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Multiple policies approved by city council

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

At their meeting Tuesday evening, Big Spring City Council members approved a new method for ATMOS Energy to determine its rates for natural gas in the city,

and also made changes to the city's sexual harassment and social media policies. The ATMOS change switches the rate determination process from the current GRIP (Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program) method to the

RRM (Rate Review Mechanism) method, according to City Finance Director Donald Moore. Moore explained that Big Spring is part of a coalition of cities called "The Steering Committee of Cities Served

by ATMOS Energy's West Texas Division," and the membership and legal counsel of the coalition has urged cities to approve the new rate structuring method. "Basically this ordinance was to adopt the RRM process,

which was something that the attorney for the coalition we're in pushed for," Moore said. "He said this would be a much fairer way for cities to negotiate with what

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Bowling for Marcy

Local elementary gets grant based on Bowl-A-Rama nomination



Courtesy photo

Marcy Elementary School Principal Alecia Hancock, center, accepts a \$1,000 check from Kids Bowl Free's "Bowling For Schools" program. Presenting the check to Marcy are John and Diana Dodd, owners of Big Spring's Bowl-A-Rama bowling center, who nominated all Big Spring schools for the grant. Marcy was chosen from more than 19,000 schools nationwide to be one of 50 schools to receive the funds. Hancock said the school hasn't yet had a chance to decide what to do with the money.

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

A summer bowling program for kids and youth, in conjunction with Big Spring's Bowl-A-Rama bowling center, has given a \$1,000 grant to Marcy Elementary School. "We received notice that we had been selected as one of the \$1,000 winners that Bow-A-Rama had nominated us for," said Marcy Principal Alecia Hancock. "They nominated all Big Spring schools, but we happened to be the one that was chosen. So we received the \$1,000 grant to use however we like. It was out of approximately 19,000 schools. I believe

we were the only Big Spring school." John Dodd, owner of Bowl-A-Rama, 3318 S. Service Road, Interstate 20 in Big Spring, said the grant is part of the summer bowling program called "Bowling For Schools," a subsidiary of the nationwide "Kids Bowl Free" organization. "There's a program, a group called Kids Bowl Free, and they have a website, kidsbowlfree.com," Dodd said. "They're a national company, and they've been on television sort of promoting the Kids Bowl Free for about nine years. We became a participant

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Bulldog band state bound



Courtesy photo

Andrea King, Joseph Arguello, and Genesis Olivas earned a Division I rating for their ensemble performance at UIL Region Contest Saturday. The trio advances to state competition.



Courtesy photo

Tyler McFall, Nathan Ramirez, Raegan Deel, Ashleigh Mull, Aaron Turnbough and Taylor Barnes earned a Division I rating on their ensemble performance, and qualified for state contest. McFall also qualified for state on his memorized Class 1 Solo piece.

Special to the Herald

Nine Coahoma High School band students are heading to state competition after qualifying at UIL Region Solo and Ensemble contest Saturday. Tyler McFall advanced to state after receiving a Division I rating on his memorized Class 1 Solo piece. Also receiving Division I ratings were Andrea King, Joseph Arguello, and Genesis Olivas for their ensemble piece and McFall, Nathan Ramirez, Raegan Deel, Ashleigh Mull, Aaron Turnbough, and Taylor Barnes for their ensemble performance. State Solo and Ensemble contest for Class 1 to 4A schools will be held May 26-28 at a site in the Austin area.

BSCVB receives donation from Occidental Petroleum

Special to the Herald

The Big Spring Convention & Visitors Bureau is pleased to announce it has received a \$50,000 donation from Occidental Petroleum. This donation will be used to support the Restoration Project at the Historic Spring Site. Phase 1 of the project, designed by Kelly Cook of KDC Associates, has recently been completed and has restored and improved the area around our Historic Spring. The Spring site has a significant historical value, and

this project will help to educate visitors about the important history associated with the site and the importance to the development of West Texas. Occidental officials will be in Big Spring at the Historic Spring Site on Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. to present the donation. Occidental Petroleum is an international oil and gas exploration and production company with operations in the

United States, Middle East and Latin America. Occidental is one of the largest U.S. oil and gas companies.

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Bufs advance to Regional Tournament



Courtesy photo

Forsan's Kobe Richardson works his way past a Morton defender in their playoff game against the Indians. The Buffaloes defeated Morton with a final score of 61-42. With the victory, they now advance to the regional tournament. See page 7 for photos and full coverage of this game.

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Obituaries

Ethel J. Trotter



Ethel J. Trotter, 94, entered Heaven on Feb. 24, 2018. She was born Dec. 3, 1923. She was the daughter of Newton (Newt) and Myrtle Trotter of the community of Eula, Texas, near Abilene.

She is preceded in death by her parents; and her brother, Sam, of San Diego, California; and a nephew, Glenn, of Prescott, Arizona.

She is survived by a niece, Gail, of Washington state and by a close friend, Marion Axe of Midland.

For many years Ethel was the manager of Walker Auto Parts in Big Spring, Texas, where she made many friends. After retirement, she moved to Midland, where she lived out her life. Because of her humility, kindness, and interest in others' lives,

she continued to form many friendships, especially those associated with Senior Link in Midland and specifically at the Senior Citizens Garage Sale each fall. Puzzles and games were her responsibility. During her recent illness, many of these caring people made their way to Ethel's room at Senior Care in Midland. Having grown up in a small community, Ethel was very fond of sports, especially basketball and baseball. Most importantly, Ethel knew Jesus Christ as her Savior, so her eternal home is secure with Him in Heaven.

Memorials may be directed to Texas-Size Garage Sale, 3301 Sinclair, Midland, TX 79707, or to a charity of your choice. No service is planned at this time.

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

Paid Obituary

Francis "Kika" Salazar



Francis "Kika" Salazar, 86, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Feb. 24, 2018. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2018, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Francis was born Sept. 19, 1931, in Malaga, New Mexico, to Eutimio Ortega and Nivas O. Ortega.

She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church. She was a homemaker but had also worked at Westside Community Center.

She is survived by two daughters, Gloria Jara and

husband Fred of Big Spring and Ramona Rocha and husband Marcos of Big Spring; one sister, Sophia Ortega of Big Spring; one brother, Polito Ortega of Artesia, New Mexico; four grandchildren, Mark A. Rocha, Lisa Rocha Janssen, Dr. Delma Contreras Jara and Frankie Jara and seven great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Jose B. Ortega and Manuel Barragan and two sisters, Estafana Ramirez and Rosa Garcia.

Pallbearers will be Mark A. Rocha, Troy Janssen, Sisto Herrera, Jr., Timmy Ortega, Chon Garcia and Bryan Chavez.

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

Paid Obituary

Andrea "Andi" Gee



Andrea "Andi" Gee, 32, of Stanton, died Monday, Feb. 26, 2018, in a Stanton hospital. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at Gilbreath Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Friday, March 2, 2018, at the Stanton High School Auditorium with Pastors Tony and Karen Conner of Renew Life Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

Survivors include her husband, Blake Gee; one son, Kenyon Wayne Gee; three daughters, LeAndra Ma'Kae Gee and Brylee Gee all of Stanton and Lexie Gee of Big Spring; her parents, Roberta "Robbie" Gourley of San Angelo and Ronnie Baird and wife, Jodi Lynn of Big Spring; two brothers; her brother-in-law and sisters-in-law; her father-in-law; her mother-in-law; two grandmothers-in-law; and numerous nieces, nephews and dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents and great-grandparents.

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

Veronica "Mickey" Marcum

Veronica "Mickey" Marcum died surrounded by family on Jan. 24, 2018,

Mickey is survived by Candy (spouse Carolyn Hall), Pamela (Spouse Bill Crowden) and her grandson. She is also survived by her older sister, Oona Kitowski and her nieces, Colleen Kitowski, Shannon Brumfield, Kaki Davies and nephew Fred Brumfield.

Private Family Burial will be in March at the family plot in San Antonio, Texas.

The GLBT Chamber of Commerce Foundation has announced the creation of the Veronica Marcum Scholarship Fund for students in or entering nursing programs in Texas. The fund was created by Candy Marcum and Carolyn Hall, long-time leaders in the LGBT equality movement, to honor Candy's mother, Veronica Marcum.

Visit www.AriaCremation.com to leave condolences and for information on donating to the Veronica Marcum Scholarship Fund.

Police, Sherriff Reports

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **REBECCA RIVAS CHAVERA**, 39, of 1505 S Johnson, was arrested on warrants of harassment, and forgery financial instruments.

- **KRYSTAL ANNETTE BUCHANAN**, 35, of 105 N Glenwood Dr., was arrested on warrants of expired driver's license, and a warrants of another agency.

- **BRENDA LUNA VALDIVIA**, 37, of 1603 Wood St., was arrested on a warrant of tampering/fabricating with physical evidence.

- **RAUL ROMO**, 20, of 1603 Wood St., was arrested on a warrant of murder.

- **EUGINA CANTU**, 24, of 605 E 12th St., was arrested on a warrant of another agency.

- **LINDA MAE VALDEZ**, 48, of 2201 Westwood, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- **LARRY DALE KING**, 34, of 410 W 5th, was arrested on a charge of driving while license is suspended or invalid.

- **ANTONIO LEDARYL KIRKLAND**, 29, of 810 Cherry St., was arrested on two warrant with other agencies.

- **EVERETT LEE PARTON**,

53, of 600 Tubb Loop Rd., was arrested on charges assault causes bodily injury family member, and resist arrest search or transport.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 1600 block of S Gregg St., and in the 3600 block of W Hwy 80.

- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1800 block of Settles St.

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1000 block on N Main St.

