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Big Spring man sentenced for 2015 kidnapping

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer
 A Big Spring man has been sentenced to 10 years in prison for kidnapping.
 According to reports from the Howard County Sheriff's Office, Zyon Gonzalez, 40, was sentenced Tuesday in 118th District Court for the offense,

which took place Sept. 17, 2015.
 "Apparently this was kind of a deal where the victim was giving him a ride home, and he took it a little bit further and basically wouldn't let her leave," said Sheriff



Gonzalez

Stan Parker. "He held her against her will for a while, and after she got out, she was able to report it to us."
 Parker said the incident began at a local bar.
 "They were leaving a bar, and he approached her for

a ride, and the victim did (give Gonzalez a ride)," said the sheriff. "He took it a step further and wouldn't let her leave."
 Parker said Gonzalez used a knife in the kidnapping.
 "He pulled a pocketknife and used that to threaten her," he said.
 Gonzalez was also b e i n g

held on a charge of aggravated sexual assault in connection with the incident, according to a criminal records check.
 Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 432-263-7331 ext. 235, or by email at reporter@big-springherald.com.

Unmasking a talent



Courtesy photo

Forsan High School art students have showed off their skills recently with large masking tape murals decorating the hallways.

FHS art students create masking tape murals

Special to the Herald

Forsan High School students are practicing their hand at different perspectives, literally. Mrs. Haley Lefever's high school students have been studying different dimensional perspectives in their art class. Lefever took this opportunity to have the students put their skills to work by creating massive masking tape murals on the walls throughout the hallways.
 Mrs. Lefever had nothing but positive feedback concerning the murals.
 "We have been learning about 1-point and 2-point perspective in class, and went around the school to practice drawing various areas in the correct perspective," she said. "I wanted to expand the lesson from sim-



Courtesy photo

Students in Mrs. Lefever's art class gather in the hallways of Forsan High School to plan and put up large masking tape murals.

ply drawing what they see to making something of their own. So, they had to pick which perspective they wanted to use and then decide how they were going to represent that. We worked on them for a little over a week during class, but they would come in at all times of the day to grab masking tape so they could work on them during their own time, they were very invested in their murals. They definitely liven up the walls and people keep asking us if we can paint them on permanently."
 Campus Assistant Principal Rebecca Medina watched as the murals started out as just pieces of tape that began to form day by day.
 "I would walk down the hallways and watch in

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Kidney transplant fundraiser held for Big Spring man

By ERIN STEPHENS
 Staff Writer

If you have some spare time and a little extra change in your pocket, you might want to consider attending Kidney Fest, an upcoming event being held for Timothy Underwood, a lifetime Big Spring resident who was recently given some bad news.
 On a seemingly ordinary morning, Underwood was rushed to the hospital after his wife found him unresponsive in the home they shared with their two children. The news he was about to receive at the hospital would change his and his family's lives forever; he only had one working kidney and needed to start dialysis treatments immediately.
 "When we found out about Timothy's kidney, I was working as a traveling trauma nurse," said Timothy's wife Angela Underwood. "After the shock wore off and we gathered our thoughts, we made a plan for how to handle this. I made the difficult to decision to quit my job and stay home to take care of Timothy full-time because our insurance didn't cover home healthcare and it made more financial sense for me to do this."
 Timothy was first diagnosed Nov. 18, 2016, and Angela explained how the last 14 months have been the most challenging of her entire life.
 "My husband is never sick and hasn't even had surgery or anything medically serious occur before this," said Angela. "Our family was completely caught off guard by this terrible diagnosis."
 Luckily, the Underwood's story didn't stay a secret for long. The Underwoods contacted former Big Spring resident and event promoter Barney Dodd for a little guidance on how to organize a fundraiser.
 "I own a promotion company based out of Abilene called BAD Events and I do business regularly in Big Spring,"

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Across the South, it's snow, ice and record-breaking cold

By JANELLE COGAN and JAY REEVES
 Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — The

South awoke Wednesday to a two-part Arctic mess that caused problems as far south as the Gulf Coast. First came a thin blanket of snow and ice, then came below-zero wind chills and record-breaking low temperatures in New Orleans and other cities.
 The snowfall sabotaged morning rush hour before

it even began, sending cars crashing into each other on major thoroughfares. Officials urged people to stay off the roads if possible, and to bundle up if they ventured outside.
 Thousands of schoolchildren and teachers got the day off because of treacherous travel and cold; cities canceled meetings and mu-

nicipal court sessions. Some businesses closed.
 With temperature hovering around 10 degrees, store clerk Susan Brown got to work an hour late in the north Alabama city of Decatur. Snow and ice blanketed grassy areas and roadsides, she said, and neighborhood roads were much whiter than main highways.

"Traffic is moving along, but on side roads and residential streets it's pretty slick," said Brown, who works at Holaway's Food Market. "As long as you stay in the tracks you're pretty good."
 Dairy farmer Will Gilmer bundled up for the pre-dawn drive to the milking barn

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Courtesy photo

Misty, Timothy's niece, who will be donating her kidney to him, poses with husband Brian.



Courtesy photo

Timothy poses with his wife Angela.

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said Dodd. "I first met them at a local band competition I promoted at The Train Car Cigar Bar and I noticed they were at my event every night. I appreciated that they were there supporting this event so I was happy to offer support in return."

Dodd, who will be MCing at Kidney Fest, helped get the word out about the Underwoods story by contacting newspapers, CBS 7 News, and local radio stations.

"I'm always happy to help anyone in need like this and I'd like to ask that

if you can't make it to the fundraiser, you might at least check out their GoFundMe page," said Dodd.

"Our GoFundMe goal amount is set to \$15,000 and you can find it through gofundme.com by searching for 'Kidney Fest' or 'Timothy Underwood,'" said Angela.

Angela and her husband visited livingdonor.org, a website they found through Baylor Scott & White Hospital of Dallas, Texas, in search of a donor match. Through this website, they found out that Timothy's niece, Misty Brosh, was a match. The transplant surgery is scheduled for Feb 13 at Baylor Scott & White Hospital.

"We will have to stay for at least one

and possibly even two months in Dallas post surgery and the most affordable housing we found is \$50 per day," said Underwood. "We will have to pay for housing costs in Dallas while also maintaining our home in Big Spring so this will be incredibly difficult for us without financial help."

Kidney Fest will be held at The Train Car Cigar Bar located at 100 S Main St. in Big Spring on Feb 3. Bands in attendance will be Hawg Legg, Spur 327, Forgotten Road, Eddie Austin, J.R. McNutt, and Adrian Calvio. A silent auction will take place while bands play and \$10 BBQ plates can be purchased and delivered to those attending or not attending the event, if necessary. Drink specials will be of-

fered to event-goers.

"I'd like to give a special thank you to Misty Bosh for this gift we'll be forever grateful for and my sister-in-law Sheila Underwood for going above and beyond what any of us expected of her through all of this," said Angela. "Sheila has been there for our family and has supported us in every way possible, without any complaints. If I could let people know anything it's that something terrible happened to our family and if it something similar happens to yours, don't give up because there is hope."

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with the thermometer showing 7 degrees (-14 Celsius) in western Alabama.

"It felt like single digits," he said. "I probably had four layers on and then insulated coveralls and a heavy coat on over that. I made it OK except for my toes."

Icy conditions hampered travel as far south as the Gulf of Mexico, with stretches of Interstate 10 were closed in Louisiana and across Alabama's Mobile Bay. Ice pellets covered the tops of sago palm trees.

In Atlanta, snow covered icy sidewalks. Major thoroughfares usually full at rush hour were eerily quiet. Some cars drove through red lights rather than stop and risk sliding.

David Johnston, a 22-year-old Georgia tech student, is used to winter in the South. "When it snows, the city shuts down," he said.

School was canceled, but he had to work — he walked 20 minutes on snowy, icy sidewalks to get to the train and head downtown.

Many Atlanta-based offices and employers closed for the day, but Jarquiese Norwood, 28, also had to get to work: at a warehouse where he's a forklift operator. "It snows, like, every couple years," he said of Atlanta, and it's "pretty much the same every year."

He said he usually takes Uber, but the normally reasonable fare had surged to \$40. "I wish I was off from work," he said as he waited for a train.

Dozens of accidents were reported in metro Atlanta, including one involving a salt truck and another involving a rapid-transit bus.

Outside Five Points Station, a major one at the center of Atlanta's MARTA system, a man fell on the sidewalk and appeared unresponsive. An ambulance came quickly, and paramedics maneuvered slowly: "I've got the stretcher," "be careful," they told each other.

Adrian Benton, 26, tried to help. He exited a bus that had stopped but allowed passengers to remain inside for warmth.

"The up-north way of dealing with snow needs to come down here," the Buffalo, New

York, native said, adding that the city should have had "snow plows, salt already going down last night so people can get around."

