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BSISD, HC partnership plan scrapped

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

A partnership under consideration between Big Spring Independent School District and Howard College will not happen, according to a press release received Friday from BSISD. The partnership was being mulled by the two entities to comply with Texas Education Agency requirements for Washington and Goliad elementary schools, which are in danger of TEA action for substandard scores on stu-



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dent performance tests. "For the past several weeks, Dr. (Cheryl) Sparks, president of Howard College, and Johnny Tubb, interim superintendent of BSISD, have been researching all aspects of the needed requirements to make a valid partnership," said the release. "Together, they have reached the conclusion that the partnership is not attainable at this time." The release cites slow response to requests for information from TEA as

the primary reason for calling off continued work on the partnership. "Currently, there are simply too many questions and not enough answers from the Texas Education Agency to continue down this path," Tubb said in the press release. "I want to thank Dr. Sparks and Howard College for considering us as a partner and we look forward to future arrangements with them." Sparks expressed continued willingness to work with BSISD in the future. "Partnering with the Big Spring ISD on many opportunities through the years has been beneficial to all con-

cerned," she said. "Although together we have determined this partnership option is one that we should not pursue, we stand ready to assist the Big Spring ISD as we can. Those students are our future students. Howard College wants to encourage the students, teachers, board and administration as they address these challenges. We remain confident that the Big Spring ISD will attain its goals for these campuses." Tubb said that, should Washington and Goliad not manage to improve their scores, some sort of

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FMH Foundation gives \$250K grant for Historic Spring



HERALD file photo

Big Spring Community Services Director Debbie Wegman, center, cuts the ribbon at the grand opening of the newly remodeled Historic Big Spring on Nov. 16, 2017. Phase 2 of the renovation is underway now. At Tuesday's Big Spring City Council meeting, the council accepted a grant from Midland's FMH Foundation for \$250,000 toward the project.

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council accepted a \$250,000 grant from the Midland-based FMH Foundation to help fund construction of Phase 2 of the Historic Spring Restoration Project. In return, FMH will receive naming rights for some of the project's key fea-

tures. Council members decided at their Tuesday evening meeting to sign the contract with FMH, which is the philanthropic organization founded by long-time Howard College supporter Florence Marie Hall. The FMH gift was the largest of several grants accepted by council members for the

project, including \$2,245 from the Big Spring High School Class of '55-'57; \$5,000 from SM Energy; and \$25,000 from Occidental Petroleum. SM Energy has previously donated \$160,000 to the project; while Occidental Petroleum has donated an additional \$25,000 previously. "With these contributions, we have now met our funding

Spring plaza area to be named after Marie Hall

goals for Phase 2," said Big Spring Community Services Director Debbie Wegman. Wegman explained the naming rights included in the contract for the FMH grant. "It will be the Marie Hall Plaza," said Wegman after the meeting. "That will be on the stage area. Then the new pedestrian bridge that will connect the plaza to the pavilion, Phase 2, will be called 'The Hall's Way.'" While the spring itself will not be part of the naming rights package, other features will bear monikers chosen by donors. "It's kind of hard to put the name on the actual spring," Wegman said. "There are some other naming rights that will be out there. This is probably the biggest one. SM Energy has asked that we name the pavilion 'SM Energy Pavilion.' There are some other minor ones that we're going to be putting donations on. Some of the story boards, people donated money and we'll be doing that while we're working on Phase 2 so by the time that's finished, all the names will be where they

need to be." City Councilman Terry McDaniel asked about the naming rights during the meeting; when Wegman told him about the stipulation transferring naming rights to FMH, McDaniel had an additional offer for the foundation. "If Marie would give me \$250,000, I'd name my house after her," the councilman quipped. \$50,000 of the FMH donation is set aside and earmarked to fund a concert series at the spring, Wegman said. "(FMH) were very impressed with the site and they loved the plaza and stage area, so they want to make sure that's utilized," Wegman said. "They gave us that seed money to get started. We've already started doing some work on that. We'll probably wait until after Phase 2 is completed so we'll have the use of the pavilion, but we're going to work on getting some kind of concert series started. We'll probably do a summer-time series. I think

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Grove new director at Happy Day



HERALD file photo

Happy Day Humane Society, 5710 W. Interstate 20, has a new director: former Big Spring firefighter and paramedic Richard Grove.

By **AMBER MANSFIELD**
 Staff Writer

"Saving one pet won't change the world, but for that one pet, the world will change" is a quote that you will find on the website of Happy Day Humane Society. The Happy Day Humane Society, 5710 W. Interstate 20 in Big Spring, has a mission that started with two women: Margaret



Grove

Lloyd and Dorothy Garrett. The two women started the Howard County Humane Society in Big Spring many years ago on a shoestring budget to save neglected animals and provide a service to our community. Today's Happy Day Humane Society was their dream, and Happy Day is fortunate to carry out their vision and continue to save many unfortunate animals in our community. Here also to carry out that mission to help out those four-legged creatures, is Happy Day's new director Rich Grove. Former paramedic and Big Spring fire fighter for 23 years, Grove loves his new position, and says even though it's a completely different job, it has a lot of similarities too. "Essentially I'm still helping someone like I did when I was a paramedic and firefighter," said Grove. "I'm helping people

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Stephen Hawking, best-known physicist of his time, has died



AP photo

This May 31, 2015 photo shows Professor Stephen Hawking in London. Hawking, whose brilliant mind ranged across time and space though his body was paralyzed by disease, died early Wednesday, March 18, 2018, a University of Cambridge spokesman said. He was 76.

LONDON (AP) — Stephen Hawking, whose brilliant mind ranged across time and space though his body was paralyzed by disease, has died. He was 76. Hawking died at his home in Cambridge, England, according to a statement by the University of Cambridge. The best-known theoretical physicist of his time, Hawking wrote so lucidly of the mysteries of space, time and black

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Obituaries

Harold "Cotton" Holcombe



Harold Denver Holcombe "Cotton" to most that knew him, passed away March 10, 2018.

Cotton was born on June 21, 1931, in Stanton, Texas, to parents Roy and Beulah Holcombe.

He served in the Marine Corps as PFC in the 3rd Battalion 5th Marine regiment 1st Marine division during the Korean War. He had many hobbies that included fishing, gardening and spending time with Peanut his "mean dog," but what brought him the most joy in life was the "mean boys" and "mean girls" as he lovingly called his grandchildren. Cotton was a very Special person in his family's and friends' lives.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his loving wife, Gladys; daughter, Audrey Porras; brothers Norman Holcombe, Vernon Holcombe, and D.W. (Bozo) Holcombe; sisters, Marzell Earnest, and Letha Peck; and great-grandson, Matthew Green.

He is survived by his son, Marlyn Earnest; daughters, Carolyn Poston and Janice King; sister, Pat Simmons; best friend, "Peanut"; grandchildren, Melissa Poston, Curtis Davis, Mark King, Connie Poston, Jana Burgess, J.R. Porras, Keith Poston, Amber St. John, and Kyla Earnest; great-grandchildren, Eric Moore, Joseph Moore, Brandon Davis, Justin Stanley, Brody Davis, Ryan Poston, Kaitlyn Gustafson, Griffin King, Duncan King, Casey Porras, Mykala Gustafson, Austin Porras, Davis St. John, Drew St. John, and Karsyn St. John; great-great-grandchildren, Kamryn Moore, Ayric Moore, Eric Moore Jr., Braeden Davis, Jace Poston, and Cooper Davis; Cotton is also survived by many other family members and friends. He will be greatly missed by all.

A grave side service will be held on Friday, March 16, 2018, at 2 p.m. Monahans Memorial Cemetery Pavilion, 400 S Helen Ave Monahans, Texas, 79756. Serving the family as pallbearers will be: Casey, Austin, Duncan, Griffin, J.R., and Mark. To post a tribute to the family of view the online obituary please visit crespoandjirrels.com.

Paid Obituary

Betty Pace

Betty Pace, 83, of Big Spring died Tuesday, March 13, 2018. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Aiden Jakobi Lane Martinez

Aiden Jakobi Lane Martinez, infant son of Anaïs Martinez and William Louis Kain Spivey, died Thursday, March 9, 2018. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday, March 15, 2018, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Randy Cotton officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday, March 14, 2018, at the funeral home.

Lee was born Jan. 28, 1970, in Big Spring, Texas, and married Rachelle Ringener Dec. 6, 1997, in Big Spring.

He graduated from Ackerly High School in 1989. Lee had worked various jobs in the oil field and was currently working for Reef Chemical Company. He loved Texas Tech football and tailgating, NASCAR and golf.