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

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

- **KRYSTAL ANNETTE BUCHANAN**, 35, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of expired driver's license, and a warrants of another agency.

- **EUGINA CANTU**, 24, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of theft of property in between \$50 to \$500.

- **REBECCA RIVAS CHAVERA**, 39, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of harassment, and forgery financial instruments.

- **LARRY DALE KING**, 34, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while license is suspended or invalid.

- **ANTHONY LEDARYL KIRKLAND**, 29, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of theft of property in over \$1,500.

- **ANTHONY DIEGO MARTINEZ**, 22, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of theft of property in over \$1,500.

- **EVERETT LEE PARTON**, 53, was arrested by HCSO on warrants of assault causes bodily injury family member, and resist arrest search or transport.

- **ELIZABETH CRUZ RIOS**, 40, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of parole violation.

- **ALBERT RODRIGUEZ**, 49, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- **LINDA MAE VALDEZ**, 48, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- **MITCHELL GENE WILLIAMS**, 30, was arrested by HCSO on warrants of possession of controlled substance less than one gram, and on forgery financial instrument.

Take Note

• Scenic Mountain Medical is having a Job Fair March 2, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Main Lobby at Scenic Mountain Medical, located at 1601 W 11th Pl. Positions available include: Environmental Services, Food and Nutrition, Nurses - LVN, RN (day and night shifts), CNA's, Respiratory Therapists, Ra-

diologic Technologists. Come dressed to impress and bring an updated resume.

• The Howard County Democrats meet the second and fourth Mondays of each month, at 5:30 p.m. in the Howard College Library.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

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

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

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Connally St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported on MM 167 W I-20. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3300 block of Hwy 80. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block of W FM 700. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **GRASS FIRE** was reported on 8th St. The fire was contained.

- **BRUSH AND GRASS FIRE** was reported in the 1000 block of Martin Luther King Blvd. The fire was contained.

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3 space station astronauts return to Earth

By **MARCIA DIUNN**

AP Aerospace Writer
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Three astronauts returned from the International Space Station to the snowy, bi

tingly cold flat lands of Central Asia, ending a 5 1/2-month mission highlighted by robotic renovations, schoolteacher pep talks and heavenly greetings from Pope Francis.

The two Americans and one Russian landed in a Soyuz capsule shortly after sunrise Wednesday, local time, in Kazakhstan, where the temperature was below freezing. Flight controllers feared snow and freezing rain might hamper recovery efforts, but NASA said the weather wasn't nearly as bad as had been feared and the pickup teams got to where they needed to be.

NASA's Joe Acaba and Mark Vande Hei, and Russia's Alexander Misurkin emerged from the capsule one by one, smiling, waving and pumping their fists in the air as they were carried to outdoor chairs. Medical staff wrapped them in thick blankets, while taking their pulse and making sure they were fine.

The astronauts checked out of the space station just a few hours earlier, hugging the three men remaining behind.

"We're already missing you," radioed station commander Anton Shkaplerov as the capsule backed away.

In handing over the skipper's job

to Shkaplerov, Misurkin joked that at least he and his two crewmates didn't break anything and hopefully accomplished some good science. They'd lived on the space station since September.

Acaba is the first astronaut of Puerto Rican heritage and a former schoolteacher. He teamed up with another educator-astronaut, Ricky Arnold, who's launching in three weeks, to perform the science lessons prepared by Christa McAuliffe 32 years ago. She died in the shuttle Challenger launch disaster.

During a series of spacewalks spanning months, Acaba and Vande Hei helped replace the aging mechanical hands of the station's big robot arm. And last fall, they had a chance to chat with Pope Francis, discussing the beauty and fragility of the home planet.

As is customary, NASA planned to hustle Acaba and Vande Hei back to Houston, with Misurkin heading to cosmonaut headquarters at Star City, Russia.

A replacement crew, including former teacher Arnold, will lift off from Kazakhstan on



AP photo

This image provided by NASA on Feb. 25, 2018, shows from bottom to top: Russia's Alexander Misurkin, NASA's Mark Vande Hei, middle, and NASA's Joe Acaba posing for a photograph at the International Space Station. The three astronauts are headed back to Earth on Tuesday, Feb. 27, following a nearly six-month mission at the International Space Station.

March 21 and bring the space station back up to a full crew of six.

COUNCIL

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ATMOS says their expenses are."

The new method will hopefully lead to lower rates on natural gas, Moore said.

"Arriving at that rate, apparently there's five components, and two of them are the corporate tax rate and the return on investment," he said. "The corporate tax rate went down, and our coalition was able to negotiate at reduction on the return on investment from 10.50 percent to 9.8 percent. So we know those two of the five have gone down. The corporate tax decrease is effective for bills as of March 1, which to me means we're probably paying less right now. So we're going to get that benefit right now until Oct. 1. Oct. 1, we don't know what the rates are going to be. We hope they're still low."

Moore said the lowering of the corporate tax rate is a government mandated change which becomes effective Oct. 1, but ATMOS plans to voluntarily start charging the new rate March 1.

"They voluntarily complied," Moore said. "I'm not a lawyer, but I believe they didn't have to do that until the process came up in October. So that was something they voluntarily did."

The council also approved the first reading of an ordinance changing the city's Personnel Policies and Procedures. The changes, if the second reading is approved at the

council's March 13 meeting, will be to Chapter XVI, currently entitled "Sexual Harassment." The chapter will be renamed "Sexual and Other Unlawful Harassment." Also, a new chapter XVIII will be added to the document entitled "Social Media."

The amended Chapter XVI continues to expressly forbid sexual harassment, including the language "Sexual harassment...may involve individuals of the same or different gender. Sexual harassment does not require sexual attraction or interest."

Chapter XVI also forbids "harassment on the basis of any other legally protected characteristic," including "race, religion, color, national origin, age, disability, genetics, veteran status, citizenship, or any other characteristic protected by law." Prohibited behavior includes, but is not limited to, "epithets, slurs and negative stereotyping, threatening, intimidating, or hostile conduct; denigrating jokes and comments; and writings or pictures, that single out, denigrate, or show hostility or aversion toward someone on the basis of a protected characteristic."

Chapter XVIII, "Social Media," would lay out the city's internet and social media policy. The policy says employees may not use the city's internet for personal use, nor is anything done on city internet or equipment considered private, even if password protected.

The policy also forbids social media posting at any time which could negatively reflect on the city, and

makes it clear that the city's harassment policy extends to social media.

In other business, the council:

- Approved a measure increasing the budget for a Hotel/Motel Occupancy Tax Audit from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

"We had budgeted \$10,000 this year, knowing that the last time they had this Motel/Hotel Occupancy Tax Audit, it took them about two and a half years," Moore said. "So we figured \$10,000 this year, \$10,000 next year, we'll probably be good. But when we asked for proposals and they sent them back, they all indicated they could get it done within this fiscal year, so we needed to increase that."

- Approved increasing the Big Spring Police Department's budget by \$21,452.50 to pay for new ticket writers for the department. The cost of the increase is covered by a JAG grant.

- Approved an \$50,000 increase to the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund budget to fund additional local events through the Convention and Visitors Bureau. The event funding budget had been cut in recent years from \$200,000 to \$125,000; this measure is aimed at restoring some of that funding at a time when the Hotel/Motel Tax revenue is up significantly.

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BOWL

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about eight years ago. Each year here in Big Spring we have close to 500 children sign up every summer. What happens is, they register with kidsbowlfree.com, and they send them out coupons and they can bring them in here, and that allows them to bowl two free games every day all summer long. The coupons now can also be sent to their iPhones and they just bring in their phone and show us the coupon. It's absolutely free for kids 15 and under."

Dodd said Kids Bowl Free has become so popular across America that they started giving back through the "Bowling For Schools" program.

"They provide \$50,000 a year in grants to elementary and middle schools," he said. "They ask the bowling centers that are taking part in their program to nominate some schools. We actually nominated all our schools here in Big Spring. They provide the \$50,000 in \$1,000 grants. They actually do like a raffle draw. Out came Marcy's name, so they get a thousand bucks. It's no strings attached. It's just \$1,000 and they can do with it what they like."

Hancock said Marcy hasn't decided what to do with the money yet.

"No, because I just found out about it yesterday!" she said. "So we haven't really talked about how we will use it. I don't know if we'll use it on materials or to take the kids and do something like go bowling. I didn't know how much it was, they just told me they were going to bring it and present it."

Hancock said she is very happy to accept the grant.

"We're very appreciative of (Bowl-A-Rama) for nominating us, and then to be chosen from 19,000 schools, that's amazing," she said. "It was our lucky time, I guess. With school finance, we can always use money for kids' materials and things such as that, or to even take a field trip."

For more information about Bowl-A-Rama, visit www.big-springbowlarama.com, and for more information about Kids Bowl Free, visit www.kidsbowlfree.com.

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Cliff Balzer, 86, of Keller, formerly of Sand Springs, died Thursday. Funeral service was at 10 a.m. this morning at Midway Baptist Church. Burial was at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Francis "Kika" Salazar, 86, died Saturday. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Melvin Daniels, 80, died Saturday. The family will receive friends from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at Trinity Baptist Church. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Margarita Corrales, 78, died Saturday. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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This week I will continue with the western books. "Against the Law" by Ray Hogan (LP W HOG R) is a Western Duo that contains the stories "One More Hill to Hell" and "Against the Law." In "One More Hill to Hell," Caine Pomeroy's Kingpin Ranch is in the process of ruthless expansion. Melissa Olmstead, an attractive widow, has been holding out against eviction by the Kingpin. Her attractiveness has prompted Pomeroy to treat her more tolerantly than he has other homesteaders, but that tolerance has come to an end. At the risk of his own life, Dan Grimshaw, who rides for Pomeroy, makes a last effort to get Melissa to give up and move on. When she refuses, Grimshaw is confronted with a moral dilemma, one that could put him in as much jeopardy as she is.

