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WTC on the agenda for commissioners

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners will hear a presentation of the annual Financial and Compliance Report for West Texas Centers at their meeting Wednesday.

The meeting will be held at 3:30 p.m. in the second-floor

conference room at the Howard County Courthouse.

West Texas Centers serves as the designated local authority for mental health and intellectual and developmental disabilities for 23 West Texas counties, including Howard County. WTC has several locations in Howard County, including their office

at 319 Runnels, another at 501 Birdwell Lane Suite 2, and another at 1501 W. 11th Place.

Commissioners will also hear a request from Justice of the Peace Robert Fitzgibbons to hire a new court clerk to replace Kay Hulse, who is retiring. Fitzgibbons request stipulates that he would like to hire prior to Hulse's res-

ignation, so that she will be available to train the new clerk.

In other business, the commissioners will:

- Hear a presentation of a records preservation plan and a quote for emergency stabilization of records from District Clerk Colleen Barton.

- Consider and possibly approve a membership agreement with the National Joint Powers Alliance. The NJPA is a cooperative purchasing collective that "leverages the national purchasing power of more than 50,000 member agencies," according to its

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Kidney Fest a success



Courtesy Photos

Kidney Fest, a benefit that was held at The Train Car Cigar Bar on Saturday, Feb. 3, turned out to be a big success. The purpose of the event was to raise money for a local man in need of a kidney, Timothy Underwood. There were several bands in attendance, and a silent auction took place while the bands played. \$10 BBQ plates were purchased and delivered.

"We raised a total of \$8,500. I just want thank everyone that came out and supported this event. I find it impressive that when someone asks for help, the people of Big Spring will always show up and support them. It was a good time, and we all raised money for a great cause while also having fun," said event MC Barney Dodd.

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Big Spring High School senior makes history

By **ERIN STEPHENS**
 Staff Writer

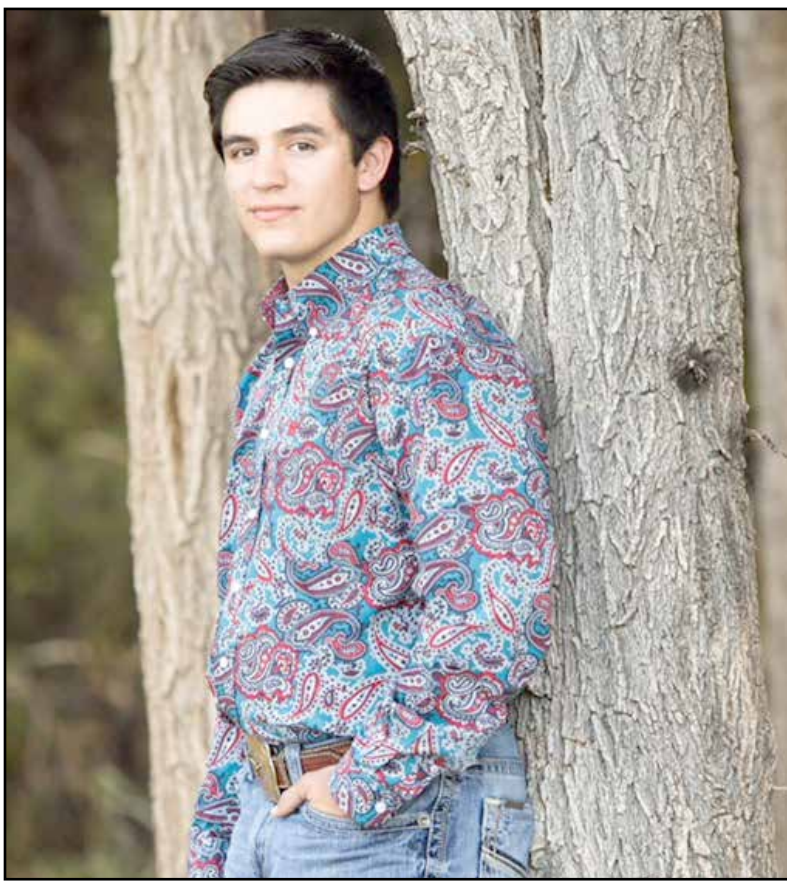
Big Spring High school senior, Ranen Wilson, has accomplished a monumental feat by obtaining membership into the Texas All-State Choir four consecutive years in a row.

He attained the highest honor any high school musician could ever achieve in the state of Texas. Making the Texas All-State Choir just one time is impressive enough but doing it four times back-to-back is something very few students in the state will ever do.

"Last month I had an audition for Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) All-State Choir and ended up making first chair," said Wilson. "This isn't common among music students, and I'm the first person in BSHS history to make state all four years in a row."

Wilson's win this year is unique in that he competed at a "large school" level, which is a category for students of 5A and 6A schools only. His past 3 years of competition have been on a "small school" level, a category for 1A,2A,3A, and 4A schools.

"Students from large schools aren't allowed to compete on a small school level, but it can be the other way around," said Wilson. "People from larger schools sometimes say that because



Courtesy photo

Pictured above is Big Spring High School Senior Ranen Wilson

we're from small schools, we can't possibly measure up to them, but this year, I competed at their level and got first chair."

There are between 60 and 70 thousand students who audition for TMEA every year and out of that, about 1,700 make it. This number includes various choirs, bands, and orchestras.

In Texas, only about 35 people total have made it to state

all four years in a row, and now Wilson is included in this number.

"I've been part of choir since the 6th grade, but it wasn't until I was a freshman in high school, and my current choir teacher Mr. Garcia encouraged me to enter a competition that I won, that I really started to get into choir more. I guess you can

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After lower open, US stocks bounce back after Monday plunge

By **MARLEY JAY**
 AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. stocks are reversing course Tuesday morning after sharp losses in the first few minutes of trading, raising hopes of a halt to a global sell-off in the stock market.

The early gains follow the market's steepest drop in six and a half years. Major indexes in Asia and Europe tumbled following Monday's 1,150 point drop in the Dow Jones industrial average. Investors remain fearful that signs of rising inflation and higher interest rates could bring

an end to the bull market and the economic recovery that has boosted stocks in recent years.

Trading was choppy in the early going Tuesday, likely to be one of the most watched days on the markets in years. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 567 points at the open but roared back and was up 146 points, or 0.6 percent, to 24,491 at 10:00 a.m. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 31 points, or 1.2 percent, to 2,680 after a 4.1 percent drop Monday.

The Nasdaq composite added 84 points, or 1.2 percent, to 7,052. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks gave up 5 points, or 0.3 percent, to 1,485.

Big dividend companies including utility and real estate companies fell, as bond yields increased after a sharp drop on Monday. Technology and industrial com-

panies and retailers moved higher, a possible sign of confidence the U.S. economy will keep growing.

The market mood turned decidedly fearful on Monday when the Dow Jones industrial average posted its biggest percentage decline since August 2011, driven by fears the U.S. Federal Reserve will raise interest rates faster than expected due to a pickup in wages. Those stemmed from the U.S. jobs report on Friday.

That has fed into widespread concerns that markets were stretched following a strong run over the past year that pushed many indexes to record highs. Some also question the possible role of computer-driven algorithmic trading in the precipitous declines or even the ramifications of

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Obituaries

Huby L. Owens

Huby L. Owens, 83, died Sunday, Feb. 4, 2018 in San Angelo.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 6, at Harper Funeral Home in San Angelo. The graveside service will be at 1 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 7,

2018, at Lamesa Memorial Park in Lamesa, Texas. Survivors include his daughter, Naomi Owens Lockhart of Wichita, Kan.; his son, Alvin Owens of San Angelo; and his sisters, Rubi Owens Edmonson of San Angelo, and Karen Owens Wright of Wolf-orth. Arrangements are by Harper Funeral Home.

Joe Rivas



Joe Rivas, 90, died Feb. 3, 2018. Funeral mass will be held Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2018, at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Stanton. Interment will follow at the St. Joseph's Cemetery. Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2018, at Stanton Memorial Funeral Home and Chapel. Joe was born Nov. 26, 1927, in Crystal City, Texas, to Cresencia Torres Rivas. Joe served in the United States Army from 1946 to 1953. He married Delfina Garza Nov. 2, 1950, in Pearsall, Texas, and moved to Lenorah, Texas, in 1950. He worked as a farm hand from 1950 to 2008. For the majority of his

life he worked for the late E.P Madison, Glenn Madison and Greg Madison. He also worked for Mike Hale of Georgetown, Texas as well as for several other famers in Martin County.

He was preceded in death by his wife Delfina G. Rivas.

Jose is survived by his daughter Ofelia Ruiz of Stanton, Texas, who was married to the late Jesus Ruiz; son Omer Rivas, married to Margie Rivas of Big Spring, Texas; daughter Mirta Padilla of Lubbock, Texas, who was married to the late Richard Padilla; daughter Mary Helen Rivas of Stanton, Texas; and stepdaughter, Estela S. Ruiz of Stanton, Texas, who was married to the late Audon Ruiz. Jose also leaves 22 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren, and six great-great grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Stanton Memorial Funeral Home and Chapel.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 67 inmates at the time of this report.

• **JEREMY JOHNATHAN DAVIS**, 26, was booked by HCSO on warrants for speeding and driving with an invalid license.

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

charge of public intoxication.

• **LANCE WAYNE BIDDLE LAND**, 28, was booked by BSPD on charges of criminal trespassing and possession of marijuana (less than two oz.).

• **HAYDEN DOUGLAS MCMURRIN**, 33, was booked by HCSO on an order of modified conditions of confinement.

• **NINA NYCOLE MORALES**, 33, was booked by BSPD on warrants for driving without being

secured by a safety belt and not using a safety seat system for a child younger than age 8 or less than 4'9" tall.

