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Harmony, orchestra, wow audience at Winter Wonderland Concert



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Guest Conductor John Giordano congratulates 12-year-old pianist Harmony Zhu after her performance with the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra Saturday evening. Zhu, a Juilliard student, is a prodigy in both piano and chess, in which she won the world championship for her age group when she was eight years old.

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

Big Spring residents were lifted on wings of song Saturday evening at this year's Big

Spring Symphony Orchestra Winter Wonderland Concert, held in the Municipal Auditorium.

Young Harmony Zhu, 12, joined the orchestra in the

first half of the evening's show, performing Frédéric Chopin's Piano Concerto No. 1 in E Minor. World-renowned conductor John Giordano of Fort Worth, a frequent guest

conductor with the BSSO, directed the concert.

"I had lots and lots of fun," said Zhu following the concert. "I really enjoyed it. It was much better than the

rehearsals and the audience was really supportive!"

Zhu, a student at New York's Juilliard School, is a

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HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Guest Conductor John Giordano directs the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra in this year's Winter Wonderland concert Saturday at the Municipal Auditorium. Here, the orchestra performs Johannes Brahms' Symphony No. 4 in E Minor during the second half of the concert.

Hair by Jose goes Hollywood



HERALD photos/Amber Mansfield

By **AMBER MANSFIELD**
 Staff Writer

Hair by Jose unrolled the red carpet on Saturday, Feb. 10, as they hosted a hollywood style Client Appreciation Night in honor of all the Hair by Jose customers.

"This night is for all of our clients and to show them how much we appreciate their support and love for the salon," said Michael Rodriguez,

an employee of Hair by Jose and friend of Jose' for over a decade. "Jose Olivas, owner of Hair by Jose, went all out for our clients. He really wanted a special night for them, and for them to feel special."

Hair by Jose had finger foods, beverages and door prizes for all of the guests who stopped by Saturday. Some of those prizes included straighteners, blow dryers, hair products and much more.

"We just want to say thank you to those who always come and show their support," said Rodriguez "We wouldn't be here without them coming to see us."

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Running for a cause



Courtesy Photo

Despite the frigid temperature Saturday, Feb. 10, Permian Basin Events hosted their annual Run 2 Love 2 Run 5K, a Valentine's Day themed 5K at the Big Spring State Park. "We had over a 100 people come and participate in this year's Run 2 Love 2 Run," said Sherice Felty. "We are always really excited to see this many people come out and show their support" All proceeds from the run go to Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of West Texas. Shown on the left is Martin DeLosSantos, the overall first place winner of the Run 2 Love 2 Run. On the left shows Deloras Shubert, who won best costume in the Run 2 Love 2 Run. "Everyone from Run 2 Love 2 Run wants to thank everyone who came out to run and support this event," said Felty. "We also want to thank everyone who sponsored us, as this event would have been impossible without their help."



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Obituaries

Sharon Louise Airhart



Memorial services for Sharon Louise Airhart, 75, of Klondike will be held Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2018, at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Lamesa with grandson, Pastor Matt Moore of Dalhart, Texas, officiating. Visitation will follow after the service. Private burial will be held at Dawson County Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Branon Funeral Home.

Sharon Louise (Vogler) Airhart was born June 1, 1942, to Lawrence and Roxie Vogler. She knew Jesus as her Lord and Savior and was baptized at the Klondike Baptist Church when she was 6 years old. She had a strong faith in the Lord and gave thanks in all things, Philippians 4:6-9. She graduated from Klondike High School, where she met the love of her life, Quinton Airhart. They were married June 10, 1960, and were married for 57 wonderful years. They spent the first years of their life together living in the Knott community and farming cotton. They then moved to their home in the Klondike community in 1973 with their three daughters; Elonna, Roxanne, and Shelby. Sharon was a farmer's wife and proud of it.

She supported Quinton and was always there to bring seed or move a pickup when he needed her. She always loved the American Flag as is evident today, with a huge flag flying at their home. She was heavily involved in many ministries. She taught Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and helped with both the River Ministry and Women's Ministry University. She was involved in the Moth-

ers of Preschoolers ministry where she supported and encouraged young mothers and was the recipient of the 4-H Spur Award.

She accomplished many things in her life, but her favorite jobs were being Mama and MeeMaw. Sharon was an avid supporter of anything in which her children or grandchildren were involved. From basketball and football games to stock shows and FFA events, she was anywhere her family was. You could always hear her cheering from the bleachers and supporting her "loves" in their endeavors. She was always the first to tell them how proud she was of them and how much she loved them, and that feeling was always mutual. She is survived by her husband, Quinton; daughter Elonna Moore and her husband Richard of Welch; daughter Roxanne Gregory and her husband Todd of Klondike; and daughter Shelby Kerr and her husband Bruce of Tucson, Arizona. Her grandchildren, Blake and Laura Moore; Haley and Chris Goodman; Mackenzie and Braxton Allison; Jordan and Matt Moore; Mitchell and Cassidy Gregory; Jeremy Kerr and David Kerr. Her great-grandchildren, Denton, Reese, and Eleanor Moore; Grayer and Brigham Goodman; Lorelai and Lottie Allison; Walker and Emma Moore; and Analiese, Juliana, and Aston Kerr. Her sister Lillian Holcomb, her brother David Vogler and wife Dyann, and her brother Terry Vogler and wife Denise.

She was preceded in death by her parents. Donations can be made in memory of Sharon to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation or the Tango2 Research Foundation. To send condolences online, please visit www.branonfuneralhome.com.

Paid Obituary

Michael Edens

Michael Edens, 36, of Big Spring died Friday, Feb. 9, 2018. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Jose "Tivo" Ontiveros



Jose "Tivo" Ontiveros, 84, of Big Spring died Friday, Feb. 9, 2018. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with MSGR Bernard L. Gully, officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Nov. 27, 1933, in Big Spring to Luz Rodriguez Ontiveros and Juan Ontiveros. He married Martha Rey in Big Spring. She preceded him in death on July 8, 2012.

He is survived by two daughters, Carmen Hernandez of Big Spring and Maria Rosario and her husband Anthony of Big Spring; three sons, Manuel Ontiveros and his wife Christina of Big Spring, Jose Ontiveros and his wife Norma of Big Spring, and Joe Lewis Prieto, Sr. of Big Spring; one brother, Lupe Ontiveros and his wife Rosa of Big Spring; a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by two sons, Primitivo Ontiveros, Jr. and Martin Ontiveros; one sister, Jessie Cervantes; two brothers, Jose Ontiveros and Cesario Ontiveros.

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

Police blotter, Sheriff reports

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **BRITTENY JO HILGER**, 23, was arrested on charges of possession of controlled substance, and on possession of marijuana.
- **ELIZABETH LILLIE SHOUP**, 53, was arrested on a warrant of issuance of bad check.
- **JENNIFER MARTINEZ**, 30, was arrested on charges of possession of controlled substance, and on possession of marijuana.
- **BURGLARY OF HABITATION** was reported on 30 Meadowbrook Rd.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 100 block of Johnson Rd., in the 700 block of Settles St., and in the 500 block of State St.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 3600 block of W HWY 80.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 600 block of W I 20.

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 68 inmates at the time of this report.

- **MIKE HARRISON BARBER**, 36, was arrested by BSPD on possession of marijuana less than two ounces.
- **SAMANTHA JO CANTWELL**, 31, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **CHRISIAN GENE CARTER**, 19, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving with license invalid.
- **RAYMOND CHAVARRIA**, 62, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of driving while intoxicated.
- **JOHN ROSS COLLINS**, 33, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ADAN MICHAEL DE LA CRUZ**, 20, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of prohibited weapon knuckles.
- **CODY JO DEPAUW**, 37, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of driving while licenses invalid.
- **KEVIN DENNIS DONNELLY**, 54, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JAMES LEE DORLAND JR.**, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **KYLE LOGAN GERSTENBERGER**, 59, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of two counts hunting without license.