In "Against the Law," Marshal Mark Kennicott is forced to shoot and kill Billy Ringo in the saloon. Although a coroner's jury brings in a verdict of self-defense, leading members of the town council demand that Kennicott resign as marshal. Reverend Lockridge goes further and declares Kennicott little better than a murderer. If Kennicott does quit, the entire town

will once more be lawless.

"Once in the Saddle" by L. P. Holmes (LP W HOL L) finds Wade Stagmire looking for work. He is met with contempt by Ruel Tedrow, the manager of the Hubbard Lumbering Company, but there is a job at Anchor Ranch, owned by Gib Dawson who is beset by rustlers operating in the district. Being an honest man, he tells Dawson that there is a murder charge hanging over his head. It was a shooting done in self-defense when he was ambushed. Dawson believes him about the shooting and hires him. In the nearby town, rustled cattle end up as unidentifiable skinned and dressed beef, sold by Frank Lawrey to feed loggers and mill hands working for the Hubbard Lumbering Company. It is here that Wade Stagmire will battle vicious rustlers and his stalking past.

"High Desert: A Western Duo" by Wayne D. Overholser is a Circle V Western that contains the stories "High Desert" and "The Fence." "High Desert" tells how Murdo Morgan left Paradise Valley after his

brothers had been killed at the hand of the Turkey Track outfit. Broad Clancy, owner of the Turkey Track, has remained the controlling force in this area of high desert and fears Morgan will return to exact his revenge for the death of his brothers. Morgan is not driven by revenge, but by a desire to carry out the dream of his father to settle a thousand farming families in Paradise Valley. Despite the backlash he will receive from the Clancy dynasty, Morgan arrives with a plan already under way. He is willing to risk his life and every cent of money he has to do it.



Monica Martinez

In "The Fence," Sheriff Jim Hallet has decided it is time to declare his independence from the Wyatt family, the royalty of Stillwater country, when a small rancher is falsely accused of rustling. Breaking away from the Wyatts and backing the side of the small cowmen will be difficult since he is in love with Kitsie, the daughter of Boone Wyatt, the meanest of the Wyatt family. One thing Hallet knows is that no one's hide is

tough enough to turn a bullet.

In "Winchester Quarantine" by Carter Travis Young (LP W YOU C), Jase Jepson was away from the homestead for seven years, and his fame as a gun-slinger became legendary. He returned with revenge in mind for the murder of his father and brother and found the ranch under Winchester quarantine. Jepson had to break the stranglehold on the ranch and prevent a range war over the only spot of water in the drought-stricken land.

That's all I have this week so I leave you with a quote from Frank Morgan: "A heart is not judged by how much you love, but by how much you are loved by others."

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Several harassment complaints filed by San Antonio employees

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — San Antonio officials have investigated nearly two dozen cases of sexual harassment involving city employees over a three-year period.

The San Antonio Express-News reviewed city records amid a heightened national awareness of sexual impropriety and found inappropriate sexual remarks generated the most complaints from November 2014 to November 2017.

The city documents show eight people resigned or were fired following complaints, which ranged from inappropriate text messages to unwanted touching.

Other employees facing accusations were suspended, given verbal counseling or a written reprimand. Twenty-three complaints were filed over the three-year period. Three lawsuits

also were filed, with two cases dismissed and one pending.

More than 11,000 people work for the city.

Oklahoma-based WPX Energy sells northwest New Mexico assets

FARMINGTON, N.M. (AP) — An Oklahoma independent oil and gas company has moved out of northwest New Mexico to concentrate on operations in the Permian Basin and North Dakota.

The Tulsa, Oklahoma-based WPX Energy Inc. recently announced the sale of the last of its Four Corners assets for \$700 million, the Daily Times of Farmington reports.

WPX sold some 150 oil wells on about 100,000 acres in Gallup to an undisclosed party in a transaction that is expected to close by the end of March, WPX spokesman Kelly Swan said.

Swan said WPX has been shifting its focus and funneling its resources to its operations in the Permian Basin of southeast New Mexico and west Texas and in the Williston Basin of North Dakota over the past few years.

"The decision was made basically to focus capital in those two areas, so that essentially then frees up that capital to flow to those areas where we're a little more active," Swan said.

WPX's Aztec office has approximately 40 employees remaining after the company sold its natural gas assets in the San Juan Basin to Farmington-based Logos Resources II, LLC in December. Swan said WPX's employees "should all have the opportunity to transition" to the incoming company.

WPX leaves San Juan Basin after 35 years in the Four Corners region, according to its website.

Last week, WPX reported a loss of \$38 million in its fourth quarter. The company said it had a loss of 11 cents per share. Losses, adjusted for non-recurring costs and to account for discontinued operations, came to 2 cents per share.

The results surpassed Wall Street expectations. The average estimate of 12 analysts surveyed by Zacks Investment Research was for a loss of 8 cents per share.

Sam's Club teams up with Instacart for same-day delivery

other parts of the country. Instacart's other retail partners include CVS and Costco.

Sam's Club is seeking to make inroads on Amazon.com's Prime membership. It just added free shipping for its premium members on 95 percent of the items it sells online. Most shipping costs had been based on the item's size and weight, the shipping method and the delivery address.

Xcel reaches agreement in Texas over proposed wind farms



ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Xcel Energy has reached an agreement with more stakeholders as it looks for regulatory approval to build two massive wind farms along the Texas-New Mexico border.

The utility announced Tuesday it reached a proposed agreement with parties in Texas that would guarantee customers see a positive net benefit from the wind farms for the first 10 years of operation.

The agreement also caps related construction costs that could be recovered through customer rates.

A similar agreement was reached recently with the New Mexico attorney general's office and consumer advocates in that state.

Texas and New Mexico regulators are expected to make final decisions on the \$1.6 billion project next month.

Xcel says the wind farms would take advantage of the least expensive generating resource in the region and would ultimately save customers money.

NEW YORK (AP) — Walmart's Sam's Club is teaming up with delivery startup Instacart to offer same-day service in three U.S. markets.

The move is part of a strategy to better cater to shoppers who are shifting more of their purchases online.

The service will launch Tuesday in two Texas markets — Austin and Dallas-Fort Worth — and in St. Louis, Missouri. Sam's Club plans to expand it to

Spring in Texas means snakes ending hibernation

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Texas A&M University experts say spring-like temperatures in areas of Texas mean snakes are coming out of winter hibernation, increasing the likelihood of people and pets getting bit.

A veterinarian with the school's Small Animal Clinical Services, Christine Rutter, says she's already seen cases this year of snakebites on dogs.

Dr. Jill Heatley, an associate professor of veterinary medicine, says snakebite treatment for people can be painful and cost up to \$50,000 for venomous cases.

Texas is home to four venomous snakes: the coral snake, copperhead, rattlesnake and cottonmouth, which also is called a water moccasin. Heatley says only the cottonmouth is considered somewhat aggressive and that most snakes probably are "more afraid of you than you are of them."

She says snakes do help control rodents, lizards and bugs.

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Florida Legislature debates school safety bill

By **KELLI KENNEDY**,
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Associated Press

PARKLAND, Fla. — Nearly two weeks after a shooting at a high school killed 17 people, the Florida Legislature took a step closer Tuesday to passing a bill that would allow for armed teachers and raise the age limit to buy rifles, among other changes.

A House committee approved the bill that would raise the minimum age to buy rifles from 18 to 21 and creates a three-day waiting period for all gun purchase. The bill would also create a program that allows teachers who receive law enforcement training and are deputized by the local sheriff's office to carry concealed weapons in the classroom if also approved by the school district.

The 23-6 vote Tuesday followed more than four hours of emotional discussion, including from parents of some of the 17 killed at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School on Valentine's Day.

Democratic Rep. Jared Moskowitz, a former Parkland vice mayor, said he didn't like the bill, but still voted for it. He explained, "It doesn't go far enough, and now it goes too far in other areas. But the



AP photo

The Rally in Tally protesters chant after marching to the Florida Capitol for the Rally in Tally in Tallahassee, Fla., Feb 26, 2018.

NRA opposes it and I will not vote with the NRA."

Max Schachter, father of 14-year-old victim Alex Schachter, said the bill the House committee approved Tuesday, doesn't go far enough, but it still could have saved his son.

"While the proposed bill does not meet all of my goals, the components of the bill would have saved my little boy Alex," he said. "And if we would have had these measures in place, I would not have had to

bury my son next to his mother a week and a half ago."

Unlike Monday, when hundreds of sometimes rowdy protesters jammed a Senate meeting to consider a similar bill, Tuesday's proceedings were more orderly. But still, several speakers spoke in favor of the assault weapons ban, including Parkland resident Amber Hersh.

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Anti-Semitic incidents soar by 57 percent in 2017

By **MICHAEL KUNZELMAN**

Associated Press

The Anti-Defamation League is reporting a 57 percent increase in anti-Semitic incidents in the U.S. last year, the highest tally that the Jewish civil rights group has counted in more than two decades, according to data it released Tuesday.

The New York City-based organization found 1,986 anti-Semitic incidents last year, up from 1,267 in 2016. That's the highest total since 1994 and the largest single-year increase since the group began collecting this data in 1979.

The ADL said the sharp rise includes 952 vandalism incidents, an increase of 86 percent from 2016. The group also counted 1,015 incidents of harassment, a 41 percent increase from 2016.