• **ANSELMO ARREDONDO VEGA**, 24, was booked by BSPD on warrants for disorderly conduct and bail jumping/failure to appear, failure to appear, and tampering with or fabricating physical evidence.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of north Highway 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 5200 block of West FM 818. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wright Ave. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Cen-

ter. • **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of Father Delaney. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3600 block of Connally. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was report-

ed in the 600 block of Caylor. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Boulevard. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3300 block of Bryant Road.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of Chanute and Randolph.

• A **STRUCTURE FIRE** was reported in the 1600 block of Cardinal. The fire was contained.

Take Note

• Are you interested in Duplicate Bridge? Big Spring Duplicate will offer lessons to both men and woman. The lessons will be offered at the Big Spring Country Club. The lessons started Jan. 31 and run through Feb. 28. 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 call-outs. Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Joel Miller at 432-213-1221.

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

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **JOSE ANTONIO CHAVEZ**, 50, of 181 A CR 415 in Palestine, Texas, was arrested on a charge of assaulting a public servant.

• **LYNDON TRENT FRALEY**, 57, of 1607 E. Sixth St. was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **ANSELMO ARREDONDO VEGA**, 24, of 1905 Wasson Rd. Apt. #36 was arrested on warrants for disorderly conduct and bail jumping/failure to appear.

• **NINA NYCOLE MORALES**, 33, of 640 E. 11th St in Colorado City was arrested on warrants for driving without being secured by a safety belt and not using a safety seat system for a child younger than age 8 or less than 4'9" tall.

• **LANCE WAYNE LAND**, 28, of 1102 Sycamore St. was arrested on charges of criminal trespassing and possession of marijuana (less than two oz.).

• **JEREMY JOHNATHAN DAVIS**, 26, of 1203 N. FM 700 Lot #9 was arrested on outstanding warrants.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 3300 block of Duke.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported on Ranch Road 1584.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 700 block of East FM 700 and the 200 block of West FM 700.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 200 block of West FM 700.

Support Groups

TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers.

For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship

WEDNESDAY

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

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

THURSDAY

• GriefShare is a Biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support). Weekly Feb. 8 through May 10, 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for more information.

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

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

• A Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

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Philly Super Bowl parade plans to include dramatic surprises



AP photo

A Philadelphia Eagles fan chants while waiting for the team to arrive at Philadelphia International Airport a day after defeating the New England Patriots in Super Bowl 52 in Minneapolis, Monday, Feb. 5, 2018.

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Philadelphia officials are revealing plans for Thursday's Super Bowl parade and say fans should expect some dramatic surprises along the five-mile route.

The news conference got underway Tuesday around the Vince Lombardi Trophy. It's still covered in fingerprints after Nick Foles led the Philadelphia Eagles to their first Super Bowl victory with a 41-33 win over the New England Patriots Sunday.

Players and team officials will parade up Broad Street from near the team's stadium to City Hall and on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway to the steps of the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

Democratic Mayor Jim Kenney urges revelers to celebrate with passion and pride. He called troublemakers on Sunday night "the knuckle head contingent" and pointed out most fans were peaceful."

Showtime for SpaceX's big new rocket with sports car on top

By **MARCIA DUNN**

AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — SpaceX's big new rocket stood ready to blast off on its first test flight Tuesday, as crowds began gathering at daybreak for the afternoon launch debut.

As the sun rose at Kennedy Space Center, bright lights illuminated the Falcon Heavy, gleaming white on the same launch pad used by NASA nearly 50 years ago to send men to the moon.

The Heavy is set to become the world's most powerful rocket in use, with double the liftoff punch. It's equipped with three boosters and 27 engines designed to provide about 5 million pounds of thrust.

To add to the excitement, SpaceX chief Elon Musk has his cherry-red Tesla Roadster on board. He's striving to put the car into a perpetual solar orbit reaching out as far as Mars, the focus of all his rocket efforts as he aims to establish a city there in years to come.

Musk — who also heads up the Tesla electric carmaker — said he wanted to add some dramatic flair by launching his sports car into space. Normally the payloads on test flights include non-valuable items like steel or concrete slabs or mundane experiments.

In the driver's seat of the convertible is "Starman," a dummy in a spacesuit, with one hand on the steering wheel. David Bowie's "Space Oddity" will be playing on the soundtrack at liftoff.

The launch was expected to attract thousands — a crowd not seen since NASA's last space shuttle flight seven years ago. While the shuttles had more liftoff muscle than the Heavy, the all-time leaders in both size and might were NASA's Saturn V rockets, which first carried astronauts to the moon in 1968.

Scores of journalists packed the space center to witness not only the launch, but the return to land

from previous Falcon 9 flights — will attempt vertical landings at nearby Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. The central core booster will continue upward, then also peel away and target a touchdown on a floating platform in the Atlantic, just offshore.

If it reaches orbit, the Roadster will spend several hours traveling through the highly charged Van Allen radiation belts encircling Earth. That will be a risky time as well, according to Musk, because the fuel necessary for the ignition of the final thruster to send the car on its proper path toward Mars could freeze up, or the oxygen could vaporize. In addition, the car will be zapped repeatedly by radiation.

No matter what happens — a rocket explosion at the pad or some other calamity — Musk told reporters Monday his company has done everything possible to maximize success and he's at peace at whatever happens. He's had plenty of experience with rocket accidents, from his original Falcon 1 test flights to his follow-up Falcon 9s, one of which exploded on a nearby pad during a 2016 ignition test.

While it will be "a really huge downer if it blows up," Musk said, the hope is that any failure comes far enough into the Heavy's flight "so we at least learn as much as possible along the way." The Heavy already has customers eager to launch hefty satellites, including the U.S. Air Force. An explosion, especially at the pad, could set the program back several months, according to Musk.

Musk said he'll consider it a win if the rocket at least clears the launch tower.

As for his car, he said with a chuckle, it's the least of his worries.

He's already making plans for an even bigger, mightier rocket that will carry astronauts, not just cargo like the Heavy, along with the infrastructure that would be needed to set up camp on the moon and asteroids, and eventually build the city he envisions on Mars.

STOCKS

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the rise and fall in the value of virtual currencies, notably bitcoin.

"If investors look at underlying earnings growth and the fundamentals of the global economy, there is reason for optimism," said Neil Wilson, senior market analyst at ETX Capital.

"However once this kind of stampede starts it's hard to stop."

Among the biggest losers Tuesday was Tokyo's Nikkei 225 stock average, which ended 4.7 percent lower. Hong Kong's Hang Seng skidded 5.1 percent and South Korea's Kospi declined 1.5 percent.

In Europe, the British FTSE 100 index fell 2.4 percent while the CAC 40 in France fell 2.8 percent and Germany's DAX was down 2.7 percent.

Though many stock indexes are close to where they started the year, the losses mark a reversal of fortune following a sustained period of gains, a pullback that some market pros have been predicting for some time.

Stephen Schwarzman, the chairman and CEO of financial firm Blackstone, warned recently of a potential "reckoning" in markets.

A 10 percent drop from a peak is often referred to as a "correction" while a bear market is generally defined as a 20 percent or so drop in indexes. The S&P 500, for example, is one of the major fallers, was down 7.8 percent since its latest record high on Jan. 26 as of Monday's close.

"Seemingly the only hope for the markets at

the moment is that investors suddenly decide that the sell-off has been a bit overdone," said Connor Campbell, a financial analyst at Spreadex.

Despite the sea of red in global stock markets, there are hopes that the retreat won't last long given that global economic growth has picked up and the financial system is more robust since the financial crisis.

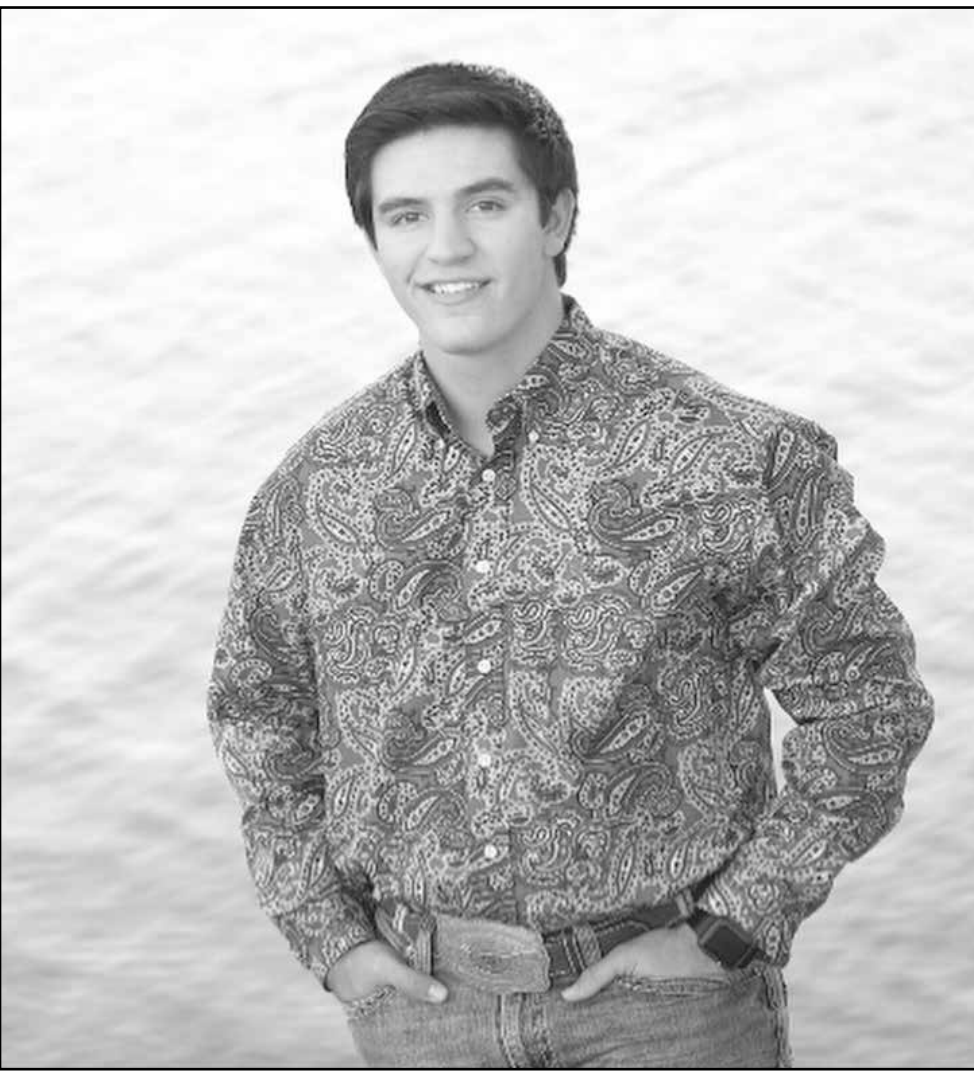
"That is not to say that we won't see further falls in coming days, but in an environment where growth is good and earnings are expected to rise globally, there are decent underpinnings," said James Knightley, chief international economist at ING.