Survivors include his wife, Rachelle Jackson of San Angelo; three children, Victoria Ringener, Cameron Jackson and Shelby Jackson all of San Angelo; one grandson, Levi Ringener; his mother, Ethel Richardson of Morton; his father, Mike Jackson of Galveston; and numerous cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, W. T. Shockley and Roxie Shockley; and aunt and uncle, Judy and Chuck Burnett; and a cousin, Billy Burnett.

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

Paid Obituary

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 72 inmates at the time of this report.

• **ANDREW MATTHEW CHAPA**, 25, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of possession of controlled substance less than one gram.

• **RICARDO ANTHONY FLORES**, 26, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

• **JOSHEPH ALLEN GAINES**,

66, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of misapp fiduc/finan prop. In between \$20,000 to \$100,000, and secure execution doc decept.

• **ADAM LEE GUZMAN**, 24, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of driving while license invalid, and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

• **KIMBERLY JO KENNEUMUR**, 44, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of two counts of theft of in between \$100 to \$750.

• **JAVIER LEDESMA SR.**, 59, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **XAVIAN DEVONTAE**

PARNELL, 25, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of failure to dim headlights-meeting.

• **ALEXANDER C QUINTANA**, 37, was arrested by BSPD on charges of violation of clean air act, interfere with public duties.

• **EDDRAY DESHON SMITH**, 24, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of theft of property in between \$100 to \$750.

• **ZACHARY R WILLAIMS**, 36, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of possession of controlled substance in between four to 200 grams.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **ZACHARY R WILLAIMS**, 36, of 1300 Stanford Ave., on a warrant of another agency.

• **ED DRAY DESHON SMITH**, 23, of 1002 N Main St., on a warrant of theft of property in between \$100 to \$750.

• **ALEXANDER CALDERON QUITANA**, 37, of 1505 Robin St.,

on charges of violation of clean air act, interfere with public duties.

• **ADAM LEE GUZMAN**, 24, of 1607 Oriole St., on warrants of driving while license invalid, and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

• **RICHARD ANOTHNONY FLORES**, 26, of 1506 Oriole St., on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

• **KIMBERLY JNO KENNEUMUR**, 44, of 120 Hooser Rd., on a warrant of two counts of theft of in between \$100 to \$750.

• **XAVIAN DEVONTAE PARNELL**, 25, of 1000 E 12th St., on a warrant of failure to dim headlights-meeting.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 1700 block of 1st St.

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 support 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 Demo-

crats 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 callouts.

Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Joel Miller at 432-213-1221.



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• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Stadium. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of Goliad. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2900 block of Stonehaven Dr. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1100 block of Austin. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block of W Marcy Dr. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2100 block of Alabama. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Support Groups

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reconfiguration of the two schools appears to be the best option going forward.

"It was explained to us very clearly that we only had three options. Number one was to improve; number two was partnership; and number three was self-closure," he said. "Obviously we've talked about that closure a lot, you know, reorganization, repurposing, and all of that. With our current setup, the biggest issue on a repurposing or reconfiguration is the students, because over half of the students can't be in that building. If Washington or Goliad don't get out of IR, we're already set up for nearly 100 percent, other than those who are retained, to be new students in that building. See what I'm saying? We've got a third-grade cam-

pus and we've got a fourth-grade campus. Clearly the fourth graders aren't going to be there next year, it's going to be a whole new set of kids. And coming from the K-2 elementaries will be a whole new group of third graders."

While the students are the biggest hurdle to reorganizing the schools, other problems exist as well.

"So that being the biggest obstacle, we've cleared that already," Tubb said. "Now, we are researching what we have to do with staff and obviously the principals, the leadership at the campuses. We're looking into it, and there's no more. This would be our last option, some type of repurposing or reconfiguration of those two campuses, if we had to."

Any required repurposing of the schools shouldn't be as difficult as when Big Spring's elementary schools were transi-

tioned to grade-level campuses, Tubb said.

"It was a fruit-basket turnover when this reconfiguration was done the first time with transportation, bus routes, parents, neighborhood schools, all of that," he said. "This won't involve any of that, because basically a different group of kids will be at the school, but it will be the same grade as it was the previous year."

Tubb expressed displeasure with the slow flow of information about the process coming from TEA.

"It has been very disappointing concerning the information we've been getting from the Texas Education Agency," he said. "We have many questions, we need answers, and the information is getting to us in a very slow manner."

COUNCIL

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that's what's been discussed. Haven't really decided whether we'll do one or two or three. That's still a work in progress at this time."

Phase 2 has been under construction for about three weeks now, Wegman said.

"Probably about three weeks ago," she said. "City crews have been out there and cleared the site, and then Tommy Hawkins' group has been out there, and they've staked out where the pavilion is going to be, and the area where the bridge is going to be has been cleared. So you can tell now where it's going to be, which is kind of exciting."

Wegman said she's not sure when the project will be finished.

"It's hard to say with construction," she said. "Three to four months, hopefully. When we finish

that phase, we will do a grand opening there, too."

In other business, the council:

Approved the first reading of an ordinance barring truck parking in the block of North Goliad Street between 11th and 12th Streets, across from Pilot Truck Stop.

Approved a measure granting City Manager Todd Darden permission to apply for a grant from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program for funds to purchase an ID card printer and software for the police department.

Approved the first reading of an ordinance repealing the "Pet Loading and Unloading Zone" subsection of the city's traffic code; and adopting a new subsection entitled "15 Minute Parking 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m." The measure will create restrictions on parking in two regular parking spaces and two handicapped parking spaces in the 100 block of North Main Street.

Adopted a change to the budget to fund raises for

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potentially find and a new companion and pet, and I'm really helping the puppies, when they get sick, feeding them, sheltering them, making sure they are happy animals too."

With a slogan of "Everyday is a happy day," the staff and volunteers work hard and go extra lengths to make sure the dogs and cats that reside there are happy.

"We are out there in the cold making sure the animals are warm, and same thing for hot days, we have to make sure the dogs are comfortable, healthy, and happy," Grove said.

Happy Day is a no-kill, non-profit animal shelter dedicated to providing homeless and unwanted dogs a second chance for a happy life through adoption.

"We are always trying to raise awareness and communicate with the community the importance of the Humane Society," said Grove. "And, unfortunately, we still sometimes can't hold all the dogs because we simply don't have enough room and funds. When that happens we take it as a loss, in we didn't get to help that animal."

Happy Day is currently caring for more than 100 dogs who are looking for a forever home. If you are interested in adopting, have a desire to volunteer, or would like to donate, please stop by and visit with Happy Day Humane Society's new director Richard Grove, or give him a call at 432-267-7832.

Contact Staff Writer Amber Mansfield at 432-263-7331 ext. 234, or by email at life@bigspringherald.com.

Law Enforcement Center personnel and to fund salaries for two new dispatchers at the facility.

Approved a contract with the YMCA for lifeguard services at the Russ McEwen Family Aquatic Center for 2018.

Approved an agreement between the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation and Big Spring Independent School District to help fund a robotics program at two Big Spring elementary schools.

HAWKING

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holes that his book, "A Brief History of Time," became an international best-seller, making him one of science's biggest celebrities since Albert Einstein.

"He was a great scientist and an extraordinary man whose work and legacy will live on for many years," his children Lucy, Robert and Tim said in a statement. His courage and persistence with his brilliance and humour inspired people across the world. He once said, 'It would not be much of a universe if it wasn't home to the people you love.' We will miss him forever."

Even though his body was attacked by amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or ALS, when Hawking was 21, he stunned doctors by living with the normally fatal illness for more than 50 years. A severe attack of pneumonia in 1985 left him breathing through a tube, forcing him to communicate through an electronic voice synthesizer that gave him his distinctive robotic monotone.

But he continued his scientific work, appeared on television and married for a second time.

As one of Isaac Newton's successors as Lucasian Professor of Mathematics at Cambridge University, Hawking was involved in the search for the great goal of physics — a "unified theory."

Such a theory would resolve the contradictions between Einstein's theory of relativity, which describes the laws of gravity that govern the motion of large objects like planets, and the quantum mechanics theory, which deals with the world of subatomic particles.

For Hawking, the search was almost a religious quest — he said finding a "theory of everything" would allow mankind to "know the mind of God." "A complete, consistent unified the-

ory is only the first step: our goal is a complete understanding of the events around us, and of our own existence," he wrote in "A Brief History of Time."

In later years, though, he suggested a unified theory might not exist.

He followed up "A Brief History of Time" in 2001 with the more accessible sequel "The Universe in a Nutshell," updating readers on concepts like super gravity, naked singularities and the possibility of an 11-dimensional universe.

Hawking said belief in a God who intervenes in the universe "to make sure the good guys win or get rewarded in the next life" was wishful thinking.

"But one can't help asking the question: Why does the universe exist?" he said in 1991. "I don't know an operational way to give the question or the answer, if there is one, a meaning. But it bothers me."