The blast of cold air shattered records early Wednesday in Louisiana and Mississippi.

It was 21 degrees (-6 Celsius) before dawn in New Orleans, where icicles hung off a statue of jazz musicians in a fountain. The reading broke the city's record low for the date, which was 23 degrees (-5 Celsius) in 1977.

In Mississippi, the temperature in Hattiesburg dipped to 13 degrees (-11 Celsius), breaking the previous record of 14 (-10 Celsius).

Ryan Willis, a meteorologist for the National Water Service, said the forecast called for 1 to 1.5 inches (2.5 to 4 centimeters) of snow in metropolitan Atlanta through Wednesday morning, with localized higher amounts.

Gov. Nathan Deal issued a state of emergency for 83 counties, spanning much of central and north Georgia. This line extends from Columbus to Macon to Augusta and northward. State government will be

closed Wednesday in the impacted areas for non-essential personnel.

Forecasters said travel could be difficult in north Georgia because of below-zero (-18 Celsius) wind chills. Many Georgia school districts already had announced early dismissal times and cancellations.

Snow fell in a wide band that stretched from southeastern Texas all the way to western Massachusetts.

Forecasters said up to 4 inches (10 centimeters) could fall in central North Carolina as the system pushed northward, with a couple inches expected farther east.

Northwestern South Carolina could get up to 2 inches (5 centimeters) of snow, the weather service said, and Gov. Henry McMaster's office postponed his first State of the State address because of the weather.

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Ignacio "Nacho" Hernandez passed away Jan. 14, 2018. Graveside service was at 10 a.m. this morning at Coahoma Cemetery.

Dolly (Nanny) Marie Woodard, 73, died Sunday. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Pamula June Bingham Jones, 64, died Monday. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel.

Charles Feld, 85, of Big Spring, died Monday, Jan. 15, 2018, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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amazement as these random pieces of tape started to take

form," Medina said. "It was a mesmerizing process to observe. I am so proud of these kids and so grateful for Mrs. Lefever and her creative liberties!"

Multiple students and staff

members have asked that the murals be painted on the walls. At the very least, Buffalo Nation is hoping the masking tape murals can stay on the walls for the foreseeable future.

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Check it out at the Howard County Library

This week I'll start on the western books. "Daring Duval" by Max Brand (LP W BRA M) is a Circle V Western. Duval was the most popular man in the district. He was a good listener, generous with his money, a great cook and host, and a hard worker. He wins the admiration of Sheriff Nat Adare when he quells and befriends the often-wild Charlie Nash and pays for the damages Nash has caused in the town saloon. The only person in town that he doesn't win over is the sheriff's niece Marian Lane. What bothers Marian is that no one can learn anything about Duval's past. Marian's curiosity is intensified when Duval runs the thug Larry Jude out of town after he calls Duval a "boy killer." Things begin to heat up when Duval attends a dance where he encounters the famous manhunter, Marshal Richard Kinkaid.

Kinkaid has been baited by Marian to find out who Duval is. When a robbery occurs at the same time as the dance, Kinkaid promises an answer to Marian's question beginning a dangerous game of matching wits between Duval and Kinkaid.

In "Bandit's Trail" by Will Cook (LP W COO W), Sergeant Finley Burkhauser receives a telegram instructing him to be on the Houston and Texas Central, westbound, and to bring his savings and a friend as he won't be able to handle this alone. Twenty-five years as a Texas lawman had earned him a few enemies, and Burkhauser was a man who called every hand,



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bluff or not. There had been a rash of hold-ups on the Liberty-Houston Express, but this communication from the bandit made one thing clear: the real target was not the train's strongbox, but Burkhauser himself. Any one of his enemies might want to see him put out of commission, and now one of them was about to take the chance.

"Two Guns to Avalon" by Barry Cord (LP W COR B) finds Wells Fargo special agent Ben Craig and bounty hunter Sam Jelco on the trail of the Sonora Kid, a feared Border outlaw on his way toward the Mexican Border after the theft of ninety thousand dollars from a Wells Fargo stagecoach. Both were prepared to shoot on sight, but neither knew what the Sonora Kid looked like. Although Craig and Jelco were rivals, Craig was enough of a humanitarian to rescue Jelco when the man was cor-

nered by a small band of Yaqui warriors. Once the Yaqui were dispatched, Craig continued tracking the Sonora Kid while Jelco located his horse and gear. Their paths would cross when they both made their way to where the Sonora Kid appeared to have friends willing to protect him. The strangely assorted pair knew there would be a bloody showdown when they finally found the Sonora Kid.

In "Dead Man's Boot" by Patrick Dearen (W DEA P), Clay Andrews has ridden to the Pecos River to find answers as to why his sister died on this river. The person responsible may have fled, but no one enters this no-man's-land except at his own peril. Comanches are on the prowl. In a dead man's boot, Clay finds a map to rumored gold. When Comanches approach, he flees upriver and finds Lil Casner at a lone schooner. She must

fend for herself while her obsessed husband combs the Pecos for the very map Clay has discovered. For Clay, the answers will never come unless he rides into a mountain range where Indian spirits may guard a golden hoard.

That's it for this week so until next week I leave you with a quote from Carl Bard:

"Although no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending."

The library's hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 am to 6 pm; the internet/video room closes at 5:30. Tuesday and Thursday from 10 am to 7 pm; the internet/video room closes at 6:30. You may reach us at (432) 264-2260 and our fax number is (432)264-2263. Our website is <http://howard-county.ploud.net>.

Texas man pleads guilty in fatal Oklahoma highway shootings

ARAPAHO, Okla. (AP) — A Texas man has been sentenced to life in prison after pleading guilty to killing two people as he drunkenly shot at vehicles while driving along a freeway in Oklahoma.

Custer County District Attorney Angela Marsee says 38-year-old Jeremy Doss Hardy of Pasadena pleaded guilty Tuesday shortly before jury selection was to begin for his trial on two counts of first-degree murder, assault with a dangerous weapon and other offenses.

Marsee says a judge sentenced Hardy to life in prison without the possibility of parole. Prosecutors were seeking the death penalty.

Hardy waived his right to appeal.

Investigators say Hardy fired randomly at vehicles along Interstate 40 in western Oklahoma on Dec. 16, 2015, killing 45-year-old Kent Powell of Arapaho, Oklahoma, and 63-year-old Billie West of Lone Wolf, Oklahoma.

Thousands of students in Texas get day off in frigid weather

HOUSTON (AP) — Hundreds of thousands of students in Texas had a day off from classes Tuesday after frigid temperatures and icy roads made travel hazardous.

The Houston Independent School District canceled classes due to wintry weather. HISD is the state's largest with about 215,000 students.

Public schools in Galveston, Austin, San Antonio, Waco and Tyler also shut down Tuesday, along with the University of Texas in Austin, Texas State University in San Marcos and Texas A&M University in College Station.

The National Weather Service issued a winter storm warning for the Austin, San Antonio and Houston areas, plus sections of East Texas, until Tuesday night. Forecasters say the cold weather should ease late Wednesday with temperatures in the 40s in Houston and Central Texas.

Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner encouraged people to stay off the streets.

"If you don't have to be on the road, please don't be on the roads," he said. "For the next 24 hours it's going to be somewhat treacherous out there."

Houston Fire Chief Samuel Pena said at least four structural fires were caused by people "using more innovative ways to keep warm and heat their homes." He and other officials advised people use space heaters properly.

At least two warming centers were opened for Houston's homeless or others needing to escape the freezing temperatures.

George Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston canceled more than 500 flights Tuesday.

Austin city and Travis County offices were shuttered along with most state government offices. Work at the state Capitol, where lawmakers are not in session, ground to almost a halt.

Icy conditions prompted state transportation officials to treat Austin-area roadways with sand, while police to shut down bridges, overpasses and long stretches of highway.

Austin candidate challenges state law with criminal past

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A criminal justice activist is challenging a state law that blocks felons from public office by running for a seat on Austin's City Council.

The Austin American-Statesman reports that 47-year-old Lewis Conway Jr. is officially launching his campaign Tuesday to join the race against Councilwoman Ora Houston. His campaign focuses on what he calls "radical compassion," criminal justice reform and funding for community health care.

Conway has a 1992 manslaughter conviction for fatally stabbing an acquaintance during a fight over stolen money. His voting rights were restored in 2013 after serving eight years in prison and 12 on parole.

State law says a felon can't hold public office unless the person has been "released from the resulting disabilities." But state officials don't know what such a release looks like because no one has

Dallas man backs urban boarding to help children in poverty



In this Friday, Jan. 12, 2018 photo, local businessman Randy Bowman poses for a photo where he plans to build several dormitories in southeast Oak Cliff, Texas. Bowman wants to help students living in poverty by creating a boarding experience.