- **JUAN MANUEL GONZALEZ**, 39, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **BRITTENY JO HILGER**, 23, was arrested by BSPD on charges of possession of controlled substance, and on possession of marijuana.
- **CHRISTOPHER SCOTT HOHERTZ**, 43, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of driving while license invalid, and failure to appear.
- **JAVIER LOREDO**, 37, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **FIDEL MARTINEZ JR.**, 42, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving with license invalid.
- **JENNIFER MARTINEZ**, 30, was arrested by BSPD on charges of possession of controlled substance, and on possession of marijuana.
- **JON COLE MCLEOD**, 29, was arrested by DPS on charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **KEVIN JOE ROBLES**, 20, was arrested by HCSO on charge on possession of marijuana.
- **LILLIE SHOUP**, 53, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of issuance of bad check.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N HWY 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 900 block of S Scurry. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 8500 block of El Comino Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 4000 block of Alma Circe. 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.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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.

Take Note

• Scholarship packets for Coahoma High School seniors are now available at the counselor's office. Thousands of dollars worth scholarships opportunities are available to Coahoma High School students. The deadline to turn in applications for some of the scholarships is fast approaching. If students or parents have any questions or need help filling out any forms, please contact Chandra Brooks at 395-5000 or come by the high school office. Extra scholarship packets are available at front office. Please see Brooks at the high school office for a packet.

• 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, stimu-

lating, 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 pro-

gram, which requires a 24- to 30-week training program and dedication of one day per week for emergency call-outs. Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Joel Miller at 432-213-1221.

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

• Food 2 Kids Big

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

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

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

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

Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

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Trump infrastructure plan relies on state, local funding

By JONATHAN LEMIRE and MARTIN CRUTSINGER

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Monday launched a "big week" for his long-awaited infrastructure plan, which envisions spurring \$1.5 trillion in spending over a decade to rebuild roads and highways. The plan would fulfill some Trump campaign goals but rely heavily on state and local government for much of the funding.

Trump said on Twitter that it would be "a big week for Infrastructure. After so stupidly spending \$7 trillion in the Middle East, it is now time to start investing in OUR Country!" He was meeting with state and local officials at the White House later in the day to drum up support.

The administration's plan is centered on using \$200 billion in federal money to leverage local and state tax dollars to fix America's infrastructure, such as roads, highways, ports and airports.

Trump has repeatedly blamed the "crumbling" state of the nation's roads and highways for preventing the American economy from reaching its full potential. Many in Washington believe that Trump should have begun his term a year ago with an infrastructure push, one that could have garnered bipartisan support or, at minimum, placed Democrats in a bind for opposing a popular political measure.

But the administration chose to begin with health care and relations with Democrats have only grown more strained during a turbulent, contentious year. The administration has pushed two previous "infrastructure weeks," in June and August, that were sidetracked by other events.

This time, the White House is grappling with the fallout from the departure of a senior aide after spousal abuse allegations, which has dominated the political dialogue since last week.

The massive infrastructure plan's path through a polarized Congress isn't clear. Congress has just dealt with two federal government shutdowns and is turning its attention to immigration.

Administration officials previewing the plan said it would feature two key components: an injection of funding for new investments and help speed up repairs of crumbling roads and airports, as well as a streamlined permitting process that would truncate the wait time to get projects underway. Officials said the \$200 billion in federal support would come from cuts to existing programs.



AP photo

In this May 19, 2017, file photo, a man works on the Southern Nevada portion of U.S. Interstate 11 near Boulder City, Nev. President Donald Trump on Monday, Feb. 12, 2018, will unveil his long-awaited infrastructure plan, a \$1.5 billion proposal that fulfills a number of campaign goals, but relies heavily on state and local governments to produce much of the funding.

Half the money would go to grants for transportation, water, flood control, cleanup at some of the country's most polluted sites and other projects.

States, local governments and other project sponsors could use the grants — which administration officials view as incentives — for no more than 20 percent of the cost. Transit agencies generally count on the federal government for half the cost of major construction projects, and federal dollars can make up as much as 80 percent of some highway projects.

About \$50 billion, would go toward rural projects — transportation, broadband, water, waste, power, flood management and ports. That is intended to address criticism from some Republican senators that the administration's initial emphasis on public-private partnerships would do little to help rural, GOP-leaning states.

Early reaction to the proposal was divided. Jay Timmons, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, saluted Trump "for providing the leadership we have desperately needed to reclaim our rightful place as global leader on true 21st-century infrastructure."

"When ports are clogged, trucks are delayed, power is down, water is shut off, or the internet has a lapse, modern manufacturers' ability to compete is threatened and jobs are put at risk," said Timmons. "There is no excuse for inaction, and manufacturers are committed to ensuring that America seizes this opportunity."

But a number of Democrats and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce have pushed the administration to commit far more federal dollars, funded by tax increases, or by closing tax loopholes. And environmental groups expressed worry about its impact.

"President Trump's infrastructure proposal is a disaster," said Shelley Poticha, of the Natural Resources Defense Council. "It fails to offer the investment needed to bring our country into the 21st century. Even worse, his plan includes an unacceptable corporate giveaway by truncating environmental reviews."

al job! I don't think we'll ever have a guest artist as young and as good as Harmony. She's just exceptional, and very well received. It was a great audience."

Prior to the concert, at Friday's Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meeting, Giordano commented on Big Spring's good fortune in having the BSSO.

"This is extraordinary what Dr. Graumann has done, because it's very difficult to put together a symphony orchestra anywhere," Giordano said. "It's an astonishing thing that he's not only put together a symphony orchestra in a city that's not as large as some of the other cities around; the quality is far beyond that. I've conducted the Midland-Odessa Symphony as well, and I'd rather conduct this orchestra, because they play with such emotion, and they're involved, and they have such great spirit. They want to do the best they can. It's not just another job for them. They don't have to come here and do this, they come because they love Keith. They love the music he programs, and there's good camaraderie in the group. It's just a very unusual situation. I can't think of any place else in the United States like this."

The orchestra's next concert — the final one of the season — will be April 14: "Music of the Beatles" featuring the Jeans n' Classics Band. For information call 432-816-5196.

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

ORCHESTRA

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prodigy both on the piano keyboard and the chessboard; not only has she traveled all over the world performing at such venues as Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center, and with orchestras in Philadelphia, Detroit, Europe, and Asia; she also earned the title "Woman Candidate Master" in chess at the age of seven, and won the World Youth Chess Championships, held in the United Arab Emirates, at age 8.

"Harmony is as extraordinary as I thought she would be," said Giordano. "She's just a magnificent artist and she's going to have a great future. And I thought the orchestra stepped up to the occasion. That concerto, by the way, is probably the most difficult concerto in the entire repertoire to accompany. It's extremely difficult to put together. And the orchestra and she just made it work beautifully. So it was very rewarding. And the Brahms they played very well. It was a real honor to be here."

The "Brahms" Giordano mentioned came in the second half of the concert: The Symphony No. 4 in E Minor by Johannes Brahms. Giordano led the orchestra — without Zhu this time — through the work's four exquisite movements.

BSSO Music Director Dr. Keith Graumann praised the performance by Zhu, Giordano, and the orchestra.

"It was a great concert. Both the Chopin and the Brahms were great," he said. "Harmony did an exception-

Blackout hits northern Puerto Rico following fire, explosion



Getty Images photo

An ambulance rushes toward an electric substation in San Juan, Puerto Rico, after an explosion and fire caused a blackout across part of the island on Feb. 11.

By DANICA COTO

Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — An explosion and fire at an electric substation threw much of northern Puerto Rico into darkness late Sunday in a setback for the U.S. territory's efforts to fully restore power more than five months after Hurricane Maria started the longest blackout in U.S. history.

The island's Electric Power Authority said several municipalities were without power, including parts of the capital, San Juan, but they were optimistic it could be restored within a day as they worked to repair a substation that controls voltage.

The blast illustrated the challenges of restoring a power grid that was already crumbling before it was devastated by the Category 4 hurricane.

In many cases, power workers are repairing equipment that should have long been replaced but remained online due to the power authority's yearslong financial crisis. PREPA is worth roughly \$4 billion, carries \$9 billion in debt and has long been criticized for political patronage and inefficiency. It also struggled with frequent blackouts, including an island-wide outage in September 2016.

It was not immediately known what caused Sunday's fire, which was quickly extinguished. Officials said the explosion knocked two other substations offline and caused a total loss of 400 megawatts worth of generation.

"We are trying to restore that as quickly as possible," the company said.

Heavy black smoke billowed from the substation as neighbors in the area described on social media seeing the sky turn orange following a loud explosion. San Juan Mayor Carmen Cruz tweeted that no injuries had been reported and that power had been restored in some areas of the city.