The combination of his best-selling book and his almost total disability — for a while he could use a few fingers, later he could only tighten the muscles on his face — made him one of science's most recognizable faces.

He made cameo television appearances in "The Big Bang Theory," "The Simpsons" and "Star Trek: The Next Generation" and counted among his fans U2 guitarist The Edge, who attended a January 2002 celebration of Hawking's 60th birthday.

His early life was chronicled in the 2014 film "The Theory of Everything," with Eddie Redmayne winning the best actor Academy Award for his portrayal of the scientist. The film focused still more attention on Hawking's remarkable achievements.

Some colleagues credited that celebrity with generating new enthusiasm for science.

His achievements and his longevity helped prove to many that even the most severe disabilities need not stop patients from living.

Richard Green, of the Motor Neuron Disease Association — the Brit-

ish name for ALS — said Hawking met the classic definition of the disease, as "the perfect mind trapped in an imperfect body." He said Hawking had been an inspiration to people with the disease for many years.

Although it could take him minutes to compose answers to even simple questions Hawking said the disability did not impair his work. It certainly did little to dampen his ambition to physically experience space himself: Hawking savored small bursts of weightlessness in 2007 when he was flown aboard a jet that made repeated dives to simulate zero-gravity.

Hawking had hoped to leave Earth's atmosphere altogether someday, a trip he often recommended to the rest of the planet's inhabitants.

"In the long run the human race should not have all its eggs in one basket, or on one planet," Hawking said in 2008. "I just hope we can avoid dropping the basket until then."

Hawking first earned prominence for his theoretical work on black holes. Disproving the belief that black holes are so dense that nothing could escape their gravitational pull, he showed that black holes leak a tiny bit of light

and other types of radiation, now known as "Hawking radiation."

"It came as a complete surprise," said Gary Horowitz, a theoretical physicist at the University of California, Santa Barbara. "It really was quite revolutionary."

Horowitz said the find helped move scientists one step closer to cracking the unified theory.

Hawking's other major scientific contribution was to cosmology, the study of the universe's origin and evolution. Working with Jim Hartle of the University of California, Santa Barbara, Hawking proposed in 1983 that space and time might have no beginning and no end.

"Asking what happens before the Big Bang is like asking for a point one mile north of the North Pole," he said.

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Driver killed, Texas students hurt in Disney trip bus plunge



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Rescue crews work at the scene of a deadly charter bus crash on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, in Loxley, Ala. The bus carrying Texas high school band members home from Disney World plunged into a ravine before dawn Tuesday.

By JAY REEVES and DAN ANDERSON

Associated Press

LOXLEY, Ala. — Lulled asleep by the humming of their Texas-bound charter bus following a trip to Disney World, members of a high school band were jarred awake before dawn Tuesday when the rig ran off a highway and plunged into a ravine more than 50 feet (15 meters) deep.

One person died, driver Harry Caligone, and about three dozen others were hurt, mostly teenagers, authorities and the bus company said. Interstate 10 was blocked for hours where the accident occurred between Mobile, Alabama, and Pensacola, Florida.

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The cause of the crash wasn't immediately known, but survivors from Channelview High School in metro Houston described being asleep one moment and tumbling through the air the next.

"Then there was a loud, really huge crash that was presumably when the bus finally came to a stop," Frances Dodson-Benson said after talking to her 15-year-old son DeWayne Benson. "There were students on top of students, the bags, it was just a disarray, a lot of commotion, a lot of panic."

First responders used ropes to rappel down the ravine in the middle of I-10 and then had to

cut some of the victims from the wreckage, said Baldwin County Sheriff Huey Hoss Mack.

The Channelview Independent School District said 40 students and six adults from the school were on board the bus. State troopers said the driver was killed, and medical officials said at least 37 people, most of them teenagers, were treated at hospitals or other facilities in Pensacola and southwest Alabama for injuries that ranged from minor to very serious.

The sheriff said it wasn't immediately clear what caused the bus to enter the grassy median,

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Texas bathroom bill diverted from school, tax issues

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A new report on keeping Texas prosperous says legislators in 2017 unnecessarily diverted attention from topics like education and taxes to concentrate on a failed "bathroom bill."

Tuesday's report from the House Select Committee on Economic Competitiveness was based on public hearings and testimony from more than 40 witnesses in business, law enforcement, education and local communities.

The bathroom bill would have barred transgender people from using public bathrooms of their choice. Some business leaders said the bill could cost Texas billions in boycotts and lost jobs.

The panel's chairman, GOP Rep. Byron Cook of Corsicana, says businesses became involved in the fight against the "divisive and pointless legislation," which faltered during the regular and special sessions.

Cook says the bathroom bill was "ineffectual" and "dangerous" to the Texas economy.

At least 56 kid-on-kid sex assault cases at Texas bases

FORT HOOD, Texas (AP) — A decade after the Pentagon began confronting rape in the ranks, the U.S. military frequently fails to provide justice to the children of service members when they are sexually assaulted by other kids on base.

An Associated Press investigation finds that sex assault cases occurring where military kids live and learn often die on the desks of prosecutors. Criminal investigators shelved

an unknown number of reports.

Instead of punishment or rehabilitation, offenders may be shuffled into the civilian world.

The Pentagon doesn't know the problem's extent. In Texas, AP found at least 56 sex assault or rape cases among juveniles on military bases since 2007. Fort Hood showed the most, with 41, followed by Fort Bliss with 10.

Pentagon officials promised to take "appropriate actions."

Trump's CIA pick is career spymaster, oversaw secret prison

By DEB RIECHMANN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gina Haspel's colleagues describe her as a seasoned veteran who would lead the CIA with integrity. Human rights advocates see her as someone who supervised torture at a secret prison.

President Donald Trump's pick to be the next — and first female — director of the clandestine agency has conflicting public reputations. If confirmed, the 61-year-old career spymaster will succeed Mike Pompeo, who is replacing ousted Secretary of State Rex Tillerson.

"I am grateful to President Trump for the opportunity, and humbled by his confidence in me," Haspel said in a statement.

Haspel didn't have to face a Senate confirmation hearing when she became deputy director of the agency in February 2017. To be director, she'll have to be confirmed by



AP photo

This March 21, 2017, photo provided by the CIA, shows CIA Deputy Director Gina Haspel.

the Senate intelligence committee. That will likely mean questions about one of the darkest periods of the CIA's history.

Trump said Haspel is an

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Oklahoma Senate OKs adoption bill LGBT group is fighting



AP photo

In this Thursday, Oct. 26, 2017 file photo, Oklahoma state Sen. Greg Treat, R-Oklahoma City, speaks during a news conference in Oklahoma City.

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A bill that opponents say would allow religious-based adoption agencies to discriminate against same-

sex couples, single people and non-Christians has cleared the Oklahoma Senate.

Senate Bill 1140 passed 35-9 Tuesday and now heads to the House.

The bill would cover child-placing agencies that block adoptive parents who do not meet the agencies' religious or moral standards.

Republican Sen. Greg Treat sponsored the bill and said it would protect that practice from potential lawsuits.

Gay rights advocates say the measure is unnecessary and would keep children from loving homes. The group Freedom Oklahoma launched a campaign Monday to kill the bill.

Similar laws have been passed in at least seven other states, including Alabama, South Dakota and Texas last year. A bill with similar language has been introduced in U.S. Congress.

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"outstanding person." She's well respected by intelligence professionals, who have called her a patriot and an exceptional leader who brings creativity, savvy and grit to her job every day.

Yet Haspel also had a front-row seat to the CIA's use of harsh interrogation techniques against terror suspects. Between 2003 and 2005, she oversaw a secret CIA prison in Thailand where terror suspects Abu Zubaydah and Abd al Rahim al-Nashiri were waterboarded, current and former U.S. intelligence officials said. Waterboarding is a process that simulates drowning and is widely considered to be a form of torture.

Haspel, who joined the CIA in 1985, also helped carry out an order to destroy waterboarding videos. The order prompted a lengthy Justice Department investigation that ended without charges.

Sen. Richard Burr, the chairman of the Senate committee that will vote whether to confirm Haspel, said she has the "right skill set, experience and judgment" to lead the CIA.

But one fellow Republican, Sen. John McCain, said Haspel must explain the nature and extent of her involvement in the CIA's interrogation program.

"Current U.S. law is clear in banning enhanced interrogation techniques," said McCain, who was beaten as a prisoner during the Vietnam War. "Any nominee for director of the CIA must pledge without reservation to uphold this prohibition."

Rep. Adam Schiff, the House intelligence committee's top Democrat, cited Haspel's "impressive record," but also said she must outline if she would comply with any presidential order bringing back waterboarding and other such techniques.

