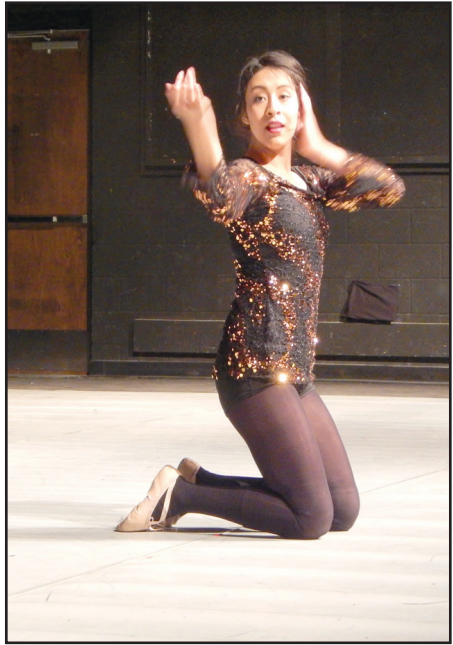


A Taste of Broadway



Directed by: Trish Matchen
Performers: High Kicking Hawks Dance Team, Community Ed Classical Ballet Students, SWCID student, Howard Choir, HC Alumni and community members.
The dance team showcased dances and songs from Cats, Requiem, Swing, Fiddler on the roof, Hamilton, Bye Bye Birdie, Phantom if the Opera, and Prince of Egypt.
There was special guest performances by Mark Watt, our choir professor, and Alesha Fisher, and Howard Dance Troupe Alumni.



Herald Photo/Amber Mansfield
Captain Melissa, did the choreography for her contemporary piece, from the show Hamilton, which showcased her grace as a dancer. She has danced 4 semesters at Howard, and graduates With her associates in May. She plans to study nursing at Texas Tech in the fall.



Herald Photo/Amber Mansfield
The photos display the broadway Phantom of the Opera, from Masquera to "All I ask of You." Sung by Richie Ewing and Ashley Smith.



HERALD Photo/Amber Mansfield
The Left photo has Mohammed Almarzuqi from SWCID, the only male for the Broadway number "Swing."



HERALD photo
In the left photo features Captain Melissa Briseno as she preforms "Spanish ROse." In the photo above is Briseno accepting a rose from a little fan of hers.



HERALD Photo/Amber Mansfield
In the photo to the right shows Patricia Matchen, Dance Team Coach, and HC Dance Instructor as she preforms a solo piece for the audience showing while she is the dance coach.



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Obituaries

Barbara Ervin



Barbara Ervin, 87, of Big Spring passed away peacefully from this world, at the home of her daughter, March 10, 2018. She had a long battle with Alzheimer's Disease, which she fought with steadfast courage and grace. She will be welcomed into Heaven by her beloved husband, Dean and together they will dance into eternity.

She was born in Kentucky to Ray and Lillian Ferguson on May 27, 1930. She grew up in Dallas, graduated from Texas Christian University and became a teacher. She met Dean Ervin on a blind date and within weeks they were married. They spent 47 happy years to-

gether dancing and ranching.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Dean.

She is survived by her three sisters, Mildred, Betty and Joyce; four children, Donna, Gary, Dan and Neal and their spouses; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Barbara was a member of First Christian Church of Big Spring for over 50 years, serving in many capacities.

Barbara was interred in a private graveside service at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring, March 15, 2018, next to her husband, Dean.

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

Paid Obituary

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 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 info. 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 info. 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 info. contact 432-271-2138.

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

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **HELENA MORA**, 60, of 1613 Canary St., was arrested on a charge of disregard stop sign.
- **CHRISTERPHER NEIGHBORS**, 26, of 513 W Brazos, was arrested on a charge of possession controlled substance between 4 and 200 grams.
- **NATALIE NICOLE MARTIN**, 18, of 301 N A St., was arrested on charge of no driver's license when unlicensed, and on failed to maintain financial responsibility.
- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported on 177 EB.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1800 block of Nolan St.
- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the 600 block of N Runnels St.

Support Groups

SUNDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

MONDAY

- Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

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

TUESDAY

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers.

For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

WEDNESDAY

- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy) a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY

- GriefShare is a Biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support). Weekly Feb. 8 through May 10, 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for more information.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

- A Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

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No. 16 UMBC etches name in sports lore, routs No. 1 Virginia

By STEVE REED

AP Sports Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. Jairus Lyles couldn't suppress a smile, knowing that a school known more for chess than hoops had finally made it happen — a 16 ousting a 1 in March Madness.

The University of Maryland-Baltimore County stunned the sports world by pulling off the most surprising upset in college basketball history, trouncing Virginia 74-54 on Friday night to become the first No. 16 seed ever to beat a No. 1 seed in the men's NCAA Tournament.

The Retrievers secured their underdog legacy in sports lore, alongside Buster Douglas, the 1980 United States Olympic hockey team and Joe Namath's Jets.

Virginia entered the NCAA Tournament as the No. 1 overall seed after going 31-2 in the regular season, including 20-1 in ACC competition.

Frankly, the question wasn't whether the Cavaliers would win this game, but if they'd get to the Final Four and win it all.

But UMBC — an afterthought for fans who filled out brackets — didn't just beat Virginia, it dominated throughout the second half, dismantling the 20 1/2-point favorites by 20 points. UMBC scored 53 points in the second half — 1 point shy of how many Virginia scored in the entire game.

Lyles scored 28, the Retrievers cruised and then raced off the floor together in their yellow-and-black uniforms, fingers pointed toward the ceiling to celebrate the victory.

"These are the moments that you dream of," Lyles said. "It's always exciting to make history."

In a chaotic UMBC locker room after the game, players shouted: "All brackets gone! No perfect brackets!

Put that in the news!"

Others talked about the need for a 30 for 30 special.

UMBC's Jourdan Grant said it was hard to put his emotions into words.

"It felt like my soul left my body, man," Grant said. "When I walked over to the sideline and up in front of the sea of yellow of our fan section, they were going crazy with us. And to look back and see my teammates going crazy, too, man it's unbelievable."

A 77-72 stunner by NAIA team Chaminade over Ralph Sampson and No. 1-ranked Virginia in 1982 in Hawaii was generally considered the most remarkable upset in college basketball. But that was the regular season and almost nobody watched it as it actually played out.

This came when it mattered the most — in the NCAA Tournament.

No. 1 seeds in the NCAA Tournament were 135-0.

"Unbelievable — it's really all you can say," said UMBC coach Ryan Odom, who grew up in Charlottesville, Virginia, and whose father Dave Odom was a former assistant coach at UVA.

Before Friday night, UMBC was better known for making runs at a different Final Four — in college chess.

Its powerhouse program gives scholarships to players from around the world and competed in the President's Cup, informally known as the



AP photo

UMBC's Jairus Lyles (10) drives past Virginia's Devon Hall (0) during the second half of a first-round game in the NCAA men's college basketball tournament in Charlotte, N.C., Friday, March 16, 2018.

Final Four of chess, for 15 straight years before the streak ended in 2016.

On the other side of the floor, there were tears as some Cavaliers players walked off with their jerseys over their eyes.

Virginia's Ty Jerome, when asked if he knew that a No. 16 seed had never beaten a No. 1 before in men's play, said: "I think everyone is aware of that."

