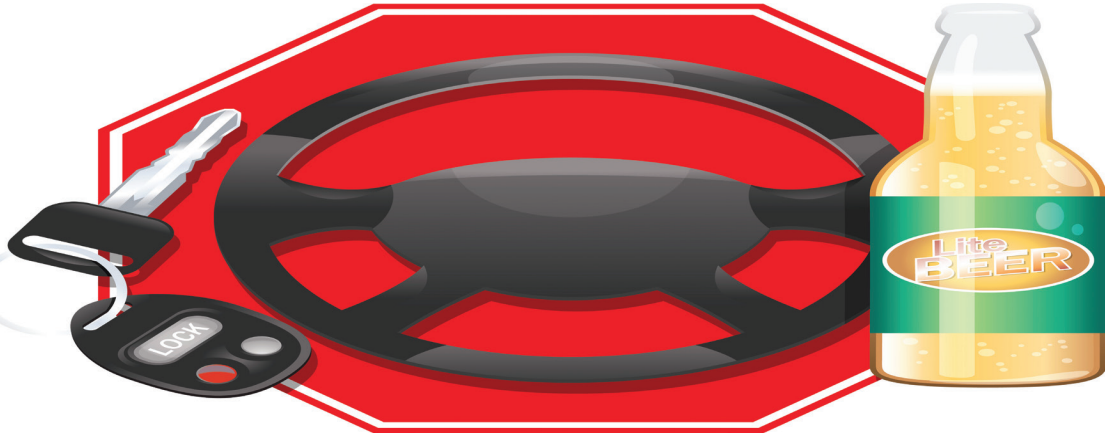
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Off-kilter
- 8 Cleary kid-lit mischief maker
- 14 "We keep meeting"
- 16 One working over pressure
- 17 Bay of Naples city
- 18 Adoptee, perhaps
- 19 Zodiac depiction
- 20 Central Brussels
- 22 NFC West team
- 23 Earth science measures
- 24 Theban ruler in *Oedipus Rex*
- 25 Aggregates: Abbr.
- 26 Character-creation pastime, for short
- 27 Mideast region, old-style
- 28 Fall that may sting
- 29 Boxer's "Watch it!"
- 30 It means "on the ground"
- 31 Prelims of a sort
- 35 Opposite of "calm"
- 36 Best Actress Oscar role just before Loretta "Beloved" name
- 38 Gets nowhere
- 39 Remedy for split ends
- 42 Penetrate, with "in"
- 43 One of a select group
- 44 Revise for the better
- 45 It's seen in much verbal communication
- 46 Cable ___
- 47 Certain cub
- 48 Don't plan
- 50 Ends, as objections
- 52 Great Smoky Mountains wildflower
- 53 French novelist admired by Zola
- 54 Some drone activities
- 55 Stimulative
- DOWN**
- 1 Metaphorical object of exploitation
- 2 Music that inspired the Beach Boys
- 3 Some time in
- 4 Where many take stock
- 5 Particular periods
- 6 Data-sharing acronym
- 7 Authorized?
- 8 Come to fruition
- 9 Conquest conspirator in *Wonder Woman* (2017)
- 10 Sharp saw
- 11 Being seen, in a way
- 12 Coming up soon
- 13 Virtuosi
- 15 Possible fatigue from a wine tasting
- 21 Much of GO Veggie! "Swiss"
- 24 ___ beer
- 25 Smart Assistant speaker
- 27 Seasoning in Vietnamese soup
- 28 Asparagus, essentially
- 29 Well-groomed
- 30 Correspond
- 31 Undeclared America-France conflict of 1798-1800
- 32 Prepare for bargaining, perhaps
- 33 French brandy variety
- 34 "As much as you like"
- 38 Designation of two US senators
- 39 Word from the Japanese for "group leader"
- 40 "Presents . . . ___ absents": Charles Lamb
- 41 Grossly inadequate
- 43 Grains
- 44 Bolger and Lahr, in *The Wizard of Oz*
- 46 Department
- 47 Ben Franklin founded it
- 49 Radiance, in brand names
- 51 Director appearing in *Mandela in America*

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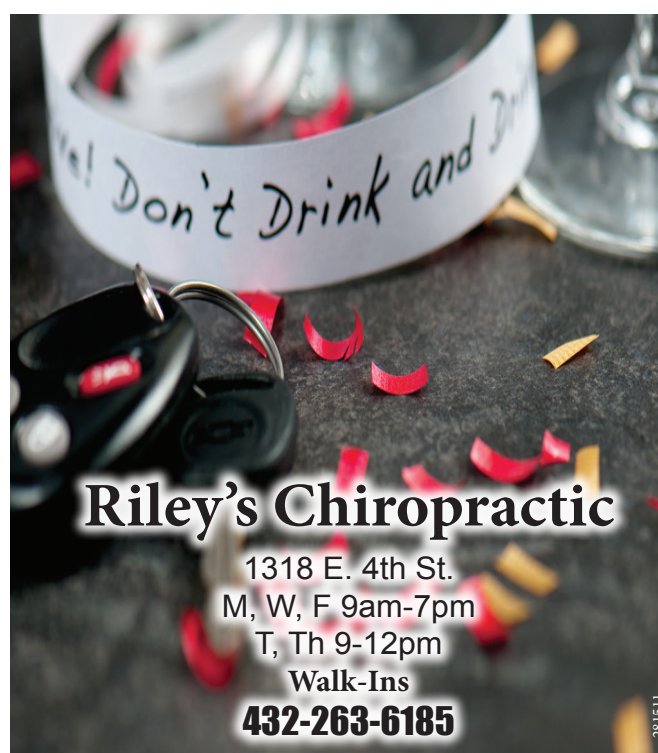
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Dutoit out at 7 symphonies amid sexual assault accusations



In this June 19, 2003 file photo, conductor Charles Dutoit performs with NHK Symphony Orchestra in Tokyo, Japan. Four women have accused Dutoit of sexual misconduct that allegedly occurred on the sidelines of rehearsals or performances with some of America's great orchestras. The 81-year-old is the artistic director and principal conductor at London's Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.