By EVA-MARIE AYALA

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS (AP) — Getting help with homework, having someone teach you how to take notes and even just getting a full night's sleep are often privileges that kids in poverty don't have.

The Dallas Morning News reports so what if there was a way to mimic such a home life, which usually is organic in middle class and affluent families?

Dallas businessman Randy Bowman says he knows how to do that — by creating an urban boarding experience that's similar to those at private elite boarding schools. Children would still attend their local schools but spend the week living in communal residence halls with structured support to help them grow

academically and socially.

The idea may seem extreme at first. But after Bowman spent a year researching urban education and the challenges students face, over and over again, it boiled down to one thing: poverty.

Children living in the poverty — which is nearly one out of three kids in Dallas — have to overcome trauma that can include homelessness, hunger, illnesses and even violence. Those are challenges not easily dealt with during regular school hours.

"The 71 percent of the day that you spend at home overwhelms the 29 percent that you spend at school," Bowman said. "Our premise is that home is not a problem. The home is simply

under-resourced. We just want these kids to have a fair shot at reaching the highest level of potential."

He recently kicked off his campaign to raise an initial \$2.5 million it will cost to build two starter facilities in South Dallas and staff them for the first two years. The program would be open to 16 kids at first, but the hope is to have four homes serving up to 200 students in first through sixth grades at each site he runs.

Bowman, 54, is well-known across Dallas. He was a corporate lawyer when he transitioned to entertainment with a client list that included Vanilla Ice. He also founded his own logistics business and took the lead on the

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Parkland Foundation board that raised millions for the new county hospital that opened in 2015.

But Bowman identifies with the children struggling in South Dallas as much as he does the city's power brokers.

Bowman grew up in Pleasant Grove and was raised by a single mother. And he can tell you exactly how many times she was able to help him with his homework from elementary to high school: twice.

Her time was spent trying to juggle jobs and raise four children while dealing with various illnesses. When he hears comments about Dallas parents not caring enough to be engaged with their children, he takes it personally.

His mom was his hero. So when he looks for ways to give back to the community, she's always on his mind as he thinks about what would have helped her along the way. He says that's what drives this passion project for him.

"The reason an after-school program is great but can't quite fill the bill is because we could never — as a family — convince the ravages and challenges of poverty to organize themselves neatly and attack us during a two-hour period after school," he said. "That's not the way it works. It attacks you throughout the clock, overnight."

He sees the boarding experience as a way to insulate kids from some of the chaotic and traumatic forces that can quickly derail academics, while giving their parents more flexibility to work or learn new skills.

Across the street from South Oak Cliff High School, Bowman looks at 4 acres of land now covered with trees and some scattered debris. He purchased it with his own money just a few months ago to be the first site for his project.

Paul Quinn College President Michael Sorrell has agreed to share space on his campus to open a second location for the boarding experience. Students from the college would also work with the program to provide tutoring, support and some overnight supervision that will include other staff.

"Randy's program just opens up a treasure-trove of possibilities," Sorrell said at a recent education forum, sponsored by Sen. Royce West, where the idea was unveiled. For example, the college could use the residence halls during the summer months for Paul Quinn's own programs.

Some ideas may seem a bit romanticized, such as having grandparents from the neighborhood work as morning counselors to help get the children ready for school each day. But Bowman sees that as a practical solution to boosting neighborhood support and keeping the kids part of the community.

There are a handful of urban boarding schools across the nation specifically geared toward helping kids living in poverty. The most well-known are run by charter school operators who have entrance requirements that include enrolling kids who have been in the foster care system, who are homeless or who have faced other traumatic experiences.

Some struggled initially with students fighting, throwing chairs and causing other disturbances. But a 2012 study by a Harvard economist found that low-income kids in one such boarding school with 24-hour support had significantly higher math and reading scores than kids who didn't get into the program, setting them on track toward increasing their potential for higher future earnings and decreasing their chances of committing crimes.

Bowman said he's met with organizers from some of those groups to learn from their challenges but he's made it clear that doesn't want to start his own school.

Public schools themselves aren't really the issue. Poverty is, he said, so why spend time reinventing an entire system?

He estimates it would cost about \$52,000 per student to offer the program during the startup year, then drop to about \$16,000 the next year and even further after that. But families participating wouldn't have to pay anything. He's looking for donations to cover the bill.

Bowman shopped the idea around first, making sure he had support from key elected officials and pastors. He's met with local psychology experts to make sure arrangements wouldn't be detrimental to kids. He surveyed local parents to gauge interest.

At the recent forum in South Dallas, pastor Stephen Brown listened to the pitch with deep curiosity. Brown is a former teacher who serves at the Greater Bethlehem Baptist Church.

"The concept is shocking, but I'm still very interested," he said. "I think there's so much potential. It's going to be a leap for families, but those who have reached the end of their capacity might be more apt because they are stretched to the max already."

Bowman realizes it's a big ask to have parents trust someone else with their children and says the program won't be right for all families. A key to making this project successful is community buy-in to make sure parents aren't stigmatized for their choice, he said.

Affluent and middle class families often turn to outside support to help their kids succeed and that's called good parenting, he said.

"We don't question how it is that the resource got on the shelf, we just label it an act of good parenting," he said. "If a poor person reaches up on the shelf and brings this resource down that we're providing so their children can have a better education, shame on us if we call that anything other than good parenting."

Bowman has applied for several grants. He hopes to break ground on the first residence hall later this quarter and start serving the first families as soon as next school year.

Houston forensic pathologist also makes specialty knives



AP photo

In this Dec. 11, 2017, photo, Stephen Pustilnik, who makes custom knives for chefs and pathologists out of his home, poses for a photo, in Houston. He has built a business that combines his life's two passions: good cooking and precise autopsies.

By KATHERINE BLUNT

Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON (AP) — A forensic pathologist with an impressive collection of cookbooks, Dr. Stephen Pustilnik has spent much of his life wielding a knife.

The Houston Chronicle reports his Houston kitchen is crowded with a formidable collection of the world's sharpest knives. Long, sleek Japanese blades mingle with thick, sturdy German ones. Among his favorites is a cobalt-handled knife with a slight curve — an amateur's mistake. It was the first one he made himself as he learned the craft of knife making in 2012.

Since then, he has built a business that combines his life's two passions: good cooking and precise autopsies.

He is now working his way through a year-and-a-half-long waiting list of chefs, home cooks and pathologists willing to spend hundreds of dollars on knives that hold an edge and make clean work of anything from gnarly vegetables to sinewy flesh.

He started the business, called Houston Edge Works, in 2013 with the promise of sharp blades made from extra-hard steel alloys. He customizes lustrous handles to fit the buyer's hand.

The fascination began when he was an undergraduate at the University of Pennsylvania, determined to improve on the dishes his mother had prepared during his childhood. He taught himself to cook with bargain-priced knives until he was able to afford the pricier Japanese ones kept locked

behind glass at cookware shops.

"To be a better cook, you need a better knife," he said.

As he cooked his way through medical school at Washington University in St. Louis, he realized that his success in both the kitchen and the lab depended on knife quality. His stiff steel chef knives severed animal flesh with ease, but the dull, flexible blades used in the morgue slipped against human organs and made dissections difficult.

He started his pathology career in Florida before moving to Alabama and finally Texas, all the while seeking a sharp, sturdy knife that would make clean cuts in body parts photographed for presentation in court. For years, he made do with a sanitary food service knife typically used to carve wheels of hard cheese.

But the cheap knife needed constant sharpening, eventually frustrating him to the point of giving up the search and making his own. He worked with a craftsman to design a 20-inch chafef, a type of knife traditionally used for kosher slaughter, out of premium steel.

"It is the perfect knife for autopsy," he said.

Though he tends to use a scalpel for eviscerations, the custom knife became his go-to tool. The process of making it enthralled him, so he began apprenticing with a local knifemaker who allowed him to use his equipment in exchange for ma-

terials.

Now, he most often makes chefs' knives from sheets of some of the toughest steel alloys, strengthened with tungsten, vanadium or chromium and heat-treated by a metallurgist. He finishes the blades in a shower of sparks and pixie-like steel dust that accumulates beneath the belt grinder on his garage workbench.

The two-month process wraps up with the careful construction of a customized knife handle, designed and crafted in a backroom workshop lined with stacks of rare materials. Centuries-old wood preserved in the acidic depths of Ukrainian bogs. Mammoth teeth. Abalone.

Pustilnik solicited some of Houston's best-known chefs when he started the business, hoping that a shared passion and word-of-mouth advertising would grow his customer base. He one day appeared

without warning at the restaurant bar of Chris Shepherd's Underbelly.

Shepherd emerged from the kitchen and was taken aback by the fast-talking stranger unfurling a roll of knives.

"It was just a whirlwind when he walked in," he said.

