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Purchases, Global Energy contract on tap at city council meeting

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

A couple of purchases are among the business on the agenda for the Big Spring City Council's meeting this evening.

At the meeting, scheduled for 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 307 E. Fourth St., the city council will hear first readings of ordinances to amend the budget to purchase rifle-resistant body armor for the police department, and to purchase a new lowering device for use at Mount Olive Cemetery.

According to the agenda, the city has received a grant of \$21,508 from the Criminal Justice Division through the "Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Grant Program" to purchase rifle-resistant vests for use by the police

department. At tonight's meeting, the council will presumably vote to add those funds to the General Fund Budget with stipulations that the money will only be spent for the designated

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ID of suspect shot by BSPD released

Special to the Herald

Big Spring Police have released the name of a suspect who was shot by Big Spring Police last Thursday, as well as the name of the officer who shot him.

According to a press release issued Monday, "The suspect in this investigation is identified as Garza, Andrew, Black/Male, 43 years of age. The investigation has revealed Mr. Garza had committed a Burglary of a Habitation as well as Criminal Mischief to a separate residence just prior to being contacted by Officer Blake Grantham."

The release alleges that Garza evaded Grantham by running south through the alley



Garza

west of the 900 block of South Goliad, and into the yard of 400 E. 10th St., before drawing a .45-caliber semi-automatic firearm from his pocket.

"Officer Grantham immediately discharged his firearm in the direction of Mr. Garza, striking Mr. Garza once in

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Howard's Homecoming royalty



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Courtesy photo

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GOC holds "Dough Raiser" at Pizza Inn



The Guardians of the Children: Wildcat Chapter (GOC) at Pizza Inn, Monday Feb. 12, for the "Dough Raiser" fundraiser.

By AMBER MANSFIELD
 Staff Writer

The Guardians of the Children: Wildcat Chapter (GOC) had a great crowd that joined them at Pizza Inn, located at 700 E. FM 700, Monday Feb. 12, for the "Dough Raiser" fundraiser.

GOC members waited tables, served food and drinks, cleaned up, and chatted with Pizza Inn guests

90 percent of the proceeds made from the Dough Raiser will go toward helping GOC raise money to help children. The other 10 percent of the proceeds and tips went to GOC for their hard work and friendly smiles.

"We always have a great time being out with the community," said

Greg "Smoke" McAlister, Wildcat President. "We are have been around since 2012. We love doing what we do and getting involved with the children and the public."

The Guardians of the Children: Wildcat Chapter raised a little over \$800 dollars at yesterday's "Dough Raiser" which will go toward the GOC mission.

GOC is a non profit Biker Organization dedicated to helping and protecting the victims of child abuse in the

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GOP honors longtime party volunteers



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Long-time Howard County Republican Party workers Spencer and Janet Wolfe were honored by the Howard County Republican Club at their meeting Monday in the Howard College Cactus Room. The Wolfes, who have been working for the GOP in Howard County since the 1970s, were presented with this cake, and also with a plaque in honor of their service.

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

"In recognition for decades of service to the Howard County Republican Party and conservative values."

So read the plaque presented to Spencer and Janet Wolfe, long-time volunteer workers for the local GOP, at the Howard County Republican Club meeting Monday in the Howard College Cactus Room.

County Commissioner

Craig Bailey introduced the couple and presented them with the plaque.

"It's really pretty easy to be part of a movement when everybody agrees with you. That's a pretty easy deal," Bailey said. "The Wolfes were part of a movement when there were very few who agreed with them, and that takes a lot of courage. So I'm proud of this group for recognizing the

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Obituaries

Michael Edens



Michael Edens, 36, of Big Spring died Friday, Feb. 9, 2018.

The family will receive friends from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2018, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Doug Shelley, pastor of East Side Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Michael was born Jan. 20, 1982, in Big Spring, Texas, to Barbara Dillow Edens and Dan Edwin Edens. Michael was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and Howard County. He married Aimee Riley on April 18, 2008, in Midland. He was a graduate of Big Spring High School and Midland

College. He was employed by Tiger Safety of Midland.

He is survived by his wife Aimee Edens; children: Forrest Riley, Codi-Lynn Michaelle Edens, and Russell Edwin Edens; his parents, Barbara Schofield and Dan Edens; three brothers, Sammy Daily, Charlie Hedden, and Landon Rowden; three sisters, Acacia Daniels, Amanda Edens, and Kelly Moore Morris; his grandmother, Frances Edens Overton; Jamie Hoover, the mother of Codi-Lynn and Russell; and several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents: Barney "Kip" Edens, Sr. and Barbara's parents; and one uncle, Barney Edens Sr.

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

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.

- **DANIEL ANTHONY ALVAREZ**, 32, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for burglary of a vehicle.

- **SAMANTHA JO CANTWELL**, 31, was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- **JOHN R. COLLINS**, 33, was booked on a charge of public intoxication.

- **NELDA JEAN DACK**, 50, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for theft of property (\$100 to \$750).

- **SANDY KAY DEOCHOA**, 42, was booked by BSPD on warrants for theft of property (\$750 to \$2,500), bondsman off bond for possession of a controlled substance (less than 1 gram), possession of a controlled substance, and failure to appear for possession of a controlled substance (less than 1 gram).

- **JAMES EZRA FOSTER JR.**, 51, was booked by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- **JORGE LUIS GOMEZ JR.**, 26, was booked by BSPD on warrants for failure to control speed, displaying expired registration, failure to maintain financial responsibility, no driver's license, driving with an invalid license,

and possession of drug paraphernalia.

- **BRITTNEY JO HILGER**, 23, was booked by HCSO on a charge of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

- **JOHN ALBERT LOPEZ**, 34, was booked by BSPD on two charges of aggravated assault against a public servant and a charge of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon; and on a warrant for no seat belt (driver).

- **FIDEL MARTINEZ JR.**, 42, was booked by BSPD on a charge of driving with a suspended or invalid license.

- **ZACHARY WILLIAMS**, 36, was booked by BSPD on a charge of aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury.

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, 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Howard County Republicans meet the second Monday of each month. Club members meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College at 11:30 a.m. for Dutch treat lunch and meeting at 12 p.m.

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

- Big Spring Centennial Lion's Club has changed its meeting time. The club now meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday and the fourth Tuesday of each month. Meetings are still held at the Big Spring TA Truck Stop. Visitors are welcome.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **FIDEL MARTINEZ JR.**, 42, of 1610 Bluebird was arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended or invalid license.

- **JOHN R. COLLINS**, 33, of 36795 Gumbo Corner Rd. in Marked Tree, Ark., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- **SAMANTHA JO CANTWELL**, 31, of 112 Alexander St. in Lepanto, Ark., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- **SANDY KAY DEOCHOA**, 42, of 609 McEwen St. was arrested on a warrant for theft of property (\$750 to \$2,500); and on other outstanding warrants.

- **DANIEL ANTHONY ALVAREZ**, 32, of 1000 S. Birdwell Lane was arrested on a warrant for burglary of a vehicle.

- **NELDA JEAN DACK**, 50, of 3108 Sherman Rd. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of Goliad and FM 700.

- **BURGLARY IN PROGRESS** was reported in the 1600 block of Tucson St.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wasson Road. 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 1100 block of West Third St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 17000 block of North 1584.

- **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 1200 block of West Third Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1100 block of Scurry Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of Caylor Drive. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2400 block of Alabama Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Indian Hills.

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 at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

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.

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accomplishments they have achieved, and what they have meant to so many for so long."

"I can't remember exactly when I first was county chairman, it's been so long ago, but I remember we used to use paper ballots," said Spencer Wolfe, after accepting the award. "Then along came these cards that we used to vote on through a machine, then they started saying 'hanging chads.' Remember that? It was a big fuss about hanging chads. Now it runs so much better, because the computers are so much better. But it is a joy to be honored today with my wife. I couldn't have done any of this in the past if it hadn't been for her being with me. I appreciate each one of you so much, and I pray that you will continue to vote. That's important. We have this unique ability in this country and in our state to vote. So do remember to take the time to vote."

Republican Club President Bo Fryar said the Fryars were part of an exclusive group in their early years as Howard County Republicans.

"Back when they started supporting the Howard County Republican Party, there were very few who were willing to step up and do that," Fryar said. "They opened up their home, they had meetings in their home. He served as county chairman several times throughout the years. They've been our representatives to many, many conventions, where significant changes have been made to the platform because of some of their support for particular things. They've continued for all these years. They are usually always here at the meetings that we have once a month. Spencer likes to lead the pledges to the flags, and they are just really neat Christian people."

Dene Shepard, recently named Howard County Woman of the Year for 2017 by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, said she wanted to be part of honoring the Wolfes.

"When they told me that Spencer and Janet would be recognized, I thought, 'Oh, I want to be a part of that.' My roots in the Republican Party in Howard County run very deep. My father in law was the first to ever vote as a Republican in Howard County, and formed the Howard County Republican Party. With the precinct meetings, we had a lot of good memories about that, because we would meet in (the Wolfes') living room. At that time, there were so few of us, and we would even have jokes about, 'Come to the alley, come through the back way, so nobody knows what you're doing!' It was just the beginning. We had no Republicans in elected offices, and through the years, we have made such strides now, and I'm so proud of where we've come. That doesn't just come on its own, it comes from people like Janet and Spencer, who picked up the reins when it was tough going, and kept the party going and breathed life into it."

Also present at the meeting was former Midland mayor Mike Canon, who is running against incumbent Kel Seliger for Texas Senate in the upcoming March 4 primary.

Following the presentation of the plaque, the Republican Club presented the Wolfes with a cake reading "Thank you, Spencer and Janet."

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East Texas city honors African-American doctors, ministers

By AUGUSTA ROBINSON

Tyler Morning Telegraph

TYLER, Texas — In his 74 years of attending the St. James Christian Methodist Church, James Shackelford, 85, of Tyler, has learned to view church as a place where he can find healing for what troubles him.

The Tyler Morning Telegraph reports it's given him, like many other African-Americans in the community, the strength to persevere when the color of his skin could determine which doctors would see him, or even where he could worship.

"(Church is) a place where you can go and feel secure...," he said. "I have often heard it's a hospital for what's ailing you. That you can go there to be cleansed of what's ailing you and God has no respect of persons."

On Saturday evening, the city of Tyler celebrated Black History Month at Liberty Hall with videos, music and speakers in a program titled "The Heartbeat of Our Community."

The theme highlighted those who looked after the physical and spiritual well-being of the African-American community during some of the darkest moments in the nation's history.

In a video shot by the city, those interviewed shared memories and reflected on the progress that's been made.

Although their stories differ, participants expressed one recurring hope from those who hear their stories.

"It's very vital that we embrace our history because our history tells us from where we have come," said Rev. Ralph E. Caraway, 64, pastor of St. Louis Missionary Baptist Church. "It also points to where we're going, because without an understanding of that history it's going to be really hard to reach where we're trying to go."