On Monday, the Dow finished down 4.6 percent while the S&P 500 sank 4.1 percent, to 2,648.94. The last fall of that size came in August 2011 when investors were fretting over Europe's debt crisis and the debt ceiling impasse in Washington that prompted a U.S. credit rating downgrade.

Still, while some financial assets became more attractive to investors as perceived havens of value. Gold, for example, was up 0.4 percent at \$1,343 an ounce.

The U.S. dollar remained resilient despite the stock market sell-off, which at one stage Monday saw the Dow shed 1,597 points. The euro was up 0.3 percent at \$1.2435 while the dollar rose 0.3 percent to 109.38 yen.

Pan Pylas contributed from London and Elaine Kurtenbach contributed from Tokyo. Rod McGuirk in Canberra, Australia, and Mari Yamaguchi in Tokyo also contributed to this report.



Courtesy photo

Pictured above is Big Spring High School Senior Ranen Wilson

HISTORY

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say this all started back when I did All-City choir in fourth grade, and my teacher then, Stacy Barr, was really the first to push me to do more, but I wasn't that interested in competing until high school. My entire family is involved in music, so this is something that has always been a part of me."

As a freshman, Wilson got second chair at state and got first chair his sophomore, junior, and senior year. "When I got second chair as a freshman, that's when I realized I might be capable of doing more than I previously thought, he said. I've had a lot of full-ride scholarship offers from schools in the area, but I'm currently interested in attending the University of Texas at the Permian Basin in Odessa."

Yesterday, the high school se-

nior sang a solo in an ensemble, qualifying him to perform at the UIL State Solo & Ensemble Contest in Austin this May. This will be the fourth time he will have the opportunity to perform at this State Solo Competition. The State Solo & Ensemble Contest is unrelated to the TMEA All-State competition.

"The reason I continue doing this is I love the thrill of knowing I just pulled ahead of a roomful of people trying to do the same thing I am, and just the music itself, because I love music. My advice to anyone thinking about joining choir is to just go ahead and do it. I've had my fair share of being picked on because I'm a country boy involved in choir, but little do these people know, it's going to completely pay for my college. You just never know what will happen until you go for it," said Wilson.

Wilson's family, friends, and teachers are undoubtedly very proud of him.

"We first noticed Ranen was musically gifted when he was a child but he didn't get serious about singing until high school," said Wilson's mother Karissa Casas. "His teachers tried to get him to compete in junior high, and then Mr. Garcia basically pushed him to participate in high school competitions and he ended up liking it. I saw my son's performance at state last year and it was awesome, like nothing I've ever experienced. My hope for Ranen's future is that he'll do what he feels God wants him to do. He's so smart and has talent that can take him many different places and he's good with music and business so he can go any direction, but most important is that he goes where God leads him."

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website, www.njpacoop.org.

- Consider approving hotel expenses for County Extension Agent Tommy Yeater.
- Consider granting permission to order a water truck for the county roads department.

The Commissioners Court allows for public input. Those desiring to address the court should arrive early enough to fill out a brief form before the meeting begins. For more information, contact Judge Kathryn Wiseman's office at 432-264-2202.

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Searchers find second set of human remains in West Texas pit

MIDLAND, Texas (AP) — A West Texas sheriff says the skeletal remains of a second person have been found in a pit as part of an investigation into two teenagers missing since 2015.

Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter says the remains were found Saturday as investigators were searching a second pit on private land after receiving a tip early last month.

An initial set of remains were found about a week ago in another

pit on the same land.

The remains discovered Saturday were found about 14 feet (4.3 meters) down.

Painter says two teens have been missing since October 2015. He says a person was found with some property belonging to the missing pair, whose names weren't released.

Painter says the property owner has cooperated and is not a person of interest in the investigation.

'This is really going to sound strange.' Texas house stolen

MADISONVILLE, Texas (AP) — A Houston couple has reported a house heist — as in, their vacation home was stolen.

KTRK-TV reports that Jo and Lonnie Harrison say their one-bedroom, one-bathroom cabin is missing from their property in Madisonville, about 90 miles (144 kilometers) northwest of Houston.

The prefabricated home was on property they purchased last year. The Harrisons hadn't checked on it since early November. But when Lonnie Harrison returned Friday, all he saw "were blocks and pipes sticking out."

He says he called his wife, who couldn't believe what happened. When he called the Madison County Sheriff's Office, he prefaced his report by saying: "This is really going to sound strange, but I need to report a stolen house."

The sheriff's office didn't immediately return a call seeking an update on the case Monday.

New reservoir to supply water to North Texas

PARIS, Texas (AP) — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has approved Texas' first new reservoir in 30 years with hopes of providing water to North Texas' rapidly growing population.

The Dallas Morning News reports that construction of the Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir will begin in spring, northeast of Bonham. The \$1.2 billion project is expected to be a key water source for the 1.7 million people living

in 80 North Texas communities, a population projected to double over the next half-century.

The project will include a reservoir dam and intake, a raw water pipeline, a water treatment plant and an environmental mitigation area.

Robert Thurmond is president of the North Texas Municipal Water District's board of directors. He says the approval is "a major milestone for a critical project."

Abbott endorses challenger of 3rd Texas House Republican

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Republican Gov. Greg Abbott has endorsed the primary challenger of state Rep. Lyle Larson of San Antonio — marking the third time he's targeted a legislative incumbent from his own party.

Abbott said in a statement Monday that ex-Hollywood Park Mayor Chris Fails "will be a valuable ally in the fight for conservative values."

Larson has angered Abbott in the past by backing an unsuccessful proposal prohibiting the governor from

appointing large campaign donors to state positions. He's also championed stalled bills on term limits.

Fails is trying to unseat Larson in Texas' March 6 primary.

Abbott previously endorsed primary challengers against Republican state Reps. Sarah Davis, of suburban Houston, and Wayne Faircloth of Galveston.

Abbott's campaign says such opposition is unusual — though not unprecedented — for Texas governors.



Abbott



Fails

Cities, states ban bump stocks after push stalls in Congress

By LISA MARIE PANE

Associated Press

In the immediate aftermath of the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history, there was a fevered pitch to ban bump stocks, the device that allowed the shooter's semi-automatic rifles to mimic the rapid fire of machine guns.

With that push stalled at the federal level, a handful of states and some cities are moving ahead with bans of their own.

Massachusetts and New Jersey — two states at the time led by Republican governors — as well as the cities of Denver and Columbia, South Carolina, have enacted laws prohibiting the sale and possession of the devices, which were attached to a half-dozen of the long guns found in the hotel room of the Las Vegas shooter



In this Feb. 1, 2018 file photo, Sen. Robert Zirkon, a Democrat, talks about measures aimed at protecting Maryland residents from gun violence during a news conference with Democrats in Annapolis, Md.

AP photo

who in October killed 58 people and injured hundreds more attending a nearby outdoor concert. A little over a dozen other states are also considering bans on bump stocks.

Gun-control advocates say the push fits a pattern in gun politics: inaction in Washington that forces states to take the lead. Gun-rights advocates call it a knee-jerk reaction that will do little to stop bad guys from killing, and vow a legal challenge.

For Zach Elmore, the issue is deeply personal. His sister among those wounded in the Las Vegas attack. He finds hope in the statewide and local efforts to ban bump stocks.

"Hopefully it's the start of a big movement versus just a flash in the pan," Elmore said. "Obviously you

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Stocks fall further as banks sink; Wells Fargo plunges



Trader Tommy Kalikas works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Monday, Feb. 5, 2018. Stock markets around the world took another pummeling Monday as investors continued to fret over rising U.S. bond yields.

By MARLEY JAY

AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK — U.S. stocks are continuing to sink Monday afternoon as banks and health care and energy care companies slip. Wells

Fargo is plunging after the Federal Reserve hit the bank with new sanctions over a scandal that involved opening millions of phony consumer accounts. The market erased a portion of its early losses following a mid-morning report showing more evidence of economic strength in the U.S. economy. Bond yields stabilized after moving sharply higher Friday.

KEEPING SCORE: The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 27 points, or 1 percent, to 2,734 as of 1 p.m. The Dow Jones industrial

average gave up 308 points, or 1.2 percent, to 25,201. Early on, it fell 355 points. The Nasdaq composite fell 45 points, or 0.7 percent, to 7,191. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks was down 15 points, or 1 percent, to 1,531.

The S&P 500 is down about 4.5 percent from its latest record high, set January 26.