Shepherd, a self-described knife freak, turned out to be an easy sell. Pustilnik returned weeks later with a large chef's knife fashioned with Texans colors.

But when Shepherd picked it up, something didn't feel right. Pustilnik zeroed in on his grip, watching how his wrist moved across a cutting board.

He whisked the knife back to his shop and returned later with a new one, a 12-incher with a handle specially designed for Shepherd's large hand.

"It's like a freakin' dream now, so

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AP source: House panel wants Bannon to explain Comey firing

By TOM LOBIANCO

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A House panel questioned Steve Bannon on Tuesday, aiming to find out President Donald Trump's thinking when he fired FBI Director James Comey, according to a person familiar with what the panel was planning to ask the former White House chief strategist.

The committee also planned to press Bannon on other "executive actions" taken by Trump that have drawn interest from congressional investigators prying into ties between Trump's campaign and Russian operatives, said the person, who wasn't authorized to speak on the record about the closed-door session and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Those key elements bear directly on the criminal investigation now underway by special counsel Robert Mueller, who is charged with determining if collusion existed between the Trump campaign and Russia and whether the president obstructed justice by firing Comey or by taking other actions to thwart investigators.

As of early Tuesday afternoon, it appeared possible that Bannon could be interviewed all day by the House Intelligence panel — on par with other top-tier witnesses who have been called before congressional investigators for marathon sessions. Bannon started with the committee at 8 a.m., but questioning

did not start until later in the morning.

His interview follows his spectacular fall from power after being quoted in a book that he sees the president's son and others as engaging in "treasonous" behavior for taking a meeting with Russians during the 2016 campaign.

In Michael Wolff's "Fire and Fury," Bannon accuses Donald Trump Jr., Jared Kushner and former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort of essentially betraying the nation by meeting with a group of Russian lawyers and lobbyists who they believed were ready to offer "dirt" on Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton.

More recently, Bannon has said he was not referring to Trump Jr. but rather to Manafort. Wolff stands by his account.

After the book's release, Trump quickly disavowed "Sloppy Steve Bannon" and argued extensively there was no evidence of collusion between his presidential campaign and operatives tied to Russian President Vladimir Putin. Bannon apologized a few days later but was stripped of his job leading the pro-Trump news site Breitbart News.

Bannon last year had largely avoided the scrutiny of congressional investigators, who instead focused much of their energy on trying to secure interviews with top witnesses like Manafort and former national security adviser Michael Flynn.

But Bannon played a criti-



AP photo

In this Dec. 5, 2017, file photo, former White House strategist Steve Bannon speaks during a Senate hopeful Roy Moore campaign rally in Fairhope Ala. The House Intelligence Committee is poised to question Bannon, the onetime confidant to President Donald Trump, following his spectacular fall from power after accusing the president's son and others of "treasonous" behavior for taking a meeting with Russians during the 2016 campaign. Bannon is scheduled to testify before the panel on Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2018, according to a person familiar with the committee's plans.

cal role in the campaign, the presidential transition and the White House — all during times now under scrutiny from congressional investigators looking for possible evidence of a connection between Trump's operations and Russia.

Bannon recently retained

the same lawyer being used by former Trump chief of staff Reince Priebus and current White House general counsel Don McGahn. Neither Bannon nor his lawyer immediately responded to a request for comment Monday.

The House Intelligence Committee is speeding to-

ward a conclusion of its interviews in its Russia investigation. The final result could be marred by partisan infighting, raising the probability that Republicans on the panel will issue one set of findings and the Democrats will issue their own report.

US withholds \$65 million from Palestinian aid programs

By MATTHEW LEE

AP Diplomatic Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Trump administration on Tuesday cut tens of millions of dollars in money for Palestinian refugees, demanding that the U.N. agency responsible for the programs undertake a "fundamental re-examination," the State Department said.

In a letter, the State Department notified the U.N. Relief and Works Agency that the U.S. is withholding \$65 million of a planned \$125 million funding installment to the body. The letter also makes clear that additional U.S. donations will be contingent on major changes by UNRWA, which has been heavily criticized by Israel.

"We would like to see some reforms be made," said State Department spokeswoman Heather Nauert, adding that changes are needed both to

the way the agency operates and is funded. "This

is not aimed at punishing anyone."

The State Department said it was releasing the rest of the installment — \$60 million — to prevent the agency from running out of cash by the end of the month and closing down.

The U.S. is UNRWA's largest donor, supplying nearly 30 percent of its budget. The agency focuses on providing health care, education and social services to Palestinians in the West Bank, Gaza Strip, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon.

Hundreds of thousands of Palestinians either fled or were forced from their homes during the war that led to Israel's establishment in 1948. Today, there are an estimated 5 million refugees and their descendants, mostly scattered across the region.

Israel's ambassador to the U.N., Danny Danon, praised the move, arguing that UNRWA misuses humanitarian aid to support propaganda against the Jewish state and perpetuate the Palestinians' plight.

"It is time for this absurdity to end and for humanitarian funds to be directed towards their intended pur-

pose: the welfare of refugees," Danon said in a statement.

The U.S. donated \$355 million to UNRWA in 2016 and was set to make a similar contribution in this year; the first installment was to have been

sent this month. But after a highly critical Jan. 2 tweet from Trump on aid to the Palestinians, the State Department opted to wait for a formal policy decision before sending its first installment.

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ergonomic and beautiful," Shepherd said. "You don't get that every day." Pustilnik, after spending years examining human bodies, speaks easily of the particular mechanics of the hands. He measures his customers' palms and observes where the metacarpophalangeal joints — the hinges at the knuckles — rest on a knife handle.

The goal, he said, is for the chef to focus solely on the food, not the way the knife feels.

"When the hand and the blade come together in an ergonomic way, it's seamless," he said. "It's just the chef executing his vision."



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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2017

Exhibit C-3

Data Control Codes	Major Funds			98
	10 General Fund	50 Debt Service Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:				
5700 Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 3,173,039	\$ 678,572	\$ 924,824	\$ 4,776,435
5800 State Program Revenues	4,555,394	16,618	116,711	4,688,723
5900 Federal Program Revenues	35,733		1,355,748	1,391,481
5020 Total Revenues	\$ 7,764,166	\$ 695,190	\$ 2,397,283	\$ 10,856,639
Expenditures:				
0011 Instruction	\$ 4,306,275		\$ 1,121,235	\$ 5,427,510
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	85,014			85,014
0013 Curriculum and Staff Development	15,981		4,957	20,938
0021 Instructional Leadership	131,196		67,043	198,239
0023 School Leadership	572,549			572,549
0031 Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services	170,485		575,001	745,486
0033 Health Services	85,696			85,696
0034 Student Transportation	271,332			271,332
0035 Food Services			433,972	433,972
0036 Extracurricular Activities	483,359			483,359
0041 General Administration	503,185		25,441	528,626
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	1,058,216		40,994	1,099,210
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	48,906			48,906
0053 Data Processing Services	164,847			164,847
0071 Debt Service - Principal		410,000		410,000
0072 Debt Service - Interest		406,483		406,483
0073 Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees		3,075		3,075
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts	137,554		37,000	174,554
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	83,013			83,013
6030 Total Expenditures	\$ 8,117,608	\$ 819,558	\$ 2,305,643	\$ 11,242,809
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures				
	\$ (353,442)	\$ (124,368)	\$ 91,640	\$ (386,170)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
7915 Transfers In	\$ 8,780			\$ 8,780
8911 Transfers Out			(8,780)	(8,780)
7000 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$ 8,780	\$ 0	\$ (8,780)	\$ 0
Special Items:				
7918 Special Item-Resource	\$		\$ 203,268	\$ 203,268
1200 Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ (344,662)	\$ (124,368)	\$ 286,128	\$ (182,902)
0100 September 1 - Fund Balance	2,281,273	851,985	0	3,133,258
3000 August 31 - Fund Balance	\$ 1,936,611	\$ 727,617	\$ 286,128	\$ 2,950,356

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

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Steers, Lady Steers remain winless in district as Brownwood sweeps Big Spring in doubleheader

Lady Steers fall 47-37, Steers lose 72-48

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**
Sports Editor

The Steer and Lady Steer varsity basketball teams hosted the Lions and Lady Lions of Brownwood in a pair of two heated district games on Tuesday evening. Unfortunately Big Spring went on to lose both games; 47-37 for the girls, and 72-48 for the boys. The loss keeps both Steer teams without a district win this season as the girls are now 0-4 and the boys 0-2.

Lady Steers

The girls' game was extremely close up until the last three minutes of the third quarter, which is where Brownwood was able to create some separation and bury three-pointer after three-pointer to increase their lead.

Kayleigh Penny, Aissa Cervantez, and Logan Terrazas scored all of the Lady Steers points throughout the first three quarters. In the fourth, Trinity Galloway and Amber Martinez combined for four points each. Penny finished the game with 13 points, Terrazas with 10 points, and Cervantez with seven.