"Thanks for bringing that up again, but I was aware of it," he said.

Virginia, playing without ACC sixth man of the year De'Andre Hunter, couldn't get anything generated on offense and the nation's top-ranked defense — allowing only 53.4 points per game coming in — couldn't contain the American East Conference

champions who won their conference tournament at the buzzer.

The 74 points were the most Virginia had allowed this year — and they had played powerhouses like Duke and North Carolina.

But UMBC shredded it. The Retrievers shot 67.9 percent from the field in the second half and held Virginia to 42 percent after intermission.

"We got thoroughly outplayed and that's the reality of it," Virginia coach Tony Bennett said. Lyles was the catalyst. He diced up Virginia's defense in the second half, getting to the hole easily six different times to convert layups. He also knocked down a pair of 3-pointers as UMBC built a 16-point lead.

"I always let him play," Odom said. "I never hold him back. When he gets going like that it breeds confidence in other guys."

The game was tied at halftime, but the Retrievers came out confident and motivated in the second half and built a double-digit lead that Virginia could never erase.

Joe Sherburne, who had 14 points, was huge early in the second half and made believers out of everyone.

He scored on an and-1 drive and then knocked down a 3-pointer from the top of the key after a behind-the-back pass from KJ Maura. After Virginia made a foul shot, the shifty 5-foot-8, 140-pound Maura drove the lane for uncontested layup.

A Tony Bennett timeout couldn't stop the bleeding, as Lyles hit two more 3's and Sherburne hit one more to extend UMBC's lead to 14 with about 15 minutes left.

And when Arkel Lamer made a 3-pointer from the corner with 3 1/2 minutes left to put UMBC up by 17 and backpedaled down the court with his tongue hanging out, you knew history was inevitable.

"We all wanted to be in the 'One Shining Moment' video," Sherburne said.

It was yet another early exit for the Cavaliers in a season that seemed to hold so much promise. This was the fourth time in the last five seasons the Cavaliers have been either the No. 1 or 2 seed, but failed to reach the Final Four under Bennett.

Bennett said the Cavaliers had a historic season and then "a historic loss. That's life."

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Bufs struggle to score runs in loss to Edgewood

By JORDAN PARR

Sports Editor

After a great showing against Lipan on Thursday in which the team scored twelve runs off twelve hits. Forsan struggled to score Friday versus Edgewood. The Buffs scored just one run off four hits in the 8-1 loss. Edgewood scored two runs in the opening inning and scored at least one run in every inning, including three in the fourth, to control the game.

Kobe Richardson got the start and the loss for Forsan. He pitched four innings and allowed seven runs off seven hits in the contest. Edgewood's J. Morgan got the start and the win for the Bulldogs. He went three innings, allowed four hits, no runs and struck out three.

Morgan, Isaiah Elie and Keaton Seale led the Bulldogs offense, each collecting 2 RBIs in the game. Ehren Hillger, Dylon Kligora, Brycson Pineda and Koby Watson each had hits for the Buffs in the loss.

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"I do": Queen gives her consent for Harry-Meghan wedding

AP Photo
Queen Elizabeth leaves after attending the Commonwealth Service at Westminster Abbey in London, March 12, 2018.

LONDON (AP) — Well, that's a relief. Queen Elizabeth II has given her formal consent to the marriage of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle. The British monarch has issued a declaration consenting "to a Contract of Matrimony between My Most Dearly Beloved Grand-

son Prince Henry Charles Albert David of Wales and Rachel Meghan Markle." The prince, fifth in line to the British throne, and the American actress are to marry May 19 at Windsor Castle. Alongside the declaration that was made public Thursday, the queen signed an Instrument of

Consent, a formal notice of approval, transcribed in calligraphy and issued under the Great Seal of the Realm. Harry is among a handful of senior royals who must seek the monarch's permission to marry or have their descendants disqualified from succession to the crown.

Howard County Lunches

Big Spring ISD

Kentwood Early Childhood
Monday: Breakfast: Blueberry muffin, fresh oranges, milk. Lunch: Oven roasted drumstick with roll, mixed fruit, mashed potatoes, fresh broccoli, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Sausage kolaches, fresh apple, slices, milk. Lunch: Spaghetti, diced peaches, green beans, fresh red pepper strips, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Sausage sandwich, diced pears, milk. Lunch: Chicken nuggets, pineapples, sliced carrots, fresh zucchini squash, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Cinnamon toast crunch, cereal, fresh bananas, milk. Lunch: Chicken patty sandwich, or tam and turkey salad with roll, fresh oranges, rosy applesauce, bakes beans, fresh celery sticks, garden salad.

Friday: Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, fresh apple slices, milk. Lunch: Pepperoni pizza, or beef taco salad, Fresh Cantaloupe, pineapple tidbits, fresh steamed spinach, fresh baby carrots, garden salad.

Elementary Schools

Monday: Breakfast: Cinnamon toast crunch cereal, string cheese, fresh apple slices, grape juice. Lunch: Cheeseburger, or oven roasted drumstick with roll, fresh grapes, mixed fruit, mashed potatoes, fresh broccoli, garden salad.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Pancake on a stick, fresh oranges, fruit juice. Lunch: Hot dog, or diced chicken caesar, salad with breadsticks, raisins, diced peaches, buttered green beans, fresh red pepper strips, garden salad.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fresh pears, orange juice. Lunch: Chicken nuggets, or broccoli and cheese potato with roll, fresh apples, diced pears, orange glazed carrots, fresh zucchini squash, garden salad.

Thursday: Breakfast: Sausage kolaches, fresh apple slices, cherry star juice. Lunch: Chicken patty sandwich, or tam and turkey salad with roll, fresh oranges, rosy applesauce, bakes beans, fresh celery sticks, garden salad.

Friday: Breakfast: Banana muffin, strawberry/banana yogurt, fresh banana, apple juice. Lunch: Pepperoni pizza, or beef taco salad, Fresh Cantaloupe, pineapple tidbits, fresh steamed spinach, fresh baby carrots, garden salad.

Intermediate School

Monday: Breakfast: Cocoa puffs cereal, graham crackers, fresh apples, grape juice. Lunch: Chicken patty sandwich, or cheeseburger, or oven roasted drumstick with roll, fresh grapes, mixed fruit, mashed potatoes, fresh broccoli, garden salad.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Pancake on a stick, fresh oranges, fruit juice.

Lunch: Spicy chicken sandwich, or diced chicken caesar, salad with breadstick, chili mac, strawberry craisin, diced peaches, buttered green beans, fresh red pepper strips.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Cherry frudel, fresh pears, orange juice. Lunch: Chicken patty sandwich, or cheeseburger, or ham and turkey chef salad with flatbread, fresh apples, diced pears, orange glazed carrots, fresh zucchini squash, garden salad.

Thursday: Breakfast: Chicken biscuits, fresh bananas, cherry star juice. Lunch: Spicy chicken sandwich, or hot dog, or chicken nuggets with roll, fresh oranges, applesauce, baked beans, fresh celery sticks, garden salad.

Friday: Breakfast: Sausage kolaches, strawberry craisins, apple juice. Lunch: Chicken patty sandwich, or pepperoni pizza, or beef taco salad, pineapples tidbits, fresh cantaloupe, fresh steamed spinach, fresh baby carrots, garden salad.