Investors are worried about evidence of rising inflation in the U.S. Increased inflation might push the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates more quickly,

which could slow down economic growth by making it more expensive for people and businesses to borrow money. Rising bond yields are also making bonds more appealing to investors compared with stocks.

WELLS FARGO PLUNGES: Wells Fargo dropped \$4.96, or 7.7 percent, to \$59.11. Late Friday the Fed said it will freeze Wells Fargo's assets at the level where they stood at the end of last year until it can demonstrate improved

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cannot legislate (against) evil, but you can legislate the things with which bad people will use to perpetrate evil."

The devices were originally intended to help people with disabilities and were little known and little sold until the Las Vegas shooting. They fit over the stock and pistol grip of a semi-automatic rifle and allow the weapon to fire rapidly, some 400 to 800 rounds per minute, mimicking a fully automatic firearm.

The federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives reviewed the devices and approved them in 2010, ruling they did not amount to machine guns that are regulated under the National Firearms Act that dates to the 1930s.

Richard Vasquez was assistant chief of the ATF's technology bureau and led the review of bump stocks. He stands by the agency's 2010 ruling, which relied on a key difference between semi-automatic and fully automatic firearms: While semi-automatic firearms require a separate and independent pull of the trigger to fire a bullet, fully automatic firearms can fire multiple rounds with a single trigger pull. ATF determined bump stocks didn't convert a semi-automatic firearm into one that is fully auto.

"It's a proper determination. Everybody wants to jump the gun and say that ATF made a mistake," said Vasquez, who left the agency in 2014. "ATF didn't make a mistake."

The federal agency is reviewing its ruling, something Vasquez and others caution is a dangerous move without Congress first changing the law to specifically make such devices illegal.

"If ATF is allowed to write a regulation to change the definition of this device, instead of a law, it's going to give all government agencies authority to change their regulations, which could affect us in a wide variety of ways," Vasquez warned.

Legislation in Congress has remained in limbo despite early signs from a bipartisan mix of lawmakers and advocates who voiced alarm that such a device was deemed legal and on the market. Even the National Rifle Association sounded open to great regulation of bump stocks.

Joyce Malcolm, a professor at George Mason University's Antonin Scalia School of Law, said the bans likely would withstand a legal challenge, but she wonders about more practical matters: How might they be enforced?

"I don't see a real constitutional issue. I just wonder about actually getting these devices out of circulation for people who already have them," she said.

It's not known how many of the devices are in circulation. At the time of the Las Vegas shooting, gun dealers said they rarely had customers wanting to buy one — but then couldn't keep up with the demand in the days and months afterward. The leading manufacturer of bump stocks, Texas-based Slide Fire Solutions, briefly stopped selling them, posting a notice on its website that it had suspended sales to keep up with demand. It has since resumed sales.

Massachusetts, which has some of the nation's strictest gun laws, enacted its ban a month after the Las Vegas shooting, pushed through a Democratic-controlled Legislature and signed into law by a Republican lieutenant governor. New Jersey followed suit last month with a measure signed into law by outgoing Republican Gov. Chris Christie. About a dozen other states are considering similar bills.

"This is a very familiar story. The Congress covers in the face of the NRA, and the states act," said John Feinblatt, president of Everytown for Gun Safety, which advocates for tougher gun laws.

Connecticut, home to some of the world's most legendary gun makers, is among the other states considering bans.

Rep. William Tong, a Democrat and House chairman of the Connecticut Legislature's Judiciary Committee, called it a commonsense measure that puts public safety first.

"The federal government has demonstrated that, given the composition of the Congress right now, it's not possible to pass commonsense gun laws," he said. "Connecticut can't wait."

Gun-rights advocates say the efforts undermine the Second Amendment and will do little to stop criminals.

"Anti-gun Democrats love to ban things. That is their answer," said Erich Pratt, executive director of Gun Owners of America, who added bump stocks have rarely, if ever, been used in a crime before the Las Vegas shooting. "This is their chance to say, 'Hey, we're doing something. Look at us. We're doing something.' It's not going to do anything."

Natalee Holloway's mom sues over TV series about daughter



AP photo

In this June 8, 2010, file photo, Beth Holloway, mother of Natalee Holloway, speaks during the opening of the Natalee Holloway Resource Center (NHRC) at the National Museum of Crime & Punishment in Washington.

By JAY REEVES

Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The mother of Natalee Holloway, a U.S. teenager who vanished during her senior trip to Aruba in 2005, is seeking at least \$35 million from the producers of what she contends was a fake television documentary about the case.

Beth Holloway said in a federal lawsuit filed Friday that the deception surrounding "The Disappearance of Natalee Holloway" was so complete she was even tricked into providing a DNA sam-

ple to match against what producers claimed were remains that could be those of her long-missing daughter.

The whole show was a ruse that subjected Beth Holloway to "agonizing weeks" of uncertainty and waiting that "completely and utterly destroyed" her, according to the suit filed in Birmingham.

Holloway, a schoolteacher in north Alabama, is seeking \$10 million in compensation and \$25 million in punitive damages against Oxygen Media,

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internal controls. The San Francisco bank also agreed to remove four directors from its board.

WAKING UP: The stock market has been unusually calm for more than a year. The combination of economic growth in the U.S. and other major economies, low interest rates, and support from central banks meant stocks could keep rising steadily without a lot of bumps along the way. Experts have been warning that that wouldn't last forever, and after big gains in the first three weeks of January, that stretch might be over.

Stocks haven't suffered a 5 percent drop since the two days after Britain voted to leave the European Union in June 2016. The market hasn't gone through a 10 percent drop since early 2016, when oil prices were plunging as investors worried about a drop in global growth that would hurt demand. U.S. crude hit a low of about \$26 a barrel in February of that year.

SWEETENED OFFER: Chipmaker Broadcom raised its offer for competitor Qualcomm to \$121 billion in cash and stock, or \$82 per share, and called the bid its best and final offer. It had offered \$103 billion for Qualcomm, and that company says it will review the bid. Broadcom rose \$4.86, or 2.1 percent, to \$240.34.

However Qualcomm dipped \$2.27, or 3.4 percent, to \$63.80 after analysts said Apple may end

a deal with Qualcomm and have Intel make chips for futures iPhone models instead. Intel gained 65 cents, or 1.4 percent, to \$46.80.

ENERGY: Benchmark U.S. crude slid \$1.15, or 1.8 percent, to \$64.30 a barrel in New York. Brent crude, used to price international oils, fell 72 cents, or 1 percent, to \$67.86 a barrel in London.

Exxon Mobil lost \$3.51, or 4.2 percent, to \$81.02 and Chevron gave up \$2.33, or 2 percent, to \$116.25. Both companies reported disappointing fourth-quarter results on Friday and are coming off their biggest losses in years.

MARKET LEADERS LOSING: Almost three-fourths of the stocks on the New York Stock Exchange traded lower. Some of the largest losses went to companies that have done exceptionally well over the last year. Alphabet, Google's parent company, lost \$19.81, or 1.8 percent, to \$1,099.39. Chipmaker Nvidia fell \$6.194, or 3 percent, to \$226.58. 3M skidded \$4.40, or 1.8 percent, to \$240.77.

BONDS: Bond prices held steady after moving sharply higher on Friday. The yield on the 10-year Treasury was unchanged at 2.84 percent.

CURRENCIES: The dollar fell to 110.02 yen from 110.28 yen. The euro slipped to \$1.2425 from \$1.2451.

SURVEY SAYS: Stocks perked up somewhat after a strong report for the service sector. The Institute for Supply Manage-

ment released a survey that showed January was the best month for the service sector since 2005 as production, new orders, hiring and new export orders all grew faster in January. Private service companies dominate the U.S. economy and the ISM's index has showed growth every month for the eight years.

BITCOIN WOES: Bitcoin prices and futures continued to sink. According to Coindesk, the price of bitcoin fell 13 percent to \$7,082. It reached a high of almost \$20,000 in December, and traded under \$1,000 in early 2017. Many financial pros warn that bitcoin is in a speculative bubble that could burst anytime. On the CME, bitcoin futures plunged 15.5 percent to \$7,255. They tumbled 15 percent to \$7,230 on the Cboe.

GERMAN COALITION TALKS: Stocks in Europe also fell as German political parties struggled to form a government. Chancellor Angela Merkel's conservative Union bloc and the center-left Social Democrats originally set a Sunday deadline to wrap up talks on extending their alliance of the past four years but budgeted two extra days as a precaution when formal negotiations started Jan. 26.

Britain's FTSE 100 lost 1.5 percent while France's CAC 40 slid 1.5 percent. The DAX in Germany shed 0.8 percent.

ASIA: Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 tumbled 2.6 percent and the South Korean Kospi shed 1.3 percent. Hong Kong's Hang Seng index sank 1.1 percent.

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Former sports doctor sentenced to 40 to 125 years in prison

By DAVID EGGERT

Associated Press
CHARLOTTE, Mich. — The former sports doctor whose serial sexual abuse of girls and young women upended the gymnastics world was sentenced Monday to a third prison term of 40 to 125 years for molesting young athletes at an elite Michigan training center.

Larry Nassar listened to dozens of victims for two days last week and was almost attacked by a man whose three daughters said they were abused. His final sentence comes after he pleaded guilty to penetrating young athletes 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's conduct "robbed these girls and women of one of the most truly important human qualities: trust," Judge Janice Cunningham said.

The sentence is largely symbolic because the 54-year-old is already assured of spending the rest of his life in prison. Before serving either of his two state sentences, he must first serve 60 years in federal prison for child pornography crimes.

Besides the sentence delivered Monday in Eaton County, Nassar was also sentenced last month to 40 to 175 years for similar conduct in another county. Those sentences would be served at the same time.

