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HEB's 5th annual Quest for Texas Best begins

By ERIN STEPHENS
 Staff Writer

H-E-B continues its search for the finest foods and beverages in the Lone Star State with the 5th Annual H-E-B Primo Picks Quest for Texas Best contest.

On Sunday, Feb. 4, H-E-B began accepting submissions for the competition that brought Bagel Dots, Huerta's Texas Gumbo, the Texas Pie Dough Puck, The Jank BBQ Sauce, Slaton Bakery's Homemade Vanilla Wafers, Vela Farm's Texas Sweet Tea Jelly, and more than 240 other unique products to H-E-B shelves.

Since launching the contest in 2014, H-E-B has reviewed more than 2,000 samples of the most creative and mouth-watering Texas-made food and beverages.

Interested suppliers and manufacturers are encouraged to submit details about their products at heb.com/quest. Entries will be accepted until Sunday, Mar. 18.

Participants will compete for cash prizes and the opportunity to have their products featured on H-E-B shelves across the state.

"This is a statewide contest," said a local HEB manager. Anyone in Texas can enter this contest and for those interested in entering the contest in Big Spring, they can visit the HEB website for more information.

To kick off the fifth annual competition, Texas

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'I pledge allegiance...'

Area Scouts hold flag retirement ceremony Saturday



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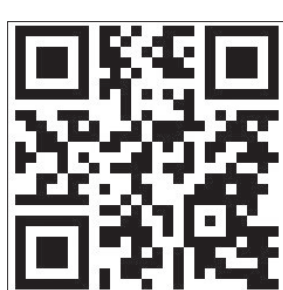
Local Boy Scouts display a large flag Saturday before retiring it, separating each red and white stripe and the blue field, and consigning them individually to the flames. The ceremony, conducted to respectfully destroy old and worn out flags, was held at the Scouts' Camp Thomas on Driver Road. Area residents and veterans from the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez State Veterans Home were on hand to observe the retirement of about four American flags, a Texas state flag, and a POW-MIA flag.

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

What happens to a flag that gets too worn out, faded, or ragged to continue to fly? There are probably a lot of answers to that question, but a group of local Scouts know – and do – what should happen to them.

"We separated the colors of the flags: the red, the white, and the blue. We separated the stripes, and then laid each stripe into the fire to honor them. And then you fold the stars, the field of blue, and place it into the fire as well," said Eagle Scout Matthew Hernandez of Big Spring's Troop 5. "You do the same thing with the Texas flag, but obviously the Texas

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only has the three sections. And the POW flag, you would do all at once because there aren't any stripes. It symbolizes the missing and all the people who were captured, as one."

Speaking after the flag retirement ceremony conducted by local Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, and one Girl Scout at Camp Thomas on Driver Road Saturday, Hernandez said the flags should look their best, and if age and wear has caught up to them, it's time to let them rest.

"If it's damaged, or if it's just been faded. Pretty much just use," he said. "I believe we retired about five or six, and we have a lot more in the trailer there that we're also retiring."

First-Class Scout Chris Carrillo had an important part to play during the ceremony:

He wielded the scissors, separating the flags into their various elements.

"We usually take turns doing different jobs," he said. "But today, I was chosen to cut. I was thankful that I was able to cut the flag in representation for all the soldiers who died or were lost to us."

Carrillo said cutting the flag wasn't the most emotional part of the ceremony for him, however.

"I got to see the veterans who were in the wars getting to retire the flags," he said. "I got to see how happy they were."

The Scouts were joined at Camp Thomas for the ceremony by several veteran residents of Big Spring's Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez State Veterans Home, as well as a few area citizens who came out to observe the flags' retirement.

Mark Richardson, district chairman for the Lone Star District of the Boy Scouts, led

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Library to host 'Read to Me' for infants



Courtesy Photo
 Shown above is the Children's room at the Howard County Library that will be used during the "Read to Me," session on Tuesday Feb. 6, 2018, at 11 a.m., and is also the room that is used during the Library's Story Time for kids, every Wednesday at 10:15.

By AMBERMANSFIELD
 Staff Writer

It's never too early to start reading to your child and help plant the seed of reading in a youthful mind. That's why the Howard County Library, located at 500 S Main St., is hosting "Read To Me: Lap Sit Babies," Tuesday Feb. 6, 2018, at 11 a.m. in the Children's Room in the downstairs of the library.

During "Read To Me" children 18 months and younger, with their caregivers, can come to the Howard County Library for some reading and to hopefully spark a fire that will last a lifetime.

"It's a great thing to start to love reading early on in life," said Donna Downing, head of the Children Library at Howard County Library. "But we have a lot of fun things planned out for the kids besides reading that we think the little ones will really have fun doing." Some of those activities include Nursery Rhymes, finger puppets, ABC's, and more.

"We know little ones don't have long attention spans, so we try to keep that in mind when we choose the activities," said Downing. "We choose easy, fun activities that a caregiver can do easily with their child, and we choose stories that will appeal to 18 months and younger. It may not be as entertaining to children over 18 months, which is why we ask that only 18 month and younger attend. This is a special time for the younger ones to learn that books and reading can be fun."

For those who have children that are older and want to participate in Library reads and fun activities, every Wednesday the Library has a Story Time, for Children, at 10:15 a.m., also held in the Children's room.

"At this event, we welcome and encourage kids of every age and their caregivers to come and see how fun story time can be," said Downing. "We are always trying to grow in numbers and expand our volunteers who come during the story times to help."

Read to Me, and Story Time are free events offered to the public by Howard County Library. For more information about these events call Howard County Library at 432-264-2260.

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Obituaries

Ima Jewell Standefer



Ima Jewell Standefer of Lenorah, Texas passed away on the 2 of Feb. 2018.

She was born on Jan. 27, 1930, in Hockley County, Texas, to Carl and Ora Golden.

Jewell graduated from Colorado City, Texas, and then went on to nursing school in Big Spring. She started working at the Big Spring Hospital soon after graduation. On a trip to Stanton to go to a dance, she met her life mate, Marvin Standefer.

Jewell is survived by her three children, Paula Dillard, Marvin Standefer, Jr. and wife, Amy, and Jimmy David Standefer. She is also survived by her sisters, Tommie Dossey and Judie Davis. Jewell was blessed with her grandkids, Marsha and Joseph Logan, Russell and Sonny Standefer, Melissa

Thibodeaux, Summer and Kevin Gray, Jody and Danna Kidd, and Ashley and John McClanahan. Jewell was also blessed to be able to spend time with her 12 great-grandkids.

Jewell was preceded in death by her husband, Marvin Standefer; her parents, Carl and Ora Golden and step-mother, Ruby Golden; her brothers, Paul Raymond Golden and George Golden; and her sisters, Carlene Cramer and Glenda Weatherly.

Visitation with the family will be held at Gilbreath Funeral Home, 209 N. St. Charles, Stanton, Texas from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2018.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2018, at Evergreen Cemetery, Stanton, Texas.

The family is asking you to make donations to your favorite charity in lieu of flowers.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Paid Obituary

Florida Bell Woodard



Florida Bell Woodard, 83, of Big Spring died Jan. 30, 2018. Services will be held at 10 a.m., Monday, Feb. 5, 2018, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Peace Chapel. The family will be at the funeral home Sunday from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. to meet guests.

Survivors include three sons, Emzie Jr. Woodard (Cynthia), Emmett Woodard and James Woodard (Marie) all of

Big Spring; four daughters, Emily Turner (Lonnice) of Lubbock, Texas, Tammey Penny, Joyce Carr (Kenneth) both of Conyers, Georgia and Latricia Potts of Covington, Georgia; four sisters-in-law; 17 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

Florida was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Emzie Woodard and 12 siblings.

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

Paid Obituary

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 66 inmates at the time of this report.

• **SANDRA KAYE BARNETT**, 45, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of interfere with public duties.

