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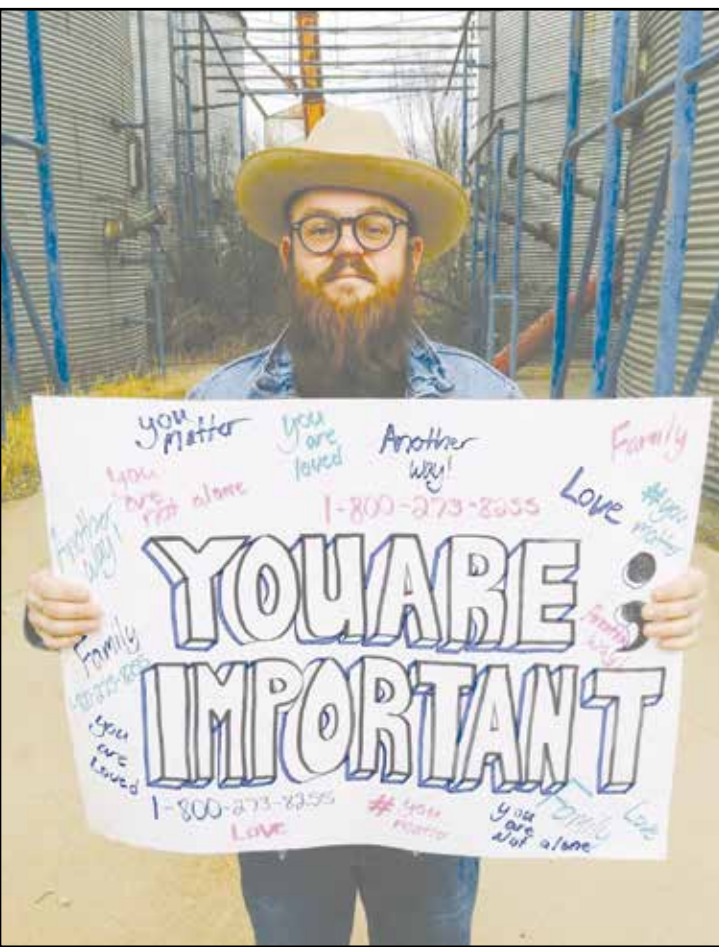
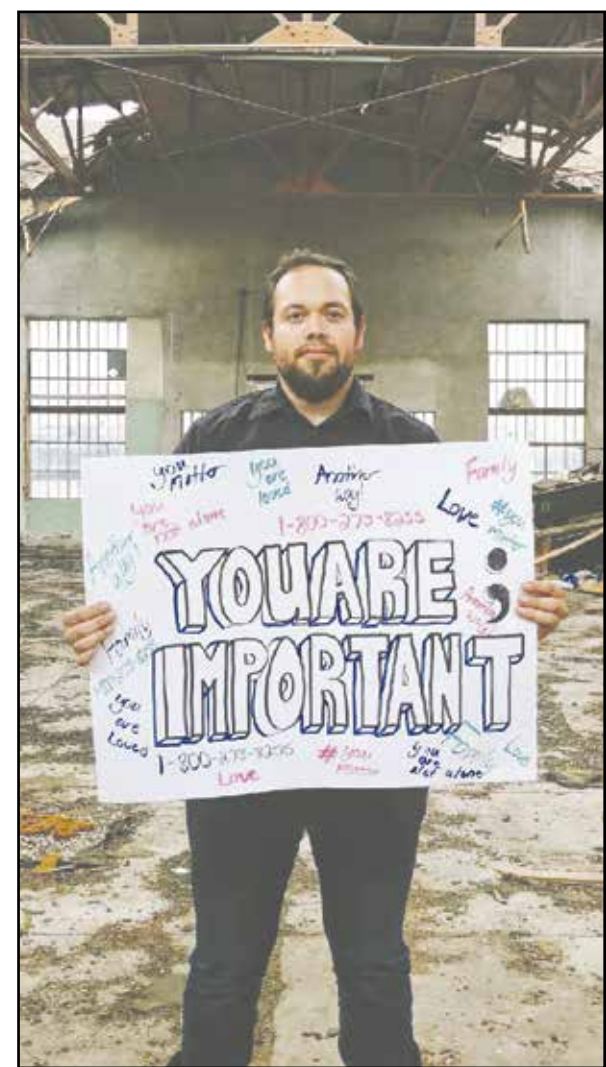
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## Local suicide awareness movement shows no signs of slowing down



*Courtesy photos*  
 Local musicians and public figures show their support for the You Are Important movement by posing with signs associated with the cause. Shown clockwise from top left are Samantha Medney, J.R. McNutt, Tanner Churchwell, and Mae Harvey. The movement, founded locally by Richard Vasquez, seeks to bring awareness to the often taboo subject of suicide.



By ERIN STEPHENS  
 Staff Writer

"You are important" is a phrase that has recently been in the hearts and on the minds of Big Spring residents.

The suicide awareness movement known as "You Are Important" is gaining traction in the area, and the founder of the anti-suicide initiative, Big Spring's Richard Vasquez, foresees big plans for the it's future.

"This was a movement I'd initially started over social media that spread quickly through the community as more and more people got involved," said Vasquez. "I started it because myself and my family have lost two people to suicide, and it's been a growing epidemic around West Texas and our nation as a whole."

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## Spiritual journey from atheism to faith

By AMBER MANSFIELD  
 Staff Writer

As times change and technology evolves, the need to solve every mystery of the universe and know the why behind it is almost second nature.

As a result, the world has a growing number of people who are skeptical of any question or riddle that can't be explained through logic or science. One riddle though that has been debated and asked by skeptics, scientists and people in general for thousands of years; Does God exist? Is it still reasonable, in our skeptical culture, to believe in a God who produces miracles?

In a world filled with electronics and technology, it's hard to believe that acts of God or miracles are possible because they contradict scientific laws. At one point in time that's exactly how



Strobel

Lee Strobel, a former editor of the Chicago Tribune and investigative reporter known for his relentless pursuit of the truth, felt. So Strobel, who was also an atheist, set out to debunk every claim that Christianity ever made. There was only one problem: he couldn't.

In 1998, after a two-year investigation into the miraculous, Strobel published a book, "The Case for Miracles," revealing to the world his own spiritual journey from atheism to faith; and for the last 25 years, Strobel's life mission has to been to share the evidence that support the claims of Christianity.

On Wednesday, March 14, Strobel will get to tell his story to the public of Big Spring. The Church of the Nazarene will present Lee Strobel via simulcast from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., as he will be presenting "The Case for Miracles."

"This event is everyone regardless of belief," said Scott Jimenez, "For those who believe in God and want to broaden their knowledge of him, those who don't believe can come see what scientific research Strobel went through to try and debunk Christianity, or for anyone who just wants to listen to a good story."

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## House GOP report says no collusion between Trump and Russia

By MARY CLARE JALONICK  
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans on the House Intelligence Committee have completed a draft report concluding there was no collusion or coordination between Donald Trump's presidential campaign and Russia, a finding that pleased the White House but enraged Democrats who were expected to see the document for the first time on



Trump

Tuesday.

After a yearlong investigation, Texas Rep. Mike Conaway announced Monday that the committee has finished interviewing witnesses and will now share the report with Democrats. Conaway is the Republican leading the House probe, one of several investigations on Russian meddling in the 2016 elections.

"We found no evidence of collusion," Conaway told reporters, suggesting that those who believe there was collusion are reading too many spy novels. "We found perhaps some bad judgment,

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## Obituaries

### Mary H. Caton

September 13, 1931 - March 5, 2018



Mary Holdar Caton joined the presence of our Lord on March 5, 2018.

Born in Waco, Texas, she graduated valedictorian of her high school class of 1949, as well as being "Most Beautiful" in her senior year. She continued her education at Baylor University, and earned a bachelors degree, Magna Cum Laude, while receiving recognition as a "Baylor Beauty" and officer in several social clubs on campus.

She married the love of her life, Ralph W. Caton, in 1952, and soon moved to Stanton, Texas, where he established a law practice. She worked diligently beside him, supporting his entry into a political career, first as County Attorney, and later as District Judge in Howard, Martin, and Glasscock Counties. Mary's intelligence, social graces, and ease in making friendships complemented and supported Ralph's position in the community. Whether it was church, social, or civic activity, the quiet southern lady offered her time generously and with passion.