Junior High School

Monday: Breakfast: Cheerios cereal, string cheese, fresh apples, grape juice. Lunch: Cheeseburger, or oven roasted drumstick, or diced buffalo chicken, salad with roll, fresh grapes, mixed fruit, mashed potatoes, fresh broccoli, garden salad.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Blueberry muffin, fresh oranges, fruit juice. Lunch: Spicy chicken sandwich, or diced chicken, or spaghetti, fresh bananas, diced peaches, buttered green beans, fresh red pepper strips, garden salad.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, fresh pears, orange juice. Lunch: Cheeseburger, or broccoli and cheese potato, ham and turkey chef salad with flatbread, fresh apples, diced pears, oranges glazed carrots, fresh zucchini squash, garden salad.

Thursday: Breakfast: Chicken sandwich, fresh bananas, cherry star juice. Lunch: Spicy chicken sandwich, or tuna salad platter with roll, or sausage/red beans/rice, fresh oranges, applesauce, baked beans, fresh celery sticks, garden salad.

Friday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fresh grapes, apple juice. Lunch: Cheeseburger, or pizza salad, or Cajun chili fries with roll, pineapple tidbits, fresh steamed spinach, fresh baby carrots, garden salad.

High School

Monday: Breakfast: Cinnamon toast sticks, egg cheese muffin melt, or waffles, warm cinnamon apples, cocoa puffs cereal, string cheese, fresh apples, diced pears.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Cheese muffin, or sausage cheese muffin melt, or

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waffles, warm cinnamon apples, cinnamon toast crunch, animal crackers, fresh oranges, mixed fruit.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Has brown toast, egg and bacon muffin melt, or waffles, warm cinnamon apples, lucky charms cereal, fresh pears, string cheese, applesauce.

Thursday: Breakfast: Cheese quesadilla, sausage cheese muffin melt, or waffles, honey nut cheerios cereal, animal crackers, fresh bananas, raisins.

Friday: Breakfast: Cheese and ham frittata, egg and sausage muffin melt, or waffles, frosted mini wheats cereal, string cheese, fresh grapes, diced peaches.

Lunch: Line 1: Made-to-order hamburgers, chicken sandwiches, deli-style sandwiches; Line 2: Pizza; Line 3: Nachos, burritos, tacos.

Coahoma ISD

Monday: Breakfast: Early bid sandwich, or breakfast pizza. Lunch: Chicken fajita salad, or enchiladas, crispito with white queso, Charro beans, corn, salsa, fruit crisp, banana.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Chicken n biscuits. Lunch: Crispy chicken salad, or meatball sub with tots, or chili cheese combo, fresh veggie cup, mixed fruit cup.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Breakfast platter, or biscuits and gravy with scrambles eggs and bacon. Lunch: Ham chef salad, Asian stir fry, with flat bread, or chicken nuggets, with mac and cheese and green beans, garden salad, apple slices.

Thursday: Breakfast: Pancake wrap and yogurt. Lunch: Chicken and salad and croissant, or nacho grande, or pizza with seasoned corn, fresh veggie cup, fruity jello cup.

Friday: Breakfast: Sausage biscuits. Lunch: Chicken salad and croissant, or hamburger or cheeseburger, or frito pie, baby carrots with ranch, applesauce, cookie.

Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast: Cherry strudel with Colby jack cheese, or cereal and toast, or yogurt parfait, mandarin oranges, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken nuggets with mac and cheese, or sweet and sour chicken Asian bowl with egg roll, Cheesy potato Au Gratin, Ranch style beans, carrots, fresh fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Mini sausage biscuits, or cereal and toasts, or yogurt parfait, peach cup, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Country fried steak or steak fingers, or popcorn chicken, savory green beans, mashed potatoes, gravy, roll, fresh fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: French toast with sausage patty with cereal and toast or yogurt parfait, Mandarin oranges, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Hamburger, or mini corn dogs, spicy fries, baby carrots, garden salad, fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, or cereal and toast or yogurt parfait, strawberry cup, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken sandwich, or chicken parmesan, tater tots, seasoned corn, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Dutch waffle with bacon or cereal and toast or yogurt parfait, applesauce cup, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Cheese or pepperoni pizza, or vegetable beef soup with corn bread, Italian vegetables, fresh veggie cup, garden salad, fresh fruit, milk.

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Monday: Breakfast: Cinnamon pull-a-parts, cheese sticks, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomato, and pickle, fries, baby carrots, orange smilies, fruit juice, milk.

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Wednesday: Breakfast: Pancake wrap, or breakfast parfait, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Lasagna, garden salad, green peas, roll, pears, fruit juice, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, or cereal bar, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Pulled pork sliders, chips, coleslaw, pinto beans, chilled pineapple, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Waffle and cheese stick, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Pizza, baby carrots, seasoned corn, fresh grapes, cookie, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Big Spring Senior Center

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Tuesday: Pork stew, with mixed vegetables, steamed rice, sugar cookies, cornbread, milk.

Wednesday: Chicken breast, oven potatoes, peas and mushrooms, pineapple tidbits, biscuits, milk.

Thursday: Chili with beans, shredded cheese, tossed salad ranch dressing, chocolate cake with whipped topping, crackers, milk.

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SHOOTING

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Police believe that at about 7:25 p.m., the white and black cars were sitting in the north parking lot of KFC when the tan SUV approached from the alley just east of the parking lot. While the occupants in the white and black cars were visiting, two Hispanic men, allegedly identified by police as Angel Villa, 20, and Rafael Jesus Hernandez Jr., 20, opened fire on both vehicles. As the vehicles departed from the

KFC parking lot in attempt to get away, Villa and Hernandez reportedly followed and continued firing at the vehicles while eastbound on East 18th Street. The driver of the black car drove the child to SMMC for treatment. The child was flown by helicopter to Covenant Medical in Lubbock Texas and was in serious condition.

The driver of the white car continued to run from Villa and Hernandez until his vehicle was disabled in the 1000 block of East 20th Street. Big Spring Fire and Emergency Medical Services responded and transported

the adult male to Scenic Mountain Medical Center for treatment. The adult male was treated at Scenic Mountain Medical Center and is in stable condition.

Arrest warrants have been issued for Villa and Hernandez each for two counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, a second-degree felony offense. The Big Spring Police Department expects more charges to follow. This is an ongoing criminal investigation and there is no further information available at this time.

If you have any information regard-

ing this investigation, or know the whereabouts of Villa or Hernandez, please contact CrimeStoppers at 432-263-TIPS (8477). You can also leave an anonymous tip using the "P3 Tips" mobile application or from the Big Spring Police Department website www.bigspringpd.net.

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



File Photo

Clarence Hartfield, a volunteer from the Police Citizens Academy and a Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassador, gets a massage during last year's Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Health Fair. The 2018 Health Fair will be on April 7 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum from 8 a.m. to noon.

the correct car seat is provided."

Star Dodge has stepped up to the plate again and will be providing the bicycles for the Bike Rodeo. This course teaches the kids the safety measures for riding a bicycle on a public street.

"Most people don't realize that there are laws pertaining to the proper way of riding a bicycle, especially on a public street. The course is good education for the parents as well as for teaching

the course will receive a free helmet."

There are going to be plenty of interactive activities for the whole family. Currently there are about 30 booths signed up, but more space is available. If your business would like to have a booth at the health fair, the cost is \$100 until March 23 and \$120 between March 23 and March 29. To find out more information or request a form, call the Chamber of Commerce at 432-263-7641.