Trump has spoken about reintroducing waterboarding and "a lot worse," but would face steep legal and legislative hurdles to do so. The harsh interrogation techniques have been roundly denounced by human rights groups worldwide.

"No one who had a hand in torturing individuals deserves to ever hold public office again, let alone lead an agency," Human Rights First's Raha Wala said Tuesday. "To allow someone who had a direct hand in this illegal, immoral and counterproductive program is to willingly forget our nation's dark history with torture."

Haspel may have to overcome some challenges with key U.S. allies.

After Haspel was named deputy CIA director, the European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights asked German prosecutors to issue a warrant for her arrest over her role in the interrogations. Federal prosecutors never issued the warrant because the case lacked a connection to Germany. But the rights group's allegations against Haspel remain part of a preliminary investigation that German authorities could revive at a later date if they receive evidence that any of the parties have links to Germany.

Haspel has been chief of station at CIA outposts abroad. In Washington, she has held several senior leadership positions, including deputy director of the National clandestine Service.

In her current post, she worked with Pompeo to manage intelligence collection, analysis, covert action, counterintelligence and cooperation with the CIA's foreign counterparts.

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Florida prosecutors seeking death penalty in school shooting



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In this Feb. 19, 2018 file photo, Nikolas Cruz, accused of murdering 17 people in the Florida high school shooting, appears in court for a status hearing in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Cruz was formally charged Wednesday, March 7, with 17 counts of first-degree murder, which could mean a death sentence if he is convicted.

By **CURT ANDERSON**

Associated Press

MIAMI — The former student charged with killing 17 people at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School last month will face the death penalty, prosecutors said Tuesday.

Nikolas Cruz, 19, is scheduled for formal arraignment Wednesday on a 34-count indictment, including 17 first-degree murder charges. Cruz's attorneys have said he would plead guilty

if the death penalty was not pursued in the Valentine's Day massacre.

The office of Broward County State Attorney Michael Satz filed the formal notice of its intentions Tuesday. The action by prosecutors Tuesday does not necessarily mean a plea deal will not be reached.

The only other penalty option for Cruz, if convicted, is life in prison with no possibility of parole.

Ira Jaffe, whose son and daughter

Norman Haynes of Victoria, Texas, said his daughter, 18-year-old trumpet player Makena Campa, was on the bus with her mother. He spoke with both of them after the crash and was on his way to the hospital.

"My daughter was really groggy because they had her on some very heavy pain medication," he said. "They sounded kind of shook up. I think I'd be shook up as well."

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.

"Everybody is being transferred to a hospital to at least be checked out," said Elliott.

Torres said his brother, also a member of the Channelview band, was on another bus not involved in the accident. That bus stopped after realizing what happened, but did not allow the students to get off, and eventually continued on toward Channelview, a Houston suburb of about 38,000.

Outside their high school, still closed for spring break, police were stationed at every entrance and no one was available to speak.

Only hours before the crash, the band's Facebook page had been updated to show a large group posing outside Disney World, where the band performed at a music festival Saturday.

Channelview Independent

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which abruptly ends at a steep embankment where the interstate passes over Cowpen Creek. First Class Tours Inc., the bus operator, identified Caligone as a longtime driver with the company.

The crash happened around 5:30 a.m., crunching the bus and leaving the passengers exposed to chilly temperatures.

Channelview High's graduates include University of Alabama quarterback Jalen Hurts, who tweeted: "Wow, praying for everyone involved! #PrayforChannelview."

Josh Torres said his 17-year-old sister, Bianca Torres, was sitting at the rear of the bus when the impact of the wreck tossed her forward several rows. She had pain in her legs and bruising but was otherwise unscathed, and taken to a hospital for evaluation, he said.

"All that she remembers is that she felt a bump, then a crash and then the bus flipping onto its side," Torres said.

Dodson-Benson said her son, a sophomore who plays bass clarinet, used a borrowed phone to tell her he was OK. Dodson-Benson said her son was sleeping when he was awakened by the bus hitting "some sort of hard bumps."

Jesus Tejeda came upon the scene as he drove to work, finding dozens of police cars and ambulances stopped on the highway near the overpass. He looked down to see the bus lying on its side near the base of a concrete embankment, its front end crumpled.

Tejeda said he watched four people being removed from the wreckage, and couldn't hear any yelling or sounds of panic. "Thank God they were alive but (they) had to take them on (a) helicopter," he said in an interview conducted by instant messages.

survived the shooting, said he respects the wishes of the 17 families whose children were killed and that time is better spent finding solutions to the problem of mass school shootings.

"Live forever in jail or die - I don't care," Jaffe said in an email. "Cruz will rot in hell no matter when it is that he arrives there."

Broward County Public Defender Howard Finkelstein, whose office is representing Cruz, has said there were so many warning signs that Cruz was mentally unstable and potentially violent, and that the death penalty might be going too far. Finkelstein said Cruz would plead guilty if prosecutors opt not to seek the death penalty.

"Because that's what this case is about. Not, did he do it? Not, should he go free? Should he live or should he die," Finkelstein told The Associated Press last month.

In an email Tuesday, Finkelstein said Cruz is "immediately ready" to plead guilty in return for 34 consecutive life sentences.

"If not allowed to do that tomorrow (at the hearing), out of respect for the victims' families we will stand mute to the charges at the arraignment. We are not saying he is not guilty but we can't plead guilty while death is still on the table," Finkelstein said.

If Cruz does not enter a plea, a not guilty plea will likely be entered on his behalf by Broward Circuit Judge Elizabeth Scherer to keep the legal process moving along, his attorneys have said.

Meanwhile, a student who is credited

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dent School District spokesman Mark Kramer said the district was in contact with law enforcement in Alabama to get more information.

The bus charter company pledged to help local authorities investigating the crash in a statement that offered prayers for injured and their families. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration gives First Class Tours a satisfactory rating, meaning that records show no evidence of substantial non-compliance with safety requirements.

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration records show that in the last two years, the carrier has been involved in four crashes prior to Tuesday's crash, with one of those one involving one fatality.

The previous crash involving a fatality took place in May 2017 in Houston, when a bus failed to yield the right of way as it turned left and fatally struck a pedestrian in a crosswalk, according to a police report.

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Trump examines prototypes for border wall amid protests



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President Donald Trump reviews border wall prototypes, Tuesday, March 13, 2018, in San Diego.

By **JULIE WATSON and JILL COLVIN**

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — President Donald Trump on Tuesday eagerly inspected prototypes on display in California for his "big beautiful border wall" amid peaceful protests but growing tensions between his administration and the state over immigration enforcement.

Chanting "No ban! No wall!" demonstrators were cheered on by honking cars and buses at the San Ysidro port of entry in San Diego, the nation's busiest border crossing.

Trump appeared engaged as he was briefed on eight towering prototypes, including one with blue steel on top. He said he liked a fully concrete wall because it was the hardest to climb, but he noted that it needs see-through capability.

He said certain parts of California are desperate for a wall to break the flow of illegal immigration.

"If you didn't have walls over here, you wouldn't even have a country," Trump said.

The visit — Trump's first to the state

as president — coincided with an escalating battle between his administration and the liberal state, which Democrat Hillary Clinton easily carried in the 2016 presidential election. California officials have defiantly refused to help federal agents detain and deport immigrants in the U.S. illegally, and the Justice Department sued the state last week over three of its immigration laws.

After viewing the wall prototypes in an area of the border heavily cordoned off and far from the rallies on the U.S. side, Trump was then expected to address Marines in San Diego before attending a high-dollar fundraiser in Los Angeles, where he'll stay overnight.

Protests were held on the Mexican side, too, in Tijuana. Semitrucks were parked in between the row of prototypes and the border, blocking the view from Mexico.

Demonstrators said they planned to line up and greet people walking into the United States at the San Ysidro crossing to show Americans welcome immigrants.

José Gonzalez, 21, stopped to snap a photo of the protesters holding signs,

Tony Montalto, whose daughter was one of the 17 killed at Stoneman Douglas, asked commissioners at a Tuesday public hearing to put the proposals before voters. He said they need to act because the National Rifle Association has filed a lawsuit against the new law approved by the Legislature.

"You can help defeat this challenge," Montalto told commissioners.

The commission, which is expected to take a final vote on its proposals over the next few weeks, will consider raising the age of weapon purchases to 21, banning bump stocks, a ban on types of semi-automatic rifles, and extending the waiting period for gun purchases.

Shortly before the commission hearing in St. Petersburg, students from Tampa Bay area schools spoke passionately in favor of additional gun regulations, as did the father of a student who attends Marjory Stoneman Douglas.