ADL national director and CEO Jonathan Greenblatt said the "alarming" increase appears to be fueled by emboldened far-right extremists as well as the "divisive state of our national discourse."

"Less civility has led to more intolerance," he told The Associated Press.

Greenblatt also acknowledged that heightened awareness of the problem likely led to increased reporting of anti-Semitic incidents.

Anti-Semitic incidents at schools and on college campuses nearly doubled for the second year in a row, with 457 such incidents reported in non-Jewish schools last year, the ADL report says.

"We should see this as an alarm, a very loud alarm that should get the attention of all of us," Greenblatt said.

The ADL and other groups have reported a surge in the number of incidents in which far-right extremist groups have posted racist and anti-Semitic fliers on college campuses. ADL spokesman Todd Gutnick said the report's tally only counts incidents in which fliers had explicitly anti-Semitic messages.

The ADL also counted 19 anti-Semitic physical assaults last year, a 47 percent decrease from 2016.

The harassment incidents included 169 bomb threats against Jewish institutions, nearly all of them by two men. The ADL report said more than 150 bomb threats against Jewish community centers and day schools last year were allegedly made by an 18-year-old Israeli-American Jewish hacker, who was arrested in Israel last March. Separately, a former journalist from St. Louis pleaded guilty to making a string of fake bomb threats to Jewish organizations last year in the name of his ex-girlfriend in an effort to disrupt her life.

In a note about its methodology, the group said, "ADL is careful to not conflate general criticism of Israel or anti-Israel activism with anti-Semitism. However, Israel-related harassment of groups or individuals may be included when the harassment incorporates traditional anti-Jewish references, accusations and conspiracy theories. Also included are cases of picketing of Jewish religious or cultural institutions for purported support for Israel."

The ADL didn't specify in its report how many acts of picketing it classified as anti-Semitic harassment last year. A group spokesman couldn't immediately provide The AP with that number.

Rabbi Shmuel Herzfeld, of Ohev Shalom-The National Synagogue in Washington, said neo-Nazis in the U.S. are emboldened

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US judge blocks weed-killer warning label in California



By **SUDHIN THANAWALA**

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A U.S. judge blocked California from requiring that the popular weed-killer Roundup carry a label stating that it is known to cause cancer, saying the warning is misleading because almost all regulators have concluded there is no evidence that the product's main ingredient is a carcinogen.

U.S. District Judge William Shubb in Sacramento issued a preliminary injunction on Monday in a lawsuit challenging the state's decision last year to list glyphosate as a chemical known to cause cancer.

The listing triggered the warning label requirement for Roundup that was set to go into effect in July.

Glyphosate is not restricted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and has been widely used since 1974 to kill weeds while leaving crops and other plants alive.

The International Agency for Research on Cancer, based in Lyon, France, has classified the chemical as a "probable human carcinogen." That prompted the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment to add glyphosate to its cancer list.

Shubb said a "reasonable consumer would not understand that a substance is 'known to cause cancer' where

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Companies face mounting pressure to pick sides in gun debate

By **DAMIAN J. TROISE**

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — As the gun debate heats up following the massacre at a Florida high school, companies are under growing pressure to pick a side: whether to stand by the National Rifle Association or walk away.

Metlife, Delta and more than a dozen others have decided to end benefits deals offered to the organization's members. Others, including FedEx, are staying put. The decision to stay or go for many companies involves walking a fine line that can impact their image for better or worse.

"How well can they position themselves so that they're being viewed as honest and supportive of what is a national crisis and not walking away from the Second Amendment?," said Robert Passikoff, president of Brand Keys, a consumer research firm.

The calls for boycotts have been cutting both ways, with gun rights and gun-control supporters threatening to take their dollars elsewhere, depending on a company's decision.

FedEx is the latest company to respond to consumer pressure, saying it will maintain its discount for NRA members and supports the right to own firearms, but does not believe civilians should own assault rifles.

That response shows the nuances many companies are dealing with in the current debate over guns. Several other companies have also affirmed support for gun rights, but decided to cut ties with the NRA over its positions.

Over the weekend, Delta said it would end its discount rates deal for NRA members' group travel and requested it be removed from the organization's website. But, it also said it continues to support the Second Amendment.

Delta's balancing act in particular sparked a harsh response from Georgia's Republican Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle. He threatened to use his position to derail a \$50 million sales tax exemption on jet fuel for

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Trump administration family planning strategy is under fire

NEW YORK (AP) — The Trump administration has adopted a new strategy for how it issues tens of millions of dollars in federal family-planning grants, giving preference to groups that stress abstinence and making it harder for Planned Parenthood to do business.

Major reproductive health organizations are voicing serious concerns about changes that the president of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists on Monday described as turning "back the clock on women's health."

Dr. Haywood Brown depicted the shift as part of the administration's "continued move away from scientific, evidence-based policies and toward unscientific ideologies."

The catalyst for the criticism was an announcement Friday by the Department of Health and Human Services of its guidelines and priorities for the next round of Title X grant applications, projected to total about \$260

million.

The new HHS document makes repeated favorable mention of "natural family planning" — which encompasses the rhythm method and other strategies for avoiding pregnancy without using contraceptives like the birth-control pill. According to HHS, of 100 couples each year that use natural family planning methods, up to 25 women may become pregnant.

Planned Parenthood, which currently serves about 1.6 million of the 4 million beneficiaries of Title X, expressed concern that the guidelines were crafted to reduce or eliminate its role in the program.

"It reads as them trying to stack the deck against any specialized reproductive health provider," said Planned Parenthood spokeswoman Erica Sackin.

Planned Parenthood has been the target of repeated attempts by the administration and congressional Republicans to cut

off its federal funding and weaken its nationwide operations because it provides abortions.

For example, President Donald Trump signed last year a bill lifting protections established under President Barack Obama and giving states the option of blocking Title X funding to Planned Parenthood. Some conservative states like Arizona took steps to cut off that funding after the Trump-signed measure became law.

The organization says abortions make up only 3 percent of its business, with the bulk of its services focusing on birth control, screening for sexually transmitted diseases and cancer prevention.

Valerie Huber, who oversees the Title X office at HHS, said Planned Parenthood was eligible to apply for the new round of grants.

"It's impossible to speculate who's going to get funded," Huber said. "An objective grant committee looks at every proposal."

Before joining HHS, Huber headed Ascend, an advocacy group previously called the National Abstinence Education Association.

That organization opposes comprehensive sex education and advocates that adolescents be urged to practice "sexual risk avoidance" — a concept promoted in the new guidelines.

The administration says it will favor programs for adolescents that "that do not normalize sexual risk behaviors, but instead clearly communicate the research-informed benefits of delaying sex or returning to a sexually risk-free status."

Asked if organizations receiving grants would be required to counsel adolescents in this manner, Huber replied, "It is encouraged."

Throughout its nearly 50-year existence, Title X has stipulated that adolescents, as well as adults, were entitled to obtain contraception through the program on a confidential basis.

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airlines because of Delta's decision, calling it an attack on conservatives. Delta is based in Atlanta and would be the biggest beneficiary of the sales tax exemption.

The NRA has also pushed back, calling the departure of its corporate partners a "shameful display of political and civic cowardice."

Other companies that have cut ties with the NRA include First National Bank of Omaha, Hertz, Avis, Budget, Enterprise, Best Western, Wyndham, United Airlines, Chubb, and Starkey Hearing Technology. Still, many others have maintained their relationship, including FedEx

and the less-well-known Hotel Planner and eHealth.

The decisions come during an uptick in consumer activism, fueled by social media empowering more people to voice their opinions and values. Companies have become more aware of public sentiment that can be amplified over Twitter and other platforms.

That activist consumer atmosphere — coupled with the Feb. 14 parkland, Florida, school massacre and the always heated gun-control debate — make this a potentially tricky situation for companies looking to protect their image and bottom line.

"It's a different communication paradigm than it was five years ago and that's the thing," Passikoff

said. "The sense of immediacy has increased."

The boycott movement is not just about image. Companies have to take into account their other constituents, particularly shareholders and whether ties to the NRA will have any impact on their financial performance.

Elliot H. Lutzker, chair of the corporate law practice group at Davidoff Hutter & Citron LLP, said the boycott movement may have little impact on companies financially. Several of the hospitality firms that have cut ties can figure out just how much of an impact cutting a discount benefit will have and act accordingly.

"It's really a question of fiduciary duty," he said.

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"Our children lost a friend. Our friend lost a daughter. This is your opportunity. The world is watching," she told the committee.

An amendment to ban assault weapons was rejected on an 18-11 vote.

A Senate committee was going to take up a similar bill later in the day.

As the bill moves through the Legislature, the court case of Nikolas Cruz, the 19-year-old accused of killing 17 people at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, is underway.

A judge has refused to step aside from the case as requested by his lawyers. Court records show Broward County Circuit Judge Elizabeth Scherer denied the request Monday.

Cruz's lawyers claimed Scherer has made rulings and comments that indicate favoritism for prosecutors. They said in court papers that Cruz can't get a fair trial, but Scherer disagreed.

Cruz is charged with 17 counts of murder in the Valentine's Day shooting.

A Tuesday morning hearing in the criminal case against Cruz was canceled after lawyers reached an agreement for prosecutors to get hair samples, fingerprints, DNA and photographs of him.

Students are scheduled to return to school Wednesday, for the first time since the Feb. 14 shooting.

In Mississippi, lawmakers proposed letting teachers and other school

employees with special training carry guns onto campus. The Senate Judiciary A Committee on Tuesday amended House Bill 1083, allowing public and private school administrators to establish school safety programs that would allow teachers to carry guns. School employees would have to receive 12 hours of training every two years from the Mississippi Department of Public Safety.