The blackout comes as more than 400,000 power customers remain in the dark more than five months after Hurricane Maria. The storm destroyed two-thirds of the island's power distribution system and caused up to an estimated \$94 billion in damage.

Puerto Rico's governor announced last month that he plans to privatize the state-owned power company, which relies on infrastructure nearly three times older than the industry average. It would be the largest restructuring of a public entity in U.S. history.

One week after his announcement, a federal control board overseeing the island's finances asked that a judge authorize a loan of up to \$1.3 billion so the power company can keep operating. The board said the company could see an estimated \$1.2 billion loss in revenue in the first six months after Hurricane Maria.

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The Porter Debacle Confirms Trump's Incompetence

English monarchs are often known by their names and their most conspicuous traits, from William the Conqueror and Richard the Lion-Hearted to Bloody Mary and Edward Longshanks. If presidents followed that custom, the incumbent could borrow his title from the medieval king Ethelred, going down in history as Donald the Unready.

President Trump has an assortment of grave flaws: a conspiratorial mindset, an irrepressible streak of racial and religious bigotry, thin skin, and consuming narcissism. But no characteristic dominates this administration more thoroughly than his fundamental incompetence.

The case of staff secretary Robert Porter is damning not just because of his importance in the White House but because his record of domestic abuse elicited scant notice or concern from his superiors. It stemmed from a series of failures by multiple staffers and ended in a debacle.

As The Washington Post reported, "Porter was kept in a key role in which he had access to classified information and helped determine which articles and policy proposals made it to the president's desk while top Trump officials were aware for months of at least some of the serious allegations against him."

When more information about the allegations of violence came to light, chief of staff John Kelly staunchly defended him. It took a shocking photo of one ex-wife with a black eye to force the White House to finally cut him loose.

Porter got his job under Trump's first chief of staff, Reince Priebus, and continued under his second, Kelly. Neither did the due diligence that should

have occurred when his security clearance didn't come through — or else they didn't think the allegations were any big deal. They either failed to inform themselves or didn't act on what they learned. It was just the latest from a president who is a master of the own goal.

Priebus, notorious for his inability to impose order on Trump's schedule, visitors or decision-making process, eventually got the ax. Kelly has proved the wisdom of past chiefs who did their best to stay out of the limelight. Nearly every time he has voiced his opinions — on the Civil War, on treatment of women, on the "dreamers" — he has sounded like a callous fool. The serious mistakes the two have made speak volumes about Trump's judgment in hiring them.

No White House in memory has generated more needless turmoil in its first year. Think of all the Trump underlings who have flamed out: national security adviser Michael Flynn, chief strategist Steve Bannon, labor secretary nominee Andrew Puzder, press secretary Sean Spicer, communications director-designate Anthony Scaramucci, counterterrorism adviser Sebastian Gorka, Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price and public liaison Omarosa Manigault Newman.

If Trump had his way, Attorney General Jeff Sessions would also be gone, and possibly Secretary of State Rex Tillerson. Most of his departed appointees left with their reputations, not necessarily sterling at the start, in ruins.

Brookings Institution fellow Kathryn Dunn Tenpas calculated that first-year turnover among his senior officials was 34 percent. That's worse than any of his past five predecessors had — and double that of Ronald Reagan, who had the second-highest rate.

Many of those who have stayed are not exactly an advertisement for Trump's executive savvy.

His Middle East envoy, Jared Kushner, got the job by marrying the boss's daughter — and still doesn't have a security clearance. Ben Carson is about as qualified to run the Department of Housing and Urban Development as he is to teach ballet.

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke opened up nearly all of the East and West coasts to offshore drilling, only to clumsily backtrack to make an exception for Florida Gov. Rick Scott, a Republican running for re-election. Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen told a Senate committee she didn't know whether Norway is predominantly white.

Trump's blunders have alternated between tragedy and farce. His administration could have been invented by comedy writers as an uproarious departure from reality. But trashing the environment, flirting with nuclear conflagration and enabling neo-Nazis could be funny only as fiction.

A corporate chief executive who exhibited such mystifying priorities and rampant sloppiness, as well as a penchant for bad hires and constant turmoil, would be evicted without delay. But anyone so badly prepared to be a CEO would never get the job in the first place.

The president brings to mind what the 19th-century British statesman Benjamin Disraeli said when he was told that one colleague was out of his depth. "Out of his depth? He's 3 miles from shore!" When Trump sinks, he may take us all with him.

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DAILY PRAYER

May we see the world through
Your insight, Lord, instead of just
though our eyesight. Amen.

5 Clever Ways Readers Stretch a Buck

Sometimes the best way to save a buck is to look in the most unlikely places. I'm a huge fan of the fresh produce at my local 99 Cents Only store.

And milk, as compared with the price at my supermarket, is a bargain at the Walgreens across the street. But who knew we could decorate our homes using items from places like Dollar General? Our first reader discovered that, and I think her tactic is simply brilliant!

ALTERNATIVE DECOR. My husband and I recently repainted our living room for a fresh, new look and then realized our curtains no longer worked with the new color. We couldn't find anything that we both liked. To our surprise, we found fabric shower curtains at Dollar General that worked perfectly and were only \$10 each. Because of our window width, we needed four of them, but for only \$40 we have a totally new look in our living room, and we love it. — Trish

MAGNET RECYCLE. I display photos on my fridge without the

heavy magnets covering part of the picture. I use the magnetic business cards from advertisers, cut them in half lengthwise and tape one half of the magnet on the upper third of the back of the photo. Double-sided tape works the best, but I've also just taped the ends of the magnets with regular tape, and that works, too. One strip is fine for a 4-by-6-inch photo, but a larger photo may need two strips. — Ethel

DIY BATH POWDER. I love scented bath powder, but priced from \$17 to \$25, it is simply too expensive. I took an empty container of my bath powder and layered it with unscented baby powder and cotton balls that I had sprayed with my favorite perfume. I gave the powder puff from the original container a few spritzes of perfume, put it back in the container and closed it overnight. The scent was distributed evenly, and once again I can indulge myself with scented bath powder at a fraction of the cost. — Barbara

OIL SQUEEZE. When my kids were younger and just learning to cook, they had many mishaps with the bottle of vegetable oil. Often they poured too much because the opening of the bottle was so large. As I was cleaning out a squeeze ketchup bottle, it

occurred to me that it could be a great solution to the oil spills. I filled the flip-top squeeze bottle with oil, and now the kids use it with ease. It even helps me use less oil when something needs to be sauteed. And the bonus is the bottle fits better in my pantry, too. — Nancy

POISON OAK QUICK TREAT. When it comes to poison ivy, time is of the essence in treating it. Fels-Naptha works great, but so do most soaps. I've even used horse shampoo. One of my trail buddies soaps her forearms with Fels-Naptha before heading into the woods and then rinses it off after the ride. — Joan

Mary invites questions, comments and tips at mary@everydaycheapskate.com, or c/o *Everyday Cheapskate*, 12340 Seal Beach Blvd., Suite B-416, Seal Beach, CA 90740. This column will answer questions of general interest, but letters cannot be answered individually. Mary Hunt is the founder of www.DebtProofLiving.com, a personal finance member website and the author of "Debt-Proof Living," released in 2014. To find out more about Mary and read her past columns, please visit the Creators Syndicate webpage at www.creators.com.



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State report questions firefighters' choices in fatal blaze

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — State investigators say San Antonio firefighters didn't follow best practices or even their own policies when a rescuer died after rushing into a shopping center blaze to search for victims.

The State Fire Marshal's Office concluded that Scott Deem's death last May could have been prevented. The 31-year-old firefighter died after being sent to look for trapped civilians inside what turned out to be an empty gym.

The San Antonio Express-News reported Sunday that Fire Chief Charles Hood has stood by the decision to search the gym. But he said "mistakes were made" and stressed that his department needed to learn from the state's findings.

The report noted that the search-and-rescue team entered the gym without safety lines or hoses to find their way out of the pitch-black interior.

Rescued beluga whale to be moved to SeaWorld San Antonio

KENAI, Alaska (AP) — Officials say a rescued Cook Inlet beluga whale soon will call SeaWorld San Antonio home.