Multiple conversations with those

who knew Dr. Theodore J. Taliaferro can yield a common question: When did he sleep?

His son, Richard Taliaferro, 69, a minister at St. Louis Missionary Baptist Church, has thought about this a lot over the years and still is not quite sure.

Known as Dr. T, he came to Tyler in 1939 with his wife, Geneva, a nurse, and was well known as being one of the few doctors in the area who was willing to provide quality health care to African-American patients.

At the height of his father's career, Taliaferro said Dr. T could see 50-60 patients a day.

"There were a lot of times when people would not be able to pay," Taliaferro said. "People would bring in food and they would bring vegetables. Dad wasn't into that kind of thing, but he wouldn't say no. If somebody needed help, dad would see them."

A native of Allentown, Pennsylvania, Dr. T attended Wilberforce University in Ohio and Meharry Medical College in Tennessee before completing his residency at Homer G. Phillips Hospital in Missouri.

After a few years in Tyler, he opened the Taliaferro Clinic and Hospital at 1106 W. Trezevant St.

"He very seldom took vacations because he didn't ever have anybody to relieve him," his son said. "Dad was a good doctor. What was found out in the medical community is that he knew what he was talking about."

As Dr. T blazed trails in Tyler's medical community, he also made it his priority to mentor the next generation of African-American medical professionals.

"He was an outstanding physician," said Dr. Samuel Houston, 81, of Tyler. "He used to always tell me,

he'd say 'Sam, I'm holding the doors open for you (for) when you come back.'

By the time Houston decided to come back to his hometown to practice medicine in 1971, the door left cracked by local African-American doctors like Dr. T made his decision a little less risky.

But as a board certified surgeon, Houston had some concern that his career and potential would be limited.

"This was during the time of the integration of schools and there was a great deal of turmoil going on at that particular time," Houston said. "I was not absolutely convinced that I should have moved to Tyler."

Funeral planned Tuesday for slain Dallas-area police officer

DALLAS (AP) — Mourners will gather in Dallas to remember a suburban police officer who was fatally shot while answering a disturbance call at an apartment complex.

A funeral was scheduled Tuesday afternoon for Richardson police Officer David Sherrard (shuh-RARD). The funeral at Watermark Community Church will be followed by a private graveside service.

Authorities say Sherrard was shot last Wednesday night while entering an apartment. The 37-year-old officer died at a hospital. Police say another man, Rene Gamez, was found shot at the scene and also died.

The suspect, Brandon McCall, eventually surrendered and remains jailed without bond on a charge of capital murder of a peace officer. Investigators are trying to determine what prompted the disturbance.

Sherrard was the first Richardson police officer to die in the line of duty.

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purpose of buying the armored vests.

The lowering device for the cemetery will be purchased by transferring \$5,000 from the city's existing fund balance to the Cemetery Fund.

In other business, the council plans to consider approval of a lease agreement with Global Energy Partners LLC for premises at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark. The item has been tabled at the past few city council meetings, the actual contract appears in the agenda for tonight's meeting, indicating the council may actually take action on the contract tonight.

The contract would lease the airpark's Building 75, an approximately 33,944 square foot facility, and about 356,320 square feet of land around the building, to Global Energy, a company which builds oilfield tanks.

There is apparently some negotiating still to do, as several important figures such as the rent to be paid per square foot by Global Energy, the amount Global En-

ergy would spend to improve the property, and the amount the city would reimburse Global for the improvements, have been left blank.

The contract does call for Global Energy to carry commercial general liability insurance on the property in the amount of \$2 million general aggregate, and \$1 million for each occurrence; automobile liability insurance in the amount of \$1 million combined single limit; umbrella liability insurance in the amount of \$2 million aggregate and \$2 million for each occurrence; and worker's compensation coverage in line with statutory limits.

The council will also:

- Hear a presentation of the Big Spring Police Department's annual Contact Report for 2017;

- Hear an emergency reading of a resolution approving an equipment lease purchase agreement with Capital One Public Funding, including an escrow agreement;

- Consider granting permission to seek grant funds for park and city facilities;

- Consider approval of an agreement with CGI Communications Inc. for a com-

munity video program;

- Consider granting authority to negotiate with SM Energy for a right of way easement;

- Consider contract amendments to contracts with Vector Fleet Management LLC and Caterpillar;

- Hold a public hearing and consider approval of a non-emergency ambulance operator's permit for Acute Medical Services LLC, dba EMCEMS.

- Consider seeking proposals for the sale of about 40 acres of surface land south of Willard Street and West of Parkway.

- Consider granting permission to seek a grant through the Criminal Justice Division for an ID card printer and software.

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the abdomen area," according to the release. "Big Spring Emergency Medical Personnel was summoned to the scene, at which time Mr. Garza was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center Hospital and later flown by helicopter to Odessa Medical for treatment."

The report goes on to say the gun Garza pulled during the incident was stolen during a home burglary on Feb. 6.

Garza is currently in the hospital under law enforcement custody, and an arrest warrant for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon on a peace officer, a first-degree felony, has been issued against him. Further charges are pending the findings of the investigation.

The release says Garza is currently in stable condition, and will be arrested upon his release from the hospital. Officer Grantham has been placed on administrative leave with pay, pending the outcome of the criminal and/or administrative investigation.

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area, and has a vision to improve the quality of life in our community by educating the public and making them aware of the steps to take in order to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to the reality of child abuse.

GOC partners with Children Advocacy Agencies, Victim Assistance Groups and others to raise awareness of the prevalence of child abuse. GOC assist these agencies by being one of many resources available to them and introduce the child into our organization where it has been determined it would be beneficial in order to lend support to their family, and at the same time, protect that child.

"We are there on their day of court as their family and to give them support," said Smoke. "We help the children face their perpetrator and have a 85 to 90 percent conviction rate."

It would be said members of GOC share a com-

mon goal in that they enjoy the open road and thee are here to convey an important message of who they stand for, 'We stand as one prepared to protect this priceless resource.'

"Don't let your silence down our their cries," is our motto said Smoke. "We are here for the children."

Anyone can be a member of GOC, after you pass a back, all you need is access to a motorcycle and be someone who shares the a passion to make a difference in a child's life, with the exception of passing a background check first. No experience is needed to join GOC. If you have a church group, children's home, PTA, and want to have GOC come and visit you can email GOC at gocwildcat@gmail.com.

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Hull's Meat Company

Meat Processing and Market

Low police complaints mask discontent with Dallas department

By CLAUDIA LAUER

Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — At a time of high tensions between police and the public, the Dallas Police Department would seem to be a success story: While some other big-city departments draw thousands of citizen complaints every year, the nation's eighth-largest gets only a fraction of that number.

In fact, the department received a mere 221 complaints in 2016 and 183 for the first 11 months of 2017 — stunningly low numbers for a metropolis of 1.3 million people patrolled by about 3,300 officers.

But a closer look suggests that the apparent success may stem from the complaint system itself, which makes it so hard for people to complain that many do not try or give up. Those who persist confront a host of built-in obstacles, including vague



In this Sept. 7, 2017 file photo, new Dallas Police Chief U. Renee Hall shakes hands with potential police recruits during an applicant processing event at police headquarters in Dallas.

or nonexistent instructions, confusion about complaint forms, incorrect phone numbers and a mysterious investigation process where decisions often go unannounced and are difficult to appeal.

"The process doesn't seem to be clear or open," said Sam Walker, a professor emeritus in

criminal justice at the University of Nebraska who has written several books on police accountability. He concluded that Dallas' suspiciously low complaint rate is "unacceptable" but not surprising.

Providing "open and accessible" police complaint systems has been standard since the early

1980s, Walker said.

"To me, being able to file a complaint is a First Amendment right, to tell someone their perception of what happened," he said.

Many of the complaints happened before Police Chief U. Renee Hall took over in

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Trump nominates Texas' Oldham for federal appeals court

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — President Donald Trump has picked Republican Texas Gov. Greg Abbott's new general counsel for the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Andrew Oldham had only served as the governor's general counsel for about a month.

If confirmed by the U.S. Senate, he will join two other Texans who were recently nominated by Trump and con-

firmed to the same, New Orleans-based court, former Texas Supreme Court Justice Don Willett and James Ho, an ex-state solicitor general.

Oldham is a former deputy state solicitor general. He became Abbott's general counsel after the governor named the position's previous occupant, Jimmy Blacklock, to Willett's vacated Texas Supreme Court seat.

Minor 3.1 magnitude earthquake reported in South Texas

FALLS CITY, Texas (AP) — A minor earthquake has shaken parts of rural South Texas.

The U.S. Geological Survey reports a 3.1 magnitude earthquake was reported at 8:24 a.m. Monday centered about 4 miles (6 kilometers) southeast of Falls City, in Karnes County.

The area is about 50 miles (80 kilometers) southeast of San Antonio.

The Karnes County Sheriff's Office had no immediate reports Monday of anyone hurt or potential damage.

Matthew McConaughey hails Nick Foles in newspaper ad

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Matthew McConaughey is congratulating fellow Texan and Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Nick Foles on his Super Bowl win.

The actor took out a full-page ad in the Austin American-Statesman on Sunday. It reads: "From one local to another, Congratulations Nick Foles. just keep livin, Matthew McConaughey."

McConaughey was born in Uvalde (yoo-VAWL'-dee), west of San Antonio. The Super Bowl MVP was born and raised in Austin.

McConaughey is a Washington Redskins fan, but that didn't stop him from showing support for a division rival.

"Just keep livin" is McConaughey's personal mantra and the name of his nonprofit health and wellness organization.

Donald Trump Jr.'s wife exposed to white powder



In this Jan. 20, 2017 file photo, Vanessa Trump arrives at the U.S. Capitol on Friday, Jan. 20, 2017, in Washington, during Donald Trump's inauguration ceremony.

By JAKE PEARSON

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Donald Trump Jr.'s wife was taken to a New York City hospital as a precaution Monday after she opened an envelope addressed to her husband that contained an unidentified white powder, police said.

A preliminary test indicated the substance wasn't dangerous, police said.

Vanessa Trump, 40, opened the letter addressed to the president's son Monday morning at their midtown Manhattan apartment, investigators said. She called 911 and said she was coughing and felt nauseous, police said.

The Trump Organization didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

Detectives from the New York Police Department's intelligence division and Secret Service agents were investigating.

"The Secret Service and our law enforcement partners in New York City are investigating a suspicious package addressed to one of our protectees received

today in New York, New York. This is an active investigation and we cannot comment any further," Secret Service Special Agent Jeffrey Adams said in a statement.

Vanessa Trump, a former model, and Donald Trump Jr. have five children, none of whom were home at the time of the incident.

In March 2016, police detectives and FBI agents investigated a threatening letter sent to the Manhattan apartment of Donald Trump Jr.'s brother, Eric, that also contained a white powder that turned out to be harmless. Envelopes containing white powder were also sent to Trump Tower, which served as Trump's campaign headquarters, twice in 2016.