"Our kids are not asking to do away with the 2nd Amendment. They're not asking to take away people's guns or their ability to hunt," said John Willis. "What they're saying is, that these weapons of mass destruction that do nothing but tear human beings apart in an unbelievable way, do not belong in civilian hands."

including one that read: "Wall off Putin!" in reference to Russian President Vladimir Putin, who has a seemingly close relationship with Trump.

"I don't think it's really fair how he has the choice to separate us," said Gonzalez, a dual citizen who lives in Tijuana and crosses the border daily to work at a San Diego ramen restaurant.

Army veteran Mark Prieto, 48, shook his head as he walked by the protest.

"People are so narrow-minded," the Riverside firefighter said as the crowd chanted. "Finally we have someone who is putting America first."

His wife, Corina Prieto, a nurse who has extended family in Mexico, agreed. Both voted for Trump.

"I think he is doing a lot of good, like protecting our Border Patrol," she said.

Trump was expected Tuesday to be briefed on lessons learned from the construction of the prototypes built in San Diego last fall. He also will meet with border agents and officers to ask what they need, Homeland Security spokesman Jonathan Hoffman said.

The president also planned to talk about sanctuary cities, arguing that they are a major threat to public safety and national security, according to a senior administration official, who wasn't authorized to speak publicly

about Trump's planned remarks and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

San Diego's Republican mayor criticized Trump's planned short visit, saying the president won't get a full picture of the city. Kevin Faulconer said a popular cross-border airport terminal connecting San Diego and Tijuana shows that "building bridges has worked wonders."

Faulconer, writing in The San Diego Union-Tribune, also said San Diego police work to protect everyone regardless of immigration status, an apparent dig at Trump's push to target illegal immigration.

Trump tweeted about California's immigration policies as he flew to the state aboard Air Force One.

"California's sanctuary policies are illegal and unconstitutional and put the safety and security of our entire nation at risk. Thousands of dangerous & violent criminal aliens are released as a result of sanctuary policies, set free to prey on innocent Americans. THIS MUST STOP!" he wrote.

This isn't Trump's first visit to the border. He traveled to Laredo — one of Texas' safest cities — weeks after declaring his candidacy in June 2015.

Trump told reporters then that he was putting himself "in great danger" by coming to the border. But, he said, "I have to do it. I love this country."

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with saving the lives of 20 students by attempting to close and lock a classroom door during the attack was improving at a hospital. Anthony Borges, 15, was shot five times. Weeks after being shot, he fell critically ill of an intestinal infection. After surgeries, his condition was upgraded to fair, his attorney and the hospital said.

The boy's intestinal area has been sealed off and he is breathing on his own after being taken off a ventilator, family attorney Alex Arreaza said.

Borges' family has filed notice that they will sue Florida authorities to seek money to cover the cost of his recovery.

Meanwhile, Florida voters may get a chance to decide whether or not they want to approve new gun control restrictions.

While Gov. Rick Scott just signed a new school safety and gun bill into law, the state's Constitution Revision Commission may vote to place gun restrictions on this year's ballot. The commission, a special panel that meets every 20 years, has the power to ask voters to approve changes to the state's constitution.



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Lady Buffs score big in back-to-back wins

By JORDAN PARR
Sports Editor

After a four game stretch in which Forsan struggled to score runs, they responded with 21 and 16 in consecutive outings against Seagraves and Borden County.

When asked, Lady Buff's coach, Shanna Taylor, talked about the turnaround and said "we had a rough few days in Snyder. There were a few factors involved, we've been very busy and we couldn't seem to focus like we should have. After a few discussions about being accountable, the team has really come together and is competing both offensively and defensively," said Taylor. "The team has made some adjustments that have really helped out. We hope to continue to progress as we move forward with district play".

Monday, Forsan didn't allow a single hit in a 21-1 shellacking of

Seagraves. A game in which both the offense and defense played outstanding ball. Ashtyn Pearson led the team on offense with

rin all contributed to the Lady Buff's win with hits and RBIs as well.

On Tuesday, Forsan continued right were they left off when they beat Borden County 16-4 in another offense onslaught, a game in which the Lady Buffs picked up sixteen hits and gave up only three.

Hannah Williams, Brennan East, Mikahaela Willard, Ashtyn Pearson, Taylyn Still and Rylee Evans all had multiple hits in the blow out victory. East and Williams both swatted three hits to lead the team.

Taylyn Still got the win as she pitched four innings, gave up two runs on four hits and struck out four with help from a stout defense to back her up.

The Lady Buffs look to keep their momentum going next Tuesday at Westbrook.



two hits in three at bats and five RBIs. Pearson also got the win on the mound, she struck out three, allowed no hits and no runs.

Taylyn Still, Kaylee Morgan, Hannah Williams and Kayla Mo-

Hawks fall in high scoring affair

By JORDAN PARR
Sports Editor

Howard College lost 14-6 in a shoot out to NMJC at Jack Barber field on Tuesday. The Hawks couldn't keep the pace with the T-Birds and had a hard time containing NMJC's offense, despite scoring six runs of their own.

The T-Birds took the lead for good with three runs in the fifth inning. NMJC hit two home runs on the day to go along with their 13 hits and their 11 RBIs.

The Hawks had ten hits in the contest with multiple hits by Jaxon Williams, Doug Facendo and Nick Jodway in the contest. Facendo and Williams led the way with three hits each. Williams also hit a solo long ball in the game.

Aaron Samaniego got the start for Howard College. He pitched four innings, gave up five hits, three runs and struck out four in the loss.

The Hawks look to rebound Friday against EPCO at Jack Barber field.



Spurs in a new spot: Fighting for their playoff lives



AP photo

San Antonio Spurs head coach Gregg Popovich, right, talks with Dejounte Murray during the first half of an NBA basketball game against the Golden State Warriors in Oakland, Calif., Thursday, March 8, 2018.

By TIM REYNOLDS
AP Basketball Writer

This is the worst season for the San Antonio Spurs in the last 21 years.

They're on pace for only 46 wins.

ONLY 46 wins.

That's a season fans in other many cities would celebrate wildly. Philadelphia hasn't won 46 games since 2002-03, Minnesota not since 2003-04, Sacramento not since 2004-05. Detroit hasn't had a 46-win season in the last decade. The Knicks have one in the last 17 seasons. Milwaukee reached it once in the last 16 seasons entering this year. Charlotte, once in the last 15 seasons. The Nets, once in the last 12 seasons.

But this is San Antonio, the silver-and-black standard for the league, where winning 55 or 60 games and making a deep playoff run is considered as much of an annual rite as the rodeo and the Texas Folklife Festival. And even after a blowout win over Orlando on Tuesday night, the Spurs (38-30) are still on the outside of the playoff picture in the Western Conference.

No need to panic just yet.

The Spurs are a mere one game in the loss column behind Oklahoma City, which is holding the No. 4 seed right now. Still, this is a most unusual situation for San Antonio.

"Everybody tries to be the best they can by playoff time," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "That'll be our goal too, to be in the playoffs and be as good as we can possibly be."

Here's how good the Spurs have been for so long: This will be the first season since 1996-97 where San Antonio won't finish with a winning percentage of at least .600.

This has been such a strange year for the Spurs. Kawhi Leonard has barely played because of a leg injury, and the Spurs still aren't sure when he will return to the court — though there are indications it could be very soon. San Antonio has used 23 different starting lineups, none for more than 12 games, most being used for three or

This month's March Madness a likely bet to be last tournament of innocence

By THOM LOVERRO
Associated Press

As we well know, the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament is often called "March Madness."

That name may never ring more true than 2018.

This may be known as the last tournament of innocence — well, at least the pretend innocence college sports supporters cling to. It may be awfully hard to watch the games with blinders on if events unfold as expected.

AUDIO: Former MLB Pitcher Dick Bosman with Thom Loverro

First, this could be the last NCAA Tournament without fans filling up sports books across the country placing legal bets on these young men and women.

It could also be when the other shoes drop in the federal investigation into corruption in college basketball — possibly leading to criminal charges and arrests of some coaches and administrators in the tournament.

Oh, March could be mad, all right. The American Gaming Association has put out its annual press release calling attention to the amount of illegal gambling that takes place around the NCAA Tournament. The association claims \$10 billion will be bet — which is likely a number more or less pulled out of the sky. Nobody really knows how much will be wagered illegally, on various levels, on the tournament.

Of that amount, they say about three percent — \$300 million — of that money will be bet legally.

That could change dramatically the next time America reaches for its wallet come tournament time.

In December, the Supreme Court heard arguments on New Jersey's efforts to overturn the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act, or PASPA, a 1992 law that said any state that did not legalize sports betting by 1993 was prohibited from doing it. After several failures to pass sports betting laws, state legislators passed a law in 2014 that, while not legalizing sports betting directly, removed the prohibition against it at casinos and race tracks in the state.