In 1986, they relocated to Garden Ridge. While he continued as a Senior Judge, Mary did what she did best...connecting and building friendships to endure. Once again, she involved herself in many local organizations, committees, and clubs while establishing meaningful relationships among resi-

dents in the area. Known by many as "Miss" Mary, she touched the lives of those around her.

Her interests were wide and varying but always of benefit to others by advocating for animals, conservation, and gardening. Many spontaneous conversations with neighbors walking past her front garden occurred while she tirelessly "weeded" the flower beds. Mary was quick to offer a visit on the front porch and a cool drink to friends.

As a multi-generation Wacoan, she taught the value of family through treasured photographs of her beloved grandfather and precious "Aunties", keeping them alive through touching stories and loving recollections.

Her husband, Judge Ralph W. Caton, preceded her in death in 1996.

She is survived by a sister, Linda Holdar Prickett of Dallas.

Mary cultivated a lovely garden of her own with husband, Ralph. They raised a daughter, Ann; and a son, Carl. Ann is married to Michael Gill, and they have two sons, Andrew and Stuart.

Carl and wife, Kelli, enjoy their two adult children, Brooke and Chad.

In her lifetime, Mary was further blessed by the birth of two beautiful great-granddaughters, Brooke and Tyler's sweet Alli, as well as Andrew and Colleen's precious Valerie.

The family wishes to express appreciation to all of her friends for their loving kindness and support.

A Memorial Service for Mary was held Friday, March 9, 2018.

*Paid obituary*

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **MICHAEL RAY LEWIS**, 56, of 803 Wyoming was arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended or invalid license.

- **JOE ERNEST VALENCIA**, 34, of 1216 Mobile was arrested on warrants for driving with an invalid license and possession of a controlled substance (4 to 200 grams); and on other outstanding warrants.

- **CALEB JAMES LOVELESS**,

24, no address given, was arrested on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

- **JOHN EDWARD DELANEY II**, 28, of 1502 Scurry St. was arrested on a warrant for possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).

- **CHRISTI GRANT HARRISON**, 48, of 5621 E. Midway Rd. was arrested on warrants for possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.) and false drug test falsification device.

- **MARCOS MENDEZ**, 25, of

1511 S. Johnson St. was arrested on outstanding warrants.

- **RICHARD GENE ARMSTRONG**, 39, of 203 Merrick Rd. was arrested on a warrant for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 1600 block of South Gregg Street and the 4800 block of West Highway 80.

- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 700 block of East Interstate 20.

## Take Note

- Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas, handles legal issues affecting Veterans, Retirees, and their family members. They will have clinics that provides volunteer attorneys that will provide free legal advice (up to 25 minutes depending on the issue). A pro bono attorney may be assigned to handle some cases that include: bankruptcy, consumer issues/contract, child supper and custody, divorce, employment, foreclosure, housing, landlord/tenant, probate and guardianship, real estate, social security/SSI, Veterans benefits/issues, wills and estate planning. The Clinic dates are on March 22, May 24, Aug. 23, Nov. 1 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Northside Community Center on 110 N.E 8th St. Applicants must be financially eligible to obtain services. Please bring a copy of your DD215 and/or Veterans ID card. Appointments are required. For more information or to make an appointment, please contact Pete Fierro at 432-332-1207, ext. 4511.

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

- The Howard County Fair Board thanks all those who are working on a square for the 2018 quilt. There are still a few squares left to be done/ 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.

- 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.

- 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.

### Jeremy Lee Jackson

Jeremy Lee Jackson, 48, of Artesia, New Mexico, formerly of Knott, Texas, died Sunday, March 11, 2018, in a San Angelo nursing home.

Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

## Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 75 inmates at the time of this report.

- **RICHARD GENE ARMSTRONG**, 39, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for failure to appear/aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

- **JOHN EDWARD DELANEY**, 28, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).

- **CHRISTI GRANT HARRISON**, 48, was booked by HCSO on warrants for possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.) and false drug test falsification device.

- **MICHAEL RAY LEWIS**, 56, was booked by BSPD on a charge of driving with a suspended or invalid license.

- **CALEB JAMES LOVELESS**, 24, was booked by BSPD on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

- **MARCOS MENDEZ**, 25, was booked by HCSO on warrants for failure to appear/evading arrest or detention with a vehicle, no seatbelt, expired registration, and failure to control speed, and bail jumping/failure to appear; and on a nisi warrant for evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

- **JOE ERNEST VALENCIA**, 34, on warrants for driving with an invalid license and bail jumping/failure to appear; and on a parole violation for possession of a controlled substance (4 to 200 grams).

- **ZACHARY R. WILLIAMS**, 36, was booked by BSPD on a motion to adjudicate for possession of a controlled substance (4 to 200 grams).

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **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 1300 block of Lincoln. 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 3300 block of Rickabaugh. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of North Main Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

## 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.

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# IMPORTANT

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Right now, this will be our first fundraiser for the movement and all proceeds will be going towards future projects."

The purpose of You Are Important is to bring awareness to the often untouchable topic of suicide. From 1999 to 2010, the suicide rate among Americans aged 35 to 64 increased nearly 30 percent and is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States.

Although not pleasant to discuss with family or friends, suicide is something that affects countless lives. If one hasn't entertained suicidal thoughts themselves, they've probably known someone who has.

"We're still trying to spread the message, and our message is really just to let people know you aren't alone because we're talking to a hidden community; a lot of the people at risk for suicide hide behind smiles" said Vasquez. "I never expected to get this far with this movement. It's growing faster than I thought, and I'm kind of just going with the flow."

Upon hearing about the You Are Important movement, Desert Flower Art Bar and Lounge (DFAB) owner Jeanine Thibault and manager Jeremiah Peters contacted Vasquez about the

possibility of hosting an event aimed at suicide awareness. The three decided to plan the event on St. Patrick's Day and came up with the idea to hold both a "St. Paddy's Day" celebration and suicide awareness fundraiser at the downtown venue on March 17 from 7 p.m. to midnight. The DFAB offers a relaxing atmosphere perfect for enjoying beer/wine/mixed drinks, live music, art, and so much more.

A \$5 cover will be charged at the door, with all proceeds going to You Are Important. According to Vasquez, there will be free food, door prizes, games, live music by Rankin Hardin, and possibly more musical guests.

"Our plan is to make this an official nonprofit organization in the future," he said. "I was surprised that someone actually wanted to sponsor the first steps of this movement and allow us to go further. We're working on getting t-shirts and bracelets made with the 'You Are Important' logo on the front and the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline phone number on the back. I've been partnering with local insurance agent Adrian Calvio and area musicians in Big Spring; they're helping me get the word out. Adrian has been part of the planning, and we spread the message through the music community."

Vasquez and Calvio are now working side by side to further their sui-

cide awareness efforts and continue growing the movement.

"CBS News recently covered You Are Important with an interview and a story piece," said Vasquez. "They interviewed me and Adrian. I contacted him to be one of the first people to give his testimony with a poster on social media and he decided to really grab the bull by the horns and go with it; testimonies consist of their story and view about suicide. This is all very moving and inspiring and puts my faith back in people. There will be a poster outside of this Saturday's event that can be used by attendees for social media so they can post how they feel and give their testimony. The hope with this is that it might save a life and then that person reaches out and saves another life so it's kind of like a chain."

For more information on this weekend's fundraiser and/or suicide prevention, contact Richard Vasquez at 432-816-3910, or call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline if you or someone you love is having thoughts of suicide.

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is a national network of local crisis centers that provides free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They're committed to improving cri-

sis services and advancing suicide prevention by empowering individuals, advancing professional best practices, and building awareness. The website instructs those seeking help to find a therapist/support group, build a support network, use your support network, make a safety plan, and more.

A few risk factors that make it more likely someone will consider, attempt, or die by suicide is loss of relationships, easy access to lethal means, alcohol and other substance abuse disorders. Warning signs to look out for include talking about feeling trapped or being in unbearable pain, talking about being a burden to others, withdrawal or isolation from others, and more.

To bring additional attention to suicide awareness, visit [suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://suicidepreventionlifeline.org) and search for a photo of the official suicide prevention ribbon. It's a purple and turquoise ribbon symbolizing awareness and prevention of suicide. Use it on your social media profile picture to show support.

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# REPORT

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inappropriate meetings, inappropriate judgment in taking meetings. But only Tom Clancy or Vince Flynn or someone else like that could take this series of inadvertent contacts with each other, or meetings or whatever, and weave that into sort of a fiction page-turner, spy thriller."