Hoax attacks using white powder play on fears that date to 2001, when letters containing deadly anthrax were mailed to news organizations and the offices of two U.S. senators. Those letters killed five people.

Texas hornshell mussel placed on the endangered species list

By RUSSELL CONTRERAS

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — A freshwater mussel species once found throughout the Rio Grande drainage has been placed on the U.S. endangered species list.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service issued the listing last week for the Texas hornshell, drawing praise from environmentalists and criticism from a Republican congressman.

Michael Robinson at the Center for Biological Diversity said the listing gives the unique mussel an excellent chance of survival "in the face of would-be dam-builders and polluters" in the mussel's habitat.

"This is good news for the hornshell and for all of us who rely on clean water and find solace and peace in rivers that still flow," Robinson said.

The Santa Fe, New Mexico-based WildEarth Guardians said it was pleased with the listing since there are only five known populations of Texas hornshell remaining in the U.S.

"Freshwater mussels are one of the most endangered groups



This undated file photo provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service shows a person holding adult Texas hornshell mussels from the Black River in New Mexico.

of animals in the United States," said Taylor Jones, endangered species advocate for WildEarth Guardians. "We are thrilled that the hornshell now has the legal protections it needs to escape extinction."

But Rep. Steve Pearce, a Hobbs, New Mexico, Republican, said the listing could harm local communities, businesses, jobs, and may reduce New Mexico's revenues from local energy production.

"I am troubled that the FWS decided to make this decision despite a serious lack of scientific information," Pearce said in a statement. "The FWS does not know the status of mussel populations in Mexico and failed to involve Mexico in recovery even though a significant portion of the mussel's habitat is found there."

Texas hornshell can be found in the Black River of southeastern New Mexico, the Pecos and Devil's rivers in Texas, and two populations on the Lower Rio Grande.

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Agency-by-agency highlights of Trump's 2019 budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — Highlights from President Donald Trump's budget for fiscal year 2019.

DEFENSE
Trump's budget for 2019 shows the administration's concern about the threat from North Korea and its missile program.

The Pentagon is proposing to spend hundreds of millions more in 2019 on missile defense.

The budget calls for increasing the number of strategic missile interceptors from 44 to 64 and boosting other elements of missile defense.

The additional 20 interceptors would be based at Fort Greely, Alaska. Critics question the reliability of the interceptors, arguing that years of testing has yet to prove them to be sufficiently effective against a sophisticated threat.

The Pentagon also would invest more heavily in other missile defense systems, including the ship-based Aegis system and the Army's Patriot air and missile defense system, both of which are designed to defend against missiles of various ranges short of the intercontinental ballistic missile that is of greatest U.S. concern in the context of North Korea.

BORDER WALL

The second stage of Trump's proposed border wall in Texas' Rio Grande Valley would be 65 miles (104 kilometers) long, costing an average of \$24.6 million a mile, according to the president's 2019 budget.

That matches the amount requested in Trump's 2018

budget to build or replace 74 miles (118 kilometers) in San Diego and Rio Grande Valley, the busiest corridor for illegal crossings.

Walls currently cover about one-third of the border with Mexico, and the administration wants eventually to spend up to \$18 billion to extend the wall to nearly half the border. Trump has insisted Mexico pay for it; Mexico says that's a non-starter.

The proposal sets aside \$782 million to hire 2,000 U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers, whose responsibilities include making deportation arrests, and 750 more Border Patrol agents toward Trump's long-term goal of 5,000. The proposal comes even as the administration has been unable to fill vacancies caused by attrition.

The administration also wants to raise capacity at its immigration detention facilities to 52,000 people.

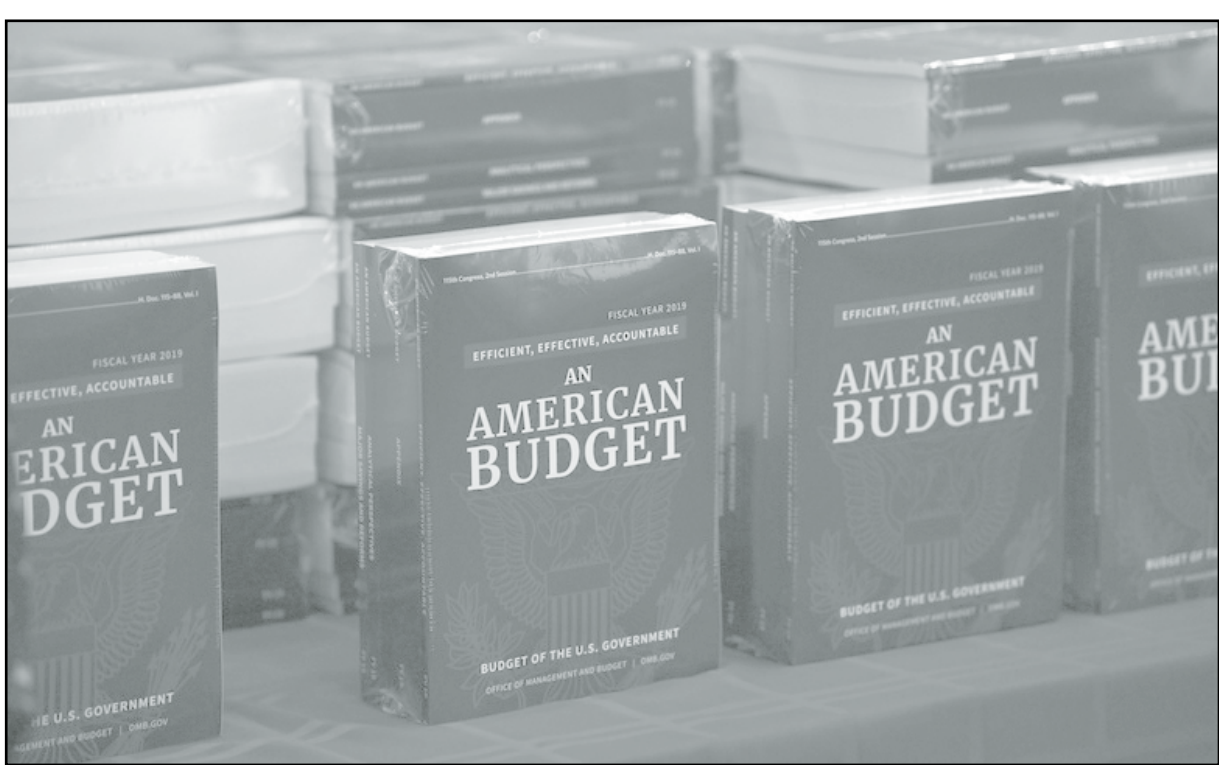
It wants to collect \$208 million in fees on "legitimate trade and travel" to pay for investigations into fraud and employers who hire people in the country illegally.

The budget also calls for adding 450 Secret Service agents and support staff to reach 7,600 this year and inch toward a long-term goal of 9,500. It sets aside \$6.9 billion for disaster relief.

MEDICARE

Trump's budget proposes major changes to Medicare's popular prescription benefit, creating winners and losers among the 42 million seniors with drug coverage.

On the plus side for seniors,



The President's FY19 Budget is on display after arriving on Capitol Hill in Washington, Monday, Feb. 12, 2018.

the budget requires the insurance plans that deliver the prescription benefit to share with beneficiaries a substantial portion of rebates they receive from drug makers.

The budget also eliminates the 5 percent share of costs that an estimated 1 million beneficiaries with very high drug bills now must keep paying when they reach Medicare's "catastrophic" coverage. Instead seniors would pay nothing once they reach Medicare's catastrophic coverage level, currently \$8,418 in total costs.

But on the minus side, the budget calls for changing the way Medicare accounts for certain discounts that drug makers now provide to seniors with significant drug bills.

That complex change would mean fewer seniors reach catastrophic coverage, and some will end up paying more than they do now.

"It will increase costs for some, while saving money for others," said Tricia Neuman of the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation. "Overall it could be a wash."

The budget also makes multiple cuts in different streams of Medicare payments going to hospitals and rehabilitation centers.

Medicare spending totals more than \$700 billion a year, and hospitals represent the single biggest category of costs.

Overall, the budget calls for about \$500 billion over 10 years in cuts from projected Medicare spending.

EDUCATION

School choice advocates will find something to cheer in Trump's budget.

Fulfilling a campaign promise, he is proposing to put "more decision-making power in the hands of parents and families" in choosing schools for their children with a \$1.5 billion investment for the coming year. The budget would expand both private and public school choice.

A new Opportunity Grants program would provide money for states to give scholarships to low-income students to attend private schools, as well as expand charter schools across the nation. Charters are financed by taxpayer dollars but usually run

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September, but Hall's chief of staff says she has developed a strategic plan that will be released in the next few weeks that will address some of the accountability concerns.

Frustration with the complaint system intensified in recent months, and the police chief met publicly with citizens who described being blocked from filing complaints and having their grievances dismissed without being notified. Some reported that they did not bother to file complaints because the system seemed so stacked against them.

In 2014, Maria De Jesus Garza tried to file a complaint against an officer who ticketed her for having trash cans that obstructed traffic. The officer came back weekly for three months, she said, and knocked her cans over with his car to make a point.

"I realized this wasn't extreme," she said. "But I decided that I needed to report it."

Other officers attempted to dissuade her. One said the allegations were not enough to pursue a complaint. "He told me, I don't think you understand what you are doing."

Over the span of three hours, three officers tried to talk her out of the complaint before telling her the office was out of complaint forms, Garza said.

The Dallas department has no complaint forms. The department's internal affairs division confirmed to The Associated Press in January that it instead asks people to write their account on a blank sheet of paper and sign it.

Neither the department's website nor a pamphlet that is supposed to be available to the public offer instructions on the complaint process. Nowhere do they explain that signed complaints can be filed by mail, email or fax to the internal affairs department.

Changa Higgins filed a complaint several years ago but never learned

the outcome. He was not surprised, given the lack of direction he had from police.

"There's nothing to talk you through it or guide you through. It comes down to how well you can write, what you can remember. What if you leave out a piece of critical information because you didn't know it would be important for an investigation?"

Walker said the process should be outlined on the department's home page, with directions for filing a complaint and information on possible outcomes and the ability to appeal.

The AP obtained six years of complaint data from the department, which shows 60 percent or more of complaints are referred to division commanders after being deemed minor complaints, including a handful alleging excessive use of force. In 2017, 15 percent of complaints were labeled "no investigation" and closed.

Lorraine Birabil filed a use-of-force complaint against officers in 2013, after her father called police about a trespasser and was arrested during the investigation — an arrest that, she said, resulted in injuries.

Only after filing a lawsuit in the matter did she learn that the use-of-force complaint had been dismissed.

The Dallas department says its policy is to send written notifications if its internal affairs division conducts the investigations. For lesser violations referred to division commanders, commanders are required to notify people of the outcome.