By **JOCELYN GECKER and JANIE HAR**

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The stellar career of world-renowned conductor Charles Dutoit has come crashing down in the wake of sexual assault accusations by three singers and a musician. Symphonies from Boston to Sydney have severed ties with the maestro, and he has canceled guest appearances with other major orchestras.

The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra in London, where the 81-year-old Dutoit is artistic director and principal conductor, issued a statement early Friday saying the symphony and Dutoit "have jointly agreed to release him from his forthcoming concert obligations with the orchestra for the immediate future."

The Royal Philharmonic statement says the facts should be determined by a legal process and that Dutoit "needs to be given a fair opportunity to seek legal advice and contest these allegations."

Meanwhile, orchestras in New York, Chicago and Cleveland announced that Dutoit has withdrawn his services for upcoming concerts. In addition to Sydney and Boston, the San Francisco Symphony cut ties with Dutoit, citing the "serious nature of the allegations" detailed by The Associated Press. He had been set to appear at the New York Philharmonic next month; the other performances were scattered through 2018.

Aside from the orchestra statements attributed to Dutoit about his voluntary withdrawals, the famous conductor has remained silent.

Prior to release of the AP story, Dutoit did not respond to multiple attempts for comment through the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and his office in Montreal. The Royal Philharmonic said Dutoit was on vacation, but that it had forwarded the AP's emailed requests for comment directly to him. The AP also reached out to Dutoit's office with several phone calls and emails.

The reaction to the graphic sexual assault

accusations made by the four women has been swift in the classical music world, accompanied by assertions about Dutoit's decades-long reputation for inappropriate behavior. The developments also have left the orchestras scrambling to find substitute conductors.

Joe Kluger, former president of The Philadelphia Orchestra from 1989 to 2005, told The AP that Dutoit's reputation as "extremely flirtatious" was one factor that caused the organization to pass him over twice for the job of music director during those years.

He said rumors of Dutoit's "inappropriate behavior with women were common knowledge in the classical music business." He added: "I do recall telling our staff to be wary around him and encouraged them to report any inappropriate behavior immediately."

Kluger said he was unaware of any formal complaints filed about Dutoit by musicians or staff members. He said he had never heard that Dutoit had assaulted women.

The AP story published Thursday included detailed accounts by the four women, who said Dutoit attacked them on the sidelines of rehearsals and performances with orchestras in five cities — Chicago, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Philadelphia and Saratoga Springs, New York. All four told the AP they never filed formal complaints because they were young and Dutoit was the maestro; they figured they would lose their jobs, not him.

They said the incidents occurred between 1985 and 2010 in a variety of places, including a moving car, Dutoit's dressing room, a hotel elevator and his suite at the Four Seasons Hotel in Chicago.

The women, two who were named, said the Swiss-born conductor physically restrained them, forced his body against theirs, sometimes put his tongue in their mouths and, in one case, stuck her hand down his pants.

One of the women who spoke to the AP said Dutoit attacked her on four occasions during performances with The

Philadelphia Orchestra in 2006 and 2010.

The accusations against Dutoit made him the second high-profile figure in the classical music world to be accused of sexual misconduct recently. Earlier this month, the Metropolitan Opera suspended conductor James Levine when misconduct accusations

surfaced.

In a long, distinguished career, Dutoit has traveled the world as a guest conductor and led several highly regarded orchestras, including the Orchestra National de France, the NHK Symphony in Tokyo and the Montreal Symphony Orchestra.

Pascale Ouimet, spokesman for the Mon-

tréal Symphony, where Dutoit served as music director for nearly 25 years until 2002, said he had no comment on the allegations.

Dutoit's long relationship with Montreal came to an acrimonious end in 2002, following a dispute with the musicians' union.

Natasha Gauthier, a writer based in Ottawa, said Dutoit's reputation as a womanizer was common knowledge in the Montreal classical music world and she even wrote about her own unwanted encounter with the conductor in 1995 for a prominent weekly magazine.

She described how she arrived in his dressing room for an interview only to have him snatch away her notebook, then lean in, putting his hand on her knee while trying to give her a massage. She said he asked about her marital status. Gauthier quoted Dutoit as saying he would not speak to her for the story when he learned she had been inquiring about his reputation.

She didn't expect him to be fired as a result of the story, but she was stunned by the silence from orchestra management.

"Nobody doubted that this had happened just

as I had described," Gauthier said, "but I'm the one who got black-listed."

Among those who spoke to AP were soprano and two-time Grammy winner Sylvia McNair, 61, who said Dutoit had cornered her in a hotel elevator after a rehearsal with the Minnesota Orchestra in 1985.

"As soon as it was just the two of us in the elevator, Charles Dutoit pushed me back against the elevator wall and pressed his knee way up between my legs and pressed himself all over me," said McNair, who was 28 at the time. "I managed to shove him off and right at that moment, the elevator door opened. I remember saying, 'Stop it!' And I made a dash for it."

Retired mezzo-soprano Paula Rasmussen said Dutoit summoned her to his dressing room at the LA Opera in September 1991, before a dress rehearsal for "Les Troyens."

"He threw me against the wall, shoved my hand down his pants and shoved his tongue down my throat," she said. She refused to ever be alone with the maestro again, said Rasmussen, 52, now an attorney in the San Francisco area.