Hours later, Trump tweeted his own headline of the report in excited capital letters: "THE HOUSE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE HAS, AFTER A 14 MONTH LONG IN-DEPTH INVESTIGATION, FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF COLLUSION OR COORDINATION BETWEEN THE TRUMP CAMPAIGN AND RUSSIA TO INFLUENCE THE 2016 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION."

Trump praised the decision again Tuesday morning shortly before departing for his trip to California.

"We are very, very happy with that decision," he told reporters. "It was a powerful decision that left no doubt and I want to thank the House intelligence committee."

Conaway previewed some of the conclusions Monday, but said the public will not see the report until Democrats have reviewed it and the intelligence community has decided what information can become public, a process that could take weeks. Democrats are expected to issue a separate report with far different conclusions.

In addition to the statement on coordination with Russians, the draft challenges an assessment made after the 2016 election that Russian meddling was an effort to help Trump. The January 2017 assessment revealed that the FBI, CIA and NSA had concluded that the Russian government, at the direction of President Vladimir Putin, waged a covert influence campaign to interfere in the election with the goal of hurting Democrat Hillary Clinton's candidacy and helping Trump's campaign.

House Intelligence Committee officials said they spent hundreds of hours reviewing raw source material used by the intelligence services in the assessment and that it did not meet the appropriate standards to make the claim about helping Trump.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly about the intelligence material.

Conaway said there will be a second report just dealing with the intelligence assessment and its credibility.

The Office of the Director of National Intelligence issued a statement soon after the GOP announcement, saying it stood by the intelligence community's findings. DNI spokesman Brian Hale said the office will review the findings of the committee's report.

According to Conaway, the report will agree with the intelligence assessment on most other details, including that Russians did meddle in the election. It will detail Russian cyberattacks on U.S. institutions during the election and the use of social media to sow discord. It will also show a pattern of Russian attacks on European allies — information that could be redacted in the final report. And it will blame officials in President Barack Obama's administration for a "lackluster" response and look at leaks from the intelligence community to the media.

It will include at least 25 recommendations, including how to improve election security, respond to cyberattacks and improve counterintelligence efforts.

Democrats have criticized Republicans on the committee for shortening the investigation, pointing to multiple contacts between Trump's campaign and Russia and saying they have seen far too few witnesses to make any judgment on collusion. The Democrats and Republicans have openly fought throughout the investigation, with Democrats suggesting a cover-up for a Republican president and one GOP member of the panel calling the probe "poison" for the previously bipartisan panel.

The top Democrat on the intelligence panel, California Rep. Adam Schiff, suggested that by wrapping up the probe the Republicans were protecting Trump. He called the development a "tragic milestone" and said history would judge them harshly.

Republicans "proved unwilling to subpoena documents like phone records, text messages, bank records and other key records so that we might determine the truth about the most significant attack on

# FAITH

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In this live one and a half hour worldwide simulcast, New York Times best-selling author Lee Strobel will reveal the findings of his two-year investigation which has resulted in his forthcoming book "The Case for Miracles." He will document astounding examples of God's divine action in the world today, disclose surprising results of exclusive new polling on miracles, discuss the results of peer-reviewed scientific studies of

the miraculous, and demonstrate that God's miracles are much more common, and credibly proven, than most people think. The entire event will encourage Christians as well as point spiritually curious people toward the God who is still in the miracle business. The First Church is located on 1400 S. Lancaster. No childcare will be provided during the simulcast.

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our democratic institutions in history," Schiff said. The report is also expected to turn the subject of collusion toward the Clinton campaign, saying an anti-Trump dossier compiled by a former British spy and paid for by Democrats was one way that Russians tried to influence the election. Conaway did not suggest that Clinton knowingly coordinated with the Russians, but said the dossier clearly "would have hurt him and helped her."

He also said there was no evidence that anything "untoward" happened at a June 2016 meeting in Trump Tower between members of the Trump campaign and Russians, though he called it ill-advised. Despite a promise of dirt on Clinton ahead of the meeting, there's no evidence that such material was exchanged, he said.

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Essig Arnold, 88, of Centerville, formerly of Sand Springs, died Wednesday, March 7, 2018. Graveside services will be at 3:00 PM today at Coahoma Cemetery.

Linda Pitts Mitchell, 81, died Thursday. The family will receive friends from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM today at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 2:00 PM Wednesday at Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

# Texas high school students injured in Disney trip bus plunge

LOXLEY, Ala. (AP) — A bus carrying Texas high school band members home from Disney World plunged into a ravine before dawn Tuesday in Alabama, killing one person and injuring many others.

First responders used ropes to rappel down the 50-foot ravine in the middle of Interstate 10 to reach them, and then had to cut some of the victims free from wreckage, said Baldwin County Sheriff Huey Hoss Mack, who confirmed the fatality.

About 45 people were on board, and were brought to 10 hospitals in Alabama and Florida, either by helicopter or ambulance, he said.

The sheriff said it wasn't immediately clear what caused the bus to enter the grassy median, which abruptly ends at a steep embankment where the interstate

passes over Cowpen Creek. The crash happened at about 5:30 a.m., crunching the bus and leaving the passengers exposed to chilly temperatures.

Rescuers used every piece of equipment on every truck to reach them, Mack said: "This is what we call an all-out."

An image of the wreckage shows the crumpled bus landed on its side, far below the pavement. The interstate was closed down in both directions as the injured were flown to hospitals including emergency rooms in Mobile and Pensacola, Florida, plus a free-standing emergency room in rural Baldwin County, said Chris Elliott, a Baldwin County commissioner who helped out at the county emergency management center following the crash.

"Everybody is being transferred to a hos-

pital to at least be checked out," said Elliott.

A second bus on the spring break trip, driving ahead of the one that crashed, is continuing on to Texas, the sheriff said.

Channelview Independent School District spokesman Mark Kramer confirmed that the charter bus was carrying Channelview High School band members.

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## Dallas-bound flight makes emergency landing in Albuquerque



ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — A Dallas-bound flight made an emergency landing at Albuquerque International Sunport, sending panicked passengers leaping from a wing onto the tarmac after crew members screamed at them to get away from the aircraft, passengers and officials said.

Southwest Flight 3562 took off from Phoenix on Sunday night and was headed for Dallas Love Field. About an hour later, the crew noticed an unusual smell in the cabin, the airline said in a statement.

Passengers said they could feel heat from the vents shortly before the crew said the plane was going to make an emergency landing. Passengers were told to brace as the plane landed.

"I sent a couple texts out to loved ones that you just don't really want to have to send out," Brandon Cox said.

He said it was an eight-foot jump to the tarmac from the wing.

"I hit the ground really hard and was just shell-shocked that I just had to jump off the wing of an airplane," he said.

Video he posted on Twitter showed people using a slide connected to another emergency exit. A crewmember can be heard shouting, "Move away from the aircraft now!"

Passenger David Fleck said he was surprised to discover there were no emergency slides near the exit door over the wing.

"It felt wrong when you're up there. It was

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## Deadly package bomb could be linked to earlier Austin attack

By **WILL WEISSERT and PAUL J. WEBER**

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — A package bomb that killed a teenager and wounded a woman Monday in Austin is probably linked to a similar bombing that killed a man elsewhere in the city this month, authorities said, and investigators are considering whether race was a factor because all of the victims were black.

Shortly after Police Chief Brian Manley announced the suspected link between Monday's blast and a March 2 attack that killed a 39-year-old man, authorities rushed to the scene of a third explosion that badly injured a second woman.

Authorities have not said whether that blast was also caused by a package bomb or if the victim, like those hit in the two confirmed



AP photo

Authorities investigate an explosion at a home in Austin, Texas, Monday, March 12, 2018. Investigators believe the fatal explosion on Monday is linked to another deadly bombing elsewhere in the city this month.

bombings, is black. Austin-Travis County EMS tweeted that the woman is in her 70s and was taken to a hospital with potentially life-threatening injuries.

Authorities urged the public to call police if they receive any un-

expected packages.

The latest explosions happened during the South by Southwest music, film and technology festival, which brings about 400,000

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## US budget deficit jumped to \$215.2 billion in February

By **MARTIN CRUTSINGER**

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — The federal government recorded a budget deficit of \$215.2 billion in February, up significantly from a year ago as the impact of the GOP tax cuts passed in December begin to surface.

The Treasury Department said Monday that the February deficit was 12.1 percent higher than a year ago, reflecting in part

a drop of \$5 billion in individual withholding taxes paid last month compared to a year ago. In February, employers started using tax tables that withheld less from paychecks based on the new law.