The low complaint numbers could indicate a problem in the community's relationship with officers, said Ron Davis, former director of community oriented policing services at the Justice Department. The federal government has reformed the complaint systems in the almost two dozen police departments it has supervised after various legal or community troubles.

"It could easily be apathy because it doesn't look like the department responds to complaints," Davis said.

The number of complaints against police has been dropping at most U.S.

departments because of wider use of body cameras and the abandonment or reduction of practices such as New York City's stop-and-frisk policy. But the complaint numbers in Dallas are still two to five times lower than at similar-sized police departments around the country.

Other Texas cities provide explicit instructions and online complaint forms, sometimes in multiple languages. Those communities have received more complaints than Dallas.

The Dallas department's website does note that a decision can be appealed to the city's Citizens Police Review Board, but a phone number on the website is incorrect, and a city worker who answered said it had been changed nearly two years ago. Neither the department nor the city website explains how to file an appeal.

Hall took the reins just about a year after the departure of her predecessor, David Brown, who led the department through perhaps its most painful chapter since the 1963 assassination of President John F. Kennedy, who was slain in Dallas.

In July 2016, a peaceful demonstration against police brutality turned deadly when a sniper opened fire downtown on a large group of police, killing four Dallas officers and one transit officer and wounding nine others. It was the largest death toll among law enforcement from a single event since 9/11.

Since then, the department has

struggled with low morale and a wave of retirements, including Brown, who had sought to change the culture among rank-and-file cops by firing 70 officers during his tenure.

When Brown started firing officers, "it was clear to people that the culture we had of doing whatever you want and not being held accountable was about to change," said Senior Cpl. Frederick Frazier, vice president of the Dallas Police Association, the city's largest police union. "And that accountability is what a lot of us wanted."

In 2015, Brown touted the dramatic drop in use-of-force complaints as a result of intensified training and stepped-up community policing and accountability. Law enforcement experts and former union officials said the assertion was hard to prove, explaining that apathy or slow 911 response times could have played a larger role.

Hall plans to seek more reforms, including allowing complaints to be filed at the city's seven substations instead of only at headquarters and putting a 90-day cap on the time an investigation takes, according to her chief of staff, Thomas Taylor.

Open complaint systems, Davis said, are a critical way for police chiefs to track issues in their departments before they explode into a major crisis.

"Otherwise," he said, "you won't know until a tragedy occurs or a video pops up."



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Air bag danger: Ford, Mazda add pickups to do-not-drive list

By TOM KRISHER

AP Auto Writer

DETROIT — Ford and Mazda are adding more than 35,000 pickup trucks in North America to a list of vehicles that should not be driven because they have Takata air bag inflators with a high risk of exploding.

The warning includes 33,428 Ranger and 1,955 Mazda B-Series small pickups from 2006 model year, according to both companies. Ford, which made the B-Series for Mazda, found test results showing that the trucks had inflators that ruptured or recorded high internal pressure readings, spokeswoman Elizabeth Weigandt said Monday.

The companies and the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said dealers will tow the pickups to service bays to replace the faulty inflators and provide loaner vehicles. Parts for the repairs already are available.

Rangers added to the do-not-drive list were built between Aug. 5 and Dec. 15, 2005.

"Affected owners are urged not to drive these vehicles and to contact Ford and Mazda immediately to schedule a free repair," NHTSA said in a printed release.

Takata uses ammonium nitrate to create a small explosion to inflate air bags. But the chemical can deteriorate and burn too fast, blowing apart metal canisters and hurling shrapnel into drivers and passengers. At least 22 people have died and more than 180 have been hurt because of the problem.

The inflators also caused the largest series of automotive recalls in U.S. his-

tory. About 69 million inflators are being recalled in the U.S. and over 100 million worldwide are being recalled.

Last month Ford told 2,900 owners of the 2006 Ranger not to drive them after finding out that a West Virginia man was killed by an exploding inflator.

Steve Mollohan, 56, of the Hedgesville, West Virginia, area died July 1 in nearby Martinsburg, about 80 miles northeast of Washington, D.C., according to a Pittsburgh-based law firm representing the family.

Ford said it was notified of the accident in December. After some investigation, the company determined that the truck's inflator was made on the same day as one that exploded and killed a South Carolina man driving a Ranger in 2015.

Ford's Weigandt said the small pickups already were under recalls for driver and passenger inflators. In most cases owners can still drive recalled vehicles, but Ford issued the do-not-drive warning because of the elevated risk.

In January of 2016, Ford recalled about 361,000 Rangers in the U.S. and Canada from the 2004 to 2006 model years to replace the driver's inflators. The recall came after the government announced the December 2015 death of Joel Knight, 52, of Kershaw, South Carolina, that was caused by a Takata air bag inflating in his 2006 Ranger. A similar number has been recalled for passenger inflators.

Weigandt said that Ford did not find a higher risk of inflator rupture in the rest of the recalled Rangers. "We respond to the data," she said.

Hometown 'changes' name for 1st US gold medalist at Olympics



SILVERTHORNE, Colo. (AP) — The hometown of Olympic gold medalist Red Gerard has unofficially upgraded its name in his honor.

A sign welcoming visitors to the Colorado mountain town of Silverthorne was changed over the weekend to "Goldthorne" after the 17-year-old snowboarder captured the United States' first gold medal at the Winter Olympics in South Korea.

The Summit Daily News reports that someone put up a white banner with red letters spelling out "Gold" that covered up "Silver" in the city name sometime Saturday night or Sunday.

Gerard honed his medal-winning routine in his small backyard snowboard park in the town of about 4,100 people, where many travelers stop on their way to nearby ski resorts.

Ap photo
Men's slopestyle gold medalist Red Gerard, of the United States, celebrates during the medals ceremony at the 2018 Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea, Sunday, Feb. 11, 2018.

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independently of school district requirements.

The budget also calls for increased spending to expand the number of magnet schools that offer specialized instruction usually focused on specific curricula.

Last year, the Trump administration also called for boosting charter and private school funding, but those initiatives didn't win the approval of Congress.

Among other key components is spending \$200 million on STEM education and \$43 million to implement school-based opioid abuse prevention strategies.

Overall, the budget calls for a \$7.1 billion, a 10.5 percent decrease from 2017. On the chopping block is \$5.9 million in teacher preparation and aftercare programs. Last year, proposals for similar cuts were met with harsh criticism from teachers' unions and educators across the country.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Climate change research is on the Environmental Protection Agency's chopping block.

Trump's proposed 2019 budget calls for slashing funding for the Environmental Protection Agency by more than one third, including ending the Climate Change Research and Partnership Programs.

The president's budget would also make deep cuts to funding for cleaning up the nation's most polluted sites, even as EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt has said that is one of his top priorities. Trump's budget would allocate just \$762 million for the Hazardous Substance Superfund Account, a reduction of more than 30 percent.

Current spending for Superfund is already down to about half of what it was in the 1990s. Despite the cut, the White House's budget statement says the administration plans to "accelerate" site cleanups by bringing "more private funding to the table for redevelopment."

After the president's budget was developed, Congress reached a bipartisan agreement that would boost non-defense domestic spending for the next fiscal year. In response, Trump budget director Mick Mulvaney filed an addendum that seeks to restore about \$724 million to EPA, including additional money for Superfund cleanups and drinking water infrastructure grants.

Still, Trump's budget calls for cutting programs that fight ocean pollution and raise public awareness about environmental issues and problems. The budget also would eliminate money for the popular Energy Star program, seeking instead to raise "a modest fee" from appliance and electronics manufacturers who seek to label their products as being energy efficient.

Agency staffing would be cut by more than 20 percent, from 15,400 full-time positions to 12,250.

Like Trump, Pruitt has expressed doubt about the consensus of climate scientists, including those at his own agency, that man-made carbon emissions are the primary driver of increasing average temperatures observed around the globe. The nation's top environmental official has instead advocated for the increased production and burning of fossil fuels.

"OBAMACARE"

The budget assumes that Congress will repeal and replace former President Barack Obama's health care law, although there's little evidence that Republican leaders have the appetite for another battle over "Obamacare."

Repeal of the Affordable Care Act should happen "as soon as possible," say the budget documents.

The Obama health law would be replaced with legislation modeled after an ill-fated GOP bill whose lead authors were Sens. Bill Cassidy of Louisiana and Lindsey Graham of South Carolina. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office said it would leave millions more uninsured.

The budget calls for a program of block grants that states could use to set up their own programs for covering the uninsured.

VETERANS

The Veterans Choice health care program would get a big boost under Trump's 2019 budget.

The budget proposes an overall increase of \$8.7 billion for the Department of Veterans Affairs, primarily to strengthen medical care for more than 9 million enrolled veterans. A key component is a proposed \$11.9 billion to revamp the Veterans Choice program, a Trump campaign priority. The planned expansion would give veterans wider freedom to receive government-paid care from private doctors and MinuteClinics outside the VA system. It has

yet to be approved by Congress, however, in part due to disagreement over rising costs and concerns over privatizing VA.

Under the increased budget caps approved by Congress last week, the Trump administration also tacked on an additional \$2.4 billion for Choice and other expenses. Lawmakers' delay in reaching agreement has meant that a larger overhaul of VA Choice isn't likely to be fully implemented until 2019 or later.

VA Secretary David Shulkin says Choice will help significantly reduce wait times at VA medical centers.

The program was put in place after a 2014 wait-time scandal that was discovered at the Phoenix VA hospital and elsewhere throughout the country. Veterans waited weeks or months for appointments, while phony records covered up the lengthy waits. The program allows veterans to go to private doctors if they endure long waits for VA appointments, but it has suffered extended wait times of its own.

STATE

Trump's budget includes a modest increase of \$191 million for what's known as "overseas contingency operations," or active war zones like Iraq, Afghanistan and Syria. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson had argued in the past that the impending resolution of major global conflicts would decrease the need for U.S. spending and allow the Trump administration to significantly reduce what it spends overseas.

Some of the most dramatic proposed cuts affect the State Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, which would see its budget cut by about \$126 million, a reduction of nearly half of what it received in the past.

INTERIOR

The Interior Department's proposed \$11.7 billion budget includes \$1.3 billion to address a growing backlog of projects to maintain and improve roads, bridges, park buildings and other infrastructure. The agency has an estimated \$16 billion deferred maintenance backlog, including more than \$11 billion for the National Park Service alone.

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said the nation's parks and wildlife refuges "are being loved to death" and need significant work to keep pace with an increased number of visitors. The National Mall in Washington, for instance, needs at least \$800 million in maintenance, Zinke said.

As part of the Trump administration's infrastructure plan, officials have proposed an \$18 billion public lands infrastructure fund to help pay for repairs and improvements in national parks, wildlife refuges and schools overseen by the Bureau of Indian Education, an Interior agency. The fund, which needs congressional approval, would be paid for in part through a projected 50 percent increase in energy leasing and development on federal lands, part of the administration's strategy to achieve U.S. "energy dominance" in the global market.