The Peninsula Clarion reports National Marine Fisheries Service official Kate Brogan says the Texas location is the best fit for the whale — named Tyonek — which has become both nutritionally and socially dependent and lacks the survival and socialization skills that are necessary for life in the wild.

The National Marine Fisheries Service in January began reviewing applications for which facility would make the best, permanent home for the whale, which has been under care of experts from the Alaska SeaLife Center in Seward since he was found in September in south-central Alaska.

Tyonek was less than a month old when he was rescued.

A specific date for Tyonek's move has not been set.

Texas husband fatally shoots wife in front of their children

HOUSTON (AP) — A Texas man has been charged with murder after police say he fatally shot his wife in front of their three children.

Police spokeswoman Jodi Silva says Daniel Martinez and his common law wife, Claudia Arriaga, were arguing early Saturday morning at a Houston residence when he pulled out a gun and shot her in front of the children. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

The ages of the children were not immediately known.

He was arrested and charged with murder.

Judge awards father custody of abused daughter's body

MILWAUKEE (AP) — A judge has awarded a Texas man exclusive custody of his abused daughter's body, which has languished in the Milwaukee County morgue for two months amid a dispute with the girl's mother, who is implicated in her death.

Circuit Court Judge David Borowski granted Michael Krouser's request at a hearing Friday, but he criticized Krouser for being absent from his children's lives for years. The judge ordered Krouser to arrange a funeral for his 14-year-old daughter. The Milwaukee County medical examiner's office said the girl's body was released to a Milwaukee funeral home late Friday afternoon.

Amina Krouser's mother, Azlyza Ababneh, is charged with abusing and neglecting her daughter resulting in the girl's death. Ababneh is Muslim and her attorney says that for religious reasons, Ababneh objects to the father's plans to cremate Amina's body and have the ashes sent to his home in San Antonio.

Because Ababneh is not charged with homicide, she retains the right under Wisconsin law to determine how her daughter's remains should be handled.

Michael Krouser, who admitted that since his divorce from Ababneh he had paid little if any child support, asked for exclusive custody of his daughter's remains. The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reports that although the judge called Krouser's behavior as a father "atrocious" and "despicable," he said could not allow the girl's body to remain at the morgue and eventually be turned over to the county to be buried in an unmarked grave.

"That would be a further indignity to this poor child," Borowski said.

According to a criminal complaint, Amina Krouser and her two siblings lived with their mother in a house that had no heat or running water. The teen became ill with cold-like symptoms Nov. 26, and Ababneh believed her daughter was being lazy and beat her with a belt and a plastic pipe, according to the criminal complaint and medical examiner's report. The girl was taken to a hospital and died Dec. 10.

In giving Krouser control of his daughter's body, Borowski did not rule whether it had to be cremated or buried. But he did order Krouser to hold a funeral for her.

"She at least deserves a decent, respectful service," Borowski said.

3 dead, 4 rescued after Grand Canyon helicopter crash



In this Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018, photo, a survivor, lower right, walks away from the scene of a deadly tour helicopter crash along the jagged rocks of the Grand Canyon, in Arizona.

By **WALTER BERRY**
Associated Press

PHOENIX (AP) — Four survivors of a deadly tour helicopter crash onto the jagged rocks of the Grand Canyon were being treated at a Nevada hospital on Sunday while crews tackled difficult terrain in a remote area to try to recover the bodies of three other people.

Six British tourists and a pilot were on board the Papillon Grand Canyon Helicopters chopper when it crashed under unknown circumstances on Saturday evening on the Hualapai Nation's land near Quartermaster Canyon, by the Grand Canyon's West Rim. A witness said he saw flames and black smoke spewing from the crash site, heard explosions and saw victims who were bleeding and badly burned.

"It's just horrible," witness Teddy Fujimoto said. "And those victims — she was so badly burned. It's unimaginable, the pain."

Windy conditions, darkness and the rugged terrain made it difficult to reach the helicopter's wreckage, Hualapai Nation police Chief Francis Bradley said. Rescue crews had to fly in, walk to the crash site and use night vision goggles to find their way around, he said.

The survivors were airlifted to a Las Vegas hospital by around 2 a.m. Sunday, Bradley said.

All six passengers were from the United Kingdom, the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office confirmed. Three passengers

and the pilot were airlifted to a Las Vegas hospital early Sunday, Bradley said, according to the Arizona Republic.

Authorities didn't immediately release the names or ages of the victims.

National Transportation Safety Board officials were expected at the crash scene by Sunday afternoon to begin investigating what caused the chopper to go down, Bradley said. The Federal Aviation Administration also will be investigating the crash of the Eurocopter EC130, spokesman Allen Kenitzer said.

National Weather Service meteorologists in Flagstaff and Phoenix said winds were blowing an estimated 10 mph (16 kph) with gusts of 20 mph (32 kph) around the time of the crash.

Fujimoto, a Las Vegas photographer who was doing a wedding shoot at the time of the crash, said he suddenly saw people running toward the edge of a gulch. He said he heard gasps and went to check out the commotion coming from about 600 feet (183 meters) below.

"In the gulch, there was a helicopter, flames, smoke," he said. "It was horrible."

He said that's when two or three small explosions went off in the wreckage and people weren't sure what to do. He said some other pilots flying helicopters in the area at the time of the crash descended into the gulch and delivered water and first aid supplies.

Fujimoto said he saw two badly injured women and one of them

was yelling out a man's name. He said one of them "was pretty much burned all over."

"Her hands were bloody and body was just more burned," Fujimoto said.

The other woman, he said, was "covered in blood" and was bleeding from her head or neck.

Fujimoto said he has taken helicopter rides for photo shoots for the past few years and generally felt safe. He said the crash aftermath is the worst thing he's ever witnessed.

The tour company promised full cooperation with crash investigators and offered its sympathy.

"It is with extreme sadness we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the families involved in this accident," Papillon Group CEO Brenda Halvorson said in a statement. "Our top priority is the care and needs of our passengers and our staff."

The Nevada-based company's website says it flies roughly 600,000 passengers a year around the Grand Canyon and on other tours. It notes that it "abides by flight safety rules and regulations that substantially exceed the regulations required by the Federal Aviation Administration."

In August 2001, a Grand Canyon tour helicopter operated by Papillon crashed and burned near Meadview, Arizona. The pilot and five passengers died. An NTSB report issued in 2004 blamed the pilot's decision to descend too fast and too close to the scenic Grand Wash Cliffs.

Attorney general suit: Weinstein Co. failed to protect women

TOM McELROY
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — New York's attorney general is accusing Hollywood movie producer Harvey Weinstein of "repeatedly and persistently" sexually harassing female employees at his film company, according to a lawsuit filed on Sunday by the state prosecutor that could impact the company's potential sale.

"As alleged in our complaint, The Weinstein Company repeatedly broke New York law by failing to protect its employees from pervasive sexual harassment, intimidation, and discrimination," state Attorney General Eric Schneiderman said in court papers filed against Weinstein and the company.

Schneiderman launched a civil rights probe into the New York City-based company in October after The New York Times and The New Yorker exposed allegations of sexual assault and harassment spanning decades.

Weinstein's attorney, Ben Brafman, released a statement Sunday evening saying many of the allegations against his client are "without merit."

"While Mr. Weinstein's behavior was not without fault, there certainly was no criminality, and at the end of

the inquiry it will be clear that Harvey Weinstein promoted more women to key executive positions than any other industry leader and there was zero discrimination at either Miramax or TWC," Brafman said.