For the first five months of this budget year, the deficit totals \$391 billion, an increase of 11.5 percent from the same period a year ago. President Donald Trump's new budget projects this year's deficit will hit \$873 billion, up a sharp 31.3 percent from last year's imbalance of \$665.8 billion.

Over the next decade, Trump's budget projects deficits will total

\$7.1 trillion. That is more than double the \$3.2 trillion in deficits over the coming decade that Trump had envisioned in the budget he sent Congress last year. The deficit picture has darkened in part because of the \$1.5 trillion in tax cuts Trump pushed through Congress in December.

The administration argues that the tax cuts will pay for themselves over time by boosting growth. But critics contend that this is an overly optimistic view. They argue that deficits will be much

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## Texas dad, son convicted in scam targeting American Airlines

DALLAS (AP) — A North Texas father and son could each be sentenced to more than 90 years in prison in a nearly \$17 million hearing aids scam targeting American Airlines workers.

Federal prosecutors say 67-year-old Terry Lynn Anderson and 37-year-old Rocky Freeland Anderson were convicted Thursday in Dallas over hearing aids that weren't needed or were never dispensed.

Investigators say the Andersons' business submitted

bogus or unnecessary insurance claims for some workers. Authorities say many hearing tests lasted less than 5 minutes and were conducted in an employee break room at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

Father and son were convicted of conspiracy to commit health care fraud, health care fraud and aggravated identity theft. Terry Anderson was also convicted on two additional fraud counts.

No sentencing date was immediately set.

## US sets new record for censoring, withholding gov't files

By **TED BRIDIS**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The federal government censored, withheld or said it couldn't find records sought by citizens, journalists and others more often last year than at any point in the past decade, according to an Associated Press analysis of new data.

The calculations cover eight months under President Donald Trump, the first hints about

how his administration complies with the Freedom of Information Act.

The surge of people who sought records but ended up empty-handed was driven by the government saying more than ever it could not find a single page of requested files and asserting in other cases that it would be illegal under U.S. laws to release the information.

People who asked for records under the

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visitors to Austin each year. The explosions happened far from the main events of the festival, and there was no immediate word from organizers about additional safety precautions being taken.

Four years ago, a driver plowed through a barricade and into festival-goers, killing four people and injuring many others. Additional security measures were taken in the aftermath, including additional policing, tougher security checks and brighter street lighting, among others.

The three explosions occurred in different parts of east Austin. Monday's first explosion happened at a home near the city's Windsor Park neighborhood and about 12 miles (20 kilometers) from the home where the March 2 package bomb killed 39-year-old Anthony Stephan House. His death was initially investigated as suspicious but is now viewed as a homicide.

Monday's second explosion — the cause of which was still being investigated — happened in the Montopolis neighborhood, near the airport and about 5 miles south of the day's first blast.

Manley said investigators believe the March 2 attack and Monday's first explosion are related. In both cases, the packages were left overnight on the victims' doorsteps and were not mailed or sent by a delivery service. He said neither the Postal Service nor private carriers such as UPS or FedEx have any record of delivering the package to the home where Monday's explosion occurred.

"There are similarities that we cannot rule out that these two items are, in fact, related," Manley said.

Investigators have not determined a motive for the attacks, but it is possible that the victims could have been targeted because of their race, he said.

"We don't know what the motive behind these may be," Manley said. "We do know that both of the homes that were the recipients of these packages belong to African-Americans, so we cannot rule out that hate crime is at the core of this."

Special Agent Michelle Lee, a San Antonio-based spokesman for the FBI, said the agency responded to both events and was assisting Austin police, who were leading the local investigation. She said the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives was leading the federal investigation.

A second package was discovered near the site of the initial Monday explosion and that some residents and media members were evacuated or pushed farther from the blast site as authorities determined whether it was a bomb, Manley said.

Police did not immediately identify the teenager killed Monday. Manley said the woman who was injured in that attack is a 40-year-old woman who remains hospitalized.

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Freedom of Information Act received censored files or nothing in 78 percent of 823,222 requests, a record over the past decade. When it provided no records, the government said it could find no information related to the request in a little over half those cases.

It turned over everything requested in roughly one of every five FOIA requests, according to the AP analysis.

Records requests can take months — even years — to get fulfilled. Even then, the government censored documents in nearly two-thirds of cases when it turned over anything.

The federal government also spent \$40.6 million last year in legal fees defending its decisions to withhold federal files, also a record. That included the time when a U.S. judge ruled against the AP and other news organizations asking for details about who and how much the FBI paid to unlock the iPhone used by a gunman in a mass shooting in San Bernardino, California. When the government loses in court, it sometimes must pay the winner's attorney's fees. For example, the New York Times was awarded \$51,910 from the CIA in May in a fight over records about chemical weapons in Iraq.

It was impossible, based on the government's own accounting, to determine whether researchers, journalists and others asked for records that did not actually exist or whether federal employees did not search hard enough before giving up. The government said it found nothing 180,924 times, an 18 percent increase over the previous year.

"Federal agencies are failing to take advantage of modern technology to store, locate and produce records in response to FOIA requests, and the public is losing out as a result," said Adam A. Marshall, the Knight Foundation litigation attorney at the Washington-based Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press.

He said citizens and others should try to precisely describe how they want filings cabinets, hard drives or email accounts searched, but "you shouldn't have to be an expert in records management just to submit a FOIA."

In other cases, the times the government said it would be illegal under other U.S. laws to release requested information nearly doubled to 63,749. Those laws include broad prohibitions against revealing details about U.S. intelligence activities or foreign governments, trade



AP photo

In this May 14, 2013, file photo, the Department of Justice headquarters building in Washington is photographed early in the morning.

secrets, individual banking or tax records and more.

Many of those requests probably involved files related to the U.S. investigation into how Russia interfered in the 2016 presidential election or the related grand jury investigations or about Trump's personal or business tax returns, said Kel McClanahan, a Washington lawyer who frequently sues the U.S. government for records. "How many people do you think asked for Trump's tax returns?" he asked.

A disturbing trend continued: In more than one-in-three cases, the government reversed itself when challenged and acknowledged that it had improperly tried to withhold pages. But people filed such appeals only 14,713 times, or about 4.3 percent of cases in which the government said it found records but held back some or all of the material.

The Trump administration, in a new report last week, noted that it received a record number of information requests last year. It said many agencies reduced their backlogs of overdue requests.

The administration also said it was directing federal agencies to improve the number of requests they process and do some more quickly.

Performance under the records law by the Trump administration has been a source of curiosity, since Trump has eschewed some of the common conventions of transparency. For example, the president has declined to release his personal tax returns or logs of official visitors to the White House, and ethics waivers granted to many of Trump's political appointees do not include details about their former or current corporate cli-

ents.

But Trump is personally more accessible to reporters asking questions than President Barack Obama, and he released as many details about his medical records as previous presidents.

The Freedom of Information Act figures, released Friday, cover the actions of 116 departments and agencies during the fiscal 2017, which ended Sept. 30. The highest number of requests went to the departments of Homeland Security, Justice, Defense, Health and Human Services, and Agriculture, along with the National Archives and Records Administration and Veterans Administration.

The administration released its figures ahead of Sunshine Week, when news organizations promote open government and freedom of information.

Under the records law, citizens and foreigners can compel the U.S. government to turn over copies of federal records for no or little cost. Anyone who seeks information through the law is generally supposed to get it unless disclosure would hurt national security, violate personal privacy, or expose business secrets or confidential decision-making in certain areas.

# BUDGET

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worse than Trump is currently forecasting because his budget is using overly optimistic economic forecasts and does not take into account increased government spending which was approved in a January budget deal.

Many private forecasters believe annual deficits will top \$1 trillion beginning next year and remain at that level in coming years. The Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget released a report earlier this month projecting that \$1 trillion deficits will return next year with the annual deficit hitting \$2.4 trillion in 10 years.

For the current budget year, which began Oct. 1, the Treasury report said revenues totaled \$1.29 trillion, up 2.4 percent from a year ago, while outlays totaled \$1.34 trillion, up 4.2 percent from the same period a year ago. Both the revenues and spending totals are records for the first five months of a budget year.

# FLIGHT

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dark, cold and rainy," he said. "It was disorienting. (You think), 'Do I really just jump down?'"

The Albuquerque Fire Department tweeted that two people were taken to hospitals. The extent of their injuries was not immediately known.

A Dallas police officer aboard the flight tweeted that South-

west's flight attendants "did a great job!"

Southwest said it worked to get passengers onboard another flight to Dallas, and aircraft will remain in Albuquerque where mechanics will inspect it.