The budget also includes \$17.5 million to begin to implement Zinke's plan to reorganize the department and shift some agency headquarters, including the Bureaus of Land Management and Reclamation, and the Fish and Wildlife Service, to the West.

ENERGY

The Trump administration is seeking \$30.6 billion for the Energy Department, a figure that includes an additional \$1.5 billion authorized under a two-year budget deal that Congress approved last week. Much of the additional funding, \$1.2 billion, goes to the Office of Science to pay for basic scientific research.

Energy Secretary Rick Perry in a statement said the budget request supports the agency's push to enhance energy security and modernize the nuclear weapons stockpile, while boosting funding for cybersecurity and emphasizing the role of the 17 national laboratories that do cutting-edge research on everything from clean energy technologies to supercomputing to nuclear science.

The budget again proposes steep cuts to energy efficiency and renewable energy programs and calls for eliminating the department's loan program and the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, its innovation arm. Members of Congress from both parties support all of the programs and are likely to restore much of the funding for them, although the loan program could face cuts. The Senate approved record funding levels for ARPA-E for the current budget year despite Trump's plan to dismantle it.

Trump's budget again proposes \$120 million to revive a long-stalled nuclear waste dump at Nevada's Yucca Mountain. The state's Republican governor and lawmakers from both parties oppose the plan.

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Howard College splits with Clarendon College

Lady Hawks beat Lady Dogs 75-59
By STEVE BELVIN
Staff Writer

The Howard College Lady Hawks continued to work their way back into playoff contention, downing the Clarendon Lady Bulldogs 75-59 in front of a homecoming crowd Monday night at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The wins put Howard at 5-6 in WJCAC play, fighting for that fourth playoff spot along with Clarendon and Odessa College. Clarendon falls to 4-6 in league play.

Take away one quarter, the second, Howard played a nearly flawless game. The Lady Hawks came out red hot in the first quarter.

After Mia Castaneda hit an opening three-pointer to give Clarendon the lead, Howard stormed back as Cierra Morris fed Corbyn Cunningham inside for two. Howard followed it with three-pointers from Kendall Alsop and Kaki Simpson, and then a baseline jumper by Alsop.

Howard made 9 of its first 10 shots of the game, and finished the first quarter by sinking 12 of 14

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Hawks fall short to Bulldogs 76-68
By STEVE BELVIN
Staff Writer

It was a case of the size of the fight in the dog, not the size of the dog in the fight.



The Clarendon Bulldogs, though out manned by a bigger, taller Howard team, found a way to leave Dorothy Garrett Coliseum winners. Clarendon downed the Howard College Hawks 76-68 in a key conference match up that went into overtime. Both teams came into the contest with 7-4 records, tied for third behind Odessa College and South Plains.

On this night it seemed the Bulldogs just had more fight in them. Somehow they managed to hang around all night and not let Howard get a comfortable lead. They held their own despite playing a lineup that had three players 5-foot-10 or shorter. They still tussled with a RicQuail squad that has 6'9 Amari McCray and 6'8 RicQuail Smoot.

Howard did out-rebound Clarendon 37-32, but as the game wore down, Clarendon rebounded well in the final minutes.

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Bufs are undefeated district champs

Special to the Herald

No. 18 state-ranked Forsan closed out district play with a 108-45 victory over Winters.

The win puts them at an undefeated 12-0 in district play, and 25-4 on the season.

This is their second year in a row to clinch the district title.

Summary of the game:

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Salas - 10

Castillo - 7

Diaz, C. - 11

Rodriguez - 3

Perkins - 5

FORSAN

Kobe Richardson - 34

Bryce Hegert - 24

Garret Evans - 19

Jordan Enriquez - 9

Jaeden Ceasar - 8

Aaron Gutierrez - 6

Nathan Vidal - 5

Caden Williams - 1

SCORES BY QUARTER

Winters 17 - 6 - 9 - 13

Forsan 23 - 36 - 33 - 16

FOULS

Winters - 19

Forsan - 17

THREES

Winters 5

Diaz - 1

Salas - 2

Rodriguez - 2

Forsan 9

Evans - 1

Hergert - 3

Richardson - 5

UP NEXT

Bi-District Playoff

game Tuesday Feb 20

vs Haskell @ Snyder

time: tbd

Winters JV - 24

Forsan JV - 48

Forsan JV finished

the year 18-9 (10-2).

Jazz rally in 4th quarter, edge Spurs for 10th straight win



AP photo

San Antonio Spurs' Davis Bertans (42) and Pau Gasol (16) defend against Utah Jazz guard Donovan Mitchell (45) in the first half of an NBA basketball game Monday, Feb. 12, 2018, in Salt Lake City.

By JOHN COON

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Donovan Mitchell found his shooting touch at the right time for the Utah Jazz.

Mitchell scored 25 points, including a go-ahead jumper with 39.2 seconds left, and Utah extended its NBA-best winning streak to 10 games with a 101-99 win over the San Antonio Spurs on Monday night.

Mitchell was just 9 for 28 from the

field, but he delivered down the stretch. The rookie guard scored eight of Utah's final nine points over the last 2:54 of the game. He hit a pair of go-ahead baskets and a free throw to give the Jazz the lead in the final minute after they trailed by as many as 13 points during the fourth quarter.

"You can't think about the misses, that's the biggest thing," Mitchell

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Baylor tops Texas 74-73 in double OT



AP photo

Baylor forward Terry Maston (31) celebrates a score against Texas in an NCAA college basketball game, Monday, Feb. 12, 2018, in Austin, Texas. Baylor won 74-73 in double overtime.

By JIM VERTUNO

AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN, Texas — Written off for dead in the Big 12 just a couple of weeks ago, the Baylor Bears are knocking down wins and steadily pulling themselves off the bottom of the league standings.

And with a four-game win streak, the Bears are turning into a team that could turn everything upside down before the postseason tournament.

The latest came on Jo Lual-Acuil Jr.'s follow-up dunk with 8 seconds left in double overtime that sent Baylor to a 74-73 win over Texas on Monday night. Terry Maston scored a career-high 26 points, including 12 in the two overtimes.

"We need every game right now," Maston said. "I think we're really turning it around in conference. We're just clicking right now on offense and defense."

Texas had taken the lead on Kerwin Roach II's twisting layup with 20 seconds left. Baylor quickly went back up court as Manu Lecomte

drove for the game winner. He missed, but Lual-Acuil came flying in to snag the rebound and slam home the dunk.

Texas' 7-foot freshman Mo Bamba, one of the nation's top shot blockers, had stepped in to stuff Lecomte's shot, but the ball got over his hand and Lual-Acuil was waiting to pounce.

"I knew Mo was going to come over and try to block the shot. I stayed on the other side and was just hoping for a good miss. It came off the rim the right way and I was able to go up and grab it," Lual-Acuil said.

Lual-Acuil finished with 16 points and 11 rebounds for Baylor (16-10, 6-7). Lecomte scored 16 for the Bears.

Bamba had 16 points and 16 rebounds, and Roach, Dylan Osetkowski and Matt Coleman each scored 15 points for the Longhorns (15-11, 5-8), who have lost three in a row. The Longhorns have lost six in a row to Baylor over the past three seasons.

Texas is just one game out of last place in the Big 12 in coach Shaka

Smart's third season. Texas finished at the bottom of the league last season. The players skipped post-game interviews. Smart said they were "hashing some things out," among themselves.

"We've got a lot of guys trying to figure it out," Smart said. "This league is very unforgiving. No one is going to feel sorry for you."

BIG PICTURE

Baylor: The Bears got a huge game from Maston, who was 12 of 17 from the field and 17 of 21 just about everything he wanted from 15 feet and in. His only mistake was passing up a late 3-pointer in the second overtime that could have been a dagger. Maston isn't a starter and only averages 6.5 points over his career, but his role in the offense could expand after this performance.

"Terry is one of the streakier players I've ever coached. When he's on like he was tonight, that basket is pretty big," Baylor coach Scott Drew said.

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TCU going for 5th College World Series appearance in a row

By ERIC OLSON

AP Sports Writer

OMAHA, Neb. — TCU is looking for some history. A deep pitching staff could lead the way for the Horned Frogs.

TCU heads into the 2018 baseball season looking to join Stanford as the only programs to make five straight College World Series appearances since the NCAA went to its current tournament format in 1999.

The Horned Frogs have the makings for one of the top pitching staffs in the nation, led by starters Jared Janczak, Nick Lodolo and Sean Wymer and closer Durbin Feltman.

The biggest question mark is their everyday lineup. Five newcomers probably will start, joining first baseman Luken Baker, right fielder Connor Wanhanen and left fielder Josh Watson.

"We talk a lot, especially this year, about resetting to zero because last



AP photo

In this March 24, 2017, file photo, TCU's Luken Baker is greeted at the plate by Josh Watson after a solo home run in the eighth inning during an NCAA college baseball game in Fort Worth, Texas.

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♥ 10 9 6
♦ 8 4
♣ A J 9 7 3

WEST
♠ J 8 4
♥ K 5 3
♦ Q J 10 2
♣ 8 6 4

EAST
♠ Q 10 7 5
♥ 8 2
♦ K 9 6 5 3
♣ K 2

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

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 2♥ Pass
3♣ Pass 3♥ Pass
4♥

Opening lead — queen of diamonds.
The finesse is undoubtedly one of the most formidable weapons in declarer's bag of tricks, and many thousands of contracts are made every day thanks to a successful finesse or two. However, it is also true that many other contracts fail because declarer took a finesse that should not have been taken.

Consider this case where South went down in four hearts. He won the diamond lead with the ace, crossed to dummy with a spade, led the ten of hearts and finessed after East fol-

lowed low. West took his king, cashed the diamond jack and returned a spade.

After winning the spade, South drew trumps, ending in his hand, then led the club queen and let it ride. East won with the king and cashed his queen of spades for down one.

Granting that South was unlucky to find both the king of hearts and king of clubs badly placed, the fact remains that he was guilty of finessitis. Neither finesse was needed to make the contract, but one of them was clearly responsible for doing him in.

After winning the diamond lead, South should play the ace and a low heart, willingly conceding a trick to the king. West can win, cash a diamond and shift to a spade, but declarer is now in the driver's seat. He takes the spade, draws trumps and tries the club finesse. Although the finesse loses, South can win any return and discard his spade loser on one of dummy's clubs.

By leading a spade to dummy at trick two in order to try the non-essential heart finesse, South gave the defenders an opening they could exploit, and they took full advantage of it. West was able to develop a spade trick for his side before declarer established his clubs, and a virtually certain contract went down the drain.

Tomorrow: Tale of the two missing queens.