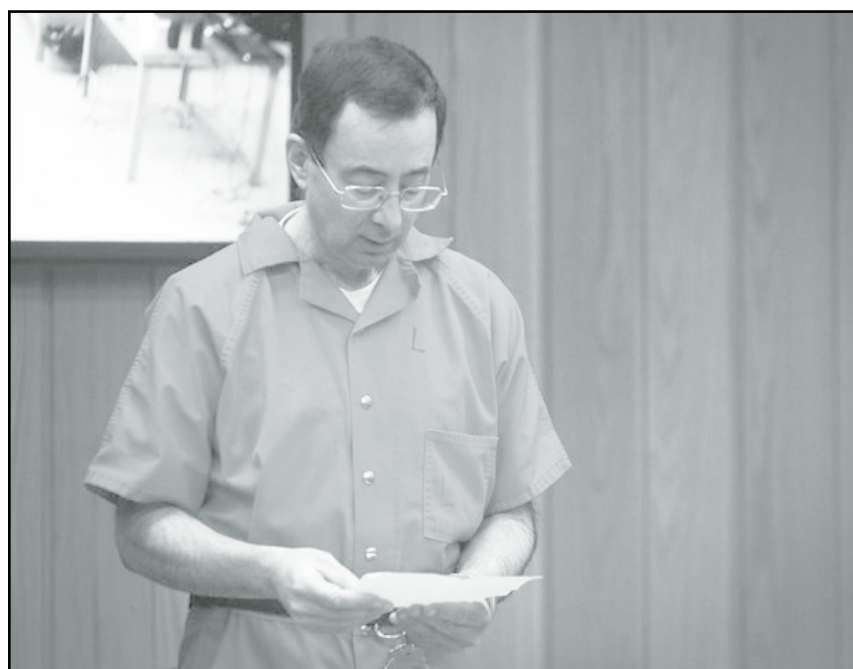
In a brief statement before he was sentenced, Nassar attempted to apologize to his victims.

"It's impossible to convey the breadth and depth of how sorry I am to each and every one," he said.

In all, more than 260 women and girls have reported being molested by Nassar, who worked for Michigan State and USA Gymnastics, the sport's governing body, which also trains Olympians. Some of the cases date back to the 1990s. The judge said the abuse "spans the country and the world."

On Friday, Randy Mar-graves was tackled by sheriff's deputies 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," Mar-



AP photo
Larry Nassar reads a statement Monday, Feb. 5, 2018, during the third and final day of sentencing in Eaton County Court in Charlotte, Mich., where he will be sentenced on three counts of sexual assault.

graves told reporters during a public apology. "I lost control, but I gained control later in a holding cell."

Assistant Attorney General Angela Povilaitis said people must stop blaming the victims and their parents, who've been attacked online, on the radio and elsewhere.

She said people are taught to trust doctors above all, especially those who appear to be world-class.

"It could have happened to any parent," she said. Nassar fooled police officer parents, doctor parents and engineer parents. "Regardless of their profession, he fooled them all."

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.

Larissa Boyce, who in 1997 reported Nassar to Michigan State's gymnastics coach, said the shared experience of the victims will make them "sisters for life."

Despite her report, Nassar was not investigated by police until 2004, and that investigation did not result in any criminal charges.

Boyce said she hopes that the university and USA Gymnastics will "show the world how this was missed, the mistakes that were made ... so that other people can take a look and make changes where they need to make changes so this never happens again."

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 the university's president on Jan. 24 and athletic director Mark Hollis followed two days later.

The scandal has also pushed out many leaders at the top of competitive gymnastics.

The Olympic coach, John Geddert, was suspended last month by USA Gymnastics until it completes its investigation. And all of the agency's board members recently stepped down at the demand of the U.S. Olympic Committee. The longtime leader of USA Gymnastics, Steve Penny, quit last March.

A law firm has been hired to investigate how the USOC responded to its knowledge of allegations against Nassar.

Rachael Denhollander, who filed a police report after reading a 2016 Indianapolis Star investigation into USA Gymnastics, said more work remains to be done, even after Nassar is sent away.

"We would not be here had the adults and authorities done what they should have done 20 years ago. We have taken care of one perpetrator. We have not taken care of the systems that allowed him to flourish for 20 years," she said.

She blasted the university for continuing to fight victims' lawsuits.

"At every turn, they have twisted words. They have refused to answer questions. They have put institutional protectionism ahead and above" the victims.

Teen gains fame after Justin Timberlake selfie at Super Bowl

BOSTON (AP) — A Massachusetts teenager who took a selfie with Justin Timberlake during the Super Bowl halftime show has become a social media sensation.

Thirteen-year-old Ryan McKenna said on ABC's "Good Morning America" on Monday that his phone "exploded" with messages and phone calls and he now has thousands of new social media followers.

Ryan says he was unprepared for his brush with

fame. Timberlake, he said, "just came up and I just like jumped right in there with him."

He got a shout out from his school, the private Derby Academy in Hingham south of Boston, which tweeted out one of McKenna's photos.

Ryan is also getting some free skiing. He was wearing a sweatshirt bearing the name of Maine's Sunday River ski resort, which offered him a free season pass.

Woman with \$559M Powerball ticket wants to stay anonymous

By KATHY McCORMACK

Associated Press
CONCORD, N.H. — A New Hampshire woman who says she has a Powerball ticket that won a \$559.7 million jackpot wants a court order allowing her to stay anonymous, saying she made a "huge mistake" in signing the ticket without consulting a lawyer first.

The woman, identified as Jane Doe, filed a complaint last week in Hillsborough Superior Court in Nashua saying she signed the back of the ticket following the Jan. 6 drawing, the nation's eighth-largest lottery jackpot. She thought she was required to do so as directed by information on the state lottery commission's website.

Under New Hampshire law, a lottery winner's name, town and prize amount are public information. But after the woman contacted a lawyer, she learned that she could have shielded her identity by instead writing the name of a trust.

The woman hasn't turned in her ticket yet, but she showed lottery officials a photocopy of the front. She said lottery officials told her they would be compelled to disclose her identity if someone filed a Right to Know request. Her lawyers argue her privacy interest outweighs the insignificant public interest in disclosing her name.

"While we respect this player's desire to remain anonymous,

state statutes and lottery rules clearly dictate protocols," New

Hampshire Lottery Executive Director Charlie McIntyre said in a statement. Lottery officials consulted with state lawyers and said they must process the winning ticket "like any other," he said.

The woman described herself as a life-long New Hampshire resident and "engaged community member."

"She wishes to continue this work and the freedom to walk into a grocery store or attend public events without being known or targeted as the winner of a half-billion dollars," the complaint said. "She wishes to remain in New Hampshire and give back to the state and community that has given so much to her."

The filing says she has set up a trust and plans to contribute a portion of her winnings to charity.

William Shaheen, whose law firm is representing the woman, had written a blog post shortly after the drawing urging the winner not to sign the ticket immediately because of the confidentiality rules.

New Hampshire is one of a handful of states that allows trusts to anonymously claim lottery prizes. In 2016, a New Hampshire family that won a \$487 million Powerball jackpot remained anonymous as lawyers for their trust claimed it.

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an arm of NBCUniversal Cable Entertainment, and the Los Angeles-based Brian Graden Media.

Neither company responded to emails sent Monday seeking comment on the lawsuit. Court records show attorneys have not filed documents answering the allegations.

The website TMZ first reported the lawsuit.

Natalee Holloway,

who lived in suburban Birmingham, was 18 when she was last seen during a trip with classmates to Aruba. Her mysterious disappearance after a night with friends at a nightclub sparked years of news coverage, particularly in the tabloid and true-crime media.

No remains were ever found, and the Dutch teen suspected in her death, Joran van der Sloot, is now imprisoned for the slaying of another young woman killed in 2010.

The six-episode series aired last year by Oxygen included the discovery of what were supposedly remains that could be those of Natalee. But the lawsuit claims producers knew that bone fragments featured in the production weren't linked to Natalee before supposed testing produced inconclusive results.

Rather than being a documentary or true investigation, the show was a "scripted, pre-planned farce calculated to give the impression

of real-time events," the suit contends.

Natalee Holloway's father Dave Holloway participated in the program and contacted Beth Holloway seeking a DNA sample for use in testing, the complaint said. Dave Holloway isn't listed among the defendants, and he did not respond to an email seeking comment.

A judge acting as Dave Holloway's request declared Natalee Holloway legally dead six years ago.

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Howard College sweeps Western Texas

Lady Hawks beat Lady Westerners 57-45

By **STEVE BELVIN**

Staff Writer

Youth was served Monday night at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum as the Howard College Lady Hawks flexed their wings and handed the Lady Westerners of West Texas College (WTC) a 57-45 loss.

It was a much needed win for Howard as they chase a postseason playoff spot. With that win Howard throws itself into a pool of four teams fighting for the fourth playoff spot.

This third conference win was a hard-fought, well earned victory. It was close the whole way. Howard managed to stay a few steps ahead of WTC.

Western Texas did start out with a 9-3 lead not even two minutes into the contest. With those two ugly minutes behind them, the Hawks made their move. It was all started by freshmen, Addyson Moseley and Kaki Simpson. Both come from the Panhandle part of the state, known for its strong girls basketball programs.

Moseley and Simpson, along with three other freshmen players led the brigade as Howard seized control of the game. The Panhandle girls dropped a few three-point bombs and got a few hustle plays from freshman, Ruthie Fox. Howard outscored WTC 11-1 the last five minutes of the first quarter to take a 14-10 lead.

The lead was 22-20 at the half. Howard lost their lead once more and trailed 25-24 at the 8:20 mark.

The Lady Hawks surprised quickly as Moseley hit a three and Cierra Morris, another freshman, made a short jumper. Howard would never trail the rest of the game.