• **CHELSEA ROSE BLASSINGAME**, 26, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **CALEB GLEEN CALLAWAY**, 27, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication, and by HCSO on a warrant of criminal trespass.

• **JOHNNY CANTU**, 45, was arrested by

HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

• **JOSE ANTONIO CHAVEZ**, 50, was arrested by BSPD on charges of assault public servant, and assault family violence, threat.

• **REBECCA LYNN COMSTOCK**, 34, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **CHAD DANIEL DEAX**, 44, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of driving while license in invalid, and failure to maintain financial responsibility, and charges on failure to identify fugitive intent, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• **LYNDON TRENT FRALEY**, 57, was arrested by BSPD on a

charge of public intoxication.

• **GUADALUPE ENRIQUE GONZALES**, 25, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **JOHN THOMAS MARTINEZ**, 31, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **KRISTEN MOLINA**, 28, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

• **ANTHONY PAUL MUNOZ**, 59, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **RENE RANDY OLVERA**, 55, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of theft of service less than or equal too \$100 to \$750.

• **DEAN ALLEN PAYNE**, 48, was arrested by HCSO on a charge

of assault of family violence threat or offense.

• **ANTANVIUS JAQUAN TOLER**, 19, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of assault of family violence.

• **ANDRES VARELA**, 38, was arrested by DPS on a charge of possession of controlled substance less in between 3 to 28 grams.

• **OSCAR RAMIREZ VELASCO**, 77, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **JOHN MICHAEL WILDINSON**, 32, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of theft of property less than \$2,500.

• **SAMANTHA LAQUE WILLIAMS**, 25, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of expired driver's license.

Take Note

• Are you interested in Duplicate Bridge? Big Spring Duplicate will offer lessons to both men and woman. The lesson will be offered at the Big Spring Country Club, and the lessons will start Jan. 31. There will be five lessons at \$25 per person. Bridge is a wonderful, stimulating, and pleasant way to spend an afternoon or evening.

If you have any questions call 267-5615 or 263-2753.

• Cross stitch squares are now ready for the 2018 Howard County Fair quilt. Theme for this year's quilt is "The Love of Dogs." Anyone able to help by stitching a square may pick one up at the Heritage Museum during regular hours Tuesday through Saturday.

For questions or for more information, please contact Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674.

• 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 callouts.

Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Joel Miller at 432-213-1221.

• Big Spring's Centennial Lions

Club is holding a drive to collect books for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. Books for kids in kindergarten through about 10th grade will be accepted, with special preference for books for younger children in kindergarten through third grade. Cash donations to allow the Lions to purchase additional books are also appreciated.

Books or donations can be taken to the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., or to the home of Lions member Ken Lawhon at 1707 E. 15th St. For more information, contact Lawhon at 214-998-9716 or Lions member David Stives at 432-270-2251.

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

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

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

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

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

Cost has dropped to \$5 per person thanks to a sponsor Marcy House, 2301 Wasson Road.

• Howard County Republicans meet the second Monday of each month.

Club members meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College at 11:30 a.m. for Dutch treat lunch and meeting at 12 p.m.

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

• Big Spring Centennial Lion's Club has changed its meeting time.

The club now meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday and the fourth Tuesday of each month. Meetings are still held at the Big Spring TA Truck Stop. 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.

Juanita Velasco

Juanita Velasco, 85, of Odessa died Monday, Feb. 5, 2018, at her residence. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

Louis Vasquez



Louis Vasquez, 71, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018, in a local hospital. Rosary services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2018, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with funeral services to follow. Interment will follow Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Survivors include three sisters, Mary E. Vasquez and Catalina Vasquez both of Big Spring, and Margarita Ransom of El Paso; and one brother, George Valdez, Jr. of Florida.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Casimiro Vasquez and Maria H. Vasquez.

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **ANTANVIUS JAQUAN TOLER**, 19, of 810 Cherry St., was arrested on a warrant of assault of family violence.

• **SAMANTHA LAQUE WILLIAMS**, 25, of 214 N. Johnson St., was arrested on a warrant of expired driver's license.

• **GUADALUPE ENRIQUE GONZLES II**, of 726 Show Place, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **REBECCA LYNN COMSTOCK**, 34, of 1409 S. Runnels St., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **SANDRA KAYE BARNETT**, 45, of 181 AN Co. 415 Rd., was arrested on a charge of interfere with public duties.

• **JOSE ANTONIO CHAVEZ**, 50, 1818 A CR. 415, was arrested on charges of assault public servant, and assault family violence, threat.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of 17th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported in the 900 block of S Scurry. No transport.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2400 block of Joann Dr. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of Ave B. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3300 block of Fordham Ave. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2800 block of Sherman. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of E Hwy 350. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Support Groups

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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country music star Cowboy Troy rhymes his way through this year's travel-filled H-E-B Super Bowl commercial, taking viewers from Luckenbach to the Riverwalk in search of Texas treasures.

H-E-B's Business Development Managers will determine the top 25 applicants, who will present their products before a panel of judges selected by H-E-B on August 9 and 10, 2018 at the Central Texas Food Bank in Austin. The panel of judges will determine the top four winning products.

H-E-B will award the Grand Prize winner \$25,000, the title of "Texas Best" Primo Pick and placement on store shelves; the first-place winner \$20,000; the second-place winner \$15,000; and the third-place winner \$10,000. To celebrate the fifth anniversary, in addition to the \$25,000, this year's grand prize winner will also receive a brand-new Toyota Tundra.

Eligible products must not be available in any other large chain or retailer and the vendors must be willing to sell exclusively to H-E-B. Additionally, Texas-based suppliers must also create, produce or co-pack the products in Texas.

Last year, Austin's Sascha Biesi and Yauss Berenji took home the Grand Prize title and \$25,000 for their Skull & Cakebones Mocha Marmalade and San Antonio's La Familia Cortez Restaurants' Mi Tierra Salsa Verde was awarded Third Place and \$10,000. In January, the Alamo city creation, Chilito's Sauces, a 2017 Top 25 Finalist, hit store shelves.

From Feb. 7 - Mar. 2, H-E-B Sourcing and Supplier Diversity leaders will visit local chambers of commerce, small business development organizations and business advocacy groups to raise awareness about the product search and contest, and advise potential entrants about product development and best practices for submitting their product into the competition. Cities include: Austin, Beaumont, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Del Rio, Eagle Pass, El Paso, Houston, Killeen, Laredo, McAllen, San Antonio and Waco. To register, please visit heb.com/quest.

H-E-B, with sales of more than \$24.6 billion, operates 390 stores in Texas and Mexico. Known for its innovation and community service, H-E-B celebrated its 110th anniversary in 2015.

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North Texas community plans to help adults with autism

By SABRIYA RICE

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — The first part of a \$12 million project in Denton County that's aimed at creating job and housing opportunities for adults with autism officially launches this year.

The Dallas Morning News reports starting in mid-February, adults 18 and older who have a primary diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder and who have completed high school can apply for placement in the 29 Acres Transition Academy, the founders say.

The two-year transition program will help young people with autism learn to live independently, and offer specialized job training and employment assistance.

Residents will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis as they meet the criteria. Training will begin in August for the eight who are accepted.

It's just one part of a project that was first reported by The Dallas Morning News last year.

A University Park couple, Clay Heighten and Debra Caudy, announced plans to create a long-term solution for people like their 20-year old son, Jon, who has a diagnosis of autism and lives at home.

The couple started a nonprofit and made a \$750,000 personal investment in 29 acres of land in the town of Cross Roads, where they plan to build a community with duplexes, an activity center and educational programs meant to teach higher-functioning young adults to become more self-sufficient.

"Our vision is becoming a reality. It just really speaks to the need," said Caudy, who is in her 60s and worried about what will happen to Jon when she and Clay are no longer around.