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The Mardi Gras carnival celebration involves vibrant color and light, appointed royalty, creative parade floats and unusual giveaways. The point is to be richly sated before the season of Lent asks us to give up indulgences -- though this square of Mercury and Jupiter warns plainly against overindulgence this Fat Tuesday.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There's usually a need that goes lurking beneath the request that's being made. You sense what it is in yourself and in others: for instance, when they ask for advice but really want corroboration.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There may be tension between people of differing generations. The way to get around it is to tune in to what the other party finds relevant and to steer clear of topics and manners that may be difficult for others to relate to.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). All of life is an experience: the good and the bad, the exciting and the tedious, the struggle and the triumph. Don't worry so much about whether you're on the right path. Today, the point is just that you're moving.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There's a venture in the back of your mind that is starting to push its way to the front. Will people pay for your special talent? Could you make a living with this? Toy around with the idea more seriously.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There's nothing that

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BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



influences you more today than the scary example someone else sets forth. You don't want it to be you. You've better ideas about how you want your life to go.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Being comfortable with yourself is insurance against loneliness. Your own friendship is truly the cornerstone that anchors all the other relationships. So be nice to yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Reading and writing -- all well and good, but conversation is the very best mental exercise you can get today. It's an intellectual game of catch. The bouncing around in the moment is what keeps you sharp.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Take on the challenge of extrapolating accurate nuggets of truth out of the stories you'll hear today, because people are likely to make exaggerated claims -- part of the fun of the day!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Strike out on your own and the adventure will be noteworthy, though it will lack the conflict and compromise

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The mind-body connection is getting stronger. Every time you decide on how you want to move and follow through with this, your body will become increasingly receptive to your command

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It seems to you that someone always loves more, sacrifices greater and gets their way less often... and that someone always is you. Well, today you feel like a victim of love, but distortions abound. Later you'll feel differently.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). People lie when they are afraid to tell the truth. You make it safe to say the truth, and the truth is what you'll get. Perfect because you hunger for honest and intimate conversations.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 13). A shower of financial good luck starts things off. You'll be able to feed your own goals and projects and still help a loved one out. Your powers of charm will be amplified the first three months of this solar return and you'll have to be careful not to set up expectations you won't want to fulfill. July brings a quest. Pisces and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 20, 28, 43 and 17.

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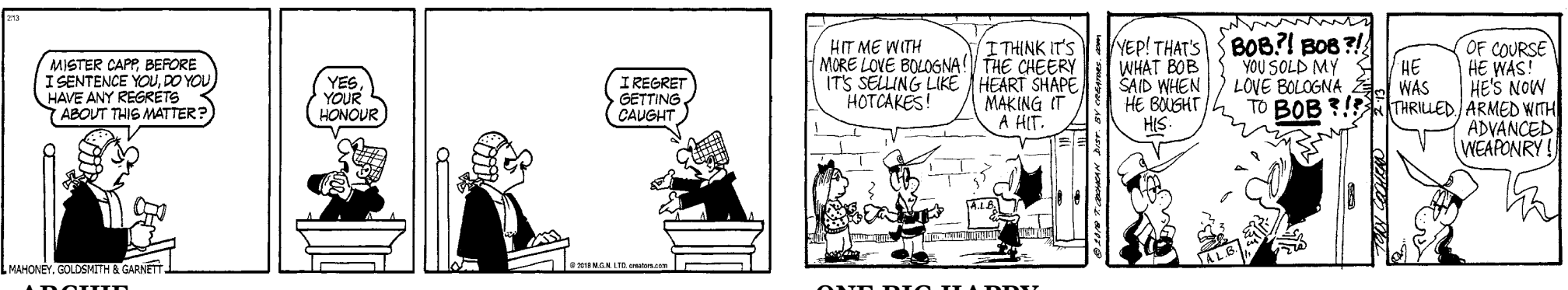
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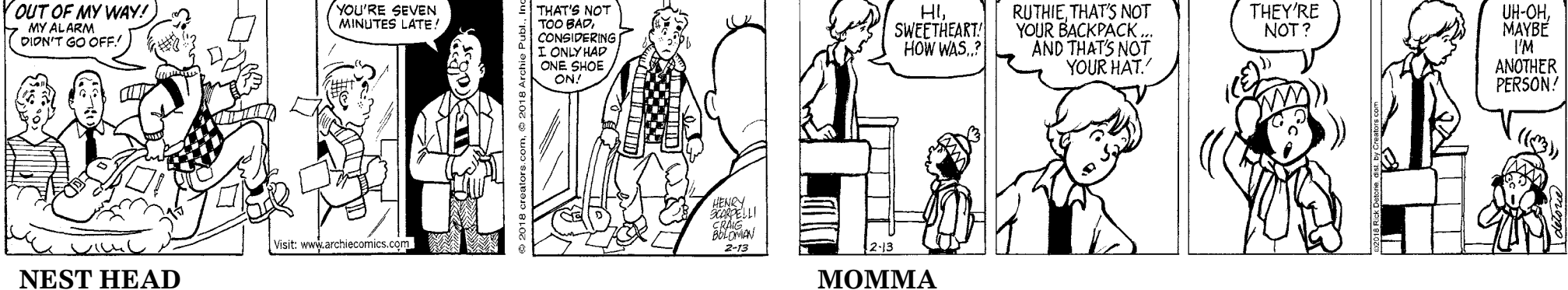
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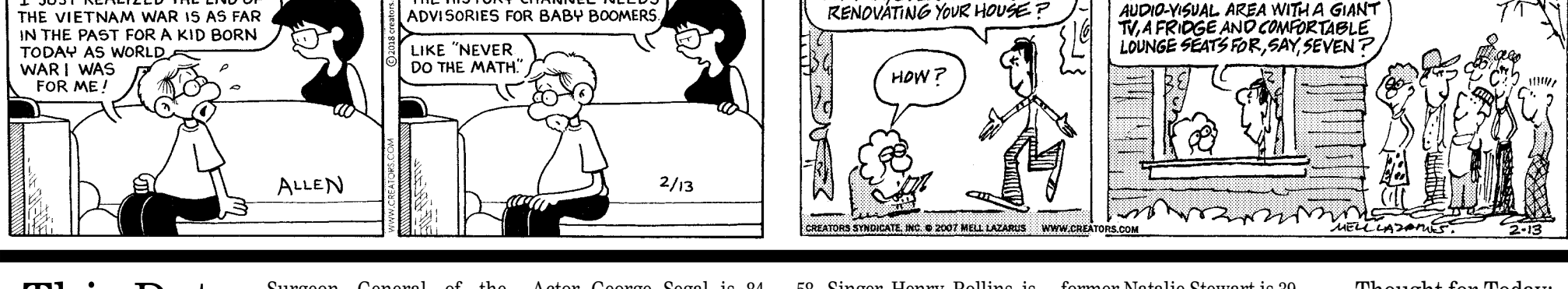
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 13, the 44th day of 2018. There are 321 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 13, 1633, Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei arrived in Rome for trial before the Inquisition, accused of defending Copernican theory that the Earth revolved around the sun instead of the other way around. (Galileo was found vehemently suspect of heresy, and ended up being sentenced to a form of house arrest.) On this date: In 1542, the fifth wife of England's King Henry VIII, Catherine Howard, was executed for adultery. In 1741, Andrew Bradford of Pennsylvania published the first American magazine. "The American Magazine, or A Monthly View of the Political State of the British Colonies" lasted three issues. In 1861, Abraham Lincoln was officially declared winner of the 1860 presidential election as electors cast their ballots. In 1914, the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, also known as ASCAP, was founded in New York. In 1933, the Warsaw Convention, governing airlines' liability for international carriage of persons, luggage and goods, went into effect. In 1935, a jury in Flemington, New Jersey, found Bruno Richard Hauptmann guilty of first-degree murder in the kidnap-slaying of Charles A. Lindbergh Jr., the 20-month-old son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh. (Hauptmann was later executed.) In 1943, during World War II, the U.S. Marine Corps Women's Reserve was officially established. In 1968, actress Mae Marsh, known mostly for her silent film work ("The Birth of a Nation"; "Intolerance"), died in Hermosa Beach, California, at age 73. In 1974, Nobel Prize-winning Russian author Alexander Solzhenitsyn was expelled from the Soviet Union. In 1988, the 15th Winter Olympics opened in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. In 1998, Dr. David Satcher was sworn in as the 16th

Surgeon General of the United States during an Oval Office ceremony. In 2016, Justice Antonin Scalia, the influential conservative and most provocative member of the U.S. Supreme Court, was found dead at a private residence in the Big Bend area of West Texas; he was 79. Ten years ago: Under oath and sometimes blistering questioning, seven-time Cy Young Award winner Roger Clemens told Congress: "I have never taken steroids or HGH," while his accuser, former personal trainer Brian McNamee, sat a few feet away. Hollywood writers returned to work a day after voting to end their 100-day strike that had disrupted the TV season and canceled awards shows. Japanese movie director Kon Ichikawa died in Tokyo at age 92. Five years ago: Beginning a long farewell to his flock, a weary Pope Benedict XVI celebrated his final public Mass as pontiff, presiding over Ash Wednesday services inside St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican. One year ago: President Donald Trump's embattled national security adviser, Michael Flynn, resigned following reports he had misled Vice President Mike Pence and other officials about his contacts with Russia. The Senate confirmed David Shulkin to be secretary of Veterans Affairs and Steven Mnuchin to be treasury secretary. Kim Jong Nam, the estranged half-brother of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, died after falling ill at an airport terminal in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; two women are accused of killing him by smearing a nerve agent onto his face. Actor Harrison Ford mistakenly landed his single-engine plane on a taxiway of John Wayne Airport in Orange County, California, after passing over an American Airlines jet. Today's Birthdays: U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager (ret.) is 95. Actress Kim Novak is 85.

Actor George Segal is 84. Actor Bo Svenson is 77. Actress Carol Lynley is 76. Singer-musician Peter Dinklage (The Monkees) is 76. Actress Stockard Channing is 74. Talk show host Jerry Springer is 74. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., is 72. Singer Peter Gabriel is 68. Actor David Naughton is 67. Rock musician Peter Hook is 62. Actor Matt Salinger is

58. Singer Henry Rollins is 57. Actor Neal McDonough is 52. Singer Freedom Williams is 52. Actress Kelly Hu is 50. Rock singer Matt Berninger (The National) is 47. Rock musician Todd Harrell (3 Doors Down) is 46. Country musician Scott Thomas (Parmalee) is 45. Singer Robbie Williams is 44. Singer-songwriter Feist is 42. Rhythm-and-blues per-

former Natalie Stewart is 39. Actress Mena Suvari (MEE'-nuh soo-VAHR'-ee) is 39. Rock musician Dash Hutton (Haim (HY'-ehm)) is 33. Actress Katie Volding is 29. Michael Joseph Jackson Jr. (also known as Prince Michael Jackson I) is 21.