Although they would never regain the lead, WTC stayed breathing down

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Hawks prevail over Westerners 86-70

By **STEVE BELVIN**

Staff Writer

This time Howard didn't let this one get away. Howard remained in the thick of the Western Junior College Athletic Conference race thumping the Western Texas Texans 86-70 Monday. The win gives Howard a 6-4 conference record, sitting solidly in third place behind New Mexico Junior College and Frank Phillips.

It also avenges an earlier 90-81 set back to WTC in Snyder.

This was a far cry from the previous few Howard games which usually consist of down-to-the-wire buzzer beaters and last minute momentum shifts. Instead, the Hawks handled their business early to keep WTC down and cruise to this win.

Sophomore guard, Jeremy Hayes, continues to have a hot hand. He followed up last Thursday's 27-point performance against Western Texas College with 29 points. Not only did he shoot 7-13 from the field, he was a perfect 14-14 from the foul line. In fact, Howard was near perfect from the line as a team as they sank 22-24.

Jake Hutchings was his usual deadly self as he buried three three-point shots and scored 15 points. Derrick Green had a consistent game with 12 points, three assists and three steals.

Defensively, Jack Pagenkopf set the tone for the Hawks with his tight defense on the WTC guards. The lad from Olathe, KS had five rebounds and four assists, and collected a total of nine points.

Howard's big man, Amari McCray, again struggled with foul problems. He got two quick fouls in less than two minutes and sat the remainder of the half.

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Clippers score last 13 points, rally past Mavericks 104-101



AP photo
Los Angeles Clippers center DeAndre Jordan, left, shoots as Dallas Mavericks forward Dirk Nowitzki, of Germany, defends during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Monday, Feb. 5, 2018, in Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — After playing more than 50,000 minutes, Dirk Nowitzki has certainly made a name for himself.

Even if it's still hard to spell sometimes.

On a night when his last name was botched on the back of his jersey, the Dallas forward became the sixth player in NBA history to reach 50,000 career minutes. He finished with 12 points but the Mavericks collapsed down the stretch in a 104-101 loss to the Los Angeles Clippers.

Nowitzki said he didn't notice until after the game that his name was misspelled on his uniform.

"I actually just saw it," he explained. "I had no idea. It happens. I guess it sums up our season."

Danilo Gallinari had 28 points, including the go-ahead free throw with 24 seconds left, and the Clippers scored the last 13 points of the game to rally past a Mavs team that went scoreless over the final 4:42.

Tobias Harris had 19 points for Los Angeles, and Lou Williams added 15 off the bench.

"This felt like a steal game, because we didn't play well and they shot the heck out of the ball," Clippers coach Doc Rivers said. "To steal a game like this, you feel like you got two games."

With the Clippers up by one after Gallinari's free throws, DeAndre Jordan won a jump ball with 4.5 seconds remaining and tipped it to Avery Bradley for a fast-break layup that made it 104-101.

Yogi Ferrell had a chance to tie it with 0.4 seconds to play, but he stepped out of bounds before his shot bounced off the rim.

"When you're playing from in front, you've got to protect the ball and get good shots and we struggled to do both," Dallas coach Rick Carlisle said.

Wesley Matthews led the Mavericks with 23 points and Devin Harris added 16 off the bench.

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Nowitzki cherishes 20 seasons, content to help Mavs rebuild

By **SCHUYLER DIXON**

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki made peace years ago with the reality that spending his entire career with the Dallas Mavericks would likely mean little or no chance to win a second championship.

The most accomplished European player in NBA history never seriously considered leaving the franchise that courted him as a teenager in Germany and drafted him five days after his 20th birthday in 1998.

Now in his 20th season, Nowitzki is comfortable with the idea that he led the Mavericks to their first title and can try to help a younger core build toward making Dallas a title contender again.

"I just think I pride myself with this city, with this organization, whatever this city or this franchise goes through, I want to push it through," Nowitzki said. "I want to be there for it. If it's rebuilding, I want to push it through and help as much as I can. If we're playing for a championship, then I'll do that."

The Mavericks haven't won a playoff series since beating Miami in the Finals in 2011, LeBron James' first season with the Heat. They had a woeful start

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AP photo
In this Dec. 13, 2011, file photo, Dallas Mavericks Dirk Nowitzki, of Germany, kisses the NBA championship basketball trophy during a photo shoot at the NBA basketball team's media day in Dallas. Now in his 20th season, Nowitzki is comfortable with the idea that he led the Mavericks to their first championship and can try to help a younger core build toward making Dallas a title contender again.

Hanzal scores winner in 3rd, Stars edge skidding Rangers 2-1



AP photo
Dallas Stars center Mattias Janmark (13), center Martin Hanzal, middle, and defenseman Esa Lindell (23) celebrate following Hanzal's goal as New York Rangers defenseman Nick Holden (55) looks on during the third period of an NHL hockey game Monday, Feb. 5, 2018, in Dallas. The Stars won 2-1.

DALLAS (AP) — Martin Hanzal was happy to be back and the Dallas Stars were glad to have him on the ice.

The veteran center returned from injured reserve and scored the game-winning goal as the Stars beat the slumping New York Rangers 2-1 on Monday night.

skated across the goalmouth and tipped in Julius Honka's shot from the right point to break a 1-all tie 4:05 into the third period. Hanzal has missed 20 games this season, including the previous five because of a strained muscle in his lower body.

"I felt OK," he said. "It's hard to get in game tempo.

It took me a couple shifts but after that I felt pretty good."

Tyler Seguin tied the game with a second-period goal for Dallas. He said the 6-foot-5 Hanzal gives the team a different dimension.

"He's huge. The goalie can't see anything, and he tips the

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

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West dealer.
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NORTH
♠ 7 5
♥ 8 4
♦ 9 3
♣ A K J 7 6 5 2

WEST
♠ J 8 4
♥ K 6
♦ J 10 7 4
♣ Q 10 9 8

EAST
♠ Q 10 9 6 2
♥ Q J 9 3
♦ K 8 5 2
♣ —

SOUTH
♠ A K 3
♥ A 10 7 5 2
♦ A Q 6
♣ 4 3

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

Opening lead — four of diamonds.

Safety plays come in so many different forms that it is better to understand the rationale behind them than to try to memorize them separately.

Consider this case where West leads a diamond against three notrump. Declarer takes East's king with the ace and sees that by far his best chance of scoring nine tricks lies in utilizing dummy's club suit.

Since dummy has no side entries, South realizes it would be folly to simply cash the A-K of clubs, hoping to drop the queen. If the queen did not fall, he would most likely finish two tricks short of his goal.

Declarer can therefore greatly improve his chances by leading a club to the jack at trick two. Whether the finesse wins or loses, he is then assured of at least six club tricks against either a 2-2 or 3-1 division of the missing clubs.

This approach certainly constitutes a vast improvement over immediately cashing the A-K of clubs. However, good as it is, the fact remains that there is an even better safety play available — one that also makes allowance for the possibility of a 4-0 split.

Accordingly, when he leads a club at trick two and West plays either the eight, nine, ten or queen, South should duck completely! If East follows suit, six club tricks become automatic; if, as in the actual deal, East shows out, declarer also scores six club tricks. Once West produces a club at trick two, whatever its size, South can ensure 11 tricks by allowing him to hold the trick.

A first-round finesse of the jack is certainly a good safety play, but permitting West to win the first club lead is a super safety play.

Tomorrow: The value of a falsecard.
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9	3	2	5	6	8	1	4	7

ANSWER:

Tomorrow's Horoscope

By HOLIDAY MATHIS



Paper Shredder Moon

How it is on paper is not how it is, not ever, but particularly not under this paper shredder of a moon. No one is a list of achievements. Everyone is a mix of wins and losses. Each thing we do offers us something to learn about ourselves, and the lesson will come regardless of the outcome.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There is hardly an agreement that can't be made sweeter for you with a little creative thinking on your part. So don't settle. Dream a little bigger, and the small, practical ideas will pop into your head.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). In-person meetings will be the success of a project, deal or relationship. Sure, you could do it remotely, but it's not the same. The prize will go to the one who put the face time in to get it going.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). That gnarly bit of unpleasantness you experienced is all in the past now -- you've been made richer for it, which is why you'll have so much to give today.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your attitude? Empowered. You don't have to do much to get things moving in the right direction today. Just show up and the inspiration of your presence will be enough.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your creative muse is tapping you on the shoulder. Shut the world out for a while, and let your imagination carry you away. Don't have time for this: Make time. A new you could spring from the exploration.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). They want what you're not willing to give. There may be another way you could strike a deal, though. Solve a deeper problem. Go back to the root, not the symptom.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You are in a position to help someone save face. You would definitely want this person to help you

will bring a deeper validation with its own resonance. Invest in yourself in June. Aries and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 45, 3, 38, 13 and 9.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm a 60-year-old Capricorn woman. Please advise me about what to expect from this new phase of my life. I'm single and career-minded. I have been divorced four times, no children. I'm in excellent shape. I've dated some, but for the last two years I have had minimal luck finding anyone I'm interested in. What do I have to look forward to?"