Autism is a group of developmental dis-

orders usually diagnosed in childhood that fall on a wide-ranging spectrum; some children have only mild symptoms. Others are severely disabled. Often individuals with the condition have difficulty communicating. Some exhibit repetitive behaviors.

News about the 29 Acres effort last year refueled a national conversation about the need to prepare for an estimated half million teenagers with autism expected to reach adulthood over the next decade.

"The big picture here is that there are not nearly enough services," said Dave Keaton, director of adult services at Autism Speaks. That department was created in 2012; the national focus had traditionally centered around early interventions and treatments to manage symptoms.

So far 20 families who are also worried about a lack of available resources for their own children have put up a total of \$1.6 million combined to propel the North Texas project forward.

One such benefactor is Mitch Basson, 62, of Dallas. His 17-year-old son, Sam, struggles to make sense of social cues, like body language and jokes.

He may not understand if someone rolls their eyes, and phrases like "I'm pulling your leg," he takes literally.

"And all I wish is what any other parent wants for their kids; to reach their maximum potential, whatever that may be, and to be happy, safe and healthy. And that's what led me to 29 Acres," he said.

That sentiment was shared by Frisco couple Doug and Jodi Bartek, who are both in their 60s.

Their 21-year old son Ryan has a more

extreme form of autism. Ryan has what's described as perfect pitch — by listening to a note on a piano, he can identify which note was played and in which key. But, he likes to do that over and over and over again, and he has difficulty communicating with others.

The Barteks say they started looking when Ryan was in his teens for a place where he could eventually live.

"We found really good programs for special-needs young adults in general," Doug said. "But we really wanted some place that was specialized in autism."

After reading about 29 Acres last year in The Dallas Morning News, both couples say they reached out to the founders and committed \$80,000 each to invest in making the community a reality.

Groundbreaking on the 29 Acres property in Cross Roads is anticipated in late spring.

The founders are modeling their project after similar transitional living places in Arizona and California. But parents across the country have been getting creative, pooling resources and proactively filling the unmet need for housing, job training and social activities, experts said.

Most adults on the spectrum live with their parents. And as those parents grow into their 70s, they become less able to care for their adult children. "That's when the real crisis hits," Keaton noted.

The first students accepted to the 29 Acres transitional program will live in two houses in nearby Paloma Creek that were purchased by an unnamed North Texas family that has a daughter with autism. They are leasing the homes to 29 Acres for a significantly reduced price.

"That helps us keep expenses low. But just as important gives us stability," Caudy said.



Caudy



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Local Boy Scout leader Mark Richardson salutes after placing the starry blue canton of an American flag on the flames in memory of his father, a U.S. Army Vietnam veteran.

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the ceremony.

"Almost five years ago, we got together as a group and decided we wanted to do something to honor Scouting's anniversary, which is coming up. February 10 is the anniversary of the Boy Scouts. We were founded in 1910," he said.

"What we decided to do is what Boy Scouts do best, I think; and that is a flag retirement ceremony. I appreciate you veterans being out here today. That makes this so much more important to us. So I want to thank you."

Richardson dedicated the retirement of the final starry blue canton to the memory of his father, a U.S. Army Vietnam veteran.



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

As fellow Scouts hold an American flag taut, First-Class Scout Chris Carrillo uses scissors to separate stripes one by one from the banner to be respectfully destroyed by burning.

"He was very, very proud of his service, and we all grew up recognizing and being taught the patriotism and the citizenship that goes along with being the child of a U.S. veteran," Richardson said. "He taught us respect for the flag; and, more importantly, he taught us what the flag meant, that it wasn't a piece of material, it was a symbol. Every year I've retired the final field of blue in

my father's honor, and I've yet to be able to do it without tears running down my cheeks."

For more information about local Scouting programs, contact the Buffalo Trail Council at 432-570-7601, or visit www.buffalotrailbsa.org.

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Austin-area boy calls 911 as mother fatally stabbed

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Court documents show an Austin-area boy can be heard in a 911 call pleading with his stepfather to stop stabbing the boy's mother.

The woman, 36-year-old Emily Martinez Villarreal, died at the scene as deputies arrived Saturday and took 51-year-old Roberto Degollado into custody. An arrest affidavit shows Degollado was walking down a hallway at the home and covered in blood when he was detained by Travis County sheriff's deputies. He's charged with murder and was held Sunday on \$500,000 bond.

Court records show the boy who made the 911 call was one of two boys at home. They told authorities their mother and Degollado argued after she told him she was going to find a new man and Degollado thought she was cheating on him.

Man with sledgehammer pounds dozen parked Dallas police cars

DALLAS (AP) — Authorities say a man took a sledgehammer to about a dozen squad cars in a Dallas police station parking lot.

Police say the man walked into the Dallas Central Patrol parking lot at the city's marshal's office detention center before dawn Sunday and started hitting the cars. The center holds people arrested for public intoxication and other low-level misdemeanors.

His name hasn't been released and other details of the incident haven't been disclosed.

Authorities say the man has been taken to jail.

Effort underway to save century-old suburban Houston tree

LEAGUE CITY, Texas (AP) — A 100-year-old tree scheduled to be cut down for a school parking lot in suburban Houston has been given a month-long reprieve so people opposed to its removal can try to raise up to \$200,000 to save it.

The century-old live oak near the League City Elementary School — known as Mr. Elementree — was supposed to come down last week. Clear Creek Independent School District officials tell The Galveston County Daily News they'll now wait until March 1.

City Councilman Greg Gripon says the tree has historic value to League City and generations of former students. The school is being rebuilt stands in the way of a planned parking lot.

The city's historical society and garden club hope the tree can be moved to another spot.

Suburban Houston student arrested for fatally shooting pig

KATY, Texas (AP) — Police in a suburban Houston school district say they've arrested a student for shooting and killing a pig at the district's agricultural facility.

Katy Independent School District officials have sent a letter to parents telling them the shooting occurred after regular school hours while the pig was being moved. The district says a teacher nearby heard the gunshot and called police.

Officials say the high school student, who is not identified, didn't threaten anyone and didn't harm any other livestock.

According to the letter to parents, obtained by Houston television station KTRK, the incident remains under investigation. The school district, west of Houston, says "appropriate disciplinary action will follow," including possible removal of the student from the program.

Austin police officer hurt by hit-and-run driver

DEL VALLE, Texas (AP) — Austin police say an officer working an accident scene has been injured by a hit-and-run vehicle.

Authorities say the officer was not seriously hurt Saturday night but was taken to a hospital for evaluation. They say he was awake and speaking.

Police are searching for the driver. They don't have a description of the vehicle.

Texas doctor prescribed millions of pills during 2 years

MCKINNEY, Texas (AP) — A Texas doctor linked to at least six overdose deaths has been sentenced after pleading guilty last year to one count of possession with the intent to distribute a controlled substance.

McKinney doctor Randall William Wade was sentenced this week to 10 years in prison and more than \$50,000 in fines and fees. He also pleaded guilty to nine counts of money laundering and aiding and abetting involving the money he made from the unlawful prescribing of drugs that had no legitimate medical purpose.

Federal investigators said Wade prescribed more than 1.5 million hydrocodone pills over two years, as well as Xanax, muscle relaxants, and generic Adderall.

Amtrak crash in South Carolina leaves 2 dead, over 100 hurt



AP photo

Authorities investigate the scene of a fatal Amtrak crash in Cayce, South Carolina, Sunday, Feb. 4, 2018. At least two were killed and dozens injured.

By MEG KINNARD

Associated Press

CAYCE, S.C. (AP) — An Amtrak passenger train slammed into a parked freight train in the early-morning darkness Sunday after a thrown switch sent it hurtling down a side track, authorities said. Two Amtrak crew members were killed, and more than 100 people were injured.

It was the third deadly wreck involving Amtrak in less than two months.

The Silver Star, en route from New York to Miami with nearly 150 people aboard, was going an estimated 59 mph when it struck the empty CSX train around 2:45 a.m., Gov. Henry McMaster said.