Meanwhile, Broward Schools Superintendent Robert Runcie told the Sun Sentinel that the district's hands were tied by federal law after Cruz turned 18 and refused to let the school system continue providing him with crucial mental health and other services.

"You can't make someone do something when the law says they have the right to make that determination," Runcie told the newspaper.

Cruz was transferred to a school with programs for emotionally and disabled students when he was in eighth grade but wanted to be mainstreamed back into his home school, Runcie said.

"He often perseverates on the idea that his current school is for students that are

'not smart' and that he can now handle being in 'regular' school," according to a Broward school system report from June 2015, the end of his ninth-grade year.

Starting in January 2016, Cruz was allowed to spend half his day at the alternative school and half at Stoneman Douglas to ease him into the less-structured environment.

In August 2016, he started back to Stoneman Douglas, but "the situation had deteriorated" by November, Runcie said. That's when Cruz, who had turned 18 in September 2016, refused the mental health services offered by the school. Runcie said Cruz had the support of

his mother.

He remained at the school until February 2017, when school officials finally decided to remove him after unspecified behavior issues. He was told his only option was an alternative school.

Runcie said he would like to see the aged raised to 21 for students to be allowed to refuse such services.

"The Legislature has just proposed raising the legal age by which you could purchase firearms to 21. Maybe 21 should also be the age they can refuse services," he told the newspaper.

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"in a way I have not seen in my lifetime."

"It's scary," said Herzfeld, whose synagogue received a bomb threat in April. "I think there is no question that it's on people's minds, and there is more of it out there."

The ADL is urging Congress to pass legislation to expand federal protections against bomb threats to religious institutions. The legislation, approved by the U.S. House of Representatives in December, awaits action in the Senate, the ADL said.

Greenblatt also urges "all public figures" to speak out against anti-Semitism "whether you're the president of the United States or the head of the local P.T.A."

President Donald Trump was widely criticized for saying there was "blame on both sides" after violence erupted in August at a white nationalist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, where 32-year-old Heather Heyer was killed when a man drove his car into a crowd of demonstrators. Greenblatt said Trump's statements about the rally were a "serious failure of moral leadership" and a "low point" of his presidency.

"There's no question we would love to see the president call out anti-Semitism as consistently and clearly as he does other issues," Greenblatt said.

The ADL says it compiles its incident data from news reports and information provided by victims, law enforcement and "community leaders."

"We just don't report something we've heard. We call, we check and we verify," Greenblatt said.

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only one health organization had found that the substance in question causes cancer."

"On the evidence before the court, the required warning for glyphosate does not appear to be factually accurate and uncontroversial because it conveys the message that glyphosate's carcinogenicity is an undisputed fact," he said.

Sam Delson, a spokesman for the state's office of environmental health hazard assessment, noted that the judge did not block the state from putting glyphosate on its cancer list, but only from requiring the warning label.

"We are pleased that the listing of glyphosate remains in effect, and we believe our actions were lawful," he said.

He said the office had not decided yet whether to appeal the ruling on Monday.

The ruling came in a lawsuit filed by the national wheat and corn growers associations, state agriculture and business organizations in Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota and South Dakota, and a regional group representing herbicide sellers in California, Arizona and Hawaii. The plaintiffs also include St. Louis-based Monsanto Co., which makes Roundup.

"Every regulatory body in the world that has reviewed glyphosate has found it safe for use, and no available product matches glyphosate with a comparable health and environmental safety profile," Chandler Goule, CEO of the National Association of Wheat Growers, said in a statement.

The lawsuit will continue with Shubb's injunction in place.

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Bufs defeat Morton, advance to Regional Tournament



Courtesy photo

Pictured above are members of the Forsan varsity basketball team holding their trophy after beating Morton 60-42 Tuesday night.

By **STEVE BELVIN**
Staff Writer

LAMESA - It took the Forsan Buffaloes a little time to get their motor running, but once they did, they played like a team heading to the

Region I-2A basketball tournament. Which is just where they are headed by virtue of their 60-42 win over the Morton Indians Tuesday night. Forsan will play Friday night at the Texan Dome in Levelland.

The 29-4 Buffaloes punched their ticket to the regional semifinals by simply blasting the Indians in the second half. Forsan capped off this impressive win by hanging 30 points on the Indians in the fourth quarter.

The game was actually closer than the score indicates. Morton led 22-18 at the half, but Forsan edged ahead 30-29 going into the final quarter. The fourth quarter led to the Buffs however, as usual the Forsan trio of Garrett Ev-

ans, Bryce Hergert and Kobe Richardson were in the mix of things, but two unsung heroes emerged Tuesday night in the likes of Nathan Vidal and Jaeden Ceasar. See **BUFFS**, Page 13

Coahoma splits with Post in nondistrict doubleheader

The Bulldogettes stop the Lady Lopes in 7th

Bulldogs fall short against Antelopes 14-4

Special to the Herald

The Coahoma Bulldogettes stopped a last minute threat by the Post Lady Lopes with a double play to end a thrilling softball match Tuesday night.

Kamri Kemper picked up a grounder from Post's Audrey Moreno and sent it to second baseman Chloe Starr to tag out the runner advancing from first. Starr quickly threw the ball to first baseman Cassie Grant for the last out of the game, which sealed the 6-5 Coahoma victory.

The Post team kept Coahoma on their toes during the game. The Lady Lopes took the lead in the first inning as they hammered in 2 runs. The first score came after Aisha Wells, of Post, belted a triple.

Coahoma answered back when Kemper stole home to bring in the first run for the Bulldogettes. Reagan Deel stepped up to the plate and pounded a double to bring Jayden Mann and MaKynlee Overton across home plate. MaKayla Overton made the last score of the inning to give the Bulldogs a 4-2 lead.

The Lady Lopes had a big third inning as they knocked in three runs to retake the lead. Post's Marissa Gutierrez brought in the last score when she tripled off a fly ball to center field.

The Bulldogettes were able to take the lead for good in the bottom of the fourth when Starr stole home base after an error by the Lady Lopes catcher, and Kemper knocked a line drive to center field for a double to bring in Lexi Montelongo from second base for the score.

The two teams settled into a defensive game for the next two and half innings before Coahoma ended the match with the double play.

Pitcher, MaKynlee Overton, was credited with the win for the Bulldogettes. She faced 31 batters, threw 116 pitches and got 69 strikes over seven innings. She allowed 6 hits, 5 runs and struck out 8 batters.



Courtesy photo

Coahoma's Lexi Montelongo prepares to send a ball over to first base as out during the Bulldogettes' game against the Post Lady Lopes on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 in Forsan.



Courtesy photo

Ashley Romero successfully slides into second during the Bulldogettes' game against the Post Lady Lopes on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 in Forsan.

on base as they stole seven bases during the match. Kemper and Mann stole 2 bases a piece while Starr, Ashley Romero, MaKynlee Overton had 1 stolen base a piece.

Deel had 2 RBIs for the game. Kemper and Starr had 1 RBI a piece.

Coahoma picked up their fourth win of the season in non-district play. Following the varsity game, the Bulldogette JV team handily defeated the Post Lady Lopes 13-4 over 3 innings.

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Courtesy photo

Coahoma's Gaige Hill tags a Post runner out at during their baseball game against the Antelopes on Tuesday, February 27, 2018.



Courtesy photo

Coahoma's Zach Holmes gets a hit during their baseball game against the Antelopes on Tuesday, February 27, 2018.

Special to the Herald

The Coahoma varsity baseball team lost to the Post Antelopes 14-4 on Tuesday in Post.

The Bulldogs scored early in the first inning after Bracy Bacon grounded out to the first baseman, which allowed Zach Holmes to reach home plate. Heading into the top of the third with Post in the lead 2-1, Coahoma had a big inning knocking in 3 runs. Logan Franklin started off the Bulldog offense by belting a line drive to center field that brought home Jaedan Stanislaus from second base. Jonathon Schneider singled

on a line drive to right field sending Franklin across home plate as the Bulldogs took the lead 3-2. Shortly after, Landon Grant singled on a hard ground ball to right field, which allowed Braden Pearson to score.

Post salted away the game as they racked up 5 runs. They picked up 3 runs in the fifth and 4 runs in the sixth to win the game 14-4.

Holmes went 2 for 4 at the plate, Gaige Hill went 2 for 3, and J. Schneider went 2 for 2. Bacon, J. Schneider, Franklin and Grant all racked up 1 RBI a piece for the game.

The Bulldogs went through six pitchers over six innings.