Plan your globetrotting adventures. You may leave for weeks at a time, but you will still return to work. You are not likely to retire at the usual age and be held to a fixed income. Capricorns derive great purpose from work, so retirement doesn't seem like a reward. Even if you do retire, you are likely to take on another job or earn money by pursuing your other lucrative interests. Capricorns are business-savvy and well organized, with remarkable emotional control and enormous wells of self-discipline. You go carefully into deals, and make arrangements thoughtfully, even when it comes to love. You try to exercise control over your impulses -- losing your head is not an option. Focus on family relationships and friendly companionship. When you relax your expectations of the dating scene you will create a highly satisfying personal life.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Guns N' Roses lead singer and Rock 'n Roll Hall of Famer Axl Rose is bringing rock to the world with Guns N' Roses these days on the "Not in This Lifetime" tour. Rose has an unusual natal chart, as he was born when the sun, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn were all stationed in the music realm of Aquarius. His moon is in sensitive and intuitive Pisces.

out, were the roles reversed. You earn karma points for taking the dignified route.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You are just trying to solve a problem and go on your merry way, but people are apt to confuse things by giving you too much information. Avoid this dynamic by asking people for the short version of the story.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're the beautifier of the zodiac today, and what you touch will become more cohesive, graceful and tasteful. You've a special talent for adding just what a particular environment needs.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Moral sense can be highly subjective, especially when you get into the nitty-gritty details of it. And if doing so brings up a feeling of righteous indignation, the whole exercise can get rather dangerous quickly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). People are not one way, one thing or one note. People are dynamic symphonies, each movement a different mood. People are ranges and valleys, not there to be frozen in photographs, but traversed.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're a fish in your school today, so don't worry yourself with too many decisions. Nature will have you swimming along with your group, in protected, elegant teamwork.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 6). You'll be charged with keeping the standards high because people admire your approach to life. Spring brings a transformation. You'll win at work and enjoy the applause. But your personal breakthroughs

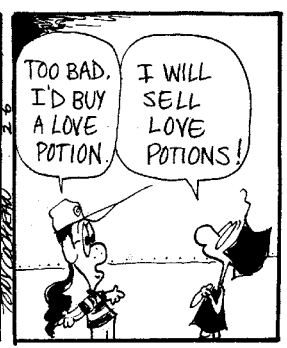
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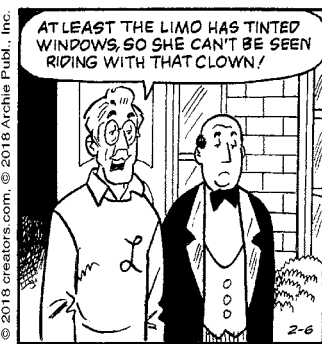
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 6, the 37th day of 2018. There are 328 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

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On this date: In 1788, Massachusetts became the sixth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1899, a peace treaty between the United States and Spain was ratified by the U.S. Senate.

In 1911, Ronald Wilson Reagan, the 40th president of the United States, was born in Tampico, Illinois.

In 1922, Cardinal Archille Ratti was elected pope; he took the name Pius XI.

In 1933, the 20th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, the so-called "lame duck" amendment, was proclaimed in effect by Secretary of State Henry Stimson.

In 1943, a Los Angeles jury acquitted actor Errol Flynn of three counts of statutory rape.

In 1952, Britain's King George VI, 56, died at Sandringham House in Norfolk, England; he was succeeded as monarch by his 25-year-old elder daughter, who became Queen Elizabeth II.

In 1968, the Winter Olympic Games were opened in Grenoble, France, by French President Charles de Gaulle.

In 1973, Dixy Lee Ray was appointed by President Richard Nixon to be the first woman to head the Atomic Energy Commission.

In 1987, Wall Street Journal reporter Gerald Seib (syb) was released after being detained six days by Iran, accused of being a spy for Israel; Iran said the detention was a result of misunderstandings.

In 1993, tennis Hall of Famer and human rights advocate Arthur Ashe died in New York at age 49.

In 1998, President Bill Clinton signed a bill changing the name of Washington National Airport to Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport. Pop

music star Falco, who had a 1986 hit with "Rock Me Amadeus," died in a traffic accident in the Dominican Republic; he was 40. Carl Wilson, a founding member of The Beach Boys, died in Los Angeles at age 51.

Ten years ago: At least 57 deaths were reported after two days of tornadoes that plowed across Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky and Alabama. The Bush White House defended the use of the interrogation technique known as waterboarding, saying it was legal - not torture as critics argued - and had saved American lives. The Phoenix Suns acquired Shaquille O'Neal in a stunning blockbuster deal that sent four-time All-Star Shawn Marion and Marcus Banks to the Miami Heat.

Five years ago: The U.S. Postal Service proposed eliminating Saturday mail delivery, an announcement that immediately drew protests from some lawmakers. At least nine people were killed by a tsunami that smashed into villages in the Solomon Islands, flattening dozens of homes in the South Pacific island chain. Toy maker Hasbro Inc. announced that Monopoly fans had voted online to add a cat token to the board game, replacing the iron.

One year ago: President Donald Trump accused the media of deliberately minimizing coverage of the threat posed by the Islamic State group; the president did not immediately offer evidence to support his claim, made during the new commander in chief's first visit to the headquarters of U.S. Central Command at MacDill Air Force Base in Florida. Irwin Corey, the wild-haired comedian and actor known for his improvisational riffs and nonsensical style who billed himself as "The World's Foremost Authority," died in New York at age 102.

Today's Birthdays: Actor

Rip Torn is 87. Actress Mamie Van Doren is 87. Actor Mike Farrell is 79. Former NBC News anchorman Tom Brokaw is 78. Singer Fabian is 75. Actress Gayle Hunnicutt is 75. Actor Michael Tucker is 74. Producer-director-writer Jim Sheridan is 69. Actor Jon Walmsley is 62. Actress Kathy Najimy is 61. Rock musician Simon

Phillips (Toto) is 61. Actor-director Robert Townsend is 61. Actor Barry Miller is 60. Actress Megan Gallagher is 58. Rock singer Axl Rose (Guns N' Roses) is 56. Country singer Richie McDonald is 56. Singer Rick Astley is 52. Rock musician Tim Brown (Boo Radleys) is 49. "Good Morning America" co-host Amy Robach is 45. Actor

Josh Stewart is 41. Actor Ben Lawson is 38. Actor Brandon Hammond is 34. Actress Crystal Reed (TV: "Teen Wolf") is 33. Actress Alice Greczyn (GREH'-chihh) is 32. Actress Anna Diop is 30. Rhythm and blues singer/actress Tinashe is 25.

Thought for Today: "The first duty of a leader is to make himself be loved without courting love. To be loved without 'playing up' to anyone - even to himself."

Andre Malraux French author (1901-1976).

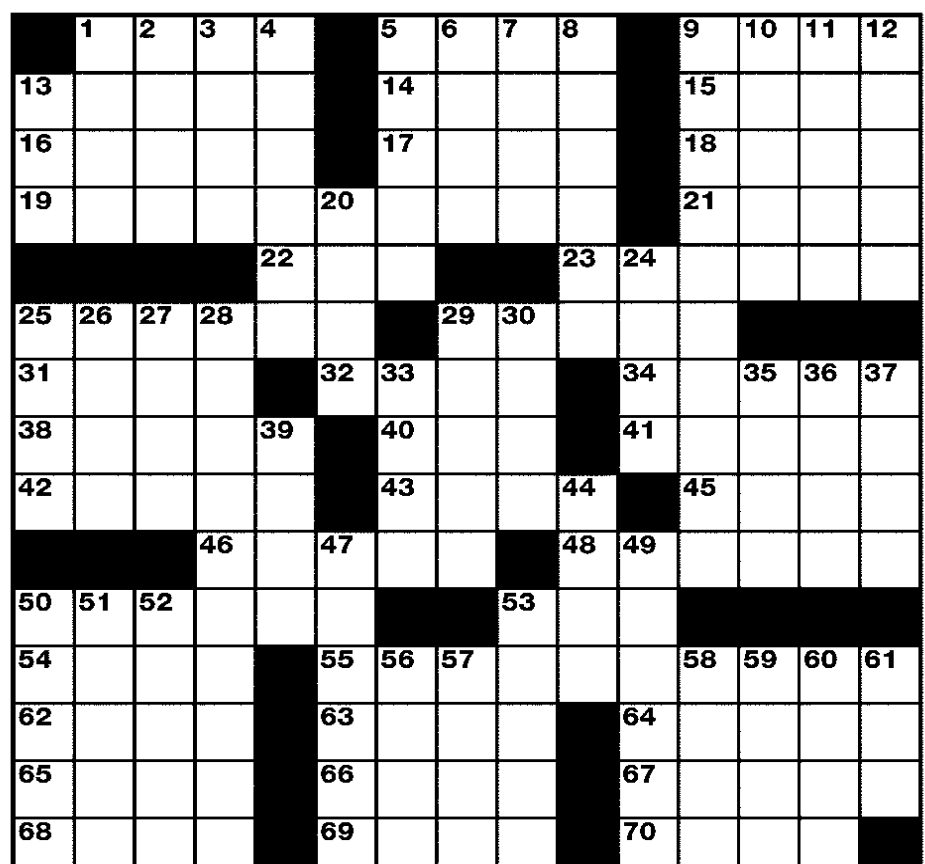
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STARS

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puck and he gets a lot of goals that way."

The Stars' third straight win moved them within one point of St. Louis for third place in the Central Division. The Rangers, who have lost six of seven, are last in the rugged Metropolitan Division and three points out of a post-season spot in a crowded Eastern Conference playoff race.

"Unfortunately on their winning goal, we should have had a blocked shot by our defenseman," Rangers coach Alain Vigneault said, "but it seemed just to go by him. I think it was going wide, and their

guy was able to tip it. We weren't able to get some like that."

Dallas outshot New York 41-32. Rangers goalie Henrik Lundqvist lost his fifth game in a row despite making 39 saves.

"Just the first 10-15 minutes," Lundqvist said. "After that, we got going. But it took us some time, to be honest, to escape the first period with the lead."

Ben Bishop had 31 saves for Dallas.

In the first 20 minutes, the Stars tied their season high for shots in a period with 21 — but New York's David Desharnais scored the only goal at 17:55. Bishop stopped a snap shot from Desharnais, but he continued skating and put the rebound in the net.