Steers

The boys' game started out

rough and remained that way until the final buzzer sounded. Brownwood was able to hold Big Spring completely scoreless for the entire first quarter while they racked up a total of 24 points. Immediately you would think the Steers were having turnover issues, but that wasn't the case. They just couldn't get any of their shots to fall.

Big Spring's Javon Ford sank two threes in the second quarter to try and give his team a boost, along with one three by Elijah Munoz, but the Steers still found themselves down 18-44 at the half.

In the third, Big Spring chipped away at their 31 point deficit and brought themselves within 20 points with six minutes remaining in the game.

Just when the Steers started to gain some momentum, the Lions snatched it right back to ensure their 72-48 win.

Both the Steers and Lady Steers will look to bounce back and get their first district win on Tuesday, as they host the Snyder Tigers for another district doubleheader. The girls will tip off at 6:15 p.m. with the boys game to immediately follow.



Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Big Spring's Trinity Galloway puts up a short jump shot during the Lady Steers' loss at home to district rival Brownwood on Tuesday, January 16, 2018.



Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Big Spring's Zephaniah Nelson puts in a layup during the Steers' loss to Brownwood during a district match-up in Steer Gym on Tuesday, January 16, 2018.

Bufs remain undefeated in district play after 88-44 win against Cougars



Zane Riffe basket inside; Forsan lead 14-4 at the 4:36 mark and Christoval never recovered.

Evans, Riffe, and Richardson were the leading characters in the first quarter, combining for 23 points. Forsan led 27-8 after the first quarter. The score was 52-25 at the half, prompting Richardson to go with his second unit at the start of the third quarter.

It was a struggle in the third quarter as Forsan couldn't find their offensive groove. Reinserting his starters, the Bufs didn't score for almost four minutes. The drought was broken when Evans finally scored on a drive.

Christoval had chipped away at the lead but Forsan still led big at 52-32. The Buffalo starters finished the quarter on a 14-4 run. The game was well in hand, Forsan led 66-36 heading into the fourth.

"We started the second half and we wanted to work on running our offense," said Richardson. "At the start of the third quarter it wasn't pretty. I think some of it was our mentality. With that big lead, I think we let up a little."

The game was a chance for Richardson to give all his players ample floor time. Nearly all team members were able to score and big-body post players Caden Williams and Jaeden Ceasar got to mix it up underneath. Guards Jordan Enriquez and Aaron Gutierrez dished out several assists and scored a few baskets.

"That's one thing about them (bench). They always bring energy to the court," Richardson said.

It was a balanced Forsan attack. Evans and Richardson each scored 22 points,

Lady Bufs defeat Christoval 35-27, sit at tie for first place

By **STEVE BELVIN**
Staff Writer

The Forsan Lady Buffaloes got a bit of payback Friday night in the form of a 35-27 District 7-2A win over the Christoval Cougars at the Forsan gym.

Forsan made amends for their only district setback, that being a 40-23 loss to the Cougars in Christoval earlier this season. The win puts Forsan in a first place tie with Christoval, both with 5-1 records. The next closest teams are two games back.

This time the Christoval press didn't get the best of Forsan like it did in their first meet-



ing, although it started off like it might be that way again.

Forsan turned the ball over 11 times in just the first quarter alone as Christoval led 10-4 going into the second.

Christoval senior guard Taylor Tomlinson harassed Forsan with three steals. She had a strong game finishing with five steals and nine points. Forsan's only

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7th grade Lady Steers B team bring home first place



Special to the Herald

The 7th grade Lady Steers B Team had an excellent tournament bringing home a championship trophy. It was a real team effort in all three games. The Lady Steers defeated Snyder, Post, and Sweetwater to earn their title going 3-0. Jalen Sykes and Mia Bustamante were the leading scorers for the tournament. Genna Bedinger, Maria Villalobos, Emily Matthews, and Neli Mendez were key players defensively, while Kailie Fierro, Valarie Barrios, Zareth Castillo, and Mikiah Gibson were a great help on offense. Kiersten Furuya and MaKayley Burciaga hustled hard the entire tournament and kept the team pushing forward. The 7th & 8th grade Lady Steers take on Sweetwater this Thursday at home.

Forsan's Garrett Evans works his way around Christoval defenders in their game vs. the Cougars on Tuesday, January 16, 2018.

By **STEVE BELVIN**

Staff Writer

The Forsan Buffaloes continued their stroll through District 7-2A play, disposing of the Christoval Cougars 88-44 Tuesday night at the Forsan gym.

The Bufs ran their record to 5-0 in district play and 18-3 overall, putting them in firm control of first place in a district so far, that has offered Forsan very little competition. Head coach Cory Richardson is still seeking improvement. The Bufs shot a blistering 67 percent in the first half staking them to a 52-25 halftime

advantage.

"We need to work on some things," Richardson said. "The beginning of the game we got out and played good. Once we got out of the press, we didn't play very good man defense. They (Christoval) are a young and athletic team, and they are quick. I just saw some things we need to work on."

The Bufs had the house on fire in the first quarter. Kobe Richardson hit a bank shot, Garrett Evans made a runner and the Bufs were just that - off and running. Evans made a three-pointer, followed by a short jumper and a

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Par-fect defense

West dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

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

The bidding:			
West	North	East	South
Pass	1♦	1♣	1NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT

Opening lead: six of spades.
This deal was played many years ago in the Bridge Olympic, a "par" contest featuring prearranged hands. The defenders were supposed to defeat three notrump, but very few of the East-West contestants succeeded. Indeed, the winning defense is not readily apparent even when all four hands are examined.

West was directed to lead the six of spades, and the burden of the defense thereafter fell to East. The issue was largely decided on the very

first trick, with the outcome of the hand depending upon which card East played on the jack of spades.

The correct play is the four, permitting the jack to win the trick. South then cannot make the contract regardless of what he does next.

Suppose declarer leads a diamond at trick two. West takes the king and returns a spade to the ace. East leads a high spade to force out the king and still has the ace of diamonds as an entry to his established spades. Against this defense, declarer cannot score more than eight tricks.

Observe that East does not defeat the contract if he wins the spade lead with the ace and returns the queen. Declarer simply sets up his diamonds, and the defenders can't score more than four tricks.

Nor can East stop three notrump by playing the queen of spades at trick one. South ducks the queen, and the defense is once again helpless. This is not a really hard play for South to make, because the six is obviously West's highest spade.

East should know from the bidding and the opening lead that declarer has the K-9-8-7 of spades. Since East has only one side entry card, he should duck the jack in order to retain a line of communication with West.

Tomorrow: The best-laid plans.
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Venus in Aquarius Ushers in the New

Familiarity is the enemy of glamour. It's why fashion changes each season. It's why there's always something coming up to replace the old phrases, songs and dances that were working just fine. Even if you're not into glamour per se, fresh excitement in some form is still undeniably a necessity of the human spirit -- so sayeth Venus in Aquarius.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Watch out for laziness in others, and be vigilant against the tendency yourself. As the ancient wisdom suggests, "He who is lazy in his work is brother to him that destroys."

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's time to travel light, both metaphorically and literally. Why carry more than is necessary? Leave past pain and future worries out of the satchel. Carry only what you'll need in this hour.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Did you know that over half of college graduates don't wind up in the field of their major? Relatedly, today you will not apply what you've learned in a direct and logical fashion. You're still better for having learned it, though!

CANCER (June 22-July 22). To handle the current problem, you will need more data about it. You'll also need a few different tools and resources. Gather information, and look for people who have already solved this or something similar.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's not too late. It's never too late. If you knew with every fiber of your being that this was the truth, what would you do now? That's the best way to spend your day.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Getting out of yourself will be the biggest challenge. One way to settle in more comfortably (which is the first step) will be to turn your focus to the environment and become curious about the people in it and all that's going on there.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Seductive and glamorous propositions abound. Before

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



you head further into this, find out more from trusted sources. Ignorance, like darkness, is a lack of illumination that can cause some pretty serious stumbles.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). What if you knew that trying to make something better was as absurd as trying to perfect the sea or improve upon the sunlight? What then? Maybe this isn't about changing so much as it's about learning the magnificence of a thing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Some use the term "free spirit" as a put-down akin to "flaky." It's a stance rooted in the fear that, given the entire range of choices, we'd go all wrong. Loosen the reigns on yourself today and you'll see how untrue this is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Love will be like talking to the moon. The light inside you will be quietly, constantly reflected. You'll feel at once big enough to hold the vastness of space in your palm and small enough to be enveloped in it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Any harm that is done in the name of believing the wrong thing can be undone in the name of believing the right thing. Go back and examine the beliefs that led to the discontent. One or more of them is faulty. Root it out.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The message can be the most eloquent, reasonable and perfectly crafted expression in the world, but if it is pitched to a non-receptive person it's still a communication fail.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 17). If there's one thing that will make this solar return a sweet dream for you, it's good timing. Don't rush! Life only happens one moment at a time and trying to

cram in too much will rob you of the delicious experience. Stick to your top wish. Prioritize and hold it sacred and you will succeed beyond your wildest imaginings. Leo and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 22, 23, 14 and 38.