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#### Mens Results

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3. DJ Molina 11.48  
8. Jeremiah Cooley 11.83  
200 Meters Varsity - Finals  
10. Kyle Seymore 25.33  
11. Alan Arevalom 25.60  
400 Meters Varsity - Finals  
1. Aaron Martinez 50.45  
5. Gene Rodriguez 53.84  
11. Alan Arevalo 56.71  
800 Meters Varsity - Finals  
1. Aaron Martinez 1:59.17  
6. Cooper Miller 2:11.97  
1600 Meters Varsity - Finals  
4. Cooper Miller 4:51.47  
7. Manuel Marquez 5:07.91  
8. Eric Stinson 5:11.28  
3200 Meters Varsity - Finals  
2. Cooper Miller 10:43.19  
5. Manuel Marquez 11:26.84  
9. Eric Stinson 11:56.65  
110m Hurdles Varsity - Finals  
1. John Ibanez 16.19  
300m Hurdles Varsity - Finals  
2. John Ibanez 43.52  
6. Justin Cuellar 45.29  
4x100 Relay Varsity - Finals  
2. Alec Caldwell, DJ Molina, Alec Espinosa, Jaiden Ludington 43.04  
4x200 Relay Varsity - Finals  
3. Caleb Caldwell, DJ Molina, Alec Espinosa, Michael Renteria 1:32.19  
4x400 Relay Varsity - Finals  
1. Caleb Caldwell, Alec Espinosa, Gene Rodriguez, Aaron Martinez 3:25.94  
Shot Put Varsity - Finals  
1. AJ Gonzales 48-04.50  
Discus Varsity - Finals  
6. AJ Gonzales 119-09  
High Jump Varsity - Finals  
3. Jeremiah Cooley 6-02.00  
4. Kyle Seymore 6-00.00  
Long Jump Varsity - Finals  
3. Jeremiah Cooley 20-08.75  
5. Jaiden Ludington 19-04.25

#### Women's Results

- 100 Meters Varsity - Finals  
1. Kailey Mathews 12.67  
7. Kyleigh Mathews 13.86  
200 Meters Varsity - Finals  
2. Rachel McCalister 27.49  
3. Lindsey Brooks 27.80  
7. Aliana Beserra 29.13  
400 Meters Varsity - Finals  
5. Anissa Ramsey 1:04.63  
7. Falicity Calderon 1:05.72  
8. Samantha Solis 1:06.64  
800 Meters Varsity - Finals  
4. Falicity Calderon 2:31.61  
1600 Meters Varsity - Finals  
4. Chloe Bustamante 6:16.34  
3200 Meters Varsity - Finals  
3. Chloe Bustamante 13:53.45  
7. Brianna Lopez 15:24.46  
100m Hurdles Varsity - Finals  
5. Rebekah Pearson 17.82  
7. Deliah Guzman 17.94  
300m Hurdles Varsity - Finals  
8. Rebekah Pearson 55.98  
4x100 Relay Varsity - Finals  
2. Lindsey Brooks, Aliana Beserra, Rachel McCalister, Kailey Mathews 50.96  
4x200 Relay Varsity - Finals  
4. Aliana Beserra, Rachel McCalister, Kyleigh Mathews, Lindsey Brooks 1:51.95  
4x400 Relay Varsity - Finals  
4. Kyleigh Mathews, Falicity Calderon, Samantha Solis, Anissa Ramsey 4:21.00  
Shot Put - 4kg Varsity - Finals  
2. Kelia Yanez 31-03.00  
4. Aissa Cervantes 29-02.50  
6. Hallie Hyatt 27-09.00  
Discus - 1kg Varsity - Finals  
1. Kelia Yanez 109-08  
2. Kelia Yanez 95-01  
5. Hallie Hyatt 88-08  
High Jump Varsity - Finals  
2. Ajanique Wells 5-02.00  
Long Jump Varsity - Finals  
1. Kailey Mathews 17-05.50  
10. Lindsey Brooks 11-07.50  
Triple Jump Varsity - Finals  
7. Aliana Beserra 29-10.75  
8. Deliah Guzman 29-10.25

## Harden helps Rockets to easy 109-93 win over Spurs



**Houston Rockets' James Harden (13) tries to steal the ball from San Antonio Spurs' Patty Mills during the first half of an NBA basketball game Monday, March 12, 2018, in Houston.**

By **KRISTIE RIEKEN**

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — After the Houston Rockets easily downed the San Antonio Spurs, James Harden was asked about his team taking care of business against a team missing its top players.

The All-Star was quick to point out that despite already clinching a playoff berth, this team has many more goals ahead.

"We don't have the luxury of just taking nights off," he said. "We're not where we want to be. We're not that good yet. So we have to go out there and approach every single game, no matter who we're playing, like it's a playoff game. We're 15 games away, so it's time to take it serious."

Harden scored 16 of his 28 points in the third quarter to allow the Rockets to build a huge lead and sail to a 109-93 victory Monday night.

The NBA's leading scorer took a little while to get going a night after sitting out against Dallas with a sore left knee and had just 12 points at halftime.

Despite his slow start, the Rockets had a comfortable lead in the third and were still up by 13 after a basket by San Antonio's Dejounte Murray with about eight minutes left in the quarter. It was then that Harden took over, scoring the next eight points to start a 16-4 run that extended the lead to 82-57 with about 3 1/2

minutes left in the third and had coach Gregg Popovich calling for a timeout.

Harden had a 3-pointer and made three free throws after being fouled on a 3-point attempt to propel that spurt. He didn't return in the fourth quarter with the game in hand.

"We've played I don't know how many games in about eight days or 10 days, but it's a lot of games it seems like," coach Mike D'Antoni said. "And to have the legs to be able to do what they're doing and put the game away is pretty good."

The Spurs, who were without leading scorer LaMarcus Aldridge, got 14 points each from Bryn Forbes and Derrick White. They lost for the fifth time in six games as they fight for a playoff spot.

"Everybody tries to be the best they can be by playoff time and that will be our goal, too," Popovich said. "(We want) to be in the playoffs and to be as good as we can possibly be no matter what the circumstances are."

The Rockets were up by 10 early in the third quarter before using a 7-3 run, capped by a 3 from Trevor Ariza, to make it 61-47 with about 9 1/2 minutes left in the quarter before the big Harden-fueled run put the game out of reach.

#### UP NEXT

Spurs: Host Orlando on Tuesday night.

Rockets: Host Clippers on Thursday night.

### Coahoma track results



#### Special to the Herald

Coahoma's Braden Pearson raced to a first place finish in the 100m varsity Dash at the Roscoe Collegiate High School Track Meet held Friday.

Pearson clocked a time of 11.52 and was followed by fellow teammate Zack Schneider at 11:38 in third place. Another Coahoma standout on the boys varsity side was Joe Manning who placed 2nd in the 300m Hurdles. He clocked a time of 43.74. Manning also showed off his versatility by placing third in the High Jump with a distance of 5-08.00. Christian Klug rounded out the boys' varsity top finishes by placing 3rd in the 1600m Run clocking a time of 5:41.49.

Overall, the boys team place 4th out of 11 teams competing. Merkel, Stamford, and Munday took the top spots at 1st, 2nd, and 3rd respectively.

For the Coahoma girls varsity team, Julia Canales and Austyn Montgomery had solid results placing 2nd in their events. Canales clocked in a time of 18:56 in the 100m Hurdles. Fellow Coahoma standout Kathryn Manning came in 3rd in the same event with a time of 18.67. Montgomery ran the 3200m at 13:55.93. The girls team finished in 9th place. Stamford, Merkel, and Munday placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd respectively.

Coahoma junior varsity member Isaiah Martin dashed to a 1st place finish in the 800m run. He clocked a time of 2:55.30 while fellow teammate Rodney Mize came in third with a time of 2:59.27.

Steven Erives placed 2nd in the 100m Dash clocking in at 12.10 while Isaac Murillo came in 3rd with a time of 12.28.

Rounding out the top finishes for the junior varsity team were the 4x400m relay team of D'Kota Harrison, Nicolas Biddson, Ethan Biddison, and Kyler Corbin. The team placed 3rd in the event with a time of 4:09.01. Also placing third were Jorge Bachiller in the 3200m run and Ethan Biddison in the 400m Dash. They clocked in a time of 13:18.83 and 58.20 respectively.

#### Roscoe Collegiate Track Meet

Held March 9, 2018 in Roscoe  
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#### Boys Varsity

Long Jump: 6th, Zack Schneider, 18-04.50; 7th, Sean Striegler, 18-03.50; 8th, Brice Martin, 17-09.00.