Lundqvist stopped Dallas' first 31 shots before Seguin scored at 14:44 of the second. Jason Spezza's pass from low in the right faceoff circle deflected off the stick of Rangers forward Jesper Fast to Seguin at the top of the left circle. His slap shot went in off the left post.

The winning goal wasn't Hanzal's only contribution. He played on a penalty-kill unit that stopped all three Rangers power plays and won eight of 11 faceoffs.

"Hanzal just manages the game so well," Stars coach Ken Hitchcock said. "We've missed his presence. He's a real good pro, and I guess we're hoping that he stays healthy. He came through the game fine and that's a good sign. A healthy Martin Hanzal makes us very difficult to play against."

NOTES: Bishop was inactive

for the previous game after being hit in the face by a puck on Thursday at Arizona. ... Rangers LW Jimmy Vesey was out after being hit in the head by Nashville's Filip Forsberg on Saturday. Rookie Vinni Lettieri, up from Hartford of the AHL, replaced Vesey and assisted on New York's goal. ... Seguin has seven points (four goals, three assists) in the last six games. ... Alexander Radulov, who assisted on Seguin's goal, took over the team lead with 51 points. ... The Stars have killed off all 11 of their penalties in the last three games. ... The Stars won both games in the season series 2-1. New York had won four of its previous five games in Dallas.

UP NEXT
Rangers: Begin a two-game homestand Wednesday against Boston.

Stars: Go on the road for one game Thursday at Chicago.

LADY HAWKS

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Howard's neck and pulled to their score to 47-45 with only three minutes left. Their basket to pull within two points came on a drive by guard Allison Valdez, who was a thorn in Howard's side a good part of the game.

From that point on, Howard slammed the door shut as the Lady Hawks scored the last 10 points of the game. Simpson and Moseley hit baskets left and right, and Corbyn Cunningham, yet another freshman, sank four free throws and it was a wrap.

Simpson, a 5-6 gunner, led all scorers with 17 points, followed by Moseley with 11. Together they combined to hit 7 of 13 three-pointers.

Morris was good at penetrating the defense and finding the open player. She had six points and five assists. Cunningham and Fox led in rebounds as they collected six and seven respectively.

Valdez led Western

Texas with 13 points and five rebounds. Post player Myra Garcia had seven points and seven rebounds for WTC.

HOWARD
Addyson Moseley 4-0-11
Kendall Alsup 2-0-5
Kaki Simpson 5-3-17
Ruthie Fox 2-0-4
Corbyn Cunningham 2-4-8

Cierra Morris 2-2-6
Taylor Allison 1-3-5
team total 20-12-57

WTC
Corbriyanna Wingfield 1-0-2

Allison Valdez 5-2-13
Joshiynn Sheppard 2-0-5
Kya Lewis 1-0-3
Henna Carr 1-0-2
Avy Gregory 1-0-2
Yartiza Rivas 1-0-2
Myia Garcia 3-1-7
McKeena Spikes 1-0-2
Lindsey Hearn 1-0-3
team total 17-7-45

SCORES BY QUARTER
Howard 14-08-17-18

57
WTC 10-10-15-10

45

RECORDS
Howard: 3-6, 13-12
WTC: 3-5, 11-10

HAWKS

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Diamond Onwuka took up the slack as he dominated the glass. He finished with nine rebounds, five points and two blocks.

Howard also got a strong inside performance from Andrija Blatahic. The big Norwegian came off the bench and hustled for two fast break buckets when HC beat the WTC press.

Howard wasted little time jumping on WTC. It started with a McCray tip-in and was followed with a shot from beyond the arc and then another three-point play, both by Green.

Hayes made a fade-away jumper, and Howard was rolling with a 19-9 lead with 13 minutes left in the half.

It was 45-32 at the half. The Hawks led by as much as 18 in the second half.

Sergio El Darwich paced WTC with 14 points.

HOWARD

Amari McCray 2-2-6
Jeremy Hayes 7-14-29
Jack Pagenkoph 3-2-9
Jake Hutchings 6-0-15
Derrick 4-3-12
Ricquill Smoot 2-0-4
Andrija Blatancic 2-0-4
Diamond Onwuka 2-1-5
team total 28-22-86

WTC

Miles McDougal 2-0-4
Isaiah Boissard 3-3-10
Zac Saddler 4-0-0
Demarcus Hartfield 2-1-5
Sergio El Darvich 4-4-14
James Edwards 1-0-2
JaNario Lane 1-0-3
Jordan Fullerton 3-1-8
Jack Neale 3-0-6
Johnnie Jones 1-0-2
Dieu Betoukoumessou 1-0-2
team total 25-9-70
RECORDS
Howard College 6-4, 18-6
West Texas College 2-7, 13-9

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NOWITSKI

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for the second straight year, all but assuring that they will miss the playoffs with consecutive losing seasons for the first time since Nowitzki's first two.

The slide out of contention means little to the context of Nowitzki's career: a 7-footer who changed the game with his 3-point shooting, the first foreign-born player to reach 30,000 points and the distinction with Kobe Bryant (Lakers) as the only players to spend 20 seasons with the same franchise.

"I think the reality is that when you see this kind of consistency of greatness, there's a tendency to take it for granted," said Rick Carlisle, in his 10th season as Nowitzki's coach. "And we must be careful about taking this for granted. We're seeing a generational player that's changed the game."

Nowitzki still starts — Carlisle pretty much declared earlier this season that he will start as long as he's playing — but often sits at the end of close games. He's probably the fourth scoring option, behind Harrison Barnes, Wesley Matthews and even rookie point guard Dennis Smith Jr.

But the 39-year-old played the first 54 games, an important measure for him to feel he's contributing. Nowitzki, the

only 7-footer to win the 3-point contest that's part of All-Star weekend, is in position for the best shooting percentage of his career from beyond the arc. The number of attempts isn't far off from his prime either.

"I wish he can play forever," said Washington coach Scott Brooks, who was at Oklahoma City when the Thunder lost to the Mavericks in the 2011 Western Conference finals and beat them in the first round the next year.

"You know the time is winding down, you don't know how many more years he has. He probably has maybe six or seven more left in him," Brooks said, trying to keep a straight face.

Nowitzki has already said he is considering a 21st season. Barring a dramatic improvement through a trade, the draft or free agency, that likely means another year of helping turn Smith into a point guard that can guide a champion the way Nowitzki credits Jason Kidd for doing in Dallas.

Assuming the Mavericks stay near the bottom of the West standings, they'll have another high draft pick after getting Smith at No. 9. That will be another young player who sees the work Nowitzki does away from the court to stay in shape, and a 13-time All-Star who is frequently the last player to quit shooting after practice.

J.J. Barea spent his first five seasons with the Mavericks and was still a relatively young guard at 26 when the Mavericks won the title.

"I used him a lot," said Barea, who returned to Dallas three years ago. "If I work half of what he does, I'm going to be all right. These guys, they really didn't get him at his best like I got him. But they still see how hard you've got to work to be able to.

play out there with us."

Nowitzki doesn't mind admitting that practice isn't quite as fun as it used to be.

"But once the ball goes up, it's still great," said the 2007 MVP, who has career averages of 21.4 points and 7.7 rebounds. "I still love to compete. I still love to be out there for the guys and trying to help them with my experience and spread the floor for them and maybe getting some timely scoring here and there."

Always big on self-deprecation, Nowitzki quips that he can't help the younger players by showing them any moves. He doesn't have to be joking to acknowledge that his patented one-legged fadeaway jumper isn't nearly as dangerous as it was when he was Finals MVP.

What Nowitzki can offer is work ethic and experience, not to mention longevity. He became the sixth NBA player to reach 50,000 minutes Tuesday night at the Los Angeles Clippers.

"It's been two decades of fun and competing," Nowitzki said. "Getting to 20 years is special. There's not a lot of guys that have done it. Not a lot of guys have done it with one franchise. I'm proud of that, but want to finish the season strong."

Nowitzki always finds a way to steer the conversation back to the present — and future.

MAVS

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Nowitzki passed Elvin Hayes (exactly 50,000 minutes) for fifth place on the career list in the regular season. Nowitzki has played an additional 5,895 minutes in the playoffs. Next among active players on the regular-season minutes list is Utah's Joe Johnson at 43,806.

TIP-INS

Mavericks: F Harrison Barnes was held out with a sore left ankle. Carlisle on Nowitzki: "I just really believe Dirk's record of high level of excellence, of longevity, durability, is one of the most remarkable I've ever seen in sport." ... Carlisle does not expect the Mavs to be active before Thursday's trade deadline: "I don't think we're going to make any trades. Of course, that's been my opinion every year in the 16 years I've been coaching. This time of year there's a lot of talk, and normally not a lot of activity."

Clippers: G Austin Rivers (ankle) might return to action Friday in Detroit. He has missed 18 games. ... The Clippers had a season-high 38 fast-break points in their previous game against the Bulls, the first game for Harris and Bradley

with Los Angeles since they were acquired from Detroit. Doc Rivers said the up-tempo game was by design. "We told Tobias and Avery, it doesn't matter who gets it, that's the start of the break," he said. "We don't look for a point guard and then get the ball up the court. We're gone."

WELL DONE, DIRK

The Clippers were in awe of Nowitzki's accomplishment.

"That's crazy," said Doc Rivers. "It really is amazing. I mean, I don't know how he gets up in the morning. And he had hard minutes because he was the guy other teams were trying to attack every night."

"Amazing," Gallinari said. "I've been playing against him not just in the NBA but overseas, so it's been a lot of battles, especially with the (Italian and German) national teams, too. He's a legend, a Hall of Famer. For us growing up in Europe, he's one of the best ever."


UP NEXT

Mavericks: End their four-game road trip Thursday at Golden State.

Clippers: Play the first of seven consecutive road games Friday night in Detroit, where they will face former teammate Blake Griffin for the first time since he was traded.

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