Box Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	R	H	E
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Post	1	1	5	0	3	4	14	12	0

	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
Zach Holmes	4	1	2	0	0	0
Bracy Bacon	4	0	0	1	0	1
Gaige Hill	3	0	2	0	1	0
Logan Franklin	3	1	1	1	0	0
Braden Pearson	3	1	0	0	1	2
Jonathon Schneider	2	0	2	1	0	0
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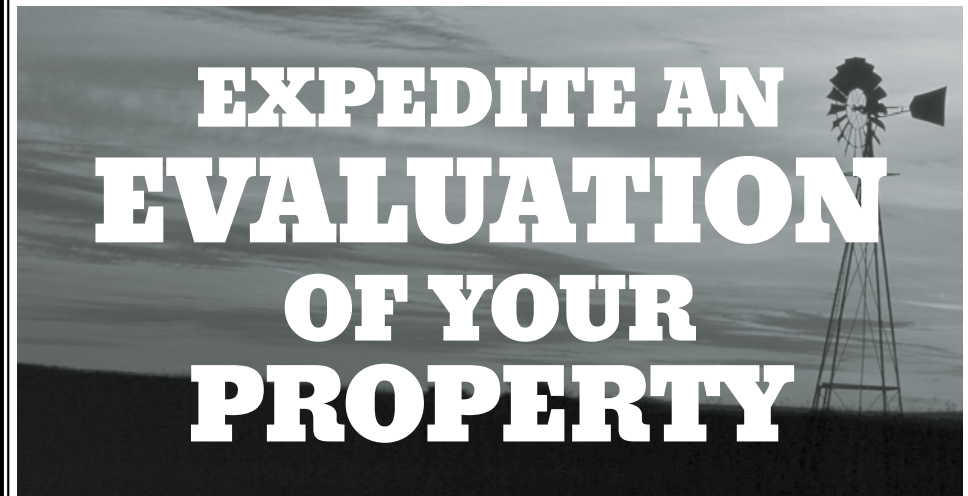
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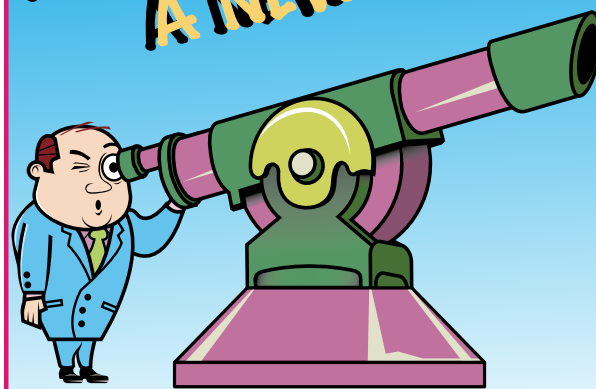


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Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792).

#9720 February 28, 2018

COLLEEN BARTON, DISTRICT CLERK 312 SCURRY BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720

CHEYENNE M. ZOKAIE MCCARTHY HOTHUS-TEXAS LLP 1255 WEST 15TH ST SUITE 1060 PLANO, TX 75075

THE STATE OF TEXAS

NOTICE OF DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after this citation was issued, a default judgment may be taken against you."

To: Unknown Heirs at Law of Ricky Lee Williams, Deceased & Unknown Heirs of Annie P. Blake, Deceased

Legals

Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday, March 26, 2018, before the Honorable 118th District Court of Howard County, at 312 Scurry Street in said County in Big Spring, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 27th day of December, 2016, cause number 51608 in the entitled cause styled.

U.S. Bank National Association Vs Ricky Williams, II, Et Al

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: Real Property - Other

Plaintiff, U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee of Merrill Lynch First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust, Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-2, its successors in interest and assigns, by and through its attorney of record, Thuy Frazier of McCarthy Holthus, LLP, 1255 West 15th Street, Suite 1060, Plano, Texas 75075, brought suit against Defendants Ricky Lee Williams, II, Julius Ezekiel Williams, LaToya Felice Williams, Allante Williams, Denise Richard, Charlotte Marie Bradford, Stephanie Blake-Richardson, Yolanda Yvette Blake, Janice Renee Bradford, the Unknown Heirs at Law of Rickey

Legals

Lee Williams, the Unknown Heirs at Law off Annie P. Blake and any other person claiming any subordinate right, title and interest in 3709 Hamilton St, Big Spring, Texas 79720 and legally described to wit:

LOT 19 AND 20, BLOCK 6, DOUGLAS ADDITION, TO THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF OF RECORD IN ENVELOPE 34/B, PLAT RECORDS OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS

As is more fully shown by the Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

Issued and given under my hand seal of said court at office on this the 9th day of February, 2018.

COLLEEN BARTON District Clerk of Howard County, Texas

By: Jury Padron, Deputy

#9710 February 21, 28, March 7 & 14, 2018

COLLEEN BARTON, DISTRICT CLERK 312 SCURRY BIG SPRING, TX 79720 ROBERT H DAWSON, JR 212 N MAIN STREET STE 101 MIDLAND TX 79701

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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Legals

by 10:00 a.m. on Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after this citation was issued, a default judgment may be taken against you."

To: Unknown Trustee of the Brown Family Trust,

Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday April 2, 2018, before the Honorable 118th District Court of Howard County, at 312 Scurry Street in said County in Big Spring, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 24th day of January, 2018, cause number 52459 in the entitled cause styled

Rebecca Tonner & John Tonner vs Unknown Trustee of the Brown Family Trust

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: Real Property - Other as is more fully shown by the Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

Issued and given under my hand seal of said court at office on this the 16th day of February, 2018.

COLLEEN BARTON District Clerk of Howard County, Texas By: Jury Padron, Deputy

#9712 February 28, March 7, 14, & 21, 2018

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Cool head prevails

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ K 7
 ♥ A Q 6 5
 ♦ 10 8 4 2
 ♣ A 5 4

WEST
 ♠ J 10
 ♥ J 9 3 2
 ♦ Q 7 6
 ♣ Q 8 7 3

EAST
 ♠ Q 9 6 5 4 2
 ♥ K 10 8 7
 ♦ —
 ♣ 10 9 6

SOUTH
 ♠ A 8 3
 ♥ 4
 ♦ A K J 9 5 3
 ♣ K J 2

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1 ♦ Pass 1 ♥ Pass
 3 ♦ Pass 4 NT Pass
 5 ♥ Pass 6 ♦

Opening lead — jack of spades.

Sometimes the easiest-looking contracts turn into an unexpected struggle because of a bad break in a key suit. When this occurs, declarer should take time to reorganize his thoughts and try to find a way to overcome his misfortune.

Take this deal where South had good reason to expect that making six diamonds would be a piece of cake. With a little luck, in fact, he had a chance to score all 13 tricks.

However, the prognosis changed sharply when South, after winning the opening spade lead with the ace, cashed the ace of diamonds, and East showed out. There was now a real danger of losing both a club trick and a trump trick and going down one.

Declarer could have staked the outcome on a finesse in either clubs or hearts, but instead he adopted a line of play designed to elevate his chances far beyond that.

At trick three, he cashed the king of diamonds, then led a heart to the ace and ruffed a heart. A spade to the king was followed by another heart ruff. Had the king of hearts fallen anywhere along the line, the contract would have been assured.

When the king did not appear, South continued by ruffing his last spade in dummy as West discarded the jack of hearts. Declarer next ruffed the queen of hearts, giving West the option of overruffing or discarding a club. Not anxious to take the lead, West chose to discard a club.

Unfortunately for West, his hand was now an open book. Having already shown out of hearts and spades, his last four cards were known to consist of three clubs and the queen of trumps. So South led his last trump, putting West on lead, and his forced club return handed declarer the contract.

Tomorrow: The fine art of falsecarding.
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SUDOKU

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

Level: Intermediate

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

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

ANSWER:

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Mars Asks: Stay or Go?

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

The position of Mercury to Mars presents a classic "Should I stay or should I go?" scenario, the tone of which would be best articulated by the classic punk rock band The Clash. As it unfolds in their 1982 song, going brings trouble, and double that for the staying. So essence of the question is, "How do you like your trouble?"

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You won't be able to put your finger on exactly what's changed. You're you, only happier. With a cursory look at the situation, it will be hard to say why. But closer examination just might reveal the culprit: love.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The joke suggests we are all equal, but some are more equal than others. While you don't believe you're superior or special, you'll get so much validation from the outside world today that it will be challenging to remain humble.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Should you do it? Someone in the media is doing it. A friend is doing it, and it's working great for that person. But is it right for you? The question is, is it affordable for you? This one is really only worthy of a small risk.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Revel in your amateur status in some regard today. Amateurs are not bound by the rules of taste or commerce that experts are held to. They can express more



freely their unique take on the subject.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When you listen to a band, you may be actually hearing five to 60 different instruments playing parts, but what you experience is a song. Don't get too caught up in the elements today. None of them are all of you. You're all of them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll find yourself in a position to defend, confront or dance around an issue. Consider employing the enormously useful power of misdirection, as a distraction will do wonders for the situation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). They'll tell you they need it sooner, that you should move faster, that it's not quite enough. Before you move to appease them, consider whether or not these are truly reasonable requests.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Language will be the difference. It will make something happen instead of nothing. It will be the reason A happens instead of B. Put some thought, planning and intention behind your choice of words.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

Since you can't very well surprise someone by giving them what they were expecting, you'll think broader and more creatively before making your move.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The yogic Triangle Pose, or Trikonasana, requires open eyes. Today will require similar balancing tactics. Find a point of focus in your sky-high dreams while grounding yourself. Reach up and down at the same time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The power move will be to recognize where you're not as strong, and where there might be gaps in your resources or knowledge, and then plan a way to solve for those gaps.

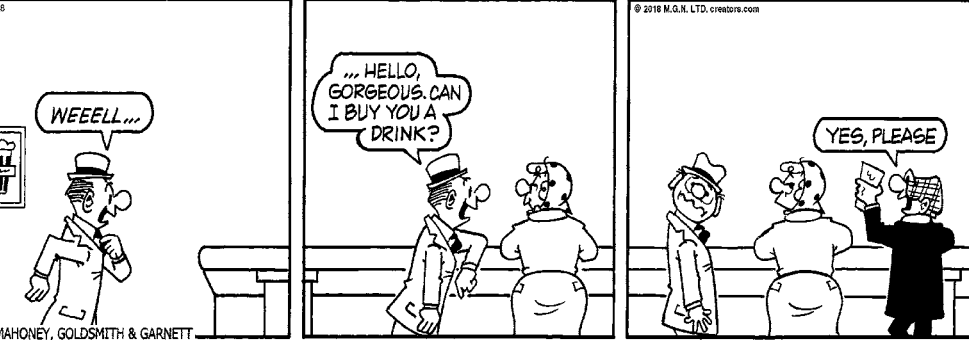
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You've been surprised before by your friend's uncharacteristic behavior, only now it's not surprising because it has indeed become a part of the character you now understand your friend to possess.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 28). Let your loved ones celebrate you. This will strengthen relationships and keep them from taking you for granted, too! You're getting faster at delivering stellar results, and your profits will reflect it. Next month brings three new friends. Sign a deal in May and/or December. In June, invest in a lifestyle that suits you better. Leo and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 4, 33, 27 and 11.