COSMICALLY CURIOUS ABOUT... FRIENDSHIP RULES FOR THE HIGHLY SENSITIVE PART THREE:

FRIENDSHIP RULE NO. 3: Discretion, please!

It's an unfortunate fact of digital reality that you can pretty much track what anyone is doing without you these days. You don't have to be a highly sensitive person to get utterly bummed out when you scroll through your feed and learn what you weren't invited to. You might not believe this, but rumor has it that there's this very cool and mysterious breed of people who prefer to keep their social lives on a need-to-know basis and will be especially mindful not to broadcast events that might make dear ones feel left out. Those people are called real friends. If you're extraordinarily empathic, sensitive or introverted you should find people like this and hang on tight.

FRIENDSHIP RULE NO. 4: Be a volleybal-ler, not a vacuum.

Empathetic people are patient people who attract those who most need a kind heart and a listening ear. But a friend who soaks up all the love and attention and never returns the serve... well, it gets old. Sensitive people will put up with it for much longer than the average. Their rich inner life reduces their need for a lot of external praise and attention, so they are happy to focus on others... but not forever.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Former first lady Michelle Obama was born under a powerfully disciplined sun and Mercury in Capricorn. Empathetic, wise Pisces influences lend large emotional intelligence to her chart, as do Mars and Saturn in altruistic Aquarius. "Lead by example with hope, never fear, and know that I will be with you, rooting for you and working to support you for the rest of my life."
-- Michelle Obama

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SUDOKU

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

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: Advanced

Here's How It Works:

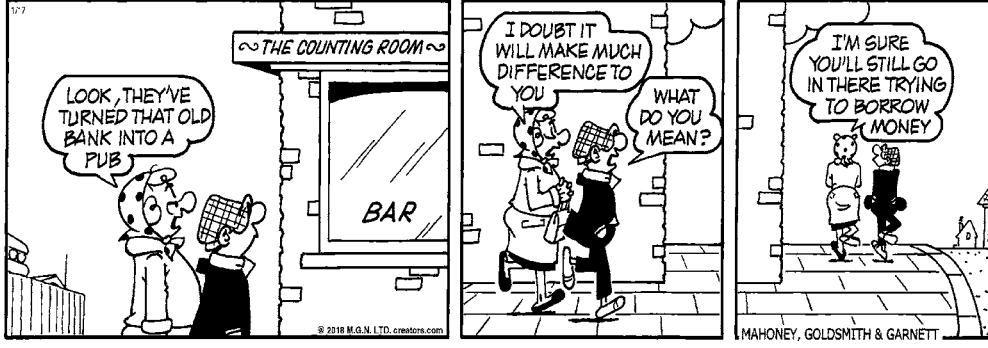
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric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

8	5	4	7	1	4	5		
6	9	6	7	9	6			
7	4	2	3	7	9	6		
7	6	4	5	1	9	3	2	8
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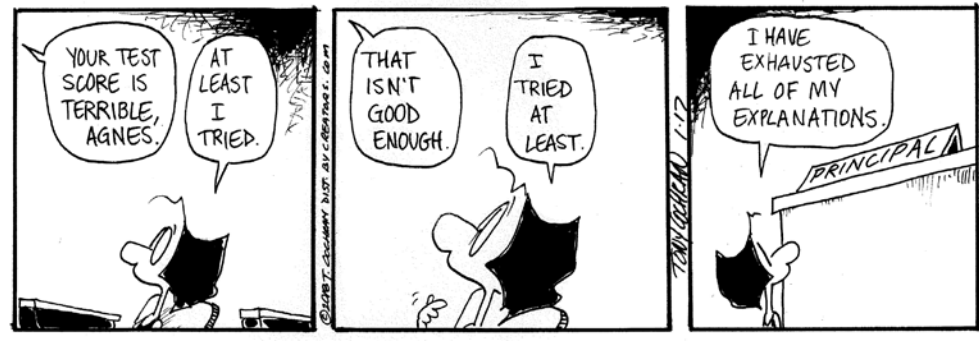
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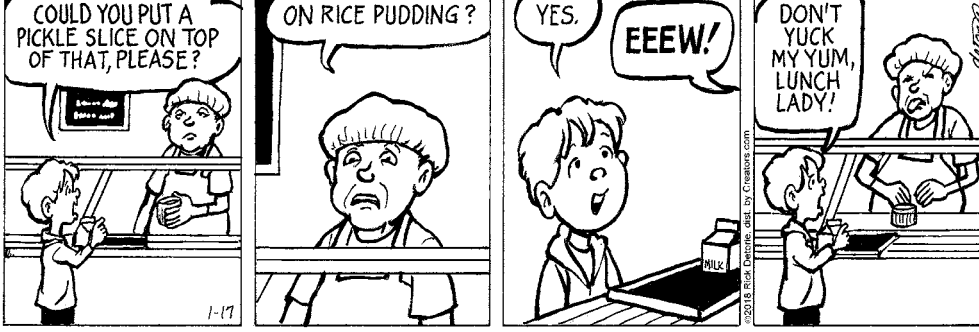
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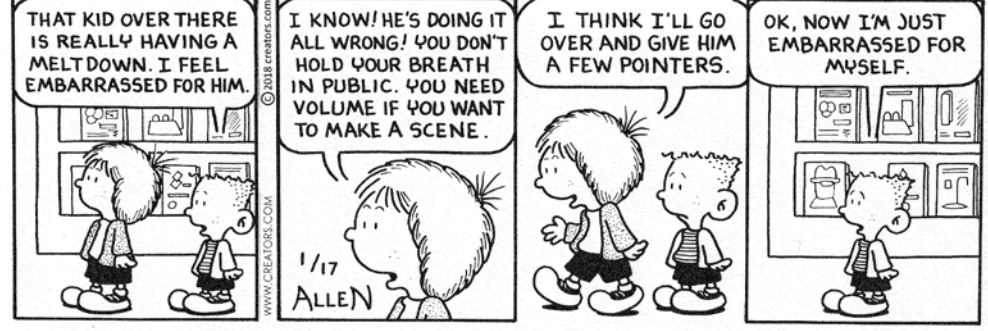
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ONE BIG HAPPY



NEST HEAD



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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 17, the 17th day of 2018. There are 348 days left in the year. Today's Highlights in History: On Jan. 17, 1893, Hawaii's monarchy was overthrown as a group of businessmen and sugar planters forced Queen Lili'uokalani (lee-LEE'-oo-oh-kah-LAH'-nee) to abdicate. The 19th president of the United States, Rutherford B. Hayes, died in Fremont, Ohio, at age 70. On this date: In 1781, during the Revolutionary War, American forces defeated the British in the Battle of Cowpens, South Carolina. In 1806, Thomas Jefferson's daughter, Martha, gave birth to James Madison Randolph, the first child born in the White House. In 1917, Denmark ceded the Virgin Islands to the United States for \$25 million. In 1929, the cartoon character Popeye the Sailor made his debut in the "Thimble Theatre" comic strip. In 1945, Soviet and Polish forces liberated Warsaw during World War II; Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg, credited with saving tens of thousands of Jews, disappeared in Hungary while in Soviet custody. In 1953, a prototype of the Chevrolet Corvette was unveiled during the General Motors Motorama at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York. In 1961, President Dwight D. Eisenhower delivered his farewell address in which he warned against "the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex." In 1966, a U.S. Air Force B-52 carrying four unarmed hydrogen bombs crashed on the Spanish coast. (Three of the bombs were quickly recovered, but the fourth wasn't recovered until April.) The Simon & Garfunkel album "Sounds of Silence" was released by Columbia Records. In 1977, convicted murderer Gary Gilmore, 36, was shot by a firing squad at Utah State Prison in the first U.S. execution in a decade. In 1984, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Sony Corp. of America v. Universal City Studios, Inc., ruled 5-4 that the use of home video cassette recorders to tape television programs for private viewing did not violate federal copyright laws.