The crash happened near a switchyard about 10 miles (16 kilometers) south of Columbia where railcars hauling automobiles are loaded and unloaded.

Many of the passengers were asleep when the crash jolted them awake and forced them into the cold.

"I thought that I was dead," said passenger Eric Larkin, of Pamlico County, North Carolina, who was dazed and limping after banging his knee.

Larkin said he was on his way to Florida when he was awoken by the crash. The train was shaking and jumping, and his seat broke loose, slamming him into the row in front of him, he said. He heard screams and crying all around him as he tried to get out. Other passengers were bleeding.

Robert Sumwalt, chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, said investigators found a track switch had been set in a position that forced the Amtrak train off the main track and onto the siding.

He said the question for investigators is why that happened.

Amtrak President Richard Anderson pointed the finger at CSX, saying the signal system along that stretch is run by the freight railroad but was down at the time of the wreck, forcing CSX dispatchers to route trains manually. The NTSB said it was working to confirm that.

CSX issued a statement expressing condolences but said nothing about the cause of the accident.

Sumwalt said that positive train control — a GPS-based safety system that can automati-

cally slow or stop trains — could have prevented the accident.

"That's what it's designed to do," he said, referring to technology that regulators have been pressing for for decades with mixed success.

The conductor and engineer aboard the Amtrak locomotive were killed. And 116 people were taken to four hospitals, according to the governor.

At least three patients were hospitalized in critical or serious condition, with nearly all the rest treated for minor injuries such as cuts, bruises and whiplash, authorities said.

Palmetto Health emergency room doctor Eric Brown said so many passengers were hurt that they were brought in on two buses, and a tent that had been set up as a waiting room to keep people separate from flu patients was turned into a triage area.

The locomotives of both trains were left crumpled, the Amtrak engine on its side. One car in the middle of the Amtrak train was snapped in half, forming a V off to one side of the tracks.

"It's a horrible thing to see, to understand the force involved," the governor said after touring the scene.

Investigators recovered a camera from the front of the Amtrak train and were looking for the data recorders from the two trains.

The switch that triggered the crash was found padlocked in position, which conductors are supposed to do when they move

a train from one line to another, Sumwalt said.

Amtrak officials gathered up luggage and other belongings and within hours put passengers aboard buses to their destinations.

Before being sent on their way, those who were not hurt were taken to a shelter set up at a middle school, and local businesses provided coffee and breakfast.

The dead were identified as engineer Michael Kempf, 54, of Savannah, Georgia, and conductor Michael Cella, 36, of Orange Park, Florida.

"Any time you have anything that happens like that, you expect more fatalities. But God blessed us, and we only had the two," Lexington County Coroner Margaret Fisher said, her voice choked with emotion.

On Wednesday, a chartered Amtrak train carrying Republican members of Congress to a retreat slammed into a garbage truck in rural Virginia, killing one person in the truck and injuring six others.

And on Dec. 18, an Amtrak train ran off the rails along a curve during its inaugural run near Tacoma, Washington, killing three people and injuring dozens. It was going nearly 80 mph, more than twice the speed limit.

With the recent string of crashes, "it's becoming almost like an epidemic for Amtrak," said Najmedin Meshkati, a University of Southern California engineering

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Super Bowl LII

Foles outduels Brady to give Eagles their first Super Bowl

By **JOSH DUBOW**
AP Pro Football Writer

MINNEAPOLIS — Nick Foles did his best Tom Brady impersonation, leading a late-game comeback to cap a season that began as a backup and ended as Super Bowl MVP.

Foles' journey mirrored Brady's 16 years ago and ended late Sunday night, with green-and-white confetti falling as delirious Philadelphia Eagles fans celebrated their first NFL title since 1960.

No quarterback has gone from backup to first game MVP in one season since Brady replaced Drew Bledsoe in the 2001 season. Foles topped the 40-year-old Brady, football's greatest winner, in the most prolific offensive game in NFL history, with the Eagles defeating the favored New England Patriots 41-33.

Foles finished it off by engineering the type of game-winning drive that made Brady famous, and he watched his defense stop Brady to seal the victory and the Eagles first Super Bowl — their earlier titles came before the Super Bowl era.

"The stage was never too big for him all year," said Zach Ertz, who caught the game-winning 11-yard touchdown pass from Foles with 2:21 remaining. "To get in a shootout with that guy on the other team is probably not ideal for anyone ever. The guy is the best quarterback to ever play the game."

But on this night Brady played second fiddle to Foles despite throwing for a playoff record 505 yards. Foles was nearly as prolific with 373 yards and three touchdown passes and also caught a TD pass for the Eagles (16-



Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Carson Wentz, right, hands the Vincent Lombardi trophy to Nick Foles after winning the NFL Super Bowl 52 football game against the New England Patriots, Sunday, Feb. 4, 2018, in Minneapolis. The Eagles won 41-33.

3). Brady dropped his own chance at a reception on a trick play by the Patriots (15-4).

That all added up to Foles becoming the first backup quarterback to win the Super Bowl since Brady beat two-time NFL MVP Kurt Warner to win his first title 16 years ago.

Brady never gave up the job he got

after Bledsoe got hurt early that season. He has gone on to win a record five Super Bowl titles. After throwing his third touchdown pass, to Rob Gronkowski, with 9:22 to play to give the Patriots their first lead of the game, he seemed poised for a sixth.

That's when Foles stepped up with the drive of his life to give Philadel-

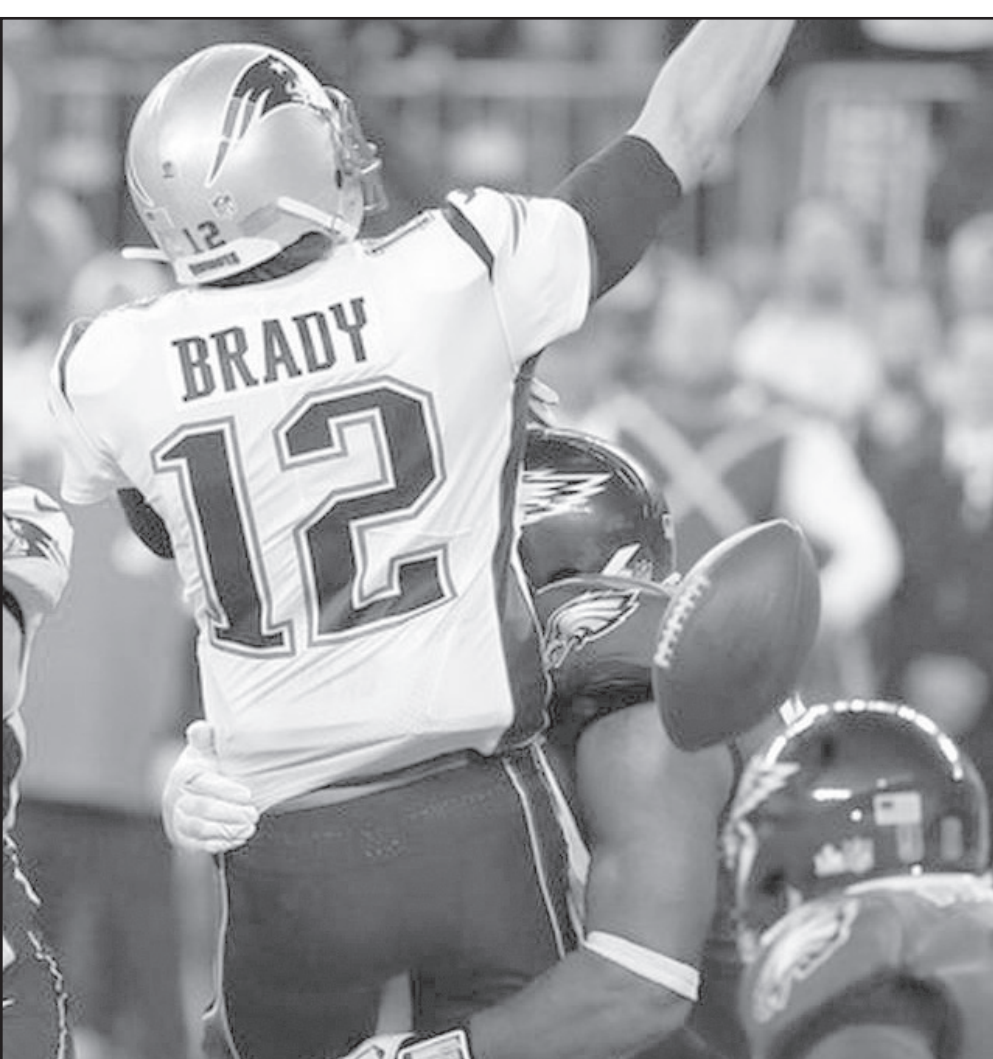
phia a championship in a season many wrote off after Carson Wentz injured his knee in Week 14.