Triple Jump: 4th, Joe Manning, 39-02.50; 6th, Sean Striegler, 38-03.25; 10th, Braxton Chandler, 35-07.00.

Shot Put: 9th Jonathon Schneider, 36-00.50; 11th Christopher Castillo, 34-00.50.

400m Dash: 4th, Brice Martin, 55.70.

300m Hurdles: 2nd, Joe Manning, 43.74

200m Dash: 5th, Zack Schneider, 24.81; Jaedan Stanisluas, 24.85.

1600m Run: 3rd, Christian Klug, 5:41.49.

4x400m Relay: 5th Coahoma, 3:46.35 - Brice Martin, Joe Manning, Aleksander Duenes, and Sean Striegler.

High Jump: 3rd, Joe Manning, 5-08.00; 8th Braxton Chandler, 5-00.00

4x100m Relay: 4th, Coahoma, 45.73 - Brice Martin, Zack Schneider, Sean Striegler, and Braden Pearson.

800m Run: 7th, Jaedan Stanisluas, 2:24.03

110m Hurdles: 4th, Joe Manning, 18.94; 5th Braxton Chandler, 20.41.

100m Dash: 1st, Braden Pearson, 11.52; Zack Schneider, 11.88.

## 44-year-old Colon could pitch his way into Rangers' rotation

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Bartolo Colon could be pitching his way into the Texas Rangers' rotation at age 44 as he continues to shut down hitters half his age in spring training.

The Rangers also ended their try to move Matt Bush into the bullpen.

"I'm very happy and I get to go back to doing what I know how to do," Bush said Monday. "There are plenty of good starters and this is a role they need me to go back to. They know what they are doing and I feel like it is the right decision."

The Rangers' rotation has a lot of moving parts.

Cole Hamels, Matt Moore and Doug Fister appear to be locks for the top three spots. Mike Minor remains a candidate, but could be switched to closer, a role he was effective in at the end of last season with Kansas City.

Left-hander Martin Perez threw 69 pitches in a minor league game Monday, allowing six runs, three earned, in four innings. He has been set back in spring training after breaking his right (non-pitching) elbow in December in an incident with a bull on his Venezuelan ranch. He could begin the season on the disabled list.

Clayton Blackburn, another rotation candidate, exited in the first inning in a Monday start against Cleveland with right elbow tightness. He will undergo further evaluation.

Enter Colon, the 2005 American League Cy Young Award winner who is in camp on a minor league contract. Colon no longer dominates with a mid-90s mph fastball, but he is deceptive with pinpoint control. He is making it diffi-



**Texas Rangers starting pitcher Bartolo Colon throws against the Oakland Athletics during the first inning of a spring baseball game in Mesa, Ariz., Tuesday, March 6, 2018.**

AP photo

cult for the Rangers not to keep him. "I don't think about it, because I have been in the game so long," Colon said through a translator. "I just have my job and let them make a decision."

In a Sunday start against the Los Angeles Angels, Colon allowed one unearned run over four innings. He permitted two hits, walked none and struck out three. He threw first-pitch strikes to the 15 hitters he faced.

"A lot of strikes, moved the fastball around, knows how to pitch," Rangers manager Jeff Banister said. "A lot of know-how, nothing rattles him."

Colon called it "one of the best" outings he had this spring.


"Because what I've been trying to do is throw strikes," Colon said. "That's what I've been doing to try to make it happen."

He retired the final seven batters he faced, including striking out Justin Upton to end the third and Albert Pujols to lead off the fourth. He threw only 19 of

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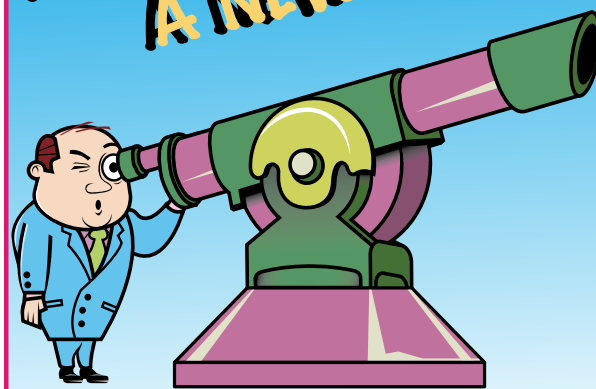
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By Steve Becker

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♥ Q 2  
♦ Q 10 8 6 3  
♣ J 7 5 2

**WEST**  
♠ J 9 6 4  
♥ J 10 9 6 3  
♦ 4  
♣ K 4 3

**EAST**  
♠ K 10 8 5 3  
♥ 8 7 5 4  
♦ J  
♣ Q 9 8

**SOUTH**  
♠ 7 2  
♥ A K  
♦ A K 9 7 5 2  
♣ A 10 6

The bidding:  
North East South West  
3♦ Pass 1♦ Pass

Opening lead — jack of hearts.

Consider this deal where South twice had the opportunity to make a game. First, he could have bid three hearts at his second turn, inviting North to bid three notrump if he had stoppers in spades and clubs. At that contract, North would have had no difficulty scoring 10 tricks against any lead.

But then, having bid five diamonds instead, South should have found the way to score 11 tricks. Unfortunately, he failed that test also.

After taking the heart lead with the ace, declarer cashed the ace of

trumps and then led a spade to the queen. East won with the king and exited with a heart. Declarer won, crossed to the ace of spades and led a club to the ten, losing to the king. When West returned a club, South could not avoid losing another club trick and finished down one.

Declarer could have assured making five diamonds with more careful play. His downfall can be directly attributed to the spade finesse he took at trick three. In fact, had dummy not held the spade queen, South would probably have found the winning route to 11 tricks without difficulty.

After drawing trumps, declarer should have cashed the heart king and then played the A-Q of spades. Regardless of which defender won the trick, South would have been certain to make the contract.

Suppose East has the king of spades, as in the actual deal. He cannot safely return a heart or a spade, which would allow declarer to discard a club while he ruffed in dummy, so he leads a low club. South ducks this to West, who, upon winning the trick, must yield a ruff-and-discard or return a club, either way handing South the game-going trick.

The outcome is the same if West wins the king of spades. After his forced club return, South cannot lose more than one club trick, and again the contract comes sailing home.

Tomorrow: The rationale of good defense.

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## Tomorrow's Horoscope

### Trine of Awesome

By HOLIDAY MATHIS



You want to be surprised and impressed by what you see. Who doesn't? Bring on the awesome experiences! Bonus if you're elated and maybe slightly intimidated. To be dwarfed by the magnificence of a thing and have to therefore change our assumptions about the world -- that's the goal during this magnificent trine of the sun and Jupiter.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** The French culinary term (SET ITAL)mise en place(END ITAL) refers to the peeling, cutting and measuring of ingredients before it's time to use them: Everything in its place. This approach will help your cooking and non-cooking endeavors today.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** It's important for people to feel a sense of progress in the early stages of a project. Use this on yourself. Set yourself up for an easy win right off the bat -- something to keep you inspired as you go.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Too much compromise ruins the deal for all. Might there be a better match elsewhere? If you're determined to make it work, what needs to happen for you both to feel that you're getting more of what you want?

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** This is the time to consider the goals that matter most to you and to your personal life. What's the vision here? Imagine it in crystal clarity. You need to see your endgame before you can design a method to achieve it.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Listening well isn't a natural gift like athleticism or an ear for music. It's a skill to be honed with practice. This is the skill that will help you grow in power and know more about the situation than anyone around.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** What do you need to learn to put yourself at the top

social aspects of the day that will make the most impact. You're an exciting force in the room. Keep moving along. Don't tell the same story or show the same trick twice.

### TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 13).

Your positive attitude opens fresh avenues. You'll be welcomed into an elite group next month. Singles fall in love. There will be practicalities to work out in May in order for domestic life

of your game? What skills could you require to give yourself the greatest advantage? The bigger questions will be answered with small, incredibly detailed solutions.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** You're so charming that you could get by on just that if you wanted to, but no; you'd prefer not to. You've a strong desire to contribute something so useful it renders charm merely optional.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** When the game is very hard, it doesn't do you any good to stay at it and relentlessly keep losing. Take breaks. Walk away from the hard challenge every so often and tackle a job or game that's easily done and won.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Be careful which task you pick up. Some jobs are like boomerangs that will always swing back and give you more to do. Do you recognize which job fits the description? Choose something else.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Oh, happy day! The one you love loves you back. Maybe this is new info. Or maybe you've known this for years. Either way, it still makes everything you take on seem lighter and brighter and easier and better.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** You'll learn something new and prepare for your challenges in a different way than before. Keep your discoveries secret so those operating under the old methods will not know the threat you pose.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** It's the

to hit a groove. Once the personal realm settles in, a huge project is your ladder to your "next level" goals. Capricorn and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 33, 39, 2 and 14.