In 1995, more than 6,000 people were killed when an earthquake with a magnitude of 7.2 devastated the city of Kobe (koh-bay), Japan. In 1998, the Drudge Report said Newsweek magazine had killed a story about an affair between President Bill Clinton and an unidentified White House intern, the same day Clinton gave a deposition in Paula Jones' sexual harassment lawsuit against him in which he denied having had a sexual relationship with Monica Lewinsky. Ten years ago: Bobby Fischer, the chess grandmaster who became a Cold War icon when he dethroned the Soviet Union's Boris Spassky as world champion in 1972, died in Reykjavik, Iceland, at age 64. Former football player-turned-preacher Ernie Holmes, a two-time Super Bowl champion with the Pittsburgh Steelers, was killed in a one-car accident near Lumberton, Texas, at age 59. Five years ago: Algerian helicopters and special forces stormed a natural gas plant in the Sahara to rescue hostages from at least 10 countries held by al-Qaida-linked militants; nearly all the militants and at least 37 of the hostages were killed. One year ago: President Barack Obama granted clemency to Chelsea Manning, allowing the transgender Army intelligence officer convicted of leaking more than 700,000 U.S. documents to go free nearly three decades early. Donald Trump's choice to head the Interior Department, Rep. Ryan Zinke, rejected the president-elect's claim that climate change was a hoax, telling his Senate confirmation hearing it was indisputable that environmental changes were affecting the world's temperature and that human activity was a major reason. Today's Birthdays: Actress Betty White is 96. Former FCC chairman Newton N. Minow is 92. Actor James Earl Jones is 87. Talk show host Maury Povich is 79. Pop singer Chris Montez is 76. Rhythm-and-blues singer William Hart (The Delfonics) is 73. Actress Joanna David is 71. Actress Jane Elliot is 71. Rock musician Mick

Taylor is 70. Rhythm-and-blues singer Sheila Hutchinson (The Emotions) is 65. Singer Steve Earle is 63. Singer Paul Young is 62. Actor-comedian Steve Harvey is 61. Singer Susanna Hoffs (The Bangles) is 59. Movie director-screenwriter Brian Helgeland is 57. Actor-comedian Jim Carrey is 56. Actor Denis O'Hare is 56. Former first lady Michelle Obama is 54. Actor Joshua

Malina is 52. Singer Shabba Ranks is 52. Rock musician Jon Wysocki is 50. Actor Naveen Andrews is 49. Electronic music DJ Tiesto is 49. Rapper Kid Rock is 47. Actor Freddy Rodriguez is 43. Actor-writer Leigh Whannel is 41. Actress-singer Zooey Deschanel is 38. Dancer Maksim Chmerkovskiy (TV: "Dancing with the Stars") is 38. Singer Ray J is 37. Actor Diogo Morgado is 37. Country

singer Amanda Wilkinson is 36. NBA player Dwyane Wade is 36. Actor Ryan Gage is 35. DJ-singer Calvin Harris is 34. Folk-rock musician Jeremiah Fraites is 32. Actor Jonathan Keltz is 30. Actress Kelly Marie Tran (Film: "Star Wars: The Last Jedi") is 29. Actress Kathrine (cq) Herzer is 21.

Thought for Today: "He that is of the opinion money will do everything may well be suspected of doing everything for money." Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790). © 2018 The Associated Press.

Newsday Crossword

STICK WITH IT by Fred Piscop Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS
1 Cash, slangily
6 "Let's go!"
10 Category
13 Judges' attire
14 Capital of Italia
15 Read electronically
16 Roast meat on a stick
18 Parcel (out)
19 Enter gradually, as water
20 Specialized market segment
21 Out of harm's way
24 Type of toothpaste
25 Repaired, as some roofs
26 Wetlands birds
28 Tot's vehicle
29 Uplift
30 Dot-com commerce
32 Santa __, CA
35 Compete (for)
36 Batter-dipped frank on a stick
38 "O Sole __"
39 Discontinue
40 Causes harm to
41 "Burnt" shade of brown
43 Enticements
45 With no intermission, as a play
46 Old sayings
48 Luau wear
50 Region
51 Actor's memorizations
52 Ace, in poker slang
54 Lend of tennis
55 Sugar-coated fruit on a stick

- DOWN
1 Title for some spouses
2 "That's impressive!"
3 __-Wan Kenobi
4 Apartment dwellers
5 Big Apple's Arthur __ Stadium
6 Fancy pancake
7 Exxon merger partner
8 Saudi Arabia neighbor
9 Take into custody
10 Frozen dessert on a stick
11 Wood-shaping tool
12 Weak-__ (timid)
15 Smug smile
17 63 Across barrels
20 Carpenter's power tool
21 Put dinner on the table
22 One more time
23 Breaded fruit on a stick
25 Threesome
27 Computer repairers
28 Small amounts
30 Makes a misstep
31 Demolition letters

- 33 Family member
34 Major blood vessel
37 Inning-ending plays
42 Baked entrée
44 Go-between
45 Full of grease
46 Mad Hatter guest
47 Underwater explorer
48 Fencer's thrust
49 Born first
52 Unadorned
53 Chows down
55 Baby panda
56 Prefix for "before"
57 Took the initiative
58 Double-curve shape

Answer to previous puzzle
ATTIC LACE URNS
BRASH OBOE NEAT
CELLO WOOL TOGO
DECEITFUL FRIAR
COAT FAULTY
SEGMENT BUST
PARIS PORTHOLE
AVIS ESSAY FROM
REDLIGHT GUEST
EDGE CARLOTS
STEALS SOSO
TOADY DISHONEST
ANTI TILT METOO
SKIN WELL EARNS
HANG ITSY DRESS

Jokic's big night helps Nuggets hold off Mavericks 105-102

By **PAT GRAHAM**

AP Sports Writer

DENVER — Michael Malone wasn't all that thrilled about the lack of composure in the final quarter. Or all the turnovers. Or the shot selection. Or even the defense.

Still, he won't quibble with the outcome.

"We survived," Denver's coach said.

Nikola Jokic scored 29 points and grabbed a season-high 18 rebounds, Gary Harris hit two late free throws and the Nuggets held off the Dallas Mavericks 105-102 on Tuesday night after nearly blowing a 23-point lead.

"We lost focus in the fourth quarter and we gave them a chance to come back in the game," Jokic said. "That was bad."

The Nuggets led 82-59 with 4:04 left in the third before Dallas staged a massive comeback. The Mavericks cut the deficit to one on a three-point play by Dennis Smith Jr. with 10.4 seconds remaining. After Harris made two free throws, the Mavericks had a chance for a last-second shot, but Dwight Powell couldn't corral a long pass as the buzzer sounded.

"We never give up," Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle said. "There are some things to build on here."

So, what exactly changed in the fourth?

"I don't know. I'll have to go back and watch film to figure it out," said Smith, who finished with 25 points.

The Nuggets unraveled during a fourth quarter

in which they were outscored 33-19. They turned the ball over several times, leading to 10 points, hit just 3 of 7 free throws and allowed Dallas to drain three 3-pointers.

"I thought we looked like a poorly coached team in that fourth quarter," Malone said. "I take that very personally. We all have to be better down the stretch. If that game is 10 seconds longer, we probably lose."

"But I'm not going to say it's a complete waste — we got a win. I'm proud of our guys for having enough fortitude down the stretch to get the win."

Harris finished with 25 points and Will Barton added 22 for the Nuggets, who won for just the second time in six games.

Trying to address the issue of slow starts, Malone tweaked the starting lineup by inserting Barton and sending Mason Plumlee to the bench. The change worked as Denver led at halftime. That's significant because it halted a streak of seven straight games in which the Nuggets trailed at intermission.

Denver made protecting the paint a point of emphasis in this contest. When the Mavericks beat the Nuggets 122-105 on Dec. 4, they dominated points in the paint with 64. That figure comes with a caveat — Jokic was sidelined with an ankle sprain.

This time, Dallas had 42.

Harris and Jokic combined to score Denver's opening 22 points, before Plumlee got in the scoring act with a free throw late in the first quarter.

TIP-INS

Mavericks: J.J. Barea sat out with a strained groin. ... F Harrison Barnes contributed 17 points, while reserve Devin Harris had 16.

Nuggets: The team had two buzzer-beaters — Barton on a 3-pointer to end the first quarter and Jokic with a tip-in to close out the second. ... Jokic had seven assists.

INJURY UPDATE

Carlisle said it's looking like at least February until Dorian Finney-Smith (left knee), Nerlens Noel (left thumb) and Seth Curry (left tibia) return.

"Right now Nerlens is on track to be on the floor before any of them," Carlisle said. "If all goes well it's very possible he could be back playing in the first week of February."

YOUTH IS SERVED

A reason for Denver's disparity between its home record (16-5) and road mark (7-16) is plain, old youth.

"It's our reality. Jamal (Murray) is 20. That's not an excuse, he's 20 years old," Malone said. "We have a lot of young players and we have to help them get through these tough times."

SPORADIC JOKIC

Malone isn't worried about Jokic's up-and-down performances. All part of his learning curve.

"This is his third year in the NBA. He was a second-round pick. Now all of a sudden people want him to be Superman," Malone said. "Very few players in NBA history come in their first, second and

third year and put a franchise on their back. What you love about Nikola is he doesn't shy from it."