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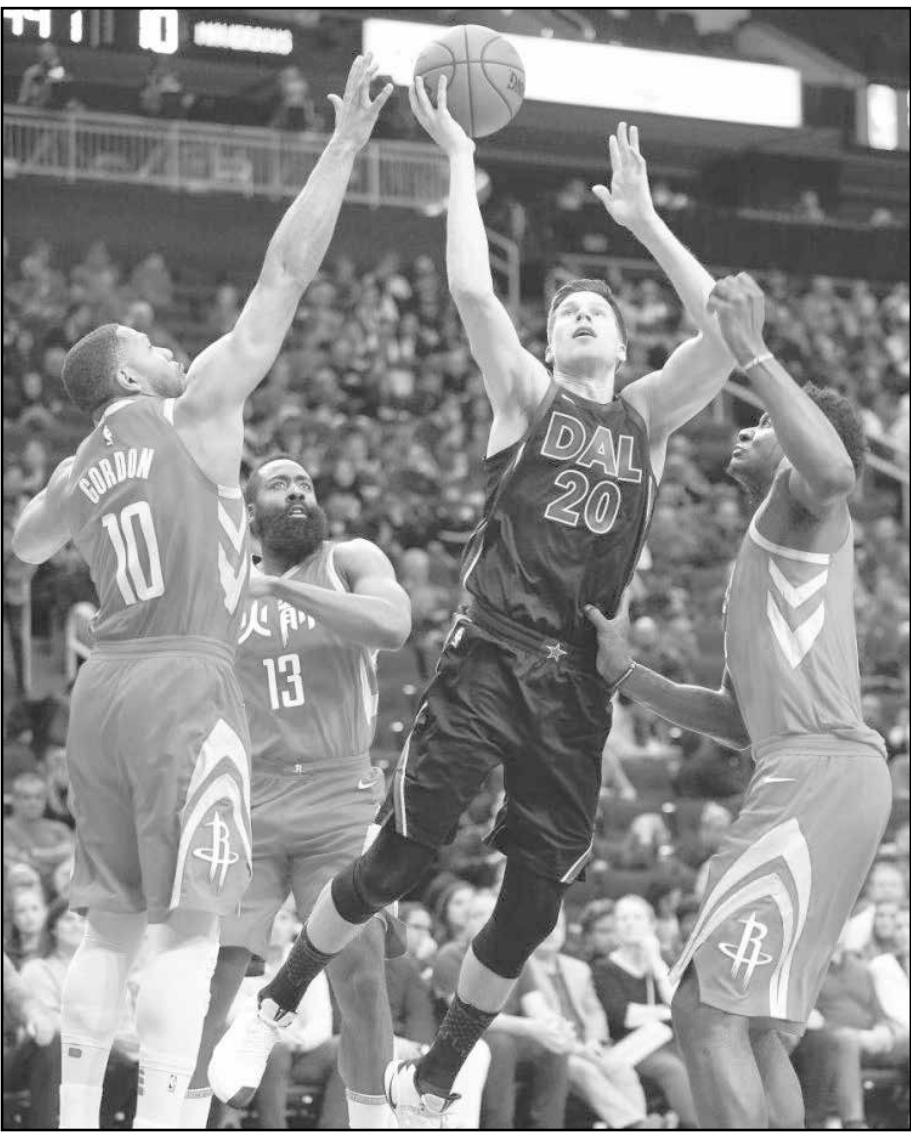
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Rockets beat Mavericks 104-97 for 8th straight win



Dallas Mavericks forward Doug McDermott (20) shoots as Houston Rockets guard Eric Gordon (10) and center Clint Capela, right, defend during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Sunday, Feb. 11, 2018, in Houston.

By KRISTIE RIEKEN
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — In the past, the Houston Rockets would sometimes fall victim to so-called trap games, losing against sub-par teams.

This season these Rockets have largely avoided such losses, and they did so again on Sunday night with a 104-97 win over the short-handed Dallas Mavericks. "That's the difference between 50 wins and 60-plus and average teams and great teams," James

Harden said. "We're not where we want to be, but that's the goal."

Harden scored 27 points, Chris Paul added 25 and the Rockets easily handled Mavericks for their eighth straight win and 12th in the last 13.

"There's different ways on different nights and you've just got to find ways to win," Harden said. "Tonight was one of those games."

The Rockets led for most of the game, but the Mavericks kept it close until a couple of runs in the third quarter allowed Houston to pull away.

They were up by 12 to start the fourth quarter and led 93-77 after four straight points by Nene early in the quarter. Yogi Ferrell had the next seven points, highlighted by a 3-pointer he made before crashing to the ground as he was fouled, to cut the lead to 93-84 with about eight minutes remaining.

Houston scored the first five points, with a basket from Paul just before the shot clock expired followed by a 3 from Harden that spurred Dallas coach Rick Carlisle to call a timeout with about six minutes left.

But the Mavericks, who were playing their first game this season without Dirk Nowitzki, didn't threaten again and most of the Rockets' starters were soon on the bench with the game in hand.

"It's a lot to come (them) to come in here and win the game," Carlisle said of his injury-plagued team. "But to basically compete the whole way and hang around

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Bulldogs fall to Clyde 61-44



Coahoma's Bryson Cline (14) shoots for two during their basketball game vs. the Clyde Bulldogs held Friday, Feb. 6, 2018, in Clyde.

Special to the Herald

The Coahoma varsity Bulldogs lost to the Clyde Bulldogs 61-44 Friday night.

The Clyde Bulldogs were consistent at the post as they scored 15 points per quarter, except for the first, where they collected 16.

Gage Clark dropped the ball in from a successful jump shot to put the first points on the scoreboard for Coahoma. Zack Schneider followed by sinking one from under the basket. Clark and Bryson Cline scored 5 more points to boost the Bulldogs to 9 points for the first.

In the second, the 'Dogs added 10 points to the

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No. 7 Texas Tech beats Kansas State to take sole Big 12 lead

By ANDREW HAMMOND

Associated Press

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — Texas Tech coach Chris Beard was just happy to walk out with a victory.

"We were pleased to win another Big 12 game today," Beard said.

Keenan Evans scored 19 points and No. 7 Texas Tech beat Kansas State 66-47 on Saturday night to take sole possession of the Big 12 lead.

"These games are so hard to win with all the preparation and you have to play well to win especially on the road in this league," Beard said. "I am happy for our guys. Defensively we dialed in. I think we played our fullest 40 minutes of the year defensively."

Texas Tech (21-4, 9-3) relied on strong second-half defense. After a 27-27 deadlock in the first half, the Red Raiders turned up the pressure.

"They were denying re-

turn passes so we had to adjust from running a couple of days." Cartier Diarra said. "I still feel like we adjusted pretty well. I feel like we got shots that we wanted, but they just did not fall."

In the second half, Kansas State (17-8, 6-6) had more turnovers (11) than made baskets (5) and ended up shooting just 29 percent on the night.

Dean Wade led the Wildcats with 13 points on 4-of-12 shooting.

At the end of the night, the Red Raiders are atop the Big 12 and guard Keenan Evans isn't worried about outside opinions. They are just trying to shock the world.

"We are Texas Tech in Lubbock." Evans said.

"Nobody really talks about us that much. That was not really a factor for us. We knew what we were working for and game by game we are just trying to shock the world."

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Kansas State guard Cartier Diarra (2) reaches for a rebound against Texas Tech center Norense Odiase (32) during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game in Manhattan, Kan., Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018.

AP photo

A&M's Caldwell dismissed, Chandler suspended indefinitely

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Texas A&M basketball player J.J. Caldwell has been dismissed from the team and Jay Jay Chandler has been suspended indefinitely after the two were arrested Sunday for possession of marijuana.

The school announced the punishments for the

freshmen Sunday, saying they violated Texas A&M policy.

Brazos County Jail records indicate that both players were arrested by Texas A&M police on Sunday for marijuana possession. They each posted \$2,000 bond and were released.

This isn't the first time Caldwell has been

in trouble after the guard was suspended for the first five games of the season for violating school policy. The school did not elaborate on the reason for his suspension at the time, but Brazos County court records indicated that he was arrested on a misdemeanor charge of driving while intoxi-

cated in May. That case was dismissed Sept. 20.

Caldwell has appeared in 16 games this season with five starts and was averaging 2.9 points and 1.9 rebounds. Chandler has appeared in 24 games with four starts and was averaging four points and one rebound a game.

Kolt Redden (15) puts up a shot during the JV Bulldogs vs. the Clyde Bulldogs game held Friday, Feb. 6, 2018, in Clyde.

Special to the Herald

The Coahoma JV Red team lost 50-25 to the Clyde Bulldogs in high school boys basketball action held Friday at Clyde High School.

Clyde jumped out fast as they scored 10 straight points in the first quarter before Coahoma's, Sean Striegler, broke the streak by nailing a jumper. Striegler's field goal ignited a fire under the Coahoma team, who started to chip away at Clyde's lead.

Following up about 30 seconds later, Kolt Redden grabbed an inbound pass and buried the ball into the net. A Clyde player answered back at the free throw line to stretch their lead by 9 points, 13-4.