Foles drove the Eagles 75 yards, converting a fourth-and-1 with a 2-yard pass to Ertz near midfield and then capping it with the pass to Ertz that

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Philadelphia Eagles' Zach Ertz dives into the end zone for a touchdown during the second half of the NFL Super Bowl 52 football game against the New England Patriots Sunday, Feb. 4, 2018, in Minneapolis.



Philadelphia Eagles' Brandon Graham, center, strips the ball from New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady during the second half of the NFL Super Bowl 52 football game Sunday, Feb. 4, 2018, in Minneapolis. The Eagles recovered the fumble.

Philadelphians take to the streets to celebrate Super Bowl



Philadelphia Eagles fans celebrate the team's victory in the NFL Super Bowl 52 between the Philadelphia Eagles and the New England Patriots, Sunday, Feb. 4, 2018, in downtown Philadelphia.

By **DAVE ZEITLIN**
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The Philadelphia Eagles' Super Bowl victory set off a celebration that has been 58 years in the making.

Just as Nick Foles and the Eagles clinched a surprising 41-33 victory over the New England Patriots in Minneapolis for the team's first Super Bowl title Sunday night, the scene more than 1,000 miles away in Philly was jubilation and pandemonium.

As time expired, crowds across the city spilled out of sports bars, apartments and houses.

There were fireworks amid car horns blaring, and Philadelphians — young and old — descended on Broad Street, the iconic thoroughfare that will soon

host a parade to commemorate the city's first major pro sports championship since the Phillies won the 2008 World Series. It was the Eagles' first NFL championship since 1960.

"The city deserved it," said 66-year-old Lou Potel, who threw a party at his home just off Broad before joining a much bigger party outside. "It's a great city, and now we have a Super Bowl to go along with it."

Dustin Seidman, 42, and his wife Staci, 41, decided to bring their 10-year-old son and 8-year-old daughter to the festivities on Broad Street, even as drunken fans sprayed beer and climbed trash trucks, street poles and awnings. Social media video showed the awning outside the Ritz-Carlton

Hotel collapsing with people on it, but it was unclear if there were any injuries.

"We wouldn't miss this," Dustin Seidman said. "It's a once-in-a-lifetime experience."

Philadelphia was left to deal with the clean-up on Monday, after some overzealous fans smashed windows, climbed traffic lights and trashed some convenience stores.

UMass-Amherst campus police said fights broke out, the crowd threw objects and set off smoke bombs and firecrackers. Police used pepper balls to disperse the crowd.

Officials said those transported to hospitals suffered from head injuries, lacerations and

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Famous Hand

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

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

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
2 ♠	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 ♦	3 ♥	Pass	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	5 ♦	Pass
7 ♦			

Opening lead — king of hearts.

This deal was played in a tournament more than 80 years ago. It illustrates the principle that in choosing a trump suit, it is not always best to select the suit with the greatest combined length.

North-South were playing the Culbertson System (1934 version), as were most of the other players in the tournament. South's two-club bid

was natural and forcing to game, and North's response of two notrump indicated a very poor hand.

The cuebid of four hearts by South guaranteed first-round control of the suit. It asked North to choose between clubs and diamonds as the trump suit, bearing in mind that South had to have more clubs than diamonds, since he had bid them first.

North diagnosed the situation perfectly when he decided to indicate a preference for diamonds, even though he realized that the partnership held more clubs than diamonds. He thought South might have a 2-0-5-6 distribution, in which case there would be a distinct advantage to selecting diamonds as the trump suit. With diamonds as trump, two of dummy's spades could be discarded on declarer's clubs and in that way a potential spade loser might be averted.

And that was exactly how it worked out after South boldly contracted for a grand slam in diamonds. Declarer ruffed the heart lead, drew trumps in two rounds and cashed his six club tricks, discarding two spades from dummy. He was then able, after cashing the spade ace, to ruff a spade in dummy and so produce 13 tricks — one trick more than he could have made with clubs as trump!

Tomorrow: Insurance to the nth degree.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Lunar Fun House

By HOLIDAY MATHIS



Today's lunar shifts (including a void-of-course moon) are a walk through the fun house, mirrors included. Whatever you send through this carnival feature -- feelings, thoughts, your self-image, random ideas -- you can expect distortions. The fun house is only fun when you know it's not real. Remind yourself of this frequently throughout the day.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll be seeking connections with smart people who are on your wavelength. It's likely that you will find just the connection you were looking for, except not in the package you were expecting.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Recent science has proved that most people have their highest mental productivity during the second and third hours they've been awake. You'll make this work for you in the days to come.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When it comes to confidence, it's not really about how you dress or stand or talk; it's about how comfortable you are with it all. Creating comfort starts with deeming the circumstance (or yourself, as the case may be) acceptable.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Everyone with internet access could know what you know but doesn't. You've assembled an eclectic and creative collection of fascinations. Why not fall in love with the way your mind works? Others have.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Resist the urge to present the whole package, to try too hard or to do too much. Let someone else handle the practicalities. You'll bring the color and spice.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Ask around and you'll learn around. Ask directly and you'll learn directly. Ask vaguely and you'll learn something unexpected -- something you might not want to know but that has great value nonetheless.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-

Oct. 23). Most people are exceptionally poor predictors of what will make them happy. They assume it will be the usual things -- the attractive job/partner/home -- but it's going to be something much more specific that will do the job.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There are always those who will get upset when the menu or logo of their favorite business gets an update or the interface of their favorite software or social network changes. Don't let them stop you from developing yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When you're not sure whether the other person is on your side, there's probably some pretty good reason for that feeling. Trust it -- not in a paranoid way but in an observant way.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Where exactly are they keeping the "happy" these days? It's not where you used to find it, but don't worry; it's still out there. Change your route. Knock on new doors. Ask different people. It's sure to turn up.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). They have their little flaws and weirdnesses, and you notice -- boy, do you notice. But you're fine with it. Really you are! You respect and love one another, sometimes in spite of the problems and sometimes because of them.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your mastery of a skill will bring opportunities you have no idea about right now. Just trust that you want to master it for a reason, and then put your head down and practice until you've got it.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 5). When

you go inside yourself, you find incredible satisfaction and peace. And though you'll get plenty of external validation this year, you don't feel as if you need it. Because of this, you're a magnet for favorable circumstances. In fact, it's hard not to find them this year, especially when you travel. Capricorn and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 14, 9, 5, and 40.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: "I can't believe my girlfriend just left me for someone who's not even her type. She's a Gemini, and I'm a Scorpio. This loser is going to take advantage of her hardworking nature, I'm sure. What can I do to get her back?"