UP NEXT

Mavericks: At the Trail Blazers on Saturday.

Cavaliers: Travel to the Los Angeles Clippers on Wednesday.

Big Spring High School powerlifting meet

Special to the Herald

On Saturday, January 13, Big Spring High School hosted their annual powerlifting meet at the Big Spring Junior High gymnasium. This year's meet was attended by 14 schools from across West Texas, and had over 250 young men and women participate in the meet.

The meet was an outstanding success, and was well attended by the community, as well as parents from the participating schools. A meet this size cannot happen without volunteers willing to give up their Saturday in order to come work the meet, and help promote a worthwhile event for our kids. We are very fortunate to have an abundance of people willing to come help in any way possible in order to assure a successful, and well run meet. Many of our high school male athletes also volunteered to help spot and load the weights for the participants as well. Thanks as well to the Big Spring baseball boosters that ran our concession stand as well as provided the meals for the coaches and workers. Once again, events like this are only as good as the people who volunteer to come and help, and without a doubt we have the very best here in Big Spring.

Both our girl's and boy's teams did very well in the

meet, and came home with medals. To receive a medal in the competition, you must place in the top 5 in your respective weight class. The following young ladies received medals for their efforts on Saturday:

Janeigh Vanderbilt - 1st place (148 class)

Charlie Roberts - 1st place (181 class)

Charlie Roberts - Outstanding Lifter (181-259 classes)

Hallie Hyatt - 4th place (181 class)

Our girls' team finished 5th overall out of 14 schools, and they all did an outstanding job competing. Our boys' team also did very well in the meet, and the following young men received medals:

Jared Paredes - 3rd place (114 class)

Bryson Ovalle - 1st place (123 class)

Justin Ormsby - 1st place (132 class)

Ivan Delgado - 4th place (242 class)

Jordan Dunn - 2nd place (SHW class)

Our boys' team finished tied for 2nd with Midland High, and competed very well throughout the entire meet. Coach McWilliams and Coach Pannell were very excited with the effort and determination shown by our Lady Steer and Steer athletes in the first meet of the year. Both teams will compete in the Fort Stockton meet on Saturday, January 20.



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Continued from Page 7

points were a basket by Emily Garcia and two free throws Rylee Evans. Free throws did play a big part in the Forsan victory. The Lady Buffs made 12-of-17 attempts, compared to 4-for-10 for Christoval.

The Lady Buffs settled down in the second quarter and got into their half court game, utilizing their height advantage. Nobody did it better than 6'1 Emily Garcia. Garcia scored eight points in the second quarter, and Macey Evans made her first of two three in the contest. Forsan trailed only 19-18 at the half.

Midway through the third quarter, the Lady Buffs started their surge to victory. Trailing 22-18, R. Evans sunk a three, Garcia made a short jumper, Jenna Evans converted an offensive rebound, M. Evans made a 15-footer and Mikahaela Willard sank two free throws. Forsan led 28-23 going into the final quarter.

In the fourth, the Lady Buffs made timely free throws, dominated the boards to get second and third chances at the goal, causing Christoval to foul.

Chassidy Grantham put the icing on the cake, sinking three free

throws, to give the Lady Buffs their eight-point win.

Forsan coach Lloyd Vedder was pleased.

"It was a great win, even with all those turnovers," he said. "When you hold someone to 27 points, we probably had that many turnovers. We didn't run to the spots we needed to to break the press. Christoval is very quick, a lot quicker than us. It took awhile but we finally adjusted."

The Lady Buffs adjusted well. Once they broke the press, they went inside and wore Christoval down. The Lady Buffs held a commanding 31-17 rebounding advantage. Grantham and

J. Evans led the way with 10 and eight respectively. Garcia, who was 5-10 from the floor, led Forsan with 12 points. M. Evans scored eight.

Forsan will play

Winters on the road

Friday. Tip off is 6:30 p.m.

FORSAN:

Rylee Evans 1-2-5

Chassidy Grantham 0-3-3

Macey Evans 3-0-8

Emily Garcia 5-2-12

Jenna Evans 1-3-5

Mikahela Willard 0-2-2

total 10-12-35

CHRISTOVAL:

Allison Vaughn 1-1-3

Graci Jones 4-1-10

Kaycee Jackson 1-0-2

Taylor Tomlinson 3-2-9

total 9-4-27

Forsan 04-14-10-07-35

Christoval 10-09-04-04-27

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Nearly 4 years on, much of Syrian rebel 'capital' abandoned

By **BASSEM MROUE**

Associated Press

HOMS, Syria (AP) — Sumaya Bairuty walked through abandoned streets pocked with shell craters amid rows of destroyed buildings, at times climbing over giant sand barriers before reaching her parent's apartment in the once rebel-held district of Bab Dreib in this central Syrian city.

The 38-year-old English-language teacher who works in the capital Damascus comes to Homs by bus once a week to spend two days with her parents, who live alone in their newly fixed apartment in the heavily destroyed and mostly deserted area.

It has been almost four years since the last rebels and civilians withdrew from the remaining strongholds in the ancient heart of Homs in May 2014, surrendering to President Bashar Assad a bloodstained city once dubbed the "capital of the revolution." Few people have returned, and large parts of the once vibrant old city are still abandoned and destroyed, as if time had stood still since the guns fell silent.

For Sumaya's family, the main sorrow remains the loss of her youngest sibling, Rabih, in 2015. He was killed by insurgents in the rebel-held northwestern province of Idlib.

"This was the biggest loss. Neither the house nor the work or any other thing was as painful as losing Rabih," she said.

The Bairuty family's home in Bab Dreib is in the heart of the former rebel-held districts of Homs. The streets are so shell-pocked and destroyed that cars cannot drive, and the nearest area with shops and vehicles is a 20-minute walk away.

As Sumaya walked into her parent's second-floor, two-bedroom apartment, she found her father sitting on the floor next to a diesel heater eating fried cauliflower and bread for lunch while watching a soccer match on TV as her mother sat nearby.

She explained that the family had to change homes eight times since the Syrian conflict erupted seven years ago, after their main home was destroyed.

In 2012, the Bairuty family fled to Damascus after their neighborhood fell into rebel hands. A year later they returned to Homs, renting several homes before moving into the building of Sumaya's maternal grandparents in October 2016, a bit more than two years after government forces recaptured all of central Homs.

After they moved into their latest apartment, the U.N. helped the family fix it up by installing new windows and doors and closing the gaping holes in the walls.

Sumaya's younger brother was about to turn 18 in 2015 and wanted to move to Turkey to find a job and escape compulsory military service. The family contacted relatives in the rebel-held village

of Saraqeb, Idlib, who promised to help him move to Turkey.

Bairuty and her mother, Tamador Shilar, both said their relatives tipped off the extremist, IS-linked group Jund al-Aqsa about him, telling them that he and his family were strong government supporters.

Within days, the young man was put on so-called trial by the group, which sentenced him to death for being a government supporter and ruled in favor of punishing his elder sister, who teaches at a government-run school.

Weeks later, the family received Rabih's identity cards and belongings through a taxi driver who drives between the rebel-held Idlib province and Homs. A letter said that he was killed because he did not join the "holy war" against the government, Shilar and Beirut said.

Shilar said she cannot shake off the feeling of grief.

"It's the feeling of any woman who lost her son and he was not guilty," she said, as she wiped tears from her face. "He was unjustly treated by the dogs."

Bairuty's father, Mohammed Riad, said they are lucky to have a home, adding that they now get 12 hours of electricity every day and two hours of drinking water. He walks for about half an hour every day to reach the market to buy groceries.

Amid an ongoing civil war, no western countries have stepped up to help finance



AP photo

Sumaya Bairuty, 38, an English-language teacher who works in the capital Damascus, walks to her parents house in the war-damaged Bab Dreib neighborhood of Homs, Syria, Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2018. It has been almost four years since the last remaining rebels and civilians withdrew from the remaining strongholds in the ancient heart of Homs in Syria.

Syria's reconstruction. The governorate has renovated the old covered marketplace as well as some of the city's old churches, and the city's famous Khaled bin al-Waleed mosque is undergoing renovation. But most of the neighborhoods are still sprawling ruins.

The residents who have trickled back are using their own money or U.N. assistance to fix their homes just enough to be livable.

Homs Gov. Talal Barazi told The Associated Press that 21,000 families — or 30 percent of Homs city's original

population of 1.2 million have returned.

Riad said he hopes that once reconstruction begins, there will be demand for him as the 70-year-old man was a construction worker for most of his life.

"The situation in general is good but our main problem is that there is no transportation here," he said as he watched the soccer match on an Iraqi channel.

Shilar said she is worried about the future and thinks that even if Homs is rebuilt, reconciliation is a long way off.



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