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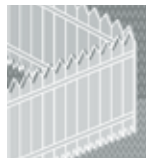
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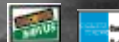
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♥ —
♦ K 10 8 7 3
♣ K 9 3 2

WEST
♠ K 9
♥ Q J 6 2
♦ A J 4
♣ Q 7 6 4

EAST
♠ 5
♥ A 10 8 7 5 3
♦ Q 6 5 2
♣ J 10

SOUTH
♠ J 10 8 7 6 2
♥ K 9 4
♦ 9
♣ A 8 5

The bidding:
West North East South
1 ♠ 1 ♦ 1 ♥ 2 ♠
3 ♥ Pass (!) 4 ♥ Pass
Pass 4 ♠ Pass Pass
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Opening lead queen of hearts.
A pass is generally regarded as a sign of weakness, but there are times when it can be used to mask an ulterior purpose.
For a striking example of the lethal power of a strategic pass, consider this deal featuring Peter Weichsel, for many years one of the world's top players.
Weichsel, North, overcalled West's

club bid with one diamond. East then bid one heart, and South barged in with two spades, a weak bid as played by Weichsel and his partner. But after West next bid three hearts, Weichsel passed!
He knew, of course, that he had the values for a three- or four-spade bid, but he felt confident that East would not drop the bidding before game was reached.
As expected, East did continue on to four hearts — though after a lengthy pause during which Weichsel no doubt died a thousand deaths — and Weichsel belatedly bid four spades. This rolled around to West, who thought that North was sacrificing, so he doubled.
This turned out to be a disastrous decision when declarer made the contract with two overtricks, losing only a diamond. As a result, North-South scored a tidy 1,190 points, directly attributable to Weichsel's well-judged second-round pass.
It is true that the pass of three hearts would have turned sour had East been sufficiently inspired to pass also, but Weichsel had the courage to back his conviction that East would bid. His judgment was amply rewarded when everything turned out exactly as he had planned.

Tomorrow: A case of fitnessitis.
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SUDOKU

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

ANSWER:

Annie's Mailbox

Thirty's a Crowd
Dear Annie: Though the holidays are behind us, I'm left with some lingering resentment. My problem is that we host too many guests. I married into a family of seven. This family has since grown to 30 people, even with the deaths of the mother and father. My wife and I took on the hosting of the annual Christmas get-together for the family, but it has gotten out of hand, in my opinion, over the past 17 years. With the exception of one year we spent in Hawaii at Christmastime, we have hosted the gathering, even though others have the ability and a home big enough to do so; no one else has ever offered to host. To add to my perceived problem, there are some 16 to 19 other people who come to my home each Christmas Eve who are invited by others and by my wife.
I will not go into all the mess they leave behind or the fact that I have, for the most part, funded this for all these years. (My choice.) It's beginning to be a royal pain to me -- so much so that I'm at my wits' end. My wife refuses to even consider cutting back on this out-of-hand party. Relatives, I can deal with, but all these uninvited-by-me guests are beginning to be a pain in the rear. My wife seems to think that once invited, always invited. I

might add that I also have a large family on my side, whom we never entertain, at least not on the scale we do for hers. Am I just an old curmudgeon? -- Crowded House
Dear Crowded House: You're tired of hosting 30 family members and 20 people you hardly know every year. That doesn't make you a curmudgeon; that makes you human. Talk honestly to your wife about your feelings. Find a compromise -- such as limiting the event to family and close friends only or alternating years and letting one of the other 30 relatives take a turn. If you're frustrated that you don't often host your side of the family, tell your wife that, too. The good news is you've got all year to work out a plan that works for you both.
Dear Annie: A friend of mine died recently. She went through a terrible time during her last weeks, but the trauma was from her living arrangements made by her children, not from the pain. They say you learn a lot about life through death, and it is certainly true. I want to share some of the things that she and her nurses shared with me.
Remember that even on hospice care, your loved one is living. Place the hospital bed in the living room, where the patient can still have access to life. Do not relegate the

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Keep all of your loved one's favorite foods and beverages on hand; you don't know when something might sound good to him or her. When you come to visit, bring some of those things, and please don't forget to bring some along for the caregivers; they are physically and mentally exhausted.
Finally, let the patient make the decisions when it comes to visits from family and friends. If your loved one was an extrovert in life, there's good reason to suspect that the same will be true until he or she has no life left. -- Betty
Dear Betty: I'm sorry for your loss. Thank you for passing on the wisdom of your friend and her nurses.
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The Moon of Done
BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



The three earth phases of the moon are Taurus, which is focused on doing things the economical way, Virgo, which is focused on doing things the right way, and Capricorn, which is focused on doing things in the way that gets them done. Bonus points for making quick work of it. Get in there and finish, and then dust off your hands and don't look back.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Those who put others in a position where they feel they have no choice will know nothing of loyalty or love. As 17th-century man of letters John Milton said, "who overcomes by force, hath overcome but half his foe."
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). What it means to know and love someone is so much deeper than can be put into words, but try anyway. Your loved ones will cherish the way you express your heart.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There's nothing major keeping you from the one who has your heart, but sometimes little things can seem major just because they require you to face a fear. You can solve it in a phone call. Make it after 2 p.m.
CANCER (June 22-July 22). You recognize beauty wherever you see it. Still, it makes a far greater impact when it's fresh beauty. This is reason enough to leave your environment for a while today to witness what you never have before.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). All you have to do is think of the one you love and your physiology will change; you'll feel warmer and more vital. Your mind, body and spirit will seem to align into one fluid dance.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). They smile and say supportive words -- some of which they don't mean at all, though

the energy of a chore.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It takes only a few seconds to wish someone well, but it's a powerful piece of consciousness that could change everything. So go on and sync up your heart and mind to shoot arrows of good energy into the core of the world.
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Example: Dear Taylor, The reason I'm writing is that you've made me so happy these past few weeks and I thought maybe you'd like to know that.
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ANDY CAPP

...SO THAT'S FINE BY YOU THEN, ANDY?
YES, PET

ABOUT EIGHT O'CLOCK SUIT YOU?
YES, PET

I REALLY MUST START LISTENING TO FLO. I'VE AGREED TO HER MOTHER AND SISTER COMING TO SUPPER

AGNES

YOU'RE NOT GOING TO SELL "AGNES" LOVE BOLOGNA" AT SCHOOL, ARE YOU?
VALENTINE'S DAY IS FAST AND FURIOUSLY APPROACHING. I NEED WEALTH.

OUT IN THE OPEN?
VERY SURREPTITIOUSLY. IT WILL BE MOST CLANDESTINE. THAT WILL ADD TO ITS APPEAL.

IF YOU GET CAUGHT, YOU'LL GET DETENTION.
I CHECKED. NO MENTION OF LOVE BOLOGNA IN THE RULES.

ARCHIE

YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED, ALWAYS BORROWING MY HARD-EARNED CASH!

"HARD-EARNED"? YOU WORK?
WELL, NOT EXACTLY! MOSTLY, DAD LENDS IT TO ME!

BUT TALKING HIM INTO DOING THAT IS A JOB!

ONE BIG HAPPY

RUTHIE, DID YOU HEAR THE ONE ABOUT THE TWO FLEAS GOING TO A PARTY?
ONE FLEA SAID TO THE OTHER, "SHOULD WE WALK OR TAKE A DOG?"

HA-HA! GET IT?
GRANDPA, WILLIE HAS ONE OF THOSE COLLARS—NO FLEAS!

MOMMA

I WAS JUMPING ROPE IN KINDERGARTEN ONCE, WHEN I TRIPPED AND FELL DOWN.
A GIRL LAUGHED AT ME, SO I SAID IT WAS A STUPID GAME THAT ONLY STUPID PEOPLE WERE GOOD AT.
SHOULDN'T YOU JUST KEEP AT IT UNTIL YOU GET BETTER?

I'M TRYING TO TELL AN INSPIRING STORY HERE!
SO FAR, YOU'VE JUST INSPIRED ME TO DENY YOU'RE MY SISTER.

WHAT?
HMMMM...

THE NBC-WALL ST. JOURNAL POLL SHOWS 67% OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE DISAPPROVE OF YOU.