The law, as every other effort to allow states to legalize sports betting, has been opposed by all the major sports leagues and the NCAA. But it looks like the odds may be in favor of knocking down this ridiculous federal ban. It appeared that the justices may rule in favor of New Jersey, which would open the door for at least 32 states waiting at the starting line to create some level of

fewer.

It'll be an interesting finish. "It might look a little odd," Miami coach Erik Spoelstra said. "But we know the Spurs well enough that in these exact type of situations is when they respond the most. When there's the most adversity, when people count them out and it looks bleak their culture, the coaching, the leadership, the veteran experience

legalized sports betting.

Neighboring West Virginia has already passed the sports lottery wagering act in anticipation of the Supreme Court's ruling. "Nothing can happen until the Supreme Court issues their decision, but we want to be ready when they do." Governor Jim Justice said in a press release.

That decision could come April 2 — the day of the national championship game.

NCAA president Mark Emmert said in December if the Supreme Court rules in favor of legalized sports betting, the association will lobby states to exclude college sports from such wagering. Given the pathetic lack of power the NCAA has, I doubt they will scare any lawmakers into giving special protections for college sports.

Besides, I think the powers that run college sports may have more than enough on their plate to worry about how sports betting will corrupt the games — given the possibility that during the tournament, indictments could be handed down and arrests made in the FBI's ongoing probe into fraud and corruption.

In September, four assistant college basketball coaches were indicted on fraud charges in an ongoing investigation into college basketball and illegal payoffs. That is likely just the beginning of what has been reported to be a criminal probe that goes deep into some blue blood college programs.

"This goes a lot deeper in college basketball than four corrupt assistant coaches," one source told Yahoo Sports of the documents, which reportedly contain thousands of wiretaps and bank records from 330 days of investigating. "When this all comes out, Hall of Fame coaches should be scared, lottery picks won't be eligible to play and almost half of the 16 teams the NCAA showed on its initial NCAA tournament show this weekend should worry about their appearance being vacated."

When the indictments were announced in September, federal prosecutor Joon Kim warned that more charges were likely to come. "We have your playbook," Kim said, referring to programs under probe. "The investigation is ongoing."

This is a high profile case with front page headlines. What better time for a federal prosecutor to grab the best headlines with more arrests in an investigation into college basketball corruption than in the middle of the sport's signature event — March Madness?

I'd bet on it.



AP photo

In this Aug. 20, 2015, file photo, Therese Duenas counts money as she takes bets in the sports book at the South Point hotel and casino in Las Vegas. Las Vegas casinos can't agree on an NCAA tournament favorite, with favorites changing within hours.

they have on that team tends to respond in a way that most organizations don't respond in these type of circumstances."

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Toronto will look for history on Thursday.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Patsy Ruth Stuteville, Deceased, were issued on March 5, 2018, in Cause No. P-14278, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: John Stuteville.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: **John Stuteville, Independent Administrator Estate of Patsy Ruth Stuteville 609 Bucknell Big Spring, Texas 79720**

DATED the 8th day of March, 2018.

R. Shane Seaton
Attorney for John Stuteville
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To: Unknown Heirs at Law of Ricky Lee Williams, Deceased & Unknown Heirs of Annie P. Blake, Deceased

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 for 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 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 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:

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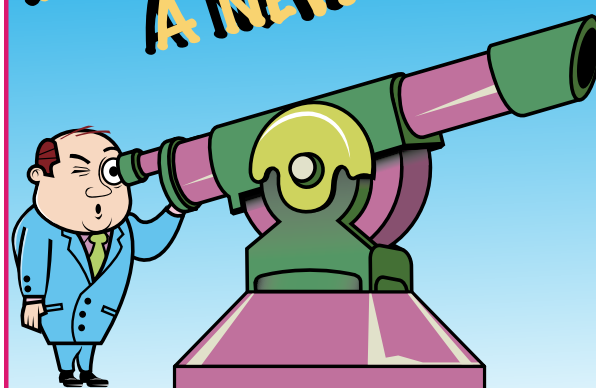
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As is more fully shown by the Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

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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.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the CALLON PETROLEUM OPERATING CO, [RRC Operator No. 124828] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 28, Bk. 33 T3N, T&P RR CO / ALLEN, C T Survey, A-1237, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, HOWARD County, being 19.1 miles NW direction from BIG SPRING, Texas.

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Lease/Unit Name: GIBSON UNIT 28-21
 6AH
 534.6
 Nearest Lease Line 1.0
 Lease Lines 416.0 F S (offlease) 1473.0 F E (offlease)
 L, 416 O F S (offlease) 1473 O F S (offlease)

Wellbore Profile(s) :
 Horizontal Lateral: TH1
 Penetration Point Location
 Lease Lines:
 416.0 F S (OFFLEASE) L
 1473.0 F E (OFFLEASE) L
 Terminus Location
 BH County: HOWARD
 Section: 21 Block: 33 T3N
 Abstract: 344 Survey: T&P RR CO
 Lease Lines:
 100.0 F NORTH L
 331.0 F EAST L
 Survey Lines:
 100.0 F NORTH L
 1650.0 F EAST L

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#9736 March 14, 21, 28, & April 4, 2018

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08
 DATE OF ISSUANCE:
 Mar 8, 2018
 NOTICE OF PROTEST
 DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Apr 12, 2018
 Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
 ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
 P. O. Box 12967
 Austin, Texas 78711-2967
 Fax: (512) 463-6780
 Email:
SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

Rule 37 Case No. 0309312
 Status/Permit No. 835735

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 Lease/Unit Well No. : 8AH
 Lease/Unit Acres : 350.65
 Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 1.0

Lease Lines : 228.0 F South L, 173.0 F West L
 Survey Lines : 476.0 F South L, 1473.0 F East L Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal Lateral: TH1

Penetration Point Location

Legals

Lease Lines:
 228.0 F SOUTH L
 173.0 F WEST L
 Terminus Location
 BH County: HOWARD
 Section: 21 Block: 33 T3N
 Abstract: 344 Survey: T&P RR CO
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 100.0 F NORTH L
 330.0 F EAST L
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Rule 37 Case No. 0309741
 Status/Permit No. 836615

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 Lease/Unit Well No. : 7AH
 Lease/Unit Acres : 350.65
 Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 100.0
 Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 659.0

Lease Lines : 198.0 F South L, 173.0 F West L
 Survey Lines : 446.0 F South L, 1473.0 F East L Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
 Penetration Point Location
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SUDOKU

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

Level: Beginner

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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!

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

ANSWER:

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The rationale of good defense

North dealer.
 North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ K Q 10 8 5
 ♥ 9 5 2
 ♦ A Q 7
 ♣ Q 10

WEST
 ♠ 9 7 3 2
 ♥ A K J 10
 ♦ 10 8 4
 ♣ 9 5

EAST
 ♠ J 4
 ♥ 7 6 3
 ♦ 6 5 2
 ♣ A 8 7 4 3

SOUTH
 ♠ A 6
 ♥ Q 8 4
 ♦ K J 9 3
 ♣ K J 6 2

The bidding:
 1 ♣ East South West
 3 NT Pass 2 NT Pass

Opening lead — ace of hearts.

In most circles, the opening lead of an ace against a notrump contract shows a nearly solid suit missing only one honor, and asks partner to play that honor on the ace if he holds it.

One purpose of dropping the honor is to clarify its location for the opening leader; another purpose is to unblock the suit so that it can be run. If the leader's partner does not have the honor, he gives count instead, playing his lowest card with an odd

number of cards in the suit, and starting a high-low with an even number. **Consider this deal** where East played the heart three on his partner's ace at trick one. Since the deuce was in dummy, it was easy for West to place East with three low hearts and South with the Q-x-x. West now had to decide how to try to reach his partner's hand.

West reasoned that if East had the ace of spades, he would surely gain the lead before declarer could make the contract. The only way South could come to nine tricks without scoring a spade trick would be if he held nine cards in the minors, theoretically impossible on the bidding. It was therefore pointless to lead a spade.

West further reasoned that if declarer needed a diamond finesse to score nine tricks, East would win with the king and make the killing heart return. A diamond shift was therefore also without merit.

And so, by elimination, West found the necessary club shift that quickly scuttled the contract after East took the ace and returned a heart. In shifting to the club, West was guarding against the possibility that declarer might have the ace of spades and four diamonds to the king — as he actually did — and was duly rewarded for his incisive thinking.

Tomorrow: Sylvia strikes again.
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Table with 20 columns representing different TV channels and their respective programming schedules for the day.