HEALTH FAIR

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In typical health fair fashion, booths will be set up on the Sonic Floor and there will be plenty of activities in the parking lot of the coliseum. The Blood Mobile will be coming back and set up from 9 a.m. until noon. Safe Kids and Scenic Mountain Medical Center will

be hosting the Car Seat Check, but it will be first come first serve basis.

"The car seat check is one of the biggest hits each year. There are so many things that can deem a car seat 'unsafe' for a child and this is a service that allows parents to not only have their car seats checked for proper installment, but also to make sure they are the right size and that they are in safe condition for the child," ValVerde said. "This is a free service and the car seats are free, but the child must be present to ensure that

the kids how to be safe when they come to a cross-walk, a stop sign or coming to a stop on their bike." ValVerde said. "Every child that goes through the bike rodeo will be able to sign up for the drawing and possibly win a new bicycle. In addition, every child that goes through

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Aiden Jakobi Lane Martinez, infant, died Thursday. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Betty Louise Pace, 83, died Tuesday. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. today at Trinity Memorial Park.

BOWLING

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times for children," said McKain. "We provide a safe and educational and full day for kids to just continue to have fun, stay out of trouble, and be engaged. All the while, being very affordable and quite a quality program

as well, for the parents and the kids."

For more information, contact the Salvation Army at 432-267-8239, or by email at joshua.mckain@uss.salvationarmy.org.

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Militia members accused of targeting Somalis to stand trial

By ROXANA HEGEMAN

Associated Press

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — Months before the 2016 general election, members of a Kansas militia group that prosecutors say came to be known as the "the Crusaders" met in an office to pick the targets of bombings that they hoped would inspire a wave of attacks on Muslims throughout the U.S.

In a business in the southwestern city of Liberal that sold mobile homes, the four men took precautions to avoid getting caught, putting their cellphones in a separate room and locking the door to prevent anyone from walking in on them. Three of them didn't know that the fourth was wearing a wire as part of a federal investigation that would thwart their alleged plot.

Authorities say that on the day after Election Day, they hoped to detonate four car bombs outside of a mosque and an apartment complex that was home to Somali refugees who had settled in the meatpacking town of Garden City, which is about 60 miles (95 kilometers) south of Liberal along the Oklahoma border.

Jury selection begins Tuesday in the trial of Patrick Stein, Gavin Wright, and Curtis Allen on charges of conspiracy to use a weapon of mass destruction and conspiracy against civil rights. Stein, who prosecutors say was the militia's leader, also faces an additional weapons-related charge, and Wright faces a charge of lying to the FBI. They have pleaded not guilty. If convicted of the weapon of mass destruction charge, each could be sentenced to up to life in prison.

Prosecutors have said that a militia member tipped off federal authorities after becoming alarmed by the escalating talk of violence and later agreed to wear a wire as a paid infor-

mant. The government's case features months of profanity-laced recordings in which militia members discussed plans and referred to the Somalis as "cockroaches."

According to prosecutors, Stein was recorded discussing the type of fuel and fertilizer bomb that Timothy McVeigh used in the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing, which killed 168 people. Stein was arrested when he delivered 300 pounds (135 kilograms) of fertilizer to undercover FBI agents to make explosives.

Prosecutors also allege that Wright and Allen made an explosive in the kitchen of Wright's business and used it to successfully test a blasting cap, with the goal of using the cap to cause a much larger explosion at the apartment complex.

Agents also found aerial photographs in one vehicle depicting what appear to be apartment complexes marked with large x's, as well as an aerial photo of a church and a Burmese mosque, authorities say. The group also discussed killing the apartment complex's white owner to send a message to other landlords about renting to immigrants.

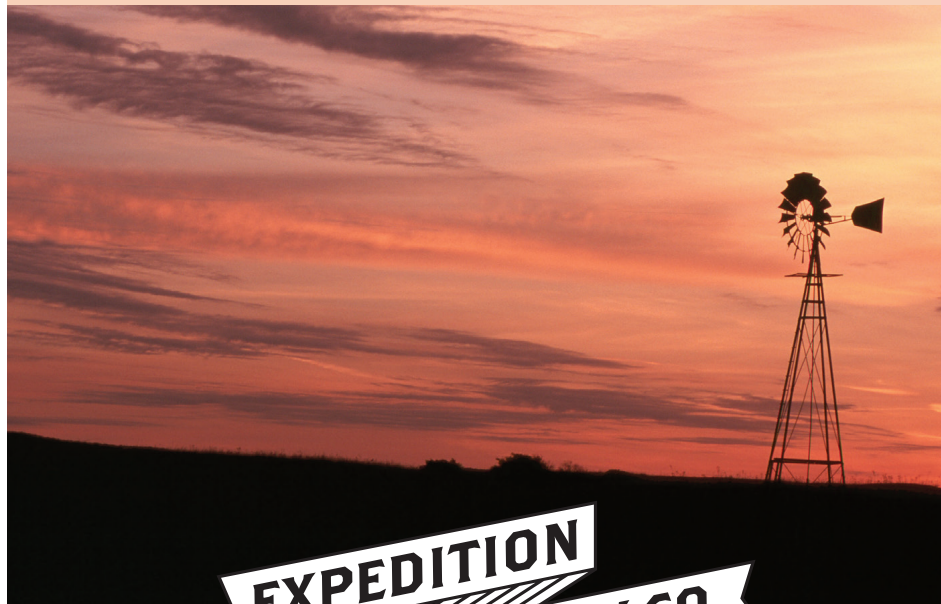
Defense attorneys either declined to discuss the case or didn't respond to calls seeking comment. But they may have given a glimpse at a possible trial strategy when they sought to expand the prospective jury pool to include people from more rural western counties that voted heavily for Donald Trump in the 2016 election.

In that motion, they argued the case is "uniquely political" because much of the expected evidence is in reaction to the election. They contended the case will require jurors to weigh evidence regarding whether the alleged conduct amounts to criminal behavior or whether it is constitutionally protected speech.

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Roger's Reviews: Death Wish

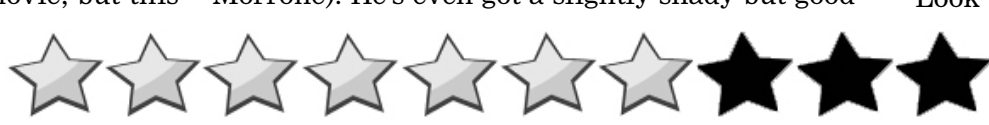


The new remake of the 1974 revenge flick "Death Wish" isn't that bad.

I usually don't look at Rotten Tomatoes or other review sites before I write a review of a movie, but this time I was a little unsure what I thought about it, so I peeked.

On RT, the score from critics was 17 percent. That's pretty low. On the other hand, the score from regular audience members was 82 percent. I tend to side with the audience members on this one. Perhaps not quite that high, but much more in that direction.

Death Wish stars a very bald Bruce Willis as Dr. Paul Kersey, a mild-mannered surgeon, wealthy, with a beautiful wife, Jordan (Elisabeth Shue), and high-school graduate daughter, Jordan (Camila Morrone). He's even got a slightly shady but good-



hearted brother named Frank (Vincent D'Onofrio) who hangs out with the family and borrows money. Everything is pretty idyllic, until a shady valet named M.J. (Luis Oliva) grabs Kersey's address off his car's GPS and gives the info to a home invasion robbery team.