NEST HEAD

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This Date In History

Today is Monday, Feb. 12, the 43rd day of 2018. There are 322 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 12, 1809, Abraham Lincoln, the 16th president of the United States, was born in a log cabin in Hardin (now LaRue) County, Kentucky.

On this date:

In 1554, Lady Jane Grey, who had claimed the throne of England for nine days, and her husband, Guildford Dudley, were beheaded after being condemned for high treason.

In 1818, Chile officially proclaimed its independence, more than seven years after initially renouncing Spanish rule.

In 1909, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was founded.

In 1914, groundbreaking took place for the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. (A year later on this date, the cornerstone was laid.)

In 1924, George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" premiered in New York.

In 1940, the radio play "The Adventures of Superman" debuted with Bud Collyer as the Man of Steel.

In 1959, the redesigned Lincoln penny — with an image of the Lincoln Memorial replacing two ears of wheat on the reverse side — went into circulation.

In 1963, a Northwest Orient Airlines Boeing 720 broke up during severe turbulence and crashed into the Florida Everglades, killing all 43 people aboard.

In 1973, Operation Homecoming began as the first release of American prisoners of war from the Vietnam conflict took place.

In 1980, the FBI announced that about \$5,800 of the \$200,000 ransom paid to hijacker "D.B. Cooper" before he parachuted from a Northwest Orient jetliner in 1971 had been found by an 8-year-old boy on a riverbank of the Columbia River in Washington state.

In 1993, in a crime that shocked and outraged Britons, two 10-year-old boys lured 2-year-old James Bulger from his mother at a shopping mall near Liverpool, England, then beat him to death.

In 1999, the Senate voted to acquit President Bill Clinton of perjury and obstruction of justice.

Ten years ago: Democrat Barack Obama and Republican John McCain won their respective parties' primaries in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia. General Motors reported losing \$38.7 billion in 2007, a record annual loss in automotive history, and offered buyouts to 74,000 hourly workers. Character actor David Groh died in Los Angeles at age 68. Uno became the first beagle named Westminster's best in show.

Five years ago: The man-hunt for a rogue ex-Los Angeles cop seeking revenge for his firing came to an end with his apparent suicide in a mountain cabin following a gunbattle with law enforcement; authorities blamed him for killing four people, including two officers. President Barack Obama set up high-stakes clashes over guns, immigration, taxes and climate change in his State of the Union address. The U.N. Security Council strongly condemned North Korea's latest nuclear test. IOC leaders dropped wrestling for the 2020 Games in a surprise decision to scrap one of the oldest sports on the Olympic program.

One year ago: Northern California authorities ordered the evacuation of some 200,000 people from communities near the Oroville Dam, where an emergency spillway was in danger of flooding. (After officials drained water from the lake behind the dam and made emergency repairs, residents were allowed to return.) At the Grammy Awards, Adele took home all five awards she was nominated for, including album ("25"), as well as record and song of the year ("Hello"). Grammy-winning jazz singer Al Jarreau, 76, died at a Los Angeles hospital, just days after announcing his retirement from touring because of exhaustion.

Today's Birthdays: Movie

director Franco Zeffirelli is 95. Movie director Costa-Gavras is 85. Basketball Hall of Famer Bill Russell is 84. Actor Joe Don Baker is 82. Author Judy Blume is 80. Former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak is 76. Country singer Moe Bandy is 74. Actress Maud Adams is 73. Actor Cliff DeYoung is 72. Actor Michael Ironside is 68. Rock musician Steve

Hackett is 68. Rock singer Michael McDonald is 66. Actress Joanna Kerns is 65. Actor-talk show host Arsenio Hall is 62. Actor John Michael Higgins is 55. Actor Raphael Sbarge is 54. Actress Christine Elise is 53. Actor Josh Brodin is 50. Singer Chynna Phillips is 50. Rock musician Jim Creeggan (Barenaked Ladies) is 48. Rhythm-and-

blues musician Keri Lewis is 47. Actor Jesse Spencer is 39. Rapper Gucci Mane is 38. Actress Sarah Lancaster is 38. Actress Christina Ricci is 38. NFL quarterback Robert Griffin III is 28. Actress Jennifer Stone is 25. Actresses Baylie and Rylie Cregut (TV: "Raising Hope") are eight.

Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

1 Page of a book
5 Ancient
8 Fearless and daring
12 ___ Grey tea
13 Hang on to
15 Brownish photo tint
16 India's continent
17 Emphatic Spanish agreement
18 Flatten with an iron
19 Places for students in a classroom
21 With 54 Across, 38/40 Across' place in history
23 Takes a nap
25 Jack's beanstalk foe
26 All done
28 Secret agent
31 They top i's and j's
35 Space aliens: Abbr.
36 Net-guarding soccer player
38 With 40 Across, bearded VIP with a February 12th birthday
40 See 38 Across
41 Abounded
42 Spider's creation
43 Mothers of lambs
44 Sailor's assent
45 Obtain by trickery
48 Dined at home
49 Holiday following Lent
54 See 21 Across
58 Lift up
59 Not tight
60 King, queen or jack

DOWN

1 Acts as a guide
2 Artist's stand
3 Stand up
4 Bit of falling snow
5 Gives one's approval
6 Hawaiian garlands
7 Decorator's plans
8 French flat cap

9 Unlock
10 Shopper's reminder
11 100-yard race
14 Mischievous sprite
15 Shell out for
20 Relaxing resort
22 Real and apparent
24 Stabilized
27 Bank's cash dispenser: Abbr.
28 At a snail's pace
29 Untidy stack
30 Longings
31 Spreadsheet info
32 Do as one's told
33 Mahogany or maple
34 All of America's uncle
37 ___ in the hole (hidden advantage)

39 Of greater weight and size
40 Turkey drumstick
42 Person dreaming of fame
46 Brother's daughter
47 Serving of corn
48 Item of value
50 Really enjoy, as a meal
51 Crown for a princess
52 Opinion piece
53 Fishing-line holders
54 Raindrop sound
55 Lines of theater seats
56 Countless ages
57 Cafeteria food holder
61 Change the color of

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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Thought for Today:

"Human beings are the only creatures who are able to behave irrationally in the name of reason."

Ashley Montagu,
English anthropologist
(1905-1999).

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VARSITY

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board thanks to Cline, Mason Moore and Jonathon Schneider. The Bulldogs were down by 12 with the score at 31-19 at the half.

Clyde came back from the locker room with momentum as they stretched their lead to 17.

Z. Schneider led the way for the Co-

ahoma Bulldogs by scoring the first goal of the quarter. He later added two more baskets before the buzzer sounded to end the third. Cline and Clark also contributed to the Bulldog's overall tally.

A basket by Moore started the momentum flow for Coahoma in the fourth as it kicked off their best quarter of the game. Following up on his score, the senior immediately sank a ball in at the free throw line.

Cline netted 6 points overall and Joe Manning scored the last two baskets for Coahoma. Although the Bulldogs racked up 15 points in the last quarter, Clyde matched Coahoma's gain exactly to leave the deficit gap unchanged. Clyde earned the win 61-44.

The Coahoma Bulldogs will be back in action Tuesday night when they host the Colorado City Wolves. The game begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Coahoma ISD competition gym.

JV

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A little later in the quarter as Clyde headed down the court to set up their offense, Redden stole the ball and forced Clyde to switch to defensive mode.

After several passes between the Coahoma Bulldogs players, the ball fell into hands of Garrett Anderson, who turned toward the post and nailed a shot from behind the arc to cut the Coahoma's deficit down to 6.

Playing heavy defense for the rest of the first, Coahoma halted Clyde from making any more field goals.

Redden stepped up once again for his team as he scored in the second quarter, followed up with a field goal from Isaiah Martin, to narrow Clyde's lead to only 2.

Another Coahoma steal, this time by Isaac Murillo, forced Clyde to defend their post once again.

After patiently waiting for an opening, Murillo sank a shot in for 3 points giving the Coahoma JV team a slim 1-point advantage. The score was now 14-13.

Unfortunately for Coahoma, Clyde was quick to answer back. By the end of the half, the Clyde Bulldogs collected 12 more pointsto give them a 25-15 lead.

Returning for the third, Redden made the first field goal to send a message, but Coahoma wasn't quite ready to load the bus for home. Then Clyde hit on another streak this time adding 9 points to their tally.