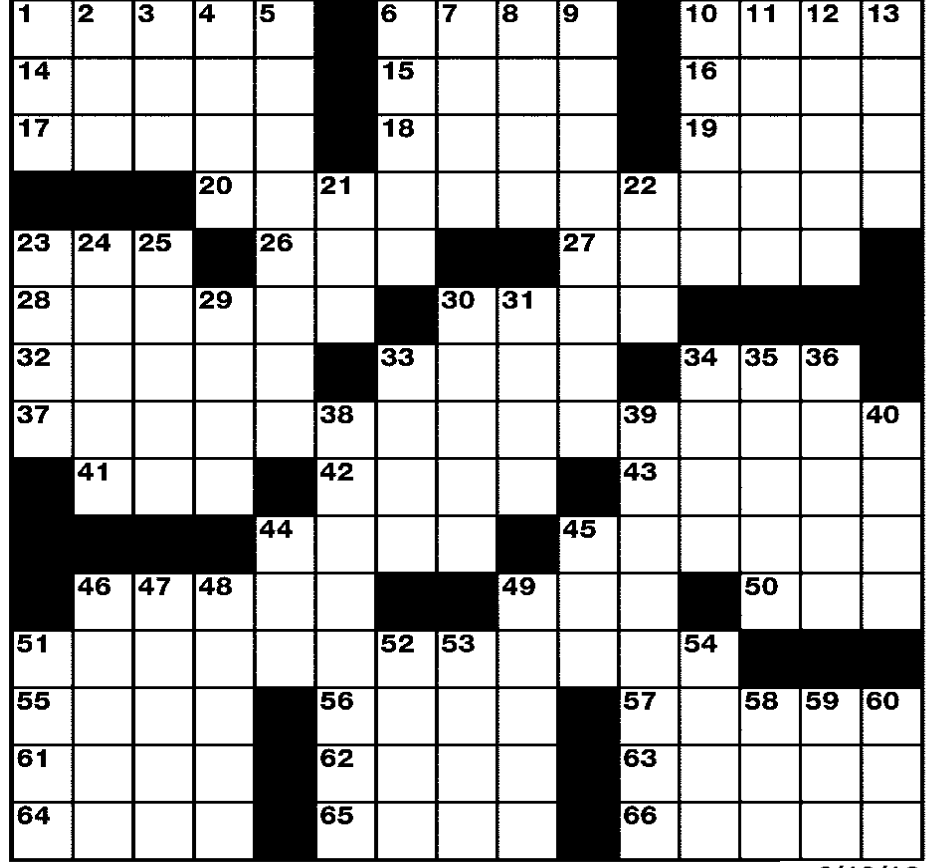
Thought for Today: "To go against the dominant thinking of your friends, of most of the people you see every day, is perhaps the most difficult act of heroism you can have." Theodore H. White American political writer (1915-1986). © 2018 The Associated Press.

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Feelings of hunger
 - 6 In a competent manner
 - 10 Pets that purr
 - 14 Scarlett of *Gone With the Wind*
 - 15 A Great Lake
 - 16 Spoken out loud
 - 17 Of the Vatican
 - 18 Couch
 - 19 *Venus de* ___
 - 20 Unfairly, as a boxing punch
 - 23 Tooth pros' org.
 - 26 Small taste of soup
 - 27 Fresh-mouthed
 - 28 Group in power
 - 30 Recommend
 - 32 Wonderland visitor
 - 33 Entryway
 - 34 Laptops that aren't Apples: Abbr.
 - 37 Do an accounting check
 - 41 Japanese money
 - 42 Small bills
 - 43 "Golden" song
 - 44 Hill-building insects
 - 45 Out of view
 - 46 Board game with pawns
 - 49 Smart ___ whip
 - 50 Outlawed insecticide
 - 51 Win big at a casino
 - 55 Scarlet and crimson
 - 56 Assistant

- DOWN**
- 1 Balloon-bursting sound
 - 2 "Now I get it!"
 - 3 Midday snooze
 - 4 Take suddenly
 - 5 Guys on commission
 - 6 Source of ancient fables
 - 7 Forehead
 - 8 Pick up from the floor
 - 9 Skeptic's remark
 - 10 Hair untanglers
 - 11 Ram of the zodiac
 - 12 Add up
 - 13 Mail-chute opening
 - 21 Be deceitful
 - 22 Have a meal
 - 23 Many a Mideast native
 - 24 Cause to be late
 - 25 Well-coordinated
 - 29 Volunteer's offer
 - 30 Carryall bags
 - 31 ___ and aahs (sounds impressed)
 - 33 Fender ding
 - 34 Officeholders, for short
 - 35 Wrote software
 - 36 Slid down showy slopes
 - 38 Never changing
 - 39 Sudden windfalls
 - 40 Mailed away
 - 44 Inquire
 - 45 Where D.C. is capital
 - 46 Guiding principle
 - 47 Shrub used as a fence
 - 48 Makes less burdensome
 - 49 Assists in wrongdoing
 - 51 Prepare, as tea
 - 52 Informal greeting
 - 53 Old Testament paradise
 - 54 Held on to
 - 58 "Turn up the heat!"
 - 59 ___ de Janeiro
 - 60 Swiss mountain

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Answer to previous puzzle
 LEAF OLD BOLD
 EARL KEEP SEPIA
 ASIA SISI PRESS
 DESKS SIXTEENTH
 SLEEPS GIANT
 ATAINEND SPY
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 ABRAHAM LINCOLN
 TEEMED WEB EWES
 AYE FINAGLE
 ATEIN EASTER
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TCU

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year's group was awesome and the year before that was awesome and the year before that as well," Wanhanen said. "This is a completely different team."

TCU is a consensus top-10 team nationally and picked to finish behind two-time defending champion Texas Tech in the Big 12. D1Baseball.com selected shortstop Adam Oviedo for its pre-season freshman of the year and Baker as its player of the year in the Big 12.

Baker missed the last 21 games of last season after injuring his left (non-throwing) arm in a collision at first base. He was the 2016 freshman of the year and is batting .355 with 103 RBIs in 114 career games.

"Everything is all healed up 100 percent," Baker said.

Seven programs have reached the CWS at least five years in row. Miami has done it twice, and Oklahoma State made a record seven consecutive appearances from 1981-87.

TCU is going for its sixth trip to Omaha since 2010. The Frogs have yet to win a national title. Their last two CWS appearances ended with bracket-final losses to eventual champions Coastal Carolina (2016) and Florida (2017).

Ten other teams to watch:

—FLORIDA: The defending national champion Gators are No. 1 in every major preseason poll. Five everyday starters are back, and the pitching rotation is headed by projected first-round picks Brady Singer and Jackson Kowar. The lineup gets a boost from the return of senior catcher JJ Schwarz (12 HR, 56 RBIs), who returned to school after falling to the 38th round of last year's draft.

—OREGON STATE: The Beavers were beaten just four times before the CWS and then lost back-to-back games to LSU to fall short of a spot in the finals. Pac-12 player of the year Nick Madrigal leads a veteran lineup for the conference favorite. Luke Heimlich heads the pitching staff. He missed the super regional and CWS after the Oregonian newspaper reported he had pleaded guilty to a single count of molesting a 6-year-old girl when he was a teenager.

—FLORIDA STATE: It's another season that begs the question

whether this will be the year Mike Martin, who has led the Seminoles to the CWS 16 times, wins his first national title. Drew Mendoza leads what could be one of the nation's most powerful lineups, and All-America lefty Tyler Holton is back after striking out 144 in 119 1/3 innings last season.

—TEXAS TECH: The Red Raiders made it to the CWS in 2016 but were upset by Sam Houston State in regionals last year. They lost some big bats, but they have enough back to win the Big 12. They have one of the nation's best lefties in 10-game winner Steven Gingery and a solid No. 2 starter in Davis Martin.

—NORTH CAROLINA: Like Texas Tech, the Tar Heels got knocked out of regionals by an upstart (Davidson). Three of the top four hitters are gone, so there are question marks about the offense. The pitching staff is young and talented, headed by 6-foot-6, 256-pound Gianluca Dalatri.

—ARKANSAS: The Razorbacks are picked to win the SEC West. Grant Koch hit a career-high 13 home runs last season, most by an SEC catcher, and No. 1 starter Blaine Knight is back after striking out 96 in 90 innings. The Hogs also should get a boost from pitcher Isaiah Campbell's return from an elbow injury.

—UCLA: The Bruins usually aren't an offensive juggernaut, but a young everyday lineup matured last season and their production should increase. Jon Olsen is back after going 7-1 as the staff ace.

—CAL STATE FULLERTON: The Titans, picked to win the Big West, bring back a .300 hitter in shortstop Sahid Valenzuela as well as No. 1 starter Colton Eastman, who missed 2 1/2 months in the middle of last season because of an elbow injury, and closer Brett Conine (15 saves).

—INDIANA: Coach Chris Lemonis has taken the Hoosiers to regionals in two of his first three seasons, and they are the pick to win the Big Ten. Three returning players hit double-digit homers and the pitching staff is deep and experienced.

—SOUTH ALABAMA: Travis Swaggerty (.356, 60 RBIs) is among eight returning starters from one of the top offenses in the country. The Jaguars of the Sun Belt Conference will need to be productive again because their pitching is a concern.

SPURS

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said. "I was continuing to stay locked in and just stay focused and understand the shots eventually were going to fall. Fortunately, they did."

Joe Ingles added 20 points, seven rebounds and five assists for Utah. Derrick Favors had 19 points, eight rebounds and four blocks.

The Jazz (29-28) moved above .500 for the first time in more than two months. Defense played a big role in their latest victory.

Favors blocked a pair of shots in the final minute. San Antonio was unable to get a shot off after getting the ball back with 16.7 seconds left.

Kyle Anderson scored 16 points and Pau Gasol had 15 points and 15 rebounds for the Spurs, who lost to Utah for the third time this season.

"We were in the lead for most of the second half," Gasol said. "We just couldn't finish it. We had some bad possessions offensively that led to opportunities for them."

San Antonio went ahead 83-70 on a jumper by Bryn Forbes with 9:29 remaining. The Jazz chipped away before Ingles and Mitchell hit back-to-back 3-pointers to tie it at 87 with 4:53 left. The teams traded baskets from there until Mitchell sealed it in the final minute.

Utah used a 20-4 run in the second quarter to take its largest first-half lead at 54-42. San Antonio cut its deficit in half before halftime on layups by Gasol and Anderson.

In the third quarter, the Spurs used an 11-1 run to go back in front. Davis Bertans buried a 3-pointer to put San Antonio up 66-61.

The Jazz made 11 of 19 shots (57.9 percent) in the second quarter and just 4 of 22 attempts (18.2 percent) in the third.

"This is one of those games you're fortunate to win," Jazz coach Quin Snyder said. "You have to catch some breaks. We just continued to compete. That's really all it comes down to. When you do that, you put yourself in a position to catch a break."

TIP-INS

Spurs: F LaMarcus Aldridge (sore right knee) did not play. Aldridge leads San Antonio in scoring and rebounding. ... The Spurs outscored the Jazz 54-40 in the paint. ... Gasol recorded his 12th

double-double of the season.

Jazz: G Ricky Rubio (left hip soreness) missed his second consecutive game. ... Ingles scored 10 of Utah's first 15 points. He set a career high in scoring in each of the previous two Jazz victories. ... F Jae Crowder finished with 14 points in his first home game since he came over from Cleveland in a trade.