Kersey is at work when the robbers hit, and when

the women try to fight back, the crooks open fire, killing Lucy and leaving Jordan in a coma.

Devastated, Kersey goes through the motions of reading to Jordan, trying to work, and seeing a therapist. Upon returning Lucy's body to her parents' home for the funeral, the doctor sees his father-in-law (Len Cariou) shoot at deer poachers on his land. Lucy's dad dispenses the wisdom that "A man has to protect his family and his home, because the police only get there after the crime has been committed" or something to that effect.

Kersey checks out a gun shop, but does not make a purchase. Then, a gangbanger is brought into the ER and drops a Glock 17. Kersey conceals the gun and takes it home. He practices shooting and cleaning it, and starts carrying it with him.

It's not too long before he sees a pair of women being hassled by some thugs, and intervenes.

That's basically what the rest of the movie is about - Local media (including the one and only Matthew "Mancow" Muller) begin talking about "The Grim

Reaper" vigilante. Kersey carries out a couple more vigilante murders, and then begins tracking down the bad guys who shot his family.

Look for Dean Norris (from "Breaking Bad") as Detective Kevin Raines; and Kimberly Elise (from "Diary of a Mad Black Woman") as Detective Leonore Jackson; the detectives investigating both the shooting of Kersey's family and the "Grim Reaper" killings.

This is actually not a bad movie. It raises some interesting questions about how far a person should go to defend his or her life, home, and family. Pro-tip: there's a difference between "defending" and "revengeing."

Most of the acting was spot on. Bruce Willis as Bruce Willis...a little quieter than usual as befitted the role. Shue and Morrone were both perfect happy, spoiled, confident women before the shooting. Morrone was, well, mostly asleep after the shooting, but perhaps a little too quick to trust again after she woke up.

The downside here (for me, anyway) was D'Onofrio. Man, that guy creeps me out. I was almost certain for most of the movie that he was somehow behind the shootings. Maybe he was, maybe he wasn't...but you have to admit, he's a creeper.

There is a lot of violence in this movie, so if that's a no-no for you, you might want to skip this one. I'll give it seven stars out of 10.

Death Wish

Director: Eli Roth
Writer: Screenplay by Joe Carnahan; based on the 1974 film "Death Wish" by Wendell Mayes and the novel "Death Wish" by Brian Garfield
Production companies: Scott Free Productions, MGM Studios
R; 1 hr. 47 min.; Action/Crime/Drama; March 2, 2018

Roger saw this movie at Big Spring's own Cinemark Cinema 4, located inside the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. For more information visit www.cinemark.com and enter the ZIP code 79720.

Who's who in Howard County: Jordan Parr



What is your name? Jordan Parr
Where do you work, and what do you do? The Big Spring Herald, Sports Editor
Where were you born? Lubbock, Texas
What city do you live in? Big Spring, Texas
Who is in your family? Wife, Teresa, Daughters Aria and Aoife, and son Brennus.
What hobbies/organizations/clubs do you enjoy? Gardening, watching sports, and reading.
What is your favorite book (and who's the author)? Thus Spoke Zarathustra by Friedrich Nietzsche
What is your favorite television show? The Expanse
What is your favorite movie? The Fountain
What type of music do you enjoy? Progress, and rock.
Where would you visit if you could go anywhere? Edinburgh, Scotland

Big Spring Art Association



Our February meeting began by celebrating Estelle's Howard's 99th birthday. Mrs. Howard, a long time member of the Big Spring Art Association, has a beautiful spirit. She is an inspiration to all of us!

Leada Wood of Colorado City talked about mixed media. She showed us how she makes her own stamps, how she makes her own paper for collage, and where she gets items for her mixed media. Everyone left excited about mixed media!

Linda Rupard, local artist, will demonstrate acrylics. Linda is an excellent artist. She took art classes at Howard Collage in the 70's. Those classes confirmed that the life of an artist was for her. Linda and Kay Smith started the Caboose Watercolor Society. The studio was a yellow boxcar caboose located downtown in historic Big Spring. Carol Berry joined them in setting goals to promote professional watercolor as a business and to work at enhancing skills in this medium!

Mrs. Rupard's philosophy of art is being free to paint what she sees in color, shape, and form. Mrs. Rupard enjoys

visiting galleries and antique shops. These visits gives her new ideas to paint and share with others!

Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 20th at 7:00 p.m in the basement of the Howard County Library, If you are interested in art of any kind, please come visit us! We look forward to seeing you!

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DAILY PRAYER

May we anticipate the needs of others, Lord, showing them Your love. Amen.

Raymond made money on his way to prison

John Ballew of Fort Worth grew up in Memphis, Texas, a small Hall County town between Quail and Turkey. His grandfather was Jefferson Raymond Ballew a colorful Memphis merchant who sold cars, refrigerators, radios and whiskey. "He was arrested 128 times in Hall County," says John, "mostly for bootlegging, gambling and fighting. If you got arrested for bootlegging back then you paid a \$50 fine and spent the night in jail. When you got out the next day you could do some more bootlegging. He was arrested in other counties, too. Several times. A bootlegger was a necessary evil in the dry counties of the panhandle. Raymond considered himself a public servant."

Raymond had lots of friends and ran for sheriff. Only one thing kept him out of office: not enough votes.

Raymond always carried a gun and shot at least 5 people, according to John. "He shot the police chief and his deputy in 1936. They knew he was bootlegging and decided to come through his front

door. Raymond took exception to that."

There was no bloodshed, but in 1937 Raymond was tried, convicted and sentenced to 4 years in prison. He lost several appeals and realized he was headed for prison. He saw it as an opportunity to make money.

"So he took out a full page ad in the Memphis Democrat that contained these words: The politicians have won. Please come buy my last refrigerators because I don't want my family to starve while I chop cotton for the govern-

nor. I have excellent bargains. Whatever deal you want to make, come in and we'll sell you a refrigerator or radio or whatever I got. No deal will be refused. Everybody in town came in and started buying refrigerators. Every night Raymond would go to Amarillo and buy more refrigerators and whiskey. He became the number one appliance salesman in America. In June of 1940 he was in Time Magazine and the first line read Feisty businessman Raymond Ballew finds a way to make

money going to prison. So little newspapers all across America saw that and they all wrote about Raymond, too."

In 1940, Raymond drove himself to prison. "Raymond sold Studebakers, so he drove a brand new red 1940 Studebaker Dictator to Huntsville, pulled up in the parking lot, got out wearing his hat and 3-piece suit, walked up to the gate and said, 'hello, boys. I'm Raymond Ballew and I'm here to go to prison.' He handed over his keys, stayed less than 6 months and then got a full pardon from Texas Governor W. Lee O'Daniel. Raymond paid W. Lee Pappy O'Daniel \$50,000 for a full pardon. Pappy had been Bob Wills's manager and Bob loved whiskey. When he played around Memphis, Raymond kept him supplied. Raymond walked out of prison, got back in his car, drove back home and resumed his previous life selling cars, refrigerators, radios and whiskey to the good people of Memphis." Raymond died in 1965. He was married 6 times. John has written articles about his grandfather and refers to him as The Hall County Al Capone or The Hall County Gangster.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Letters to the Editor

Student Editorials

Dear Editor,

Kudos to the Big Spring High School journalism students who have been writing editorials in the Herald for the last several weeks! Britney Tan, Christian Islas, Chloe Sepeda, Samara Daniels, and Emily Hendricks show fantastic evidence of intellect, logic, initiative, independence, research ability and writing skills.