I just have to ask: Is it possible that you have, at some time or another, taken advantage of her "hardworking nature"? Examine your heart and know the reasons you really want her back. Do you want to give her more than you receive from her because your life is just better when she's in it? If not, don't bother. Your Gemini will keep moving and growing and working hard, and you will, too. When you're excited about the developments of your own life, your Gemini ex will feel it with senses beyond the usual five and be inexplicably drawn into your orbit. Work on making that happen by focusing on you, your talents and ambitions. As for the boyfriend, your best strategy is to ignore that part of the equation. If you ignore it long enough, it just might go away.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Soccer superstar Cristiano Ronaldo has five Ballon d'Or awards and is widely referred to as the greatest player in the game. The footballer was born when the sun and Mercury were in Aquarius, favoring lightning-quick reflexes and natural grace. His having Venus and Mars in Aries shows a warrior spirit and a fiercely competitive nature. And his moon's being in Leo lends charisma and showmanship.

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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!

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

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6:PM	ABC	Noticiero	Mom	CBS	Noticias	News	Cost	Business	American	Fam. Guy			Pardon	Power of		Mod Fam	Kids Who Kill	Street Out-laws
7:PM	Jeopardy!	Rosa de	Big Bang	CBS 7	Caso Cer-	News	Families	PBS News-	M*A*S*H	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Movie: Ant-Man, Evangelina Lilly (DVS)	College Basketball: Syracuse at Louisville.	Women's College Basketball	Champ Spotlight	Mod Fam	Street Out-laws	Street Out-laws: Full
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12:PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Noticiero	Mod Fam	Late Show- Colbert	Titulares	Tonight Show	House	Amanpour	Perry Mason	Rules		Law & Order	SportsCenter	NFL Live	UFC Un-leashed	Mod Fam	Street	Street
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2:AM	Paid Prg.	Quiero Amarte	How I Met	Access	Señora Acero 4	Daly	Hidden		Hilchcock	Cops	Broke Girl	NCIS: New Orleans	SportsCenter	Jalen	UFC Un-leashed	CSI: Crime Scene	Silk Road: Drugs, Death, Dark Web	Street Out-laws
3:AM	Paid Prg.	Simplemente María	Pawn	ET	Programa	Light of Southwest			Mannix	Top 30	Broke Girl	NCIS: New Orleans	SportsCenter	Champion-ship	UFC Countdown	Law & Order: SVU	Street Out-laws	Street Out-laws

ANDY CAPP

Panel 1: Andy Capp looks at a clock. "GROAN! I'M A FOOL, FLO. I SHOULD KNOW BETTER AT MY AGE." "THOOD THOOD THOOD THOOD"

Panel 2: Andy Capp looks at a clock. "WHAT? NOT TO DRINK SO MUCH ALE?" "THOOD THOOD THOOD THOOD"

Panel 3: Andy Capp looks at a clock. "NOT TO GET UP SO EARLY"

AGNES

Panel 1: Agnes asks a man, "ARE YOU DREADING VALENTINE'S DAY?" He replies, "NO... I'VE DECIDED TO APPROACH IT LIKE A TRUE AMERICAN."

Panel 2: Agnes asks, "TRUE AMERICAN?" He replies, "YES! TAKE A SACRED HOLIDAY AND CONVERT IT INTO COLD, HARD CASH!"

Panel 3: Agnes asks, "VALENTINE'S DAY IS SACRED?" He replies, "IT IS IF IT LETS ME BANK MY FIRST MILLION!"

ARCHIE

Panel 1: Archie asks, "PAPPY, THAT COAT I LOVE IS ON SALE!" Pops replies, "STILL? A WHOLE HOUR AFTER YOU MENTIONED IT LAST?"

Panel 2: Veronica asks Archie, "VERONICA, I SAID NO, AND I MEAN NO!" Archie replies, "I KNOW YOU DO, DADDY!"

Panel 3: Archie asks Pops, "BUT HOW SERIOUSLY DO YOU MEAN IT?"

ONE BIG HAPPY

Panel 1: One Big Happy says, "YOU DID A GREAT JOB! THAT IS ONE FINE-LOOKING SNOWMAN." The other says, "BUT HE'S NOT EDGY ENOUGH!"

Panel 2: One Big Happy says, "HE'S TOO ORDINARY TO WIN THE 'BEST ON THE BLOCK' CONTEST." The other replies, "HMM... MAYBE WITH A COUPLE OF MINOR CHANGES..."

Panel 3: One Big Happy looks at a snowman. "HMM... MAYBE WITH A COUPLE OF MINOR CHANGES..."

NEST HEAD

Panel 1: Nest Head says, "I'VE FOUND I DON'T READ MYSTERIES THE WAY I USED TO. I NO LONGER FLIP TO THE BACK TO SEE HOW THEY END." (2/5)

Panel 2: Nest Head says, "MORE WILLING TO DELAY GRATIFICATION?" Allen replies, "TOO BUSY FLIPPING TO THE FRONT TO REMEMBER HOW THEY BEGAN." (ALLEN)

MOMMA

Panel 1: Momma says, "YOU'LL BE INTERESTED TO KNOW, MARYLOU, THAT SINCE YOU WERE BORN I'VE BEEN SAVING UP FOR YOUR WEDDING." Marylou replies, "REALLY? WOW!"

Panel 2: Momma says, "OH, BUT WHAT IF NOBODY PROPOSES TO ME?" Marylou replies, "THAT'S THE POINT. I'LL BE ABLE TO HIRE SOMEONE." (2-5)

This Date In History

Today is Monday, Feb. 5, the 36th day of 2018. There are 329 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 5, 1918, during World War I, the Cunard liner SS Tuscania, which was transporting about 2,000 American troops to Europe, was torpedoed by a German U-boat in the Irish Sea with the loss of more than 200 people.

On this date:

In 1631, the founder of Rhode Island, Roger Williams, and his wife, Mary, arrived in Boston from England.

In 1783, Sweden recognized the independence of the United States.

In 1887, Verdi's opera "Otello" premiered at La Scala.

In 1917, Mexico's present constitution was adopted by the Constitutional Convention in Santiago de Queretaro. The U.S. Congress passed, over President Woodrow Wilson's veto, an act severely curtailing Asian immigration.

In 1937, President Franklin D. Roosevelt proposed increasing the number of U.S. Supreme Court justices; the proposal, which failed in Congress, drew accusations that Roosevelt was attempting to "pack" the nation's highest court.

In 1943, "The Outlaw," Howard Hughes' controversial Western featuring the screen debut of Jane Russell, premiered in San Francisco.

In 1958, Gamal Abdel Nasser was formally nominated to become the first president of the new United Arab Republic (a union of Egypt and Syria which lasted until 1961).

In 1967, "The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour" premiered on CBS-TV.

In 1971, Apollo 14 astronauts Alan Shepard and Edgar Mitchell stepped onto the surface of the moon in the first of two lunar excursions.

In 1988, the Arizona House impeached Republican Gov. Evan Mecham (MEE'-kuhm), setting the stage for his trial in the state Senate, where he was convicted of obstructing justice and misusing state funds allegedly funneled to his Pontiac dealership.

In 1989, the Soviet Union announced that all but a

small rear-guard contingent of its troops had left Afghanistan.

In 1993, President Bill Clinton signed the Family and Medical Leave Act, granting workers up to 12 weeks unpaid leave for family emergencies.

Ten years ago: More than 80 tornadoes began touching down in the midwestern and southern U.S.; the deadliest of the twisters claimed 57 lives. Sen. John McCain seized command of the race for the Republican presidential nomination, winning delegate-rich primaries from the East Coast to California on Super Tuesday; Sen. Barack Obama, trailing much of the night, nearly pulled even with Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton in the contest for Democratic delegates. Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, a guru to the Beatles who introduced the West to transcendental meditation, died at his home in the Dutch town of Vlodrop; he was believed to be about 90.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama asked Congress for a short-term deficit reduction package of spending cuts and tax revenue that would delay the effective date of steeper automatic cuts scheduled to kick in on March 1. (The president and congressional leaders failed to reach an agreement, and the \$85 billion in federal spending cuts, known as sequester, went into effect.)