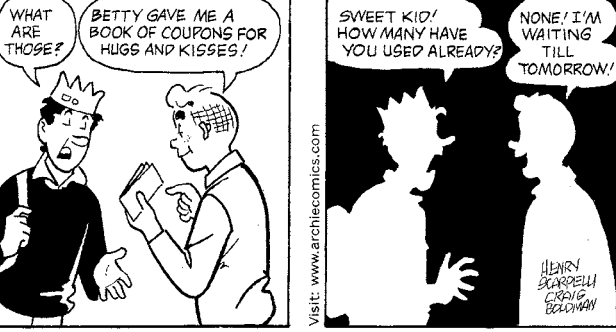
ANDY CAPP



AGNES



ARCHIE



ONE BIG HAPPY



NEST HEAD



MOMMA



This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, March 14, the 73rd day of 2018. There are 292 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On March 14, 1923, President Warren G. Harding became the first chief executive to file an income tax return, paying a levy of \$17,990 on his \$75,000 salary.

the Rev. Jeremiah Wright, who had railed against the United States and accused its leaders of bringing on the Sept. 11 attacks by spreading terrorism. A tornado ripped into the Georgia Dome during the Southeastern Conference tournament, sending debris tumbling from the ceiling and prompting fans to flee. Protests led by Buddhist monks against Chinese rule in Tibet turned violent, leading to an extensive crackdown by China's military.

8 days, 3 hours, 40 minutes and 13 seconds. (Stations: "Derrick," one name only, is correct) Today's Birthdays: Singer Phil Phillips (Song: "Sea of Love") is 92. Former astronaut Frank Borman is 90. Actor Michael Caine is 85. Composer-conductor Quincy Jones is 85. Actor Raymond J. Barry is 79. Movie director Wolfgang Petersen is 77. Country singer

Michael Martin Murphey is 73. Rock musician Walt Parazaid (payr-ah-ZAY-der)(Chicago) is 73. Actor Steve Krystal is 72. Comedian Billy Crystal is 70. Former Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., is 70. Actor-writer-comedian-radio personality Rick Dees is 67. Country singer Jann Browne is 64. Actor Adrian Zmed is 64. Prince Albert II, the ruler of Monaco, is 60. Actress Laila Robins is 59.

Actress Tamara Tunie (tuh-MAH'-ruh TOO'-nee) is 59. Actress Penny Johnson Jerald is 58. Producer-director-writer Kevin Williamson is 53. Actress Elise Neal is 52. Actor Gary Anthony Williams is 52. Actress Megan Follows is 50. Rock musician Michael Bland is 49. Country singer Kristian Bush is 48. Rock musician Derrick is 46. Actress Betsy Brandt is 45.

Thought for Today: "The avoidance of taxes is the only intellectual pursuit that still carries any reward." John Maynard Keynes British economist (1883-1946).

Newsday Crossword

FRIENDS AT FIRST by Carolyn Stewart Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS 1 Shower alternative 5 Hay-bundling machine 10 Clumsy ones 14 Taj Mahal city 15 "All kidding ___ . . ."

- 69 Handbag 70 Blunt sword 71 Frequent texter 72 Dalmatian markings 73 Mail out DOWN 1 Sharp point on a farm fence 2 Golden-___ (senior)

- 10 Where most Hawaiians live 11 Stood up 12 Not as many 13 Dip for taco chips 21 Mess up 22 13 Down ingredient 26 Sassy child 27 Biblical boat builder

- 41 Stash of treasure 42 Big cabinets for clothing 43 Knight's title 48 Exercises for abs 50 Cooking spray brand 51 Wipes clean 52 Monk's superior 53 Protrusion 54 Be wild about 56 Establish 57 Houston baseballer 60 Singer Stefani 61 Trial run 62 Gift-wrapping adhesive 63 ___ so (nevertheless) 64 Apple-core bit

13x13 crossword grid with numbers 1-73 indicating starting positions for words.

Answer to previous puzzle SWAN TABS ADDED OHIO OVAL CREDITO WONT ROSE TACIT NATIONWIDE CITE CRASS GNUS SPREAD GOALIES TOE LOWLY HAVET USA SHARD ERR MESSY ODORS LIE PROTEAM OKAYED NEWS SONIC SCAR HAPPENUPON ORBIT GOES MEMO BELLS EURO ERIE SWEEP STAN

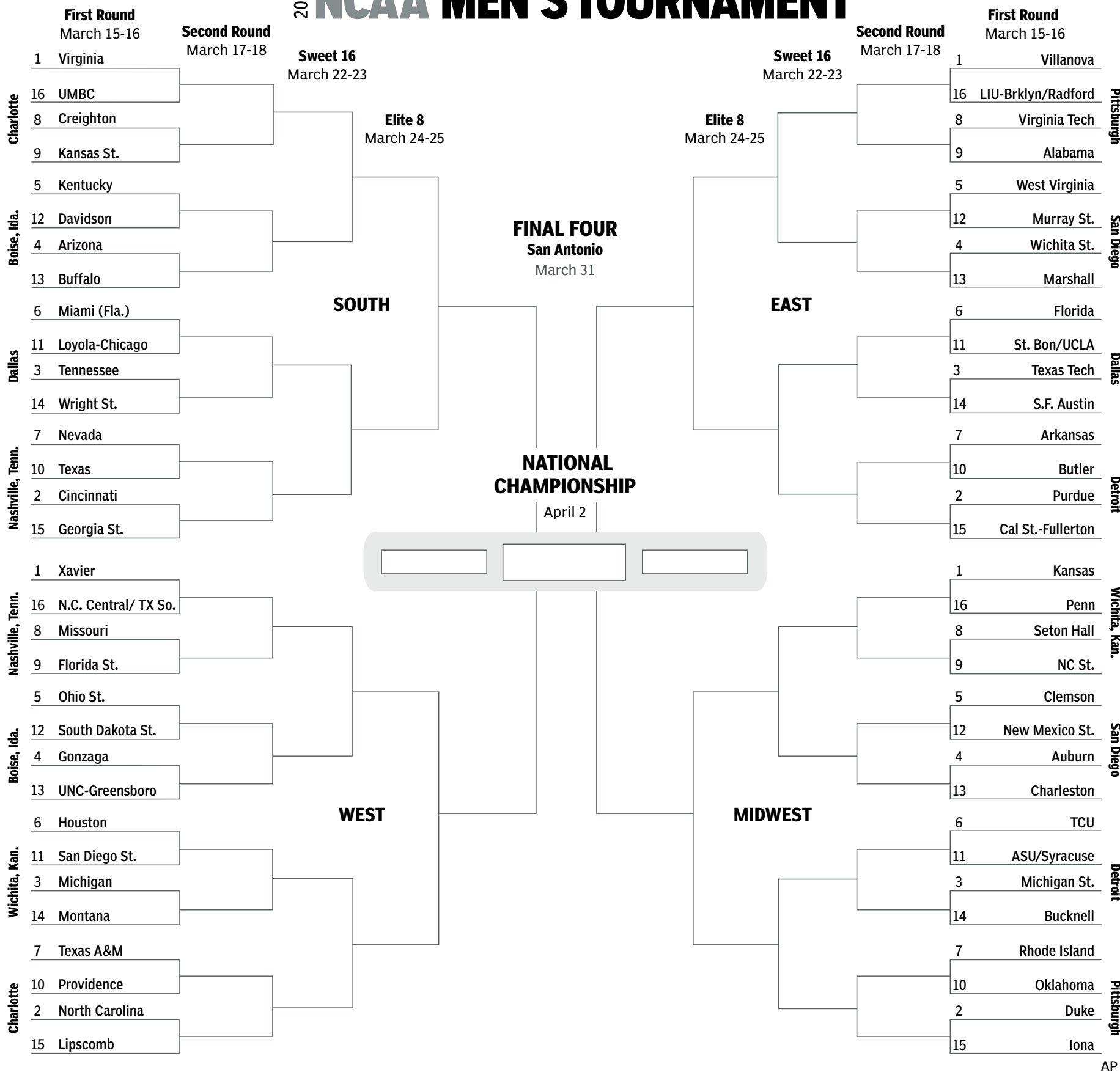


NCAA TOURNAMENT

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



Conference call

Breaking down the number of 2018 bids, league by league:

AMERICA EAST (1): UMBC
AMERICAN ATHLETIC (3): Cincinnati, Houston, Wichita State
ATLANTIC 10 (3): Davidson, Rhode Island, St. Bonaventure
ATLANTIC COAST (9): Clemson, Duke, Florida State, Miami, North Carolina, N.C. State, Syracuse, Virginia, Virginia Tech
ATLANTIC SUN (1): Lipscomb
BIG 12 (7): Kansas, Kansas State, Oklahoma, Texas, TCU, Texas Tech, West Virginia
BIG EAST (6): Butler, Creighton, Providence, Seton Hall, Villanova, Xavier
BIG SKY (1): Montana
BIG SOUTH (1): Radford
BIG TEN (4): Michigan, Michigan State, Ohio State, Purdue
BIG WEST (1): Cal State Fullerton
COLONIAL (1): College of Charleston
CONFERENCE USA (1): Marshall
HORIZON (1): Wright State
IVY LEAGUE (1): Pennsylvania
METRO ATLANTIC (1): Iona
MID-AMERICAN (1): Buffalo
MID-EASTERN ATHLETIC (1): N.C. Central
MISSOURI VALLEY (1): Loyola of Chicago
MOUNTAIN WEST (2): Nevada, San Diego State
NORTHEAST (1): LIU Brooklyn
OHIO VALLEY (1): Murray State
PACIFIC-12 (3): Arizona, Arizona State, UCLA
PATRIOT LEAGUE (1): Bucknell
SEC (8): Alabama, Arkansas, Auburn, Florida, Kentucky, Missouri, Tennessee, Texas A&M
SOUTHERN (1): UNC Greensboro
SOUTHLAND (1): Stephen F. Austin
SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC (1): Texas Southern
SUMMIT LEAGUE (1): South Dakota State
SUN BELT (1): Georgia State
WEST COAST (1): Gonzaga
WESTERN ATHLETIC (1): New Mexico State

Final Four appearances by seed

Since 1985, when the tournament expanded to 64 teams

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

Final Four appearances by school

Since 1939

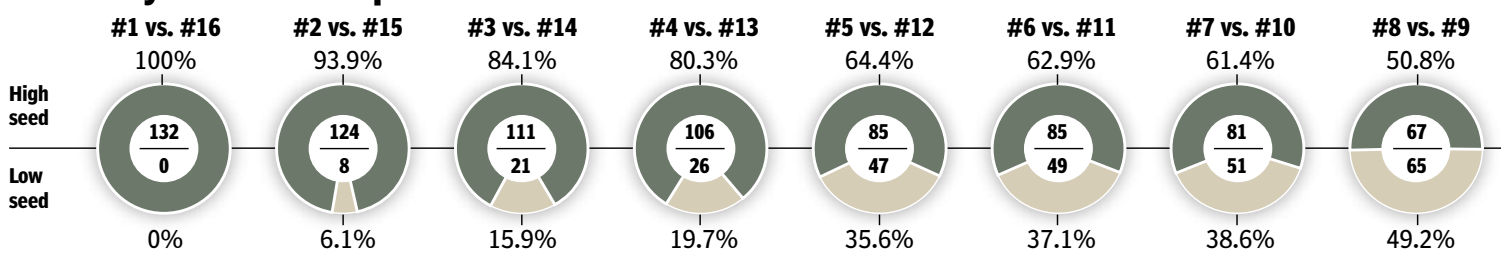
North Carolina	20
Kentucky	17
UCLA	17
Duke	16
Kansas	14
Ohio State*	10
Michigan State	9
Indiana	8
Louisville**	8
Arkansas	6
Cincinnati	6
Oklahoma State	6
Syracuse	6
Seven schools with 5	5

*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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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Aquarius Moon and Love

By Holiday Mathis



Is it true that someone always loves more? If so, it's probably not the one who's counting. Anyway, how is love measured? Who is really qualified to weigh it out? We can only detect what's humanly possible to observe. No human knows the heart, mind and soul of another. The Aquarius moon suggests we err on the side of generosity.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There will be a gap between what people think you know and what you actually know. Mind that gap. You can use your insights strategically to awe your subjects and maintain your advantage.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Complex thinking is best taken on earlier in the day. (A particularly good time will be two hours after you wake up.) Do the hard tasks before the easy ones and you'll minimize the threat of procrastination.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). In theater, the lights, sound, scenery, props, even the scent and temperature of the venue -- it all makes a difference to the success of the show. Setting the stage for your life will be no different.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Stories are the way we pass on knowledge from one generation to the next. There are stories alive on the earth now that started thousands of years ago. Your story matters. Believe it. Work on it. Refine it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Mirror neurons in the human brain fire when imagining or watching an action, and they also fire when performing an action, allowing for both experience and vicarious experience. Hint: some experiences are best left to the movies.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Snap judgments may feel like instinct, intuition or even divine impulse, but they are much more mysterious and nuanced than any of those things. This is not a day to blindly heed your gut reaction to things. Buy time. Decide later.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There will be moments of stress that you'd do well to shake off as quickly as you can. One way is to get grounded, literally. Find a spot of earth, put both hands on your head, and jump repeatedly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's been a long time since you had to ask permission to do the things you really want to do. And yet, now that you can do what you want, you so seldom do! Change that dynamic today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). "It's no use going back to yesterday, because I was a different person then," said Alice in Wonderland, and you... well, something similar at least. The option of going back in some way exists, but you'll probably think better of it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Familiarity brings comfort -- until it doesn't, that is. Boredom can be very uncomfortable indeed! You'll stave it away with a friend who craves novelty and adventure as much as you do today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You had ideas about what was in store, and... surprise! None of them were quite accurate. Luckily, you're confident enough to let go of your preconceived notions in

favor of being present to the needs of the moment.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Anxiety -- even the brief, momentary variety -- causes people to forget to breathe. When people around you are letting the wrong things get to them, you'll stay centered and calm with a few deep breaths.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 14). You have more fans than you know, and your base will grow both in numbers and in affection this solar return. Your relationships grow strong because you serve people better, answer their needs and questions and relate to the issues you have in common. There's a new kind of work in July. August ends a kind of trial period. Gemini and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 4, 44, 9 and 38.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: "My husband just got a new job. While I'm thrilled that he found work, I'm uncomfortable with the office dynamic at his workplace. I went to visit him for lunch last week and he's managing ten salespeople. Eight of them are women, and attractive women at that. I'm not usually the jealous type, and I don't have any reason to distrust my husband, but I know how offices get. People get bored and flirt with the boss. I wonder if my husband will behave himself. He's a Cancer and I'm a Pisces. What do you think?"

You and your husband are both water signs. Being a psychic Pisces you are extremely in touch with your husband's moods and will sense even the slightest change in him if he does anything that rubs his conscience the wrong way. All you can do now is trust him and make your relationship strong. If you do have moments of jealousy, try to channel them in a positive way, taking them as cues to take care of yourself and build your confidence. Working with all of these women could actually be good for your relationship, adding a new dynamic and a good reason to keep your love vibrant and interesting.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: His theory of general relativity introduced a new framework for physics and challenged our concepts of space and time. Among the most iconic geniuses of all time, Albert Einstein was born under the sign of old souls. His Pisces sun was accented by a broadminded Sagittarian moon. The Neptune-ruled thinker famously suggested, "Imagination is more important than knowledge."

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Some of the games to watch over the coming week:

—Washington at Boston, Wednesday: No Kyrie Irving, no John Wall, no Marcus Smart, no shortage of implications on the East playoff race.

—Cleveland at Portland, Thursday: The Blazers are looking for an 11th consecutive win. The Cavs are trying to remain in the East's top four.

—L.A. Clippers at Oklahoma City, Friday: Remember when many thought Doc Rivers and the Clippers gave up on this season? No one told them.

—Denver at Memphis, Saturday: The start of seven-game, 14-day road trip that may decide if the Nuggets are going to the playoffs or not.

—Houston at Minnesota, Sunday: The teams have met three times already this season, with the Rockets winning by exactly 18 points in each.

—Chicago at New York, Monday: Here's the question — will the Bulls, playing one mile away from NBA headquarters, dare to rest top players?

—Houston at Portland, Tuesday: If the Warriors falter for some unlikely and unforeseen reason, this may be a preview of the Western finals.

STEPH AT 30

Stephen Curry turns 30 on Wednesday, and if Ray Allen's career is any indication, then the Golden State star is only halfway to what will eventually be his career total for 3-pointers made.

Allen made 1,486 3-pointers before turning 30, and 1,487 more after that birthday on his way to the NBA record.

Curry is already at 2,126 3-pointers, which — not surprisingly — is by far the most for anyone before turning 30. He's already No. 7 on the NBA list for 3s made, and should pass both Jamal Crawford and Paul Pierce to get into the top five before this season ends.

STAT OF THE WEEK

Russell Westbrook, Oklahoma City: 100 triple-doubles, the one that put him into triple-digits coming Tuesday night. Only four of the other 29 NBA franchises have had more than Westbrook has gotten by himself, and the Thunder are 82-18 when he puts together one of those epic efforts.

FITNESS EQUIPMENT SALE

The YMCA will be selling weight & exercise equipment to make room for new equipment!

Silent Bids will be taken March 25-27

- Winning bids will be notified on Tuesday, March 27th
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