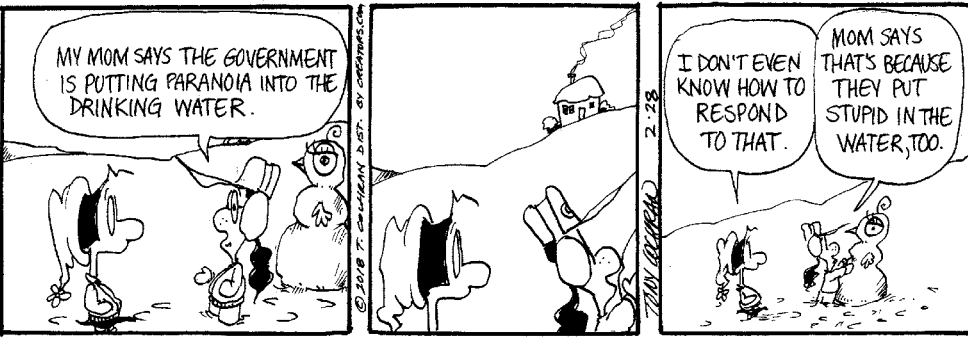
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9:PM	Designated Survivor	Caer en tentación	News	(01) SEAL Team	Enemigo íntimo (SS)	Chicago P.D.	Light of Southwest	Frontline	Heroes	Page Six	Big Bang	Movie: Magic Mike XXL, Joe Manganiello (DVS)	NBA Basketball: Rockets at Clippers	SportsCenter	Mavs Wrap			Storage	Street vs. Street
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11:30	Nightline	Deporitivo	How I Met James	Corden	Enemigo íntimo (SS)	Daly	Shofar											Storage	Street vs. Street
12:AM	Extra	Quiero Amarte	How I Met James	Corden	Enemigo íntimo (SS)	Daly	Shofar											Storage	Street vs. Street
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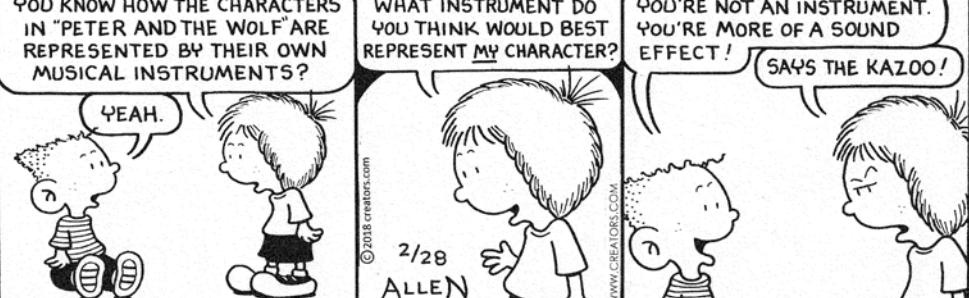
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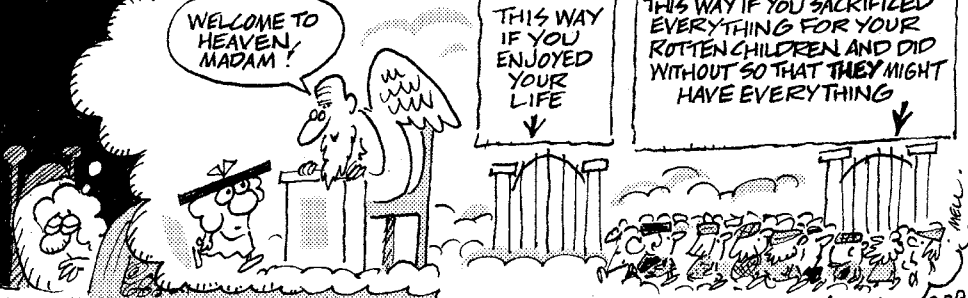
ONE BIG HAPPY



NEST HEAD



MOMMA



This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 28, the 59th day of 2018. There are 306 days left in the year. The Jewish holiday Purim begins at sunset.

Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 28, 1993, a gun battle erupted at a religious compound near Waco, Texas, when Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents tried to arrest Branch Davidian leader David Koresh on weapons charges; four agents and six Davidians were killed as a 51-day standoff began.

On this date: In 1784, John Wesley, the co-founder of Methodism, chartered the first Methodist Church in the United States in Leesburg, Virginia. In 1844, a 12-inch gun aboard the USS Princeton exploded as the ship was sailing on the Potomac River, killing Secretary of State Abel P. Upshur, Navy Secretary Thomas W. Gilmer and several others. In 1861, the Territory of Colorado was organized. In 1917, The Associated Press reported that the United States had obtained a diplomatic communication sent by German Foreign Minister Arthur Zimmermann to a German official in Mexico proposing a German alliance with Mexico and Japan should the U.S. enter World War I. (Outrage over the telegram helped propel America into the conflict.) In 1942, the heavy cruiser USS Houston and the Australian light cruiser HMAS Perth were attacked by Japanese forces during the World War II Battle of Sunda Strait; both were sunk shortly after midnight on March 1 with a total loss of more than 1,000 men. In 1953, scientists James D. Watson and Francis H.C. Crick announced they had discovered the double-helix structure of DNA. In 1958, a school bus clipped a truck near Prestonburg, Kentucky, and plunged down an embankment into the Big Sandy River; 22 children managed to escape, but 26 other children and the bus driver drowned. In 1960, a day after defeating the Soviets at the Winter Games in Squaw Valley, California, the United States won its first Olympic hockey gold medal by defeating Czechoslovakia, 9-4. In 1968, "Soul on Ice" by Eldridge Cleaver was published by McGraw-Hill. In 1975, 42 people were killed

in London's Underground when a train smashed into the end of a tunnel. In 1988, the 15th Olympic Winter Games held its closing ceremony in Calgary, Canada. In 1996, Britain's Princess Diana agreed to divorce Prince Charles. (Their 15-year marriage officially ended in August 1996; Diana died in a car crash in Paris a year after that.) Ten years ago: President George W. Bush told a White House news conference the country was not recession-bound; Democratic candidate Barack Obama said the economy was "on the brink of a recession" and blamed economic policies espoused by Bush and Republican presidential contender John McCain. Defense Secretary Robert Gates told his Turkish counterpart that Turkey should end its offensive against Kurdish rebels in northern Iraq as soon as possible. Mike Smith, lead singer for the British band the Dave Clark Five, died outside London at age 64. Five years ago: Benedict XVI became the first pope in 600 years to resign, ending an eight-year pontificate. (Benedict was succeeded the following month by Pope Francis.) Bradley Manning, the Army private arrested in the biggest leak of classified information in U.S. history, pleaded guilty at Fort Meade, Maryland, to 10 charges involving illegal possession or distribution of classified material. (Manning, who later adopted the female identity Chelsea Manning, was sentenced to up to 35 years in prison after being convicted of additional charges in a court-martial, but had her sentence commuted in 2017 by President Barack Obama.) One year ago: Heralding a "new chapter of American greatness," President Donald Trump issued a broad call for overhauling the nation's health care system and significantly boosting military spending in an hourlong speech to a joint session of Congress. Dozens of tornadoes began touching down in the upper Midwest and northern Arkansas, killing at least three people. Amazon's cloud-computing service, Amazon Web Services, experienced a five-hour outage in its

eastern U.S. region, causing unprecedented and widespread problems for thousands of websites and apps. (Stations: "Bobb'e J. Thompson" is correct) Today's Birthdays: Actor Gavin MacLeod is 87. Singer Sam the Sham is 81. Hall of Fame auto racer Mario Andretti is 78. Actor Frank Bonner is 76. Actress Kelly Bishop is 74. Actress Stephanie

Beacham is 71. Actress Mercedes Ruehl is 70. Actress Bernadette Peters is 70. Former Energy Secretary Steven Chu is 70. Actress Ilene Graff is 69. Nobel Prize-winning economist Paul Krugman is 65. Comedian Gilbert Gottfried is 63. Basketball Hall of Famer Adrian Dantley is 63. Actor John Turturro is 61. Rock singer Cindy Wilson is 61. Actress Rae Dawn Chong is 57. Actress

Maxine Bahns is 49. Actor Robert Sean Leonard is 49. Rock singer Pat Monahan is 49. Author Daniel Handler (aka "Lemony Snicket") is 48. Actress Tasha Smith is 47. Actor Rory Cochrane is 46. Actress Ali Larter is 42. Country singer Jason Aldean is 41. Actor Geoffrey Arend is 40. Actress Melanie Chandra (TV: "Code Black") is 34. Actress Michelle Horn is 31.