They hooked me with the first two editorials about the Supreme Court decision regarding censorship of student publications. Not only were the four articles on this topic very informative about the background and decision made, the BSHS students went on to explain how the student journalists in the case heard by the Supreme Court decision did not follow the Journalism Code of Ethics. If they had, we may not have censorship in student publications today.

Editorials are, by nature, personal opinions. Not everyone

will agree with an editorial, but with students like these, who are fully versed in the ethics of their craft, I look forward to reading their opinions. I understand they may be frustrated by being discouraged from writing about the current President in their school new paper, but they should be proud that they are, nevertheless, learning their craft very well.

As Britney Tan ended her first editorial, "It only takes one voice to start a movement". This group has indeed begun their movement!

I also applaud the Herald for giving them an outlet and showing our community that great journalists are being grown here!

Peggy Skiles
Big Spring, Texas

Keep Big Spring a Crossroads

Dear Editor,
In June of 1953, a civic Pioneer

developer and a newly arrived teenager stood at the corner of East 3rd & U.S. 87, alongside Montgomery Ward (now Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development Center). The newly arrived teenager was from a little populated Texas village/town that had lost its economic soul, it's education center some called a College, it's Texas landmark, national & New York reputation, demolished factories, no stoplight, which were all related to tariff /congressional action. The historic spring, amphitheater, state park drive, whizzing jets and pioneers had been pleasantly digested by that teenager as special Big Spring.

The Pioneer developer, Big Spring born, who once lived at the pocket park across from the Court-house had family connections living adjacent to Senator Bankhead from the state, Alabama. Bankhead established the southern, all-weather, United

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Easter Upon Us...

It's a heart-shaped grave marker in the May, TX, cemetery for a not-quite 15 year-old girl who fought the good fight. On one side are Jesus' words from the Book of John: "I am the resurrection and the life...whoever believes in Me shall never die." On the other side are engravings of a dog and panda bear.

Those closest to Katherine Marie Hester during her short life—one darkened by health complications beginning at birth—understood love's depth for her Lord, family and friends. She also loved her Jack Russell terrier Rosie, and was fascinated by pandas.

God continues to undergird this family's claim of His grace through faith. His annual sprinkling of springtime—heralded by the seeming overnight arrival of blossoming Bradford pear trees—reminds Dennis and Susan Hester of the approaching Easter season, and lessons learned from Katie, their first of four daughters. They also recall a miracle of the Lord on what would have been her 15th birthday. It involved her dog and a panda bear.

I spoke recently to senior adults at First Baptist Church, Watauga, where Dennis is now pastor. That's when I learned what happened on July 29, 2004, four weeks after her death. I share it now in the spirit of the hope of Easter.

Katie was the only person in world medical history known to have survived such an array of complications. Doctors thought her life would be measured in hours—not years—and periodically suggested ending life-extending procedures.

For starters, her heart faced backwards. She had one functioning kidney, and it at less than 10%. She underwent 32 sur-

geries, with little expectation to survive a kidney transplant from her mother at age three. Kidney medication caused severe hearing impairment, necessitating hearing aids. With ongoing critical medical issues, she was airlifted numerous times to Dallas and Fort Worth children's hospitals.

I hope her story will touch others needing "faith boosts." Such faith is centered in the belief that Jesus Christ is who He claims to be, does what He promises and, yes, even knows the number of hairs on our heads.

Dennis, a ministerial student during my Howard Payne University presidency, and Susan, an aspiring educator, were inspirations. With her "all A's" transcript and unbelievable coping ability, she was recipient of one of only two of the presidential citations I ever presented.

Katie amazed doctors and all who knew her. Truly, she was "wise beyond her years." Mentally alert and constitutionally strong, she loved school and playing the clarinet. Absence of a hip socket, however, meant that she could walk only with a limp.

They were determined to make junior high graduation special, since her kidney was failing. Having already functioned for a decade, it had reached the expected limit.

Dennis had opted to give her a kidney, but days before scheduled surgery, Katie was diagnosed with Hepatitis C. She no longer was eligible for a transplant.

Aware that her earthly life was almost over, she expressed no fear. She was saddened only for the void she knew her parents and sisters would feel.

The family visited the San Diego Zoo in 1998 to see live pandas,



DR. DON NEWBURY

and a few months prior to Katie's death, enjoyed a Disney cruise.

Vacation days expended, Dennis requested additional time off following Katie's funeral. Deacons at May First Baptist Church—where he was pastor for more than a decade—readily agreed.

Jangled, confused and weary, the Hesters motored aimlessly westward. After visiting the Grand Canyon, they proceeded to California. On July 29—which would have been Katie's 15th birthday—they camped in California's Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Park. Rays of sunlight slivered through the giant trees as the family approached the rough-hewn cabin of the first park ranger.

One ray spotlighted words deeply carved on the left door post—"Rosie and Panda." The Hesters were lump-throated, realizing that if their arrival had been a few minutes earlier or later, the carving would have been in the shadows.

The affirmation occurred within 20 minutes of Katie's time of birth. Some 1,500 miles from home, they felt burdens lightening and spirits soaring. They recalled Katie's aunt saying, "God does not give you children you need; He gives you children who need you."

Dennis and Susan continue true to their callings. She is an intermediate school counselor in Keller. Their daughters are grown, and the couple has two grandchildren. Rosie, now 15 with poor eyesight and limited mobility, remains a valued family pet.

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Ribbon cutting at the Ford House



Representatives of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce recognized the new renovations at Big Spring Ford, 500 W. Fourth St., this week with a ribbon cutting.

Courtesy photo

EPA may be overstating claims from mine spill



In this Aug. 6, 2015 file photo, Dan Bender, with the La Plata County Sheriff's Office, takes a water sample from the Animas River near Durango, Colo. after the accidental released of an estimated 3 million gallons of waste from the Gold King Mine by a crew led by the Environmental Protection Agency. The EPA says it has almost finished reviewing hundreds of damage claims from the spill, but the agency has still not released a clear accounting of the claims made for economic losses and personal injuries.

AP photo

By DAN ELLIOTT

Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says it has almost finished an overdue review of damage claims from a Colorado mine waste spill that the agency accidentally triggered, but an internal agency accounting of those claims appears

to be off by tens of millions of dollars.

An EPA spreadsheet says the claims for economic losses and personal injuries from the 2015 spill at the Gold King Mine totaled more than \$2.5 billion. The EPA provided the list to the Associated Press this month under an open records request.

But the list appears to overstate by \$100 million the value of claims submitted by a law firm on behalf of about a dozen clients.