FAVORS FINISHES

Utah's Rudy Gobert found himself in an unusual spot in the final minutes. Gobert played just six minutes in the fourth quarter and watched from the bench while Favors finished out the game.

Gobert had 10 points, 11 rebounds, two blocks and two steals in 31 minutes. But Snyder decided to ride the hot hand down the stretch. Favors totaled eight points, five rebounds and two blocks in six minutes in the fourth. He had back-to-back layups that helped the Jazz keep pace when the Spurs tried to pull away.

Snyder asked Gobert if he wanted to go back in the game at one point, but the Jazz center deferred to Favors. He did appreciate being consulted about the crunch-time decision.

"I don't know if there's a lot of coach-player relationships like we have," Gobert said. "He trusted me from the beginning, so I trust him too."

OUTSIDE SHOOTING WOES

San Antonio hung tough while playing short-handed because of injuries. But the Spurs were hurt by a rough night on the perimeter, going 6 for 25 from 3-point range.

"We just have to figure out a way to win," guard Tony Parker said. "We were up 13. We had a good chance, but we didn't make the shots in the end."

UP NEXT

Spurs: Travel to Denver to face the Nuggets on Tuesday.

Jazz: Host the Suns on Wednesday.

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BAYLOR

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Texas: It was a brutal offensive night for a team that already ranks last in the Big 12 in scoring and in 3-point shooting. The Longhorns were 3 of 19 on 3-pointers and Coleman had just three assists. Coleman came on late with 3-pointer and a layup in the final minute of regula-

tion, and a pair of free throws that helped force overtime. He played the final eight minutes of regulation and both overtimes with four fouls.

"To be 3-of-19 and be right there at the end, shows a lot about what our guys did in other areas. We just needed one more of those to go in," Smart said.

PILING UP OVERTIME

Texas played its sixth overtime game this season and Mon-

day night was the second to reach two overtimes. The Longhorns are 2-4 in those contests, which can wear out a team short on depth. Texas had five players log at least 43 minutes on Monday night.

UP NEXT

Baylor hosts Big 12 leader No. 7 Texas Tech.

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LADY HAWKS

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from the field to take a commanding 27-12 lead.

That changed in a hurry in the second quarter. This time it was Clarendon's time to shine as it scored the first 12 points of the quarter. The streak was ended when Taylor Allison scored on an offensive put back; the Howard lead was 29-24. The Clarendon onslaught continued however behind some brilliant three point shooting by Castaneda, Ja Von Daniels and Baily Shelor. Clarendon led 36-29 with 2:40 left in the half; Howard narrowed it to 36-35 at the half via three-pointers from Alsup and Addyson Moseley. Both teams shot the deep ball well in the first half, Howard was 5-of-9 from the arc and Clarendon was 9-of-18.

The second half was simply Howard dominance, especially on the boards as Alsup, Cunningham and Moseley led a Howard contingent that out-rebounded Clarendon 35-19 in the game. Howard started to pull away in the third as Morris hit a shot jumper, Ruthie Fox scored underneath, Allison added a bucket two free throws and Simpson scored a couple of buckets. Howard led 58-49 going into the last quarter.

Howard started the fourth quarter with another Alsup three and a baseline jumper, Cunningham scored inside and Simpson sank two foul shots. Howard was in control at 67-54 with 3:30 left. Alsup, a 6-foot-1 sophomore from Del Rio, had a strong game with 21 points and nine rebounds. She was 4-of-9 from three. Simpson made 3-of-6 three pointers and finished with 17 points and five assists. Moseley and Allison scored 12 and 11 points respectively. Howard was 10-for-10 from the foul line.

Daniels had a good game for Clarendon, scoring 18 points, getting six steals and dishing out seven assists. After scoring 12 first half points, Castaneda finished the game with 16 for the Lady Bulldogs.

CLARENDON- Lexi Escabal 1-0-3; Dajiah Henry 1-0-2; Aleiyah Brantley 1-0-2; Ja Vona Daniels 7-1-18; Mia Castaneda 6-0-16; Baily Shelor 2-0-6; Chan untel Acosta 3-9-8; totals 26-2-2-59.

HOWARD- Addyson Moseley 4-2-12; Cierra Morris 3-2-8; Kendal Alsup 7-4-21; Kaki Simpson 5-4-14; Ruthie Fox 1-0-2; Corbyn Cunningham 2-0-4; Taylor Allison 5-1-11; totals 28-10-75.

Clarendon - 12-24-13-10 - 59
Howard - 27-08-23-17 - 75
Records- Clarendon (4-6, 20-6); Howard (5-6, 15-12).

HAWKS

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Though he's only 5'9, Reece Brooks stood taller than everyone, even taller than Howard's Jacke Hutchings, and Hutchings stood pretty tall himself, scoring 26 points and leading Howard with seven rebounds. The 6-6 Las Vegas, Nev sophomore nailed six three-pointers in 15 tries. He almost signal handily kept Howard in contention in the second half.

Brooks was a blur all night, dipping in and out of the Howard defense on drives to the basket and taking the time to nail 4-of-5 threes. He scored 26 points to go along with four assists and three steals. Ellis Jefferson and Edwon Brady scored 14 and 12 points for Clarendon..

The game was tight the whole time. Howard led 28-27 at the half The two teams traded leads in the second half Late in the game Howard's Smoot was called for a technical. Brooks made both free throws to tie the game at 62 apiece 1:51 left. Clarendon took the lead 65-62 on a three-pointer by Jefferson at the 1:45 mark. But Hutchings answered with a three with 1:25 left. Neither team could score the rest of regulation and the game went into overtime, tied at 65-65.

But that was pretty much the end of the line for Howard as it fell on hard times. Jeremy Hayes, who had scored 16 points, fouled out not even a minute into overtime. Howard's lone basket in the five-minute period was a rare three-pointer from Diamond Onwuka. By that time Clarendon had reeled off eight points, leading 74-68 win a minute left.

Howard will be on the road Thursday when they travel to Borger to play Frank Phillips. Men start of 7:30 pm., Women play at 5:45.

CLARENDON- David Carter 4-1-9; Donovan White 1-0-2; Edwon Brady 3-4-12; Reece Brooks 8-6-26; JaQuan Horne 2-1-5; Xavier Trent 1-0-2; Shavaiire Murray 1-0-2; Ellis Jefferson 6-1-14; Paul Corbin 1-0-2; Thomas Clement 1-0-2; totals 27-15-76.

HOWARD - Amari McCray 3-0-6; Jeremy Hayes 5-6-16; Derrick Green 2-1-5; Jack Pagenkopf 3-0-6; Diamond Onwuka 1-0-3; Jake Hutchings 10-0-26; Ric-Quail Smoot 3-0-6; totals 27-7-68.

Halftime- Howard 28, Clarendon 27; Regulation - Tied at 65.

10 players to watch in college baseball

By The Associated Press

Ten players to watch in college baseball this season:

RHP Brady Singer, Florida
Singer enters the season projected to be the No. 1 overall pick by the Detroit Tigers in the Major League Baseball draft in June. The 6-foot-5, 210-pound junior made 19 starts, pitched 126 innings and went 9-5 in 2017. He made two starts in the College World Series, winning both and striking out 21 in 14 innings. He set a CWS finals record with 12 strikeouts against LSU in Game 1. Singer and fellow Gator Jackson Kowar, also expected to be a first-round pick, are joined by Tyler Dyson in one of the nation's most formidable weekend rotations.

LHP Shane McClanahan, South Florida
McClanahan is rated as the No. 1 or 2 draft-eligible left-hander in the college game. The 6-2, 188-pounder came back from Tommy John surgery to strike out 12.32 per nine innings last season, ranking eighth in the country. He also led the American Athletic Conference with a .181 batting average against. With a 97-mph fastball and effective change-up, McClanahan draws comparisons to Chris Sale and is on track to be the highest draft pick in USF history.

INF Nick Madrigal, Oregon State
At 5-8 and 165 pounds, the junior is out of the mold of 2017 American League MVP Jose Altuve. Madrigal was player of the year and defensive player of the year in the Pac-12 last season. He batted .380 with 20 doubles, two triples, four home runs and 40 RBIs. He also stole 16 bases in 18 attempts. He split time between second base and shortstop last season and committed just five errors in 233 chances.

OF/RHP Matt Wallner, Southern Mississippi
The Golden Eagles' sophomore star could be the best two-way player in the nation now that Brendan McKay has moved on. The 6-5, 220-pound Wallner batted .336 with 19 homers and 63 RBIs last season. He had a .655 slugging percentage and, after taking 45 walks, a .463 on-base percentage. A hip injury limited him to nine pitching appearances; he was 2-0 with three saves and a 1.84 ERA.

SS Jeremy Eierman, Missouri State
Eierman is coming off one of the greatest offensive seasons in Missouri Valley Conference history. The free-swinging junior

was fifth in the nation with 23 homers, led the Valley with 68 RBIs, scored 37 runs and had 39 extra-base hits. He also batted a team-high .341 with runners on base, drove in 26 runs with two outs and reached base in 33 straight games.

OF/1B Seth Beer, Clemson
Beer won the Dick Howser Trophy as college baseball's top player in 2016 and was a semifinalist last year. Remarkably consistent over his 125 career games, with 34 homers, 30 doubles, 123 RBIs and 126 walks. He reached base via a hit or walk in 66 straight games with a plate appearance. Last season he batted .298 with 16 homers, 17 doubles and 53 RBIs and was second in the ACC with 64 walks.

1B Luken Baker, TCU
The 6-4, 265-pound Baker figures to play a prominent role as the Horned Frogs try to reach a fifth straight CWS. Before a season-ending injury May 12, he had a .317 batting average, eight home runs and eight doubles, and 20 of his 41 RBIs came with two outs. He was a two-way player as a freshman but gave up pitching after straining an arm muscle.

RHP Casey Mize, Auburn
Mize has blossomed into a first-round prospect after going undrafted in high school. Last season he went 8-2 with a 2.04 ERA and 109 strikeouts despite missing three starts because of an arm issue. His strikeout total was the highest by an Auburn pitcher since 1999. Mize led the nation with a 12.11 strikeout-to-walk ratio and struck out 11.73 batters per nine innings.

OF Garrett Mitchell, UCLA
Rated as one of the top freshmen in the country, he raised eyebrows in the wooden-bat West Coast League last summer when he batted .462 with one home run, a triple and three doubles in just 13 at-bats. He chose to go to college after slipping to the 14th round in the 2017 draft. He figures to start in right field and, with his upside, projects to be the centerpiece in the Bruins' lineup before long.

OF Griffin Conine, Duke
The son of retired major leaguer Jeff Conine was his team's MVP in the Cape Cod League All-Star Game last summer after leading the Blue Devils in every major offensive category last season. His 13 home runs were the most by a Duke player since 2010, and his 56 RBIs were the most since 2009.



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