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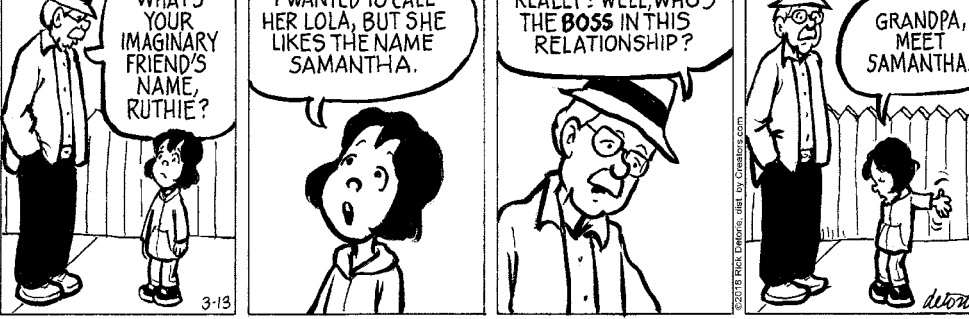
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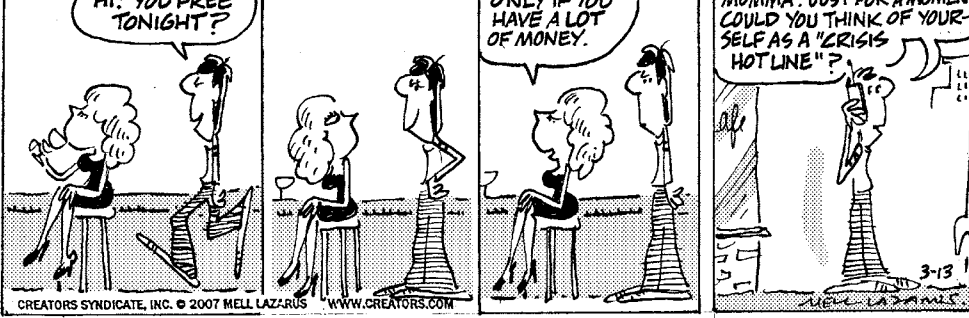
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NEST HEAD



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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, March 13, the 72nd day of 2018. There are 293 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 13, 1928, at least 400 people died when the San Francisquito Canyon in Southern California was inundated with water after the nearly two-year-old St. Francis Dam collapsed just before midnight the evening of March 12.

On this date:

In 1639, New College was renamed Harvard College for clergyman John Harvard.

In 1781, the seventh planet of the solar system, Uranus, was discovered by Sir William Herschel.

In 1865, Confederate President Jefferson Davis signed a measure allowing black slaves to enlist in the Confederate States Army with the promise they would be set free.

In 1901, the 23rd President of the United States, Benjamin Harrison, died in Indianapolis at age 67.

In 1925, the Tennessee General Assembly approved a bill prohibiting the teaching of the theory of evolution. (Gov. Austin Peay (pee) signed the measure on March 21.)

In 1933, banks in the U.S. began to reopen after a "holiday" declared by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

In 1947, the Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe musical "Brigadoon," about a Scottish village which magically reappears once every hundred years, opened on Broadway.

In 1954, the Battle of Dien Bien Phu began during the First Indochina War as Viet Minh forces attacked French troops, who were defeated nearly two months later.

In 1964, bar manager Catherine "Kitty" Genovese, 28, was stabbed to death near her Queens, New York, home; the case gained notoriety over the supposed reluctance of Genovese's neighbors to respond to her cries for help.

In 1980, Ford Motor Co. Chairman Henry Ford II announced he was stepping down, the same day a

jury in Winamac, Indiana, found the company not guilty of reckless homicide in the fiery deaths of three young women in a Ford Pinto.

In 1988, yielding to student protests, the board of trustees of Gallaudet University in Washington D.C., a liberal arts college for the hearing-impaired, chose I. King Jordan to become the school's first deaf president.

In 1996, a gunman burst into an elementary school in Dunblane, Scotland, and opened fire, killing 16 children and one teacher before killing himself.

Ten years ago: The body of Chaldean Catholic Archbishop Paulos Faraj Rahho (POW'-loh fah-RAHJ' rah-HOO') was found in a shallow grave in northern Iraq, two weeks after he was kidnapped by gunmen in one of the most dramatic attacks against the country's small Christian community. Gold hit a record, rising to \$1,000 an ounce for the first time. Bode Miller clinched the men's overall World Cup ski title in Bormio, Italy.

Five years ago: Jorge Bergoglio (HOHR'-hay behr-GOHG'-lee-oh) of Argentina was elected pope, choosing the name Francis; he was the first pontiff from the Americas and the first from outside Europe in more than a millennium.

One year ago: The Congressional Budget Office said that 14 million Americans would lose coverage the next year under House Republican legislation remaking the nation's health care system, and that number would balloon to 24 million by 2026. Once the world's most-wanted fugitive, Ilich Ramirez Sanchez, the man known as "Carlos the Jackal," appeared in a French court for a deadly 1974 attack on a Paris shopping arcade that killed two people. (He was convicted and sentenced to life in prison for the third time.)

Today's Birthdays: Jazz musician Roy Haynes is 93. Country singer Jan Howard is 88. Songwriter Mike Stoller (STOH'-ler) is 85. Singer-songwriter Neil Sedaka is 79. Opera singer Julia Migenes is 69. Actor William H. Macy is 68. Political commentator Charles Krauthammer is 68. Comedian Robin Duke is 64. Actress Dana Delany

is 62. Sen. John Hoeven, R-N.D., is 61. Rock musician Adam Clayton (U2) is 58. Jazz musician Terence Blanchard is 56. Actor Christopher Collet is 50. Rock musician Matt McDonough (Mudvayne) is 49. Actress Annabeth Gish is 47. Actress Tracy Wells is 47. Rapper-actor Common is 46. Rapper Khujo (Goodie Mob, The

Lumberjacks) is 46. Singer Glenn Lewis is 43. Actor Danny Masterson is 42. Bluegrass musician Clayton Campbell (The Gibson Brothers) is 37. Actor Noel Fisher is 34. Singers Natalie and Nicole Albino (Nina Sky) are 34. Actor Emile Hirsch is 33. Olympic gold medal skier Mikaela Shiffrin is 23.

Thought for Today:

"Bad men need nothing more to compass their ends, than that good men should look on and do nothing."

John Stuart Mill  
English philosopher and economist (1806-1873).

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Newsday Crossword

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**ACROSS**

- Long-necked white bird
- Bar bills
- Tacked on
- Toledo's state
- Shaped like a 0
- Guiding principle
- Refuses to
- Increased
- Unspoken but understood
- ACROSS the country
- Allude to
- Ill-mannered
- African antelopes
- Butter or jelly
- Net-guarding soccer players
- Tip of a sock
- Of a humble nature
- "\_\_ got a deal for you!"
- It's north of Mex.
- Glass fragment
- Slip up
- In disarray
- Aromas
- Tell an untruth
- Any NBA or NHL squad
- Approved
- The latest happenings
- Sound-related
- Lasting mark
- Run ACROSS
- Moon's path
- Departs
- Office note
- \_\_ and whistles (embellishments)

**DOWN**

- Planted, as seeds
- Horse-stopping shout
- "It \_\_ over till it's over"
- Become aware of
- Meteorological twisters
- Declares openly
- Justification
- Currency in France
- Cleveland's lake
- Use a broom
- Saxophonist
- Getz
- Cashews and pecans
- Snow-gliding vehicle
- Perform in a play
- Vampire Count
- Hands DOWN
- Make revisions to
- Lavish affection (on)
- Mouth-related
- Conceit
- Slangy negative
- Baffle
- Baffling question
- DOWN-to-earth sandwich
- Greek
- Spine-tingling
- Fathered
- "To \_\_ it may concern"
- Young boy
- Talks monotonously
- Germ-free
- Archery wood
- Potato covering
- Campfire residue
- Shrewdness
- Teapot opening
- Musical drama
- Weeps audibly
- Captain's staff
- Years and years
- Llama land
- Fail to mention
- Refusals
- Recipe amt.