It's the latest in a series of complications and setbacks since EPA contractors working at the inactive mine unleashed 3

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Building Permits

- Eric Lusk, 1002 Wood St., res hvac, Val: \$4,600, Fee: \$45
- Antonio Marquez, 910 Lamesa Hwy, com elec. Val: \$25, Fee: \$25
- Douglas Lykken, 1206 Pennsylvania Ave., construction, Val: \$ 50, Fee: \$50
- Tony Castillo, 1006 E 21st, res plumb, Val: \$150, Fee: \$32
- John Tovas, 810 Andree St., fence, Val: \$2,500, Fee: \$25
- Hillside Properties, 2600 Hunter Dr., Val: \$3,000, Fee: \$25
- Eddie Cole, 1712 Gregg St., com re-roof, Val: \$3,000, Fee: \$25
- Jimmy Santiago, 3217 Duke Ave., res gas, Val: \$1,500, Fee: \$32
- Joel William Jackson, 1407 S Aylseford St., construction, Val: \$2,000, Fee: \$25
- Beverly Huckaby Knous, 1305 Dixie Ave., res gas, Val: \$1,500, Fee: \$32
- Gene Arguello, 3201 E 11th Pl., res gas, Val: \$4,000, Fee: \$30
- Baptist Associates Crossroads, 1311 Goliad St., construction, Val: \$3,500, Fee: \$30
- CDR Properties, 2706 S Monticello St., res gas, Val: \$2,500, Fee: \$32
- Sonya Lusk, 1002 Wood St., res elec., Val: \$1,000, Fee: \$25
- James So, 614 Ridgelea, res elec., Val: \$1,000, Fee: \$25
- Rudy Laroque, 1602 Bluebird St., res re-roof, Val: \$1,500, Fee: \$25
- Hunter-Kelsey Of Texas LLC, 618 Tulane Ave, res gasm Val: \$2,500, Fee: \$32
- Big John's Feed Lot By Bren, 802 W 3rd ST., com hvac, Val: \$9,820, Fee: \$50
- Eddie Gonzales, 1307 Tucson Rd., construction, Val: \$600, Fee: \$25
- Randy Dickens, 609 Cirlice Dr., res elec., Val: \$3,000, Fee: \$25
- Reynaldo S Carrasco, 2612 Central Dr., fence, Val: \$3,509, Fee: \$30
- Olga Cerda, 2401 Marhsakkm res gas, Val: \$1,200, Fee: \$32
- Lee Harris, 2606 S Gregg, com elec., Val: \$25, Fee: \$32
- Titan Zone Construction, 415 E 3rd St., Val: \$2,500, Fee: \$25
- Edward Cole, 1712 S Gregg St., com elec., Val: 425, Fee: \$25
- Ty Jones, 901 S Gregg St., sign, Val: \$70,000, Fee: \$340
- Linda Smith, 206 NW 4th St., com elec. Val: \$200, Fee: \$25
- Jim Murry, 208 E 11th Place, com elec., Val: \$3,000, Fee: \$ 25
- Sun Loan Company, 2101 S Gregg St., signs, Val: \$1,000, Fee: \$25
- Edward Eugene Jones, 1011 Bluebonnet Ave., Val: \$1,200, Fee: \$25

Public Records

Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:

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- Anthony Anderson, 3401 Camellia Dr. #707, Temple
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- Corina Avila, 1800 Winston St., Big Spring
- Katie Cole L. Baker, P.O. Box 3372, Big Spring
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- Linda Beck, 1713 Worley Rd., Banner Elk, N.C.
- Joshua Bell, 1962 Tuscola, Snyder
- Elda Melina Bernal, 1311 Mobile, Big Spring
- Tammy D. Bishop, 1410 Tucson Rd., Big Spring
- John Bochnicka, 538 Westover Rd. #260
- Chad Wayne Brown, 3901 Ave. O, P.O. Box 391, Snyder
- Douglas "Doug" Lee Brown, 205 W. 14th St. P.O. Box 275, Monahans
- James Bullard, 202 Fourth St., Palestine
- Melinda Burns, 2218 Carlton Way, San Angelo
- Wayne Richard Buyce, 4042 Morning-side Way, Canyon Lake
- Jason Canales, 612 Drake Road Big Spring
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- Spring
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- Nelba DeLosRios Diaz, 10600 McMillian Dr., Austin
- Krista A. Dickson, 6917 Todd, Sachse
- Jimmy Dodson, 405 31st St., Snyder
- Ben Doherty, 5019 McKinney St. No. 105, Dallas
- Angela Doty, 1401 E. Rundberg, Austin
- Clayton W Durbin, 6508 Centerpoint, Big Spring
- Tina Marie Ellis, 4002 Austin Ave., Snyder
- Selena Bethani Enriquez-King, 100 E. Parker, Midland
- Brittany Vanessa Escanuela, 1221 E. 17th St., Big Spring
- Joanna Esparza, 501 S. Tackitt, Seymour
- W. Carol Evans, 809 E. 33rd, Plainview
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- Guillermo Gomez, 2107 Morrison, Big Spring
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- Isaiah Green, 4801 State St., Abilene
- James Michael Griffin, 303 Butler St.

- #502, Atlanta
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LETTERS

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States route from the East U.S. Coast to West US Coast deeply influencing this community as it transformed from U.S. 80 to the Interstate 20 of today delivering over 23,000 vehicles daily through Big Spring.

The Pioneer's grandfather previously had a retail store at the S/E corner of Main & Third (building still exists today-much as it was then) when there was a dirt road that would face U.S. 80 arrival. Obviously, the sturdy, Depression era tested, Pioneer held great esteem for history and highway that came to his hometown including memories of his wrestling a bear at the court house steps near the crossroads & the oil arrival of the 1920's.

The teenager, a little intrigued by an intersection that looked like so many others, wasn't sharing the local Pioneers pride and sheepishly inquired "What's so important about this intersection?" The Pioneers gaze became serious & affixed. His words nearly half a century old rings with today's freshness: "Here is where the world comes to Big Spring, a crossroads of the nation." he replied.

Little did anyone suspect the enormous forthcoming change. The U.S. Interstate System moved north changing plowed fields into a truck stop & center for hotel construction simultaneously isolating the Settles hotel- & the first pathway to El Paso. Eventually, history brought resources from this genesis to the modern development you see out at the historic, Comanche park Spring of today. The long gone Pioneer, who built many of Big Spring's subdivisions, such as Kentwood, would assuredly issue Big Spring a challenge: "Are you going to keep Big Spring a crossroads?"

West of Big Spring, U.S. 87 crossing Interstate 20, IS NOW NOT AN INTER-

STATE and may never be unless Big Spring can assemble a common voice, a writing campaign and get its citizens to vote.

Many elected officials understand the critical concepts. The Mayor, Ports to Plains, the Big Spring Director on Ports to Plains Board, are grand advantages though it will be community voice & correspondence to state & federal Senators, State & Federal Representatives, Texas Dept. of Transportation & Texas Highway Commissioners (only five Highway Commissioners Governor recently appointed one in San Angelo for West Texas). It's your messages that are likely to have the greatest impact.

Interstate 27 can be built at Big Spring on its loop for millions less of Texas taxpayer taxes, plus its closer. State & national officials need to hear that -OFTEN. How do you do that? Simply write their names, your message and send it to Austin, Texas. You'll frequently see their names and addresses in the Big Spring Herald.

Crossing Interstate 20 with an Interstate 27 from Canada through Big Spring & U.S. into Mexico with its deep water port at Mazatlan would establish Big Spring as a national crossroads & industrial power house along with reducing Petroleum up & down times. Meanwhile, if tomorrows world is electric powered vehicles -they're almost certain to use Interstates before other avenues & routes.