With 1:19 minutes left to go in the third, Striegler buried the ball to kick off a small Coahoma Bulldog run. With 4 seconds left in the third, Tony Hagins nailed a shot from behind the 3-point arc to send Coahoma into the fourth with an 11 point deficit.

Clyde dashed any hopes of a comeback for Coahoma in the last quarter of play as they held the team to only two points, which game from a jump shot by Brant Gartman with 51 seconds left in the game.

Overall, Clyde earned 16 points in the fourth to secure the 50-25 win.

Earlier in the evening, the Coahoma JV White team lost to Clyde 45-6.

The Coahoma JV Red team will play their last game of the season Tuesday at home against the Colorado City Wolves. The game begins at 5:15 p.m. in the Coahoma ISD competition gym.

Wind, ice make this Olympics too wintry

By **GRAHAM DUNBAR** and **HOWARD FENDRICH**

AP Sports Writers

PYEONGCHANG, South Korea (AP) — The Winter Olympics are supposed to be cold, of course. Just maybe not THIS cold.

Wind and ice pellets left Olympic snowboarders simply trying to stay upright in conditions that many felt were unfit for competition, the best ski jumpers on the planet dealing with swirling gusts and biathletes aiming to shoot straight.

All around the games, athletes and fans are dealing with conditions that have tested even the most seasoned winter sports veterans.

Low temperatures have hovered in the single digits, dipping below zero Fahrenheit with unforgiving gusts whipping at 45 mph (70 kph) making it feel much colder. Organizers have shuffled schedules, and shivering spectators left events early.

The raw air sent hundreds of fans to the exits Sunday when qualifying was called off after women's slopestyle devolved into a mess of mistakes, and Monday's final started 75 minutes late. Of the 50 runs, 41 ended with a fall or a rider essentially giving up. The temperature dropped to 3 Fahrenheit, with high winds.

American Jamie Anderson won the gold medal by watching most of her competitors struggle, and then completing a conservative run that paled in comparison to her winning performance at the X Games just two weeks ago.

"It has to be absolutely petrifying, terrifying, being up that high in the air, and having a gust 30 mph coming sideways at you," said United States Ski and Snowboard Association CEO Tiger Shaw.

Many of the snowboarders didn't think they should have been out there.

"You're going up the chairlift and you see these little tornadoes," said Czech snowboarder Sarka Pancohova, who finished 16th, "and you're like, 'What is this?'"

At ski jumping, giant netting was set up to reduce the wind that can blow at three times the optimal velocity for the sport. Didn't help all that much, though: The men's normal hill final on Saturday was pushed back repeatedly and eventually finished after midnight.

"It was unbelievably cold," said Japan's Noriaki Kasai, competing at his record eighth Olympics. "The noise of the wind at the top of the jump was incredible. I've never experienced anything like that on the World Cup circuit. I said to myself, 'Surely, they are going to cancel this.'"

Alpine skiing, meanwhile, still hasn't been able to get started at all, leaving stars like Mikaela Shiffrin of the U.S. and Aksel Lund Svindal of Norway waiting for their turn in the spotlight. Each of the first two races on the program — the men's downhill Sunday, and the women's giant slalom Monday — were called off hours before they were supposed to begin. Both of those have been moved to Thursday, when things are supposed to become slightly more manageable.

The forecast calls for more high winds Tuesday and Wednesday, although temperatures are expected to climb to 26.

"I am pretty sure that soon," men's race director Markus Waldner said with a wry smile, "we will have a race."

Until then, he and other officials are left trying to come up with contingency plans and ways to get the full 11-race Alpine program completed before the Olympics are scheduled to close on Feb. 25.

As it is, logistical complications are real concerns. Waldner pointed out that he needs to figure out a way to get three men's races — the combined, down-



AP photo

Wind gust engulfs the half pipe course during the women's halfpipe qualifying at Phoenix Snow Park at the 2018 Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea, Monday, Feb. 12, 2018.

hill and super-G — completed by Friday, because there is only one hotel right by the speed course at the Jeongseon Alpine Center. The male skiers need to vacate their rooms to make way for their female counterparts, whose speed events are supposed to begin Saturday.

"Now, it's getting tight," he said.

Even those attending indoor events have been tested. Long, cold waits for buses have left workers, media and fans complaining.

Those involved in winter sports are used to this sort of thing, of course.

At the 2007 Alpine world championships in Sweden, for example, strong winds wiped out first three days of competition. At the 1993 world championships in Japan, the men's super-G was never contested.

Can happen the other way, too. At the 2010 Vancouver Games, the first two Alpine races were postponed because of rain and — get this — too-warm temperatures in the 40s (below 10 Celsius). The entire Alpine world championships slated for Spain in 1995 were rescheduled for a whole year later because of a lack of snow.

"That's a piece of the puzzle that, I guess, fortunately or unfortunately is part of our world," U.S. Alpine men's speed coach John McBride said. "You're dealing with Mother Nature."

ROCKETS

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and make them play ... was good. I thought our guys got better tonight."

Paul had nine assists and eight rebounds and Harden had five assists and six rebounds.

Ferrell scored 20 points for the Mavs, who have lost eight of 10. Dwight Powell had 18 points and 12 rebounds.

The Rockets were up by two early in the third quarter when they used an 8-2 run to make it 68-60 with about 8½ minutes left in the quarter.

Powell scored four points in a row later in the third to get Dallas within 5. Harden made two free throws after that before both teams went cold, with nobody scoring for the next 2½ minutes.

Maximilian Kleber ended the

drought with an alley-oop to cut the lead to 76-71 with about three minutes left.

Houston got back on track after that, using an 8-2 spurt to make it 84-73 with less than a minute left in the quarter. Eric Gordon got things going in that stretch with a 3-pointer, and Paul scored the last five points.

Ferrell added a basket for Dallas after that, but Gordon capped the third quarter with another 3 to leave Houston up 87-75 entering the fourth.

Houston led 57-55 at halftime.

TIP-INS

Mavericks: Nowitzki stayed in Dallas because of a swollen left ankle. ... Wesley Matthews didn't make the trip because of tightness in his lower back.

Rockets: Trevor Ariza missed his seventh straight game with a strained left hamstring. ... Clint Capela added 16 points, 11 rebounds and three blocks.

SAVE 'EM UP

Paul wasn't annoyed that rookie Dennis Smith Jr. aggressively blocked a throwaway shot he took after the whistle midway through the third quarter. But the 32-year-old veteran did have some advice for the 20-year-old.

"I just told him: 'Don't waste your jumps,'" Paul said. "We've all got a certain amount of jumps in our knees. We don't know what that number is but we've all got a number. ... I save all my jumps. I ain't got too many left."

HE SAID IT

Houston coach Mike D'Antoni on the progress of his team: "We've got to make a run the second half. I'm pleased without being satisfied. We can get better."

UP NEXT

Mavericks: Host Sacramento on Tuesday.

Rockets: Visit Minnesota on Tuesday.

TECH

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BIG PICTURE

Kansas State: Kansas State's loss keeps the Wildcats on the NCAA Tournament Bubble for now.

Texas Tech: The Red Raiders have now won six in a row.

POLL IMPLICATIONS

Texas Tech has a good chance of moving into the top five after an upset-filled week.

THEY SAID IT

"When they get that eight-point lead, it's like playing a team that runs the Wishbone in

football. They do a good job protecting their lead, they tough, they're physical. They're one of the best defensive teams in the nation." — Kansas State coach Bruce Weber on Texas Tech's defense.

STATS AND STREAKS

During the current six-game winning streak, Texas Tech has held opponents to 63.3 points per game.

UP NEXT

Texas Tech: Hosts Oklahoma on Tuesday night.

Kansas State: At Oklahoma State on Wednesday night.



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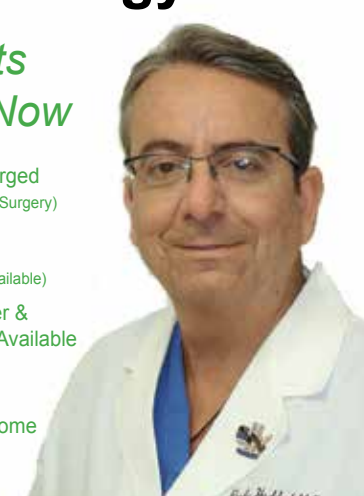
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