One year ago: Tom Brady led one of the greatest comebacks in sports history highlighted by an unbelievable Julian Edelman catch that helped lift New England from a 25-point hole against the Atlanta Falcons to the Patriots' fifth Super Bowl victory, 34-28, the first ever in overtime.

Today's Birthdays: Baseball Hall of Famer Hank Aaron is 84. Actor Stuart Damon is 81. Tony-winning playwright John Guare (gwayr) is 80. Financial writer Jane Bryant Quinn is 79. Actor David Selby is 77. Singer-songwriter Barrett Strong is

77. Football Hall of Famer Roger Staubach is 76. Movie director Michael Mann is 75. Rock singer Al Kooper is 74. Actress Charlotte Rampling is 72. Racing Hall of Famer Darrell Waltrip is 71. Actress Barbara Hershey is 70. Actor Christopher Guest is 70. Actor Tom Wilkinson is 70. Actor-comedian Tim Meadows is 57. Actress Jennifer Jason

Leigh is 56. Actress Laura Linney is 54. Rock musician Duff McKagan (Velvet Revolver) is 54. World Golf Hall of Famer Jose Maria Olazabal is 52. Actor-comedian Chris Parnell is 51. Rock singer Chris Barron (Spin Doctors) is 50. Singer Bobby Brown is 49. Actor Michael Sheen is 49. Actor David Chisum is 48. Country singer Sara Evans

is 47. Country singer Tyler Farr is 34. Neo-soul musician Mark Shusterman (Nathaniel Rateliff & the Night Sweats) is 33. Actor-singer Darren Criss is 31. Actor Alex Brightman is 31. Rock musician Kyle Simmons (Bastille) is 30. Actor Jeremy Sumpter is 29. Drummer Graham Sierota (Echosmith) is 19.

Thought for Today:

"The greater the philosopher, the harder it is for him to answer the questions of common people."

Henryk Sienkiewicz
Polish author
(1846-1916).

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Newsday Crossword

WINTER WEAR by Gail Grabowski
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Possesses
 - 5 Utensil to serve ice cream
 - 10 Open-handed hit
 - 14 "We're in trouble!"
 - 15 Pop singer ___ Abdul
 - 16 Bike's wheel
 - 17 Nevada casino city
 - 18 First stage
 - 19 ___ of measure (mile or quart)
 - 20 Footwear for a blizzard
 - 22 Creative thoughts
 - 23 Hairs on lions' necks
 - 24 Surrounded by
 - 25 Bus passengers
 - 28 State's police officer
 - 31 Clickable computer images
 - 32 Electrical jolt
 - 34 Pub beverage
 - 35 Morning lawn moisture
 - 36 Gives approval to
 - 37 Arrest, informally
 - 38 ___ and tonic (cocktail)
 - 39 Revises for publication
 - 40 Flat-topped hill
 - 42 Had fun doing
 - 44 Glitter on Christmas trees
 - 45 Top poker cards
 - 46 Narrow cuts
 - 48 Walked nervously back and forth
 - 50 Winter wrap for one's neck

- DOWN**
- 1 For you and me
 - 2 "On what date?"
 - 3 Prohibited thing
 - 4 Guys who produce plays
 - 5 Soup-eating utensils
 - 6 Summer camp boat
 - 7 Overthrows
 - 8 Bullfight cheers
 - 9 Portion of butter
 - 10 Artist's workroom
 - 11 Insulated winter slacks
 - 12 Opera solo
 - 13 Parakeets and poodles
 - 21 Taverns
 - 22 "How are you doing?" response
 - 24 Curved lines
 - 25 Chain of hills
 - 26 Strand, as by a winter storm
 - 27 Feather-filled winter coat
 - 28 Playthings
 - 29 Fill with joy
 - 30 Nonconformist
 - 32 Slide on sleet
 - 33 Beret or bonnet
 - 36 Poems of praise
 - 39 Looked at closely
 - 40 ___ and pieces (miscellany)
 - 41 Remove, as a light bulb
 - 43 Atlantic and Pacific
 - 44 Leaned to one side
 - 46 ___ as a rock (well-built)
 - 47 Off the leash
 - 48 Coconut tree
 - 49 India's continent
 - 50 Barbed ___ fence
 - 51 Aviation-related prefix
 - 52 Showery forecast
 - 53 Worry (about)
 - 55 DC fund-raising org.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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2/5/18

Rockets embarrass LeBron, defeat Cavs 120-88

By TOM WITHERS

AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND (AP) — Ashamed to show his face any longer, LeBron James stared at the floor as he headed toward the locker room before the final horn sounded.

An inglorious exit.

The Cavaliers have become an embarrassment.

"I'm lost for words," James said after Cleveland was humiliated by the Houston Rockets, who rained down 19 3-pointers on the disconnected Cavaliers in a 120-88 blowout on Saturday night.

Chris Paul scored 22 points with 11 assists, Ryan Anderson added 21 points and the long-range Rockets became the latest team to manhandle the Cavaliers on national TV.

"They should take us off every nationally televised game for the rest of the season," said James, who spoke softly with a baseball cap pulled over his eyes. "We haven't played good at all and we get our butts kicked every time we play on national television, so I'm at a loss for words."

James Harden only scored 16 — 15 below his league-leading average — but Houston rolled to its fourth straight win and improved to 11-2 since Jan. 8.

Meanwhile, the Cavs' downward spiral accelerated.

Since losing at Golden State on Christmas, James and his teammates are 0-8 in network broadcasts and have been embarrassed in several matchups against quality teams. They lost by 28 at Minnesota, 34 in Toronto, 24 at home to Oklahoma City and 32 to the Rockets, who toyed with the defending Eastern Conference champs.

Following the game, Cavs coach Tyronn Lue was asked if his team tried. "Don't look like it," Lue said. "We didn't have no fight. I thought they took the game to us on both ends."

James finished with just 11 points and didn't play in the fourth quarter as the Rockets were too far ahead. Isaiah Thomas scored 12 for Cleveland.

Somber wouldn't even describe the mood in the Cavaliers' locker room, where players dressed quietly without any conversation.

"Another embarrassing loss," Thomas said. "Something gotta change. I don't know. It was bad from the jump.

I don't want to comment too much on it. I need to watch film to see what really went down. It wasn't a good one for us on both ends."

The Cavs played their second game without injured All-Star forward Kevin Love, who could be out two months with a broken left hand suffered earlier this week.

Love's injury hurts, obviously, but there are far bigger issues with a Cleveland team that has lost 12 of 18 and appears to be tearing apart at the seams.

With the Rockets up 35 in the third quarter, the Cavs didn't even bother to huddle during a timeout. Thomas and J.R. Smith sat at the middle of the scorer's table while James and other players wandered near the bench area as Lue and his staff tried to figure what to do next.

James doesn't have any answers. The three-time champion said the situation is reminiscent of his first season with Miami. The Heat started 9-8 but finally found their groove.

James isn't so sure the Cavs can do the same.

"When you have an opportunity, you do your job and you do it to the highest of your ability and you live with those results. We don't do that every day."

One of James' closest friends, Paul isn't writing the Cavs off just yet.

"You got LeBron James over there in that locker room," he said. "What else does the man need to do? I'm a little biased, but what else does he need to do? If you all don't believe in him, you're all trippin'."

The Cavs actually did a decent job on Harden, who recorded the first 60-point triple-double earlier in the week against Orlando. Harden went just 5 of 14 from the field.

Down 26 at halftime, James and the Cavs walked off the floor hearing boos from Cleveland fans who have grown tired of their lack of defense, chemistry and commitment.

With the trade deadline on Thursday, Cleveland might need to make a major move to have any chance of getting back to its fourth straight Finals. This group isn't getting it done.

"Our mindset has to change — what we're really playing for," Lue said. "Are we playing to win or are we playing to look good? We have to be tougher. When things get tough we have to



AP photo

Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James, right, drives against Houston Rockets' Luc Mbah a Moute, from Cameroon, in the first half of an NBA basketball game, Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018, in Cleveland.

be tougher."