Big Spring needs a crossroads. It will bring the world & it's peoples, ideas, innovations, commerce, jobs & income to Big Spring's front door. Big Spring has struggled generations for an opportunity of this kind. Remind your legislators. A simple message with their names addressed to Austin, Texas, will get to most of them. The opportunity is at hand, but not for long.

Bobby McDonald
 Big Spring, Texas

Search halted for missing worker after chemical plant blast



AP photo

In this image from video by KDFW, a fire burns at the Tri-Chem Industries plant in Cresson, Texas. Officials said fears of another blast amid the toxic chemicals prevented crews from battling the blaze.

By **EMILY SCHMALL**
 Associated Press

CRESSON, Texas — The search for a worker who is missing and presumed dead following an explosion at a Texas chemical plant halted Friday because the plant is still burning and hazardous chemicals at the site are making it too dangerous for humans and cadaver dogs to explore further, officials said.

Hood County Fire Marshal Ray Wilson said he did not know when crews would be able to resume the search at the Tri-Chem Industries plant in Cresson, located 50 miles (80 kilometers) southwest of Dallas. Wilson said about half of the 15,000-square-foot (1,400-square-meter) building has caved in and remains on fire following the explosion Thursday.

He said crews were able to search the front half of the building on Thursday and Friday before being forced to halt.

Neither the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality nor the Hood County fire marshal's office have specified what's in the plant's chemical inventory. But Wilson said the plant

contains acids that react to heat, pressure and water, which is why they haven't yet turned on the fire hose.

Texas Department of Public Safety Staff Sgt. Earl Gillum said experts determined there were no air quality issues Thursday, but that the site remains dangerous because of the chemicals still to be cleaned up.

There is a fertilizer plant adjacent to the Tri-Chem plant, but Wilson said there was "no known threat" to that facility.

Investigators believe a worker dragging his foot along the floor while chemicals were being mixed sparked Thursday's explosion. That worker was taken to Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas with burn injuries.

Jessica Gregg told television station KXAS that the man taken to Parkland was 27-year-old Jason Speegle, her son-in-law. Catherine Bradley, a spokeswoman at Parkland, said Speegle was in serious condition Friday.

Another worker was treated for less severe injuries and released from a hospital in Granbury on Friday.

Wilson said a deputy fire marshal was hospitalized Thursday with breathing difficulties, but has been treated and released.

SNAPSHOTS

By: *Dan Holt's Daughter*



The Oasis

Gay Hill Community School was a small school built the year the family moved from Colorado City to the Camp. The new school was built with beige colored bricks. It was located at the end of a dirt road in the rural community of Luther which consisted of a small convenience store with one gas pump and a post office and a church. Small farms and ranches dotted the landscape.

The school was 'U' shaped with the first and second grades and the cafeteria on the south side of the building. The gym and stage were in the center. Grades three thru eight were on the north side as was the principal's office. The students were known as the Gay Hill

Gushers because an oil well was situated on the property. It produced enough oil to support the school in the style to which the community soon became accustomed. There were brand new yellow school buses. New houses were built for the teachers. In January of 1953 the doors opened wide welcoming the first group of students.

Gay Hill not only met the educational need of its students; it also served as the community center. Both the boys and girls basketball games drew crowds that packed the bleachers with enthusiastic supporters. The team members were quite impressive, dressed in their brand new dark green and white uniforms. (I would be remiss if I failed to mention the meals served in the cafeteria. Women from the community prepared good ol' country cooked food for which they became famous, in particular their home made hot rolls. No child went hungry.)

"Pete and Repete"

She walked into the old two room school house next door to the new school building with big eyes taking it all in. Grades one thru four were in one half. Grades five thru eight were in the other. A wood stove stood in the center of the small structure that looked more like an old cabin than a school. Chalk boards were hung on the end walls.

She was seated in the front row at a desk built for two right next to a little girl who greeted her with a big smile. They were mirror images of each other with one exception. Linda Painter was a tow head with blue eyes. Lynda Holt was a brunet with brown eyes.

From that day on they were inseparable. Linda was awesome! She could out run and out arm wrestle every single boy in their class. She was fearless never backing down on a dare. She excelled on the monkey bars. And she lived on a ranch with horses. (Lyn) loved horses. Linda Lee Painter was the neatest person on earth! And Linda's mom was a real live Yankee from New Jersey, the only one in the community. Lyn thought she talked a little funny; but, she was real nice. That added an aura of mystery.

Lyn was invited to spend a weekend with Linda at the ranch. They rode horses from sunup 'til sundown. Linda was an expert rider. Lyn was not. When the horse she was riding took her under the clothes line knocking her to the ground, she laughed, just as soon as she could catch her breath. It was the best weekend ever.

They talked and giggled telling each other all their secrets. There was never a cross word nor was there ever any envies or resentment between them. They agreed on virtually everything. It was as if they could read each other's thoughts. When it came to boys, Linda liked Skipper Spencer. Lyn liked

Lanny Ray Proctor. The foursome ran amuck on the playground during recess.

The 'Best Friends' dreaded the last day of school every year because they knew that they would not see each other again until school started in the fall. No one had a telephone; therefore, there were no long conversations or any way to make plans to see each other. The nine months of school flew by. The summers dragged by. She learned how to be a friend and how to cherish a friendship. Good friends are few and sometimes far between. Best friends are rare.

"Friendship"

A Cole Porter tune made famous by 'Lucy and Ethel'

"If you're ever in a jam, here I am.
 If you're ever in a mess, S.O.S.

If you're ever so happy, you land in jail. I'm your bail.
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 When other friendships are soon forgot, ours will still be hot.
 Da da da da da dig dig dig

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Marriage Licenses
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 Kenneth Dale Kesterson, 50, and Kimberly Jo Martin, 47, both of Big Spring.
 Austin Bryan Gentry, 23, and Mikayla Rose Hanson, 19, both of Big Spring.
 Drew N. Myatt, 32, and Kaylee Joan England, 28, both of Big Spring.
 Christopher Jay Perez, 22, and Michaela Ann Nowell, 20, both of Garden City.
 Elijah Paul Salazar, 25, and Laura Isabel Ortiz, 24, both of Big Spring.
 Daryll Lee Brown, 38, and Shannon M. Thomas, 46, both of Big Spring.
 Cameron Lynn Crow, 31, of Big Spring, and Rochelle Marie McMeans, 30, of Ft. Worth
 James Lee Morgan, 28, and Kayla Alayne Vernor, 52, both of Big Spring.
 Daniel William Sizenbach, 64, and Dolores Martinez Franco, 52, Big Spring.

District Court Filings
 Plaintiff: Edilia Martinez
 Respondent: Abel Martinez Sr.
 Type of Case: Divorce
 Date: March 13, 2018

Plaintiff: David Rodriguez
 Respondent: Mary Rodriguez

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US stocks gain ground as banks and industrial companies rise



Specialist Meric Greenberg, left, and trader Michael Milano work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Friday, March 16, 2018. Global stock markets were mixed Friday amid caution about U.S. plans to raise tariffs on imports of steel and aluminum and uncertainty over White House politics.

By MARLEY JAY

AP Markets Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. stocks are edging higher Friday after several days of losses. Energy companies are rising with the price of oil and banks and industrial companies are also up. While retailers are mostly higher, jewelry chain Tiffany is