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Answer to previous puzzle

LAMP SPED BATCH  
EVER MAYI IDAHO  
NOSE ACES GOTUP  
SWAN REDCABBAGE

AMTS LEE  
TASTES ATON TIM  
OSCAR CLEF TRA  
WHOLEWHEATBREAD  
NET AIRS AORTA  
SSS GNAT ALLSET

PIZZA DOUGH PREP  
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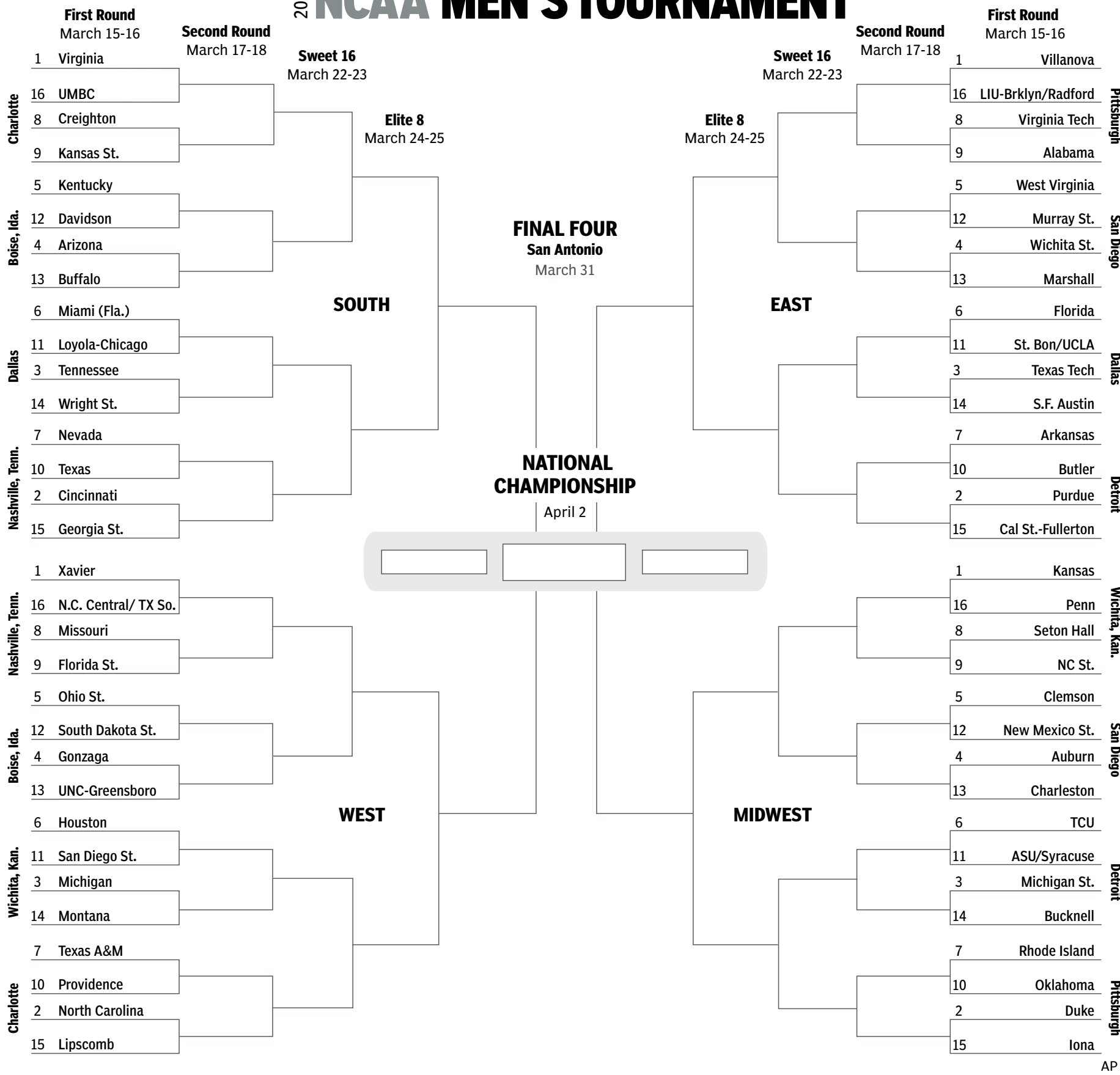


# NCAA TOURNAMENT

**BRACKET BREAKDOWN**  
Complete NCAA Tournament  
bracket, history

16 LIU-Brooklyn      11 Arizona St.      **First Four**      11 St. Bonaventure      16 N.C. Central  
16 Radford      11 Syracuse      March 13-14      11 UCLA      16 Texas Southern  
Dayton, Ohio

## 2018 NCAA MEN'S TOURNAMENT



### Final Four appearances by seed

Since 1985, when the tournament expanded to 64 teams

SEED	FINAL FOUR	CHAMPIONS
#1	54	20
#2	28	5
#3	15	4
#4	13	1
#5	6	0
#6	3	1
#7	3	1
#8	5	1
#9	1	0
#10	1	0
#11	3	0
#12	0	0
#13	0	0
#14	0	0
#15	0	0
#16	0	0

### Final Four appearances by school

Since 1939

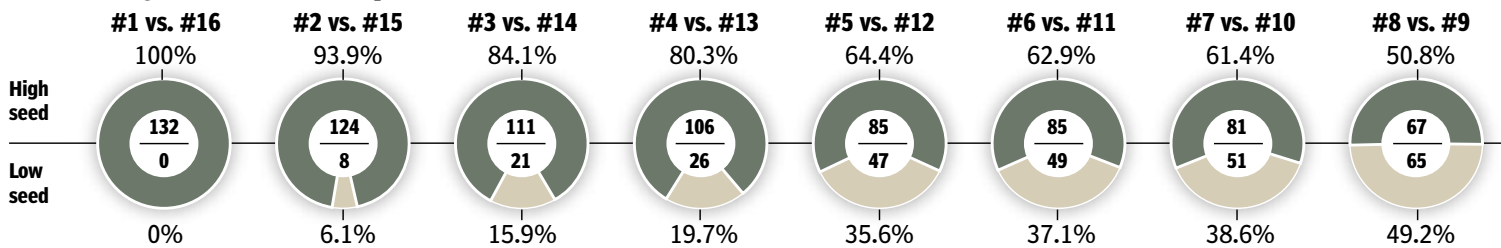
North Carolina	20
Kentucky	17
UCLA	17
Duke	16
Kansas	14
Ohio State*	10
Michigan State	9
Indiana	8
Louisville**	8
Arkansas	6
Cincinnati	6
Oklahoma State	6
Syracuse	6
Seven schools with 5	5

\*One vacated appearance not included  
\*\*Two vacated appearances not included

### Recent champions

- 2017: North Carolina
- 2016: Villanova
- 2015: Duke
- 2014: Connecticut
- 2013: Louisville
- 2012: Kentucky
- 2011: Connecticut
- 2010: Duke
- 2009: North Carolina
- 2008: Kansas
- 2007: Florida
- 2006: Florida
- 2005: North Carolina
- 2004: Connecticut
- 2003: Syracuse
- 2002: Maryland
- 2001: Duke
- 2000: Michigan State
- 1999: Connecticut
- 1998: Kentucky

### Record by seed matchup



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**BSHS TRACK**

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*Courtesy photo*  
Jeremiah Cooley competes in the high jump on Friday, March 9 at the Big Spring Invitational.



*Courtesy photo*  
Kyler Seymore competes in the high jump on Friday, March 9 at the Big Spring Invitational.

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*Courtesy photo*  
Cailtyn Corley competes in the 4x400 meter relay at the Roscoe Collegiate High School Track Meet held Friday in Roscoe.



*Courtesy photo*  
Brice Martin competes in the Long Jump at the Roscoe Collegiate High School Track Meet held Friday in Roscoe.

**TEXAS**

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his 53 pitches in the final two innings.

"I was throwing a changeup, so I got them out of rhythm," Colon said. "That's why I got the outs quick."

In three appearances, Colon has a 1.04 ERA, giving up one earned run in 8 2/3 innings. He has struck out six, walked one and allowed

nine hits.

Colon has a base salary of \$1.75 million if he makes the team.

Meanwhile, the younger Rangers pitchers are paying close attention to Colon fooling hitters with less than overwhelming stuff.

"They can learn a lot," Colon said. "There is a reason why I have pitched so long in the major leagues."

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