TIP-INS

Rockets: Harden, who went 1 for 11 on 3s, tweaked his ankle in the third quarter, but stayed in. ... Paul passed Andre Miller (8,624) for ninth place on the career assists list. ... G Eric Gordon (lower back stiffness) missed his second consecutive game, but coach Mike D'Antoni expects the team's second-leading scorer to play Tuesday in Brooklyn.

Cavaliers: Love met with reporters before the game and acknowledged he's "still down" after suffering his third broken hand in 10 seasons. He said the previous two times he recov-

ered more quickly than expected. ... Dwyane Wade passed Payton (21,813) points and moved into 32nd place on the career list.

ROCKET LAUNCHERS

D'Antoni felt his team gained confidence after hitting several early 3-pointers.

"It makes it easier," he said. "Once you see the ball go in a couple of times everybody gets feeling good about it."

Houston finished 19 of 51 behind the line.

UP NEXT

Rockets: Visit Brooklyn on Tuesday.

Cavaliers: At Orlando on Tuesday.

BOWL

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needed to survive a replay review to make sure Ertz held onto the ball long enough for a score.

"It doesn't get any bigger than this, but I felt good," Foles said. "I felt calm. I think the big thing that helped me was knowing that I didn't have to be Superman. I have amazing teammates."

One of those teammates delivered the key defensive play on a night when the offenses combined for 1,151 yards — the most in any modern NFL game. With Brady poised to lead one of his memorable comebacks, Brandon Graham knocked the ball out of his hand for a fumble that rookie Derek Barnett recovered with 2:09 to play.

"When the fourth quarter came we had to go out there and make a stop," Graham said. "As a defense we hadn't been doing it all game. The offense carried us all the way through. At the end of the day we kept coming."

Jake Elliott tacked on a field goal and the game ended when Brady's desperation heave to the end zone fell to the turf, sending the Eagles out on the field in celebration and Brady to the ground in despair.

"I don't think anyone wallows on our team," Brady said. "We're a competitive team. Played hard. Didn't make enough plays or score enough points."

The questions after the game immediately turned to the future

with Foles expected to return to the backup role when Wentz is healthy. In the other locker room, Brady was asked if he would come back for another run at age 41.

"I expect to be back," he said. "It's 15 minutes after the game ended, so I would like to process this. I don't see why I wouldn't be back."

Brady did just about all he could to win the game, with his most glaring miss coming as a receiver on a trick play in the first half when he dropped a pass from receiver Danny Amendola.

Foles topped him in that role with his touchdown late in the first half that made him the first player to catch and throw a TD pass in the same Super Bowl.

On fourth down from the 1, Foles motioned into the slot, while rookie Corey Clement took a direct snap. Clement pitched to tight end Trey Burton, a former quarterback at Florida. Foles slid into the right side of the end zone, uncovered and caught the touch-

down on a play coach Doug Pederson calls "Philly Special."

"Yeah, that was something we've been working on, and Doug and I were talking, and he was like, 'Let's just run it.' It was a good time," Foles said. "And the end

was a little wider than I thought, so I was like, 'I really need to sell like I'm not doing anything.'

"And it worked, Trey made an amazing throw. I just looked it in and, yeah, we've repped it for a while, so I was excited to get it run in the Super Bowl."

That gave the Eagles a 22-12 halftime lead but Brady led three straight second-half touchdown drives — two to Gronkowski. Foles kept pace with a 22-yard touchdown pass to Clement and another drive for a field goal that kept the Eagles in it until the dramatic finish.

"It kind of felt like whoever had the ball last could win this game, and we were just fortunate enough to put ourselves in a position to end the game with that drive for the touchdown," Pederson said. "Our defense stepped up and did a nice job to finish it for us."

All that was left was the celebration and yet another rendition of "Fly Eagles Fly."


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FANS

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alcohol intoxication. Police say those arrested face criminal charges, and if they are students they face punishment under the student code of conduct.

In Boston, fans inside the Banshee Bar came to terms with a rare loss for Tom Brady. Some, however, took it in stride.

"I've got nothing to complain about," Boston resident Bill Crowley said. "It's the greatest dynasty in NFL history and this loss tonight doesn't change that."

"They'll be back," Conor Hobert added. "One hundred percent, they'll be back."

Sam Murphy, 40, actually made the trip from Boston to Philadelphia, flying in Sunday morning before planning to fly back for work Monday. The longtime Eagles fan and Boston resident joked he couldn't be within 100 miles of his home, instead deciding to watch the game with his old University of Pennsylvania roommate.

"This is Philly at its best," said Murphy, as he, Ballenger and hundreds of other new friends paraded down South Street to get to the party on Broad. "This team is what Philly is all about."


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Nassar to receive final sentence in sexual assault scandal

By DAVID EGGERT

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, Mich. — Days of emotional testimony in two Michigan courtrooms are wrapping up with a final sentence for former sports doctor Larry Nassar, whose serial sexual abuse of girls and young women has shaken Michigan State University and elite sports associations.

Nassar, 54, is returning to court Monday in Eaton County, Michigan. He listened to dozens of victims for two days last week and was almost attacked by a man whose three daughters said they were molested.

Nassar pleaded guilty to penetrating girls with ungloved hands when they sought treatment for injuries at Twistars, a gymnastics club that was run by a 2012 U.S. Olympic coach. Nassar already has been sentenced to 40 to 175 years in prison in another county and is starting his time behind bars with a 60-year federal term for child pornography crimes. He worked for Michigan State and USA Gymnastics, which trains Olympians.

Randy Margraves was tackled by sheriff's deputies Friday before he could pummel Nassar in court. He said he wanted just a minute in a locked room with the "demon."

"This cannot be a lawless society. I know that," Margraves, 58, told reporters during a public apology. "I lost control, but I gained control later in a holding cell."

More than 260 women and girls say they were assaulted by Nassar, some as far back as the 1990s. Most victims who wanted to speak publicly or submit a statement did so earlier during Nassar's seven-day court hearing in Ingham County, including 2012 Olympic teammates Aly Raisman, Jordyn Wieber and McKayla Maroney.

The scandal has rocked Michigan State, which has been accused of repeatedly missing opportunities to stop Nassar, who had a campus office and was a revered figure in sports medicine.

Lou Anna Simon resigned as Michigan State's president on Jan. 24 and athletic director Mark Hollis followed two days later. The longtime leader of USA Gymnastics, Steve Penny, quit last March, and all board members recently stepped down at the demand of the U.S. Olympic Committee. A law firm has been hired to investigate how the USOC responded to its knowledge of allegations against Nassar.



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Larry Nassar listens as Rachael Denhollander gives her victim impact statement Friday, Feb. 2, 2018, in Eaton County Circuit Court, the second and final day of victim impact statements in Judge Janet Cunningham's courtroom in Charlotte, Mich. He will be sentenced Monday.

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professor who has studied positive train control.

Positive train control is in place in the Northeast, but railroads that operate tracks used by Amtrak elsewhere in the U.S. have won repeated extensions from the government. The deadline for installing such equipment is now the end of 2018.

After the latest crash, Democratic Sen. Richard Blumenthal of Connecticut said the nation's railroads must be made safer, declaring, "Business as usual must end." He said proven technology such as positive train control cannot continue to be delayed.

The worst rail tragedy in recent South Carolina history took place in 2005 when a freight engineer parked a train on a side track near a textile mill in Graniteville and forgot to flip the switch back to keep trains on the main track.

A freight train passing through went barreling down the side track and slammed into the parked train, killing nine people, most of them mill-workers choked by chlorine gas that leaked from a damaged tanker car.

With the recent string of crashes, "it's becoming almost like an epidemic for Amtrak," said Najmedin Meshkati, a University of Southern California engineering professor who has studied positive train control.

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