Thought for Today:
"In science, all facts, no matter how trivial or banal, enjoy democratic equality."
Mary McCarthy
American author and critic (1912-1989).
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS	DOWN		
1 List of charges	1 Sensational, in showbiz	9 At a reduced price	37 Fresh-mouthed talk
5 Smartphone programs	2 How some sardines are packaged	10 Food package abbr.	38 Words of clarification
9 Early afternoon hr.	3 "I'll handle it"	11 18 Across resident	39 Toy musical instrument
14 ___-day (vitamin dose, often)	4 Hard to believe, as excuses	12 Get-up-and-go	44 Kitchen-cabinet stack
15 New Haven school	5 Sailor's assent	13 ___ Peacock (suspect in Clue)	45 Apple beverages
16 "When pigs fly!"	6 Military chaplain	21 Earn after taxes	47 Words to a song
17 Cappuccino topper	7 Said "Not guilty," say	22 Evaluates	48 Less than
18 Biblical paradise	8 Email command	26 Totally exhausted	50 Unaccompanied
19 Rungs of a ladder		27 Give feedback	51 Held a follow-up session
20 Poker variety		28 Sound of relief	53 Young goats
23 Spanish cheer		30 Sound of scissors	54 Falco of <i>The Sopranos</i>
24 Strong drain cleaner		31 Move without pedaling	55 ___ and ends (miscellany)
25 Settings for weddings		32 WWW addresses	56 Chimpanzee, for example
29 "That makes sense"		34 Bother incessantly	57 Photos, informally
31 Adorable		35 Lingering mark	58 Chop down
33 Neckwear with an aloha shirt		36 Cheese in a Greek salad	
34 Volcano in Sicily			
35 Feeling achy			
36 The Stars and Stripes			
37 SNL skit, e.g.			
40 Perched upon			
41 Church service			
42 Keep ___ (be persistent)			
43 Fourth of July Uncle			
44 Fresh-mouthed			
45 Bygone Russian autocrat			
46 Fashion designer McCartney			
48 Life story, for short			
49 Serving of corn			
52 Pony rider in a patriotic tune			
56 In pieces			
59 Just sitting around			

Answer to previous puzzle

A	L	I	P	S	C	A	P	S	G	O	R	K
E	L	I	O	T	H	U	R	L	A	L	A	N
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BUFFS

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Vidal, the 5-6 guard, was dealt the task of slowing down Morton's high scoring wing player Max Willingham, who was coming off a 32-point performance in Morton's area win over Stamford. Despite giving up seven inches in height to Willingham, Vidal more than held his own. Willingham scored 12 points for the game, but only three in the first half.

Cesar, a reserve post player, gave coach Cory Richardson quality minutes in the game. He was instrumental in leading a late third quarter surge that saw Forsan go from a 26-22 deficit to a 30-29 lead heading into the fourth. Cesar was three-of-four from the floor and pulled down five rebounds in the contest.

Forsan's fourth quarter barrage started with a Zane Riffe offensive put back, a bucket by Evans, another basket by Riffe, a basket by Cesar and consecutive three-pointers by Hergert and Richardson. There was no looking back as the Forsan lead swelled to 43-34 with 4:30 left in the game.

Richardson led Forsan in scoring with 18 points, followed by Hergert with 16 and Evans with 10. Richardson was strong defensively also with four steals and seven rebounds.

Forsan coach Cory Richardson said his team had a case of the nerves early.

"We played a little timid, a little tight," he said. "We weren't trying to slow it down, we wanted to run. We just don't have one, we've got three or four players and they have to guard us all over the

court. Our shots didn't fall early, but we stayed with it. We made them (Morton) work hard offensively. If we can hold a team to 42 points I like our chances against anybody we play."

With the win, one goal was accomplished for Forsan.

"Our goal at the first of the year was to get there (region tournament). Once you get there anything can happen," said Richardson.

FORSAN
Garrett
Evans 4-1-10; Bryce
Hergert 5-4-16;

Kobe Richardson 6-5-18; Nathan Vidal 1-1-3; Zane Riffe 2-0-4; Jaeden Cesar 3-0-6; totals 21-11-60.

MORTON
Max Willingham 4-2-12; Noah Rodriguez 3-0-

7; Malachi Villarreal 5-0-13; Kaleb Padilla 1-0-2; Azik Garza 3-0-7; totals 16-2-42.

SCORES BY QUARTER

Forsan - 11-07-11-30 - 60
Morton - 07-15-08-13 - 42



Courtesy photo
Forsan's Bryce Hergert puts up a shot during their playoff game on Tuesday, February 27, 2018.



Courtesy photo
Forsan's Garrett Evans works his way around a Morton defender in their playoff game Tuesday, February 27, 2018.

'DOGETTES

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	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
Lexi Montelongo	3	1	1	0	0	0
Kamri Kemper	2	1	1	1	1	0
Jaydan Mann	3	1	1	0	0	0
MaKynlee Overton	2	1	1	0	1	0
MaKayla Overton	1	1	0	0	2	1
Reagan Deel	3	0	1	2	0	0
Ashley Romero	3	0	1	0	0	0
Chloe Starr	3	1	1	1	0	0
Caitlyn Corley	2	0	0	0	1	2
Box Score	1	2	3	4	5	7
Post	2	0	3	0	0	0
Coahoma	4	0	0	2	0	0

	R	H	E
	5	6	1
	6	7	1

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NEW HEARING DEVICE TECHNOLOGY

Change Your Hearing...Change Your Life.

A leading manufacturer is offering a field-test to try out a new technology that supports the way your hearing naturally works.

These revolutionary hearing aids work as one system to pick up all the sounds around you, balancing them to perfection for a clear, accurate hearing experience.

This new technology is meant for people just like you to finally hear important sounds - voices, music, television - without the annoying background noise.

Now hearing instrumental technology allows you to:

- ▶ Hear in restaurants - filters out noises, tunes in voices
- ▶ Improve phone calls - by adjusting both hearing aids.
- ▶ Lean in for hugs - without the buzz or whistle.
- ▶ Connect to TV, cell phone or other devices - with no wires.

SEEKING TEST-TRIAL CANDIDATES

Press Release: Beltone, as a leading site in Texas, has been chosen to run preliminary studies on a revolutionary hearing device.

The manufacturer of this revolutionary new hearing device technology has released this product in Western Texas for distribution through Beltone.

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New study finds diverse audiences drive blockbusters



Zinzi Evans, left, and Ryan Coogler gesture the "Wakanda Forever" symbol from the film "Black Panther" as they arrive at the world premiere of "A Wrinkle in Time" at the El Capitan Theatre on Monday, Feb. 26, 2018, in Los Angeles.

By JAKE COYLE

AP Film Writer

NEW YORK — Just as "Black Panther" is setting records at the box office, a new study finds that diverse audiences are driving most of the biggest blockbusters and many of the most-watched hits on television.

UCLA's Bunche Center released its fifth annual study on diversity in the entertainment industry Tuesday, unveiling an analysis of the top 200 theatrical film releases of 2016 and 1,251 broadcast, cable and digital platform TV shows from the 2015-2016 season. Among its results: minorities accounted for the majority of ticket buyers for five of the top 10 films at the global box office, and half of ticket buyers for two more of the top 10.

Researchers found that minorities remain underrepresented in film leads (13.9 percent), film directors (12.6 percent), film writers (8.1 percent), broadcast scripted leads (18.7 percent), cable scripted leads (20.2 percent) and digital series leads (12.9 percent).

Many of those totals do represent some modest gains, especially when viewed across five years. (Minority leads on broadcast TV shows increased from 5.1 percent to 15.7 over the last five years, according to UCLA's studies.) But other areas — especially behind the camera — have seen only slight or no improvement.

"There has been some progress, undeniably. Things are not what they were five years ago," said Darnell Hunt, co-author of the report and

director of the center, which focuses on African American studies, at the University of California, Los Angeles. "People are actually talking about diversity today as a bottom-line imperative as opposed to just the right thing to do. We've amassed enough evidence now that diversity does, in fact, sell."

Minorities make up nearly 40 percent of the U.S. population, but Hispanic and African-American moviegoers over-index among moviegoers. According to the Motion Picture Association of America, Latinos make up 18 percent of the U.S. population but account for 23 percent of frequent moviegoers. Though African Americans are 12 percent of the population, they make up 15 percent of frequent moviegoers.

UCLA found that films with casts that were 21 to 30 percent minority regularly performed better at the box office than films with the most racial and ethnically homogenous casts.

Hunt believes that the wealth of data, as well as box-office successes like "Black Panther," has made obvious the financial benefits of films that better reflect the racial makeup of the American population.

"I think the industry has finally gotten the memo, at least on the screen in most cases, if not behind the camera," said Hunt. "That's where there are the most missed opportunities."

The report, titled "Five Years of Progress and Missed Opportunities,"

covers a period of some historic high points for Hollywood, including the release of the best picture-winning "Moonlight," along with fellow Oscar nominees "Hidden Figures" and "Fences."

But researchers found the overall statistical portrait of the industry, while slightly improving on many counts, still trails far behind the entertainment audience.

"With each milestone achievement, we chip away at some of the myths about what's possible and what's not," said Hunt. "Every time a film like this does really well, every time we see a TV show like 'Empire,' it makes it harder for them to make the argument that you can't have a viable film with a lead of color. Or you can't have a universally appealing show with a predominantly minority cast. It's just not true anymore because the mainstream, itself, is diverse."

Some of the largest disparities for minorities detailed by the UCLA report were in roles like film writers (8.1 percent of 2016's top films), creators of broadcast scripted shows (7.1 percent) and creators of cable scripted shows (7.3 percent). Hunt blamed the lag behind the camera on, among other factors, executive ranks that are still overwhelmingly white and male.

"It's a white-male controlled industry and it hasn't yet figured out how to incorporate other decision-makers of color and women into the process. So you have these momentary exceptions to the rule," said Hunt, pointing to "Black Panther," which has grossed \$700 million worldwide in two weeks of release.

Such films, he said, show the considerable economic sense of making movies and television series that don't ignore nearly half of their potential audience.

"It's business 101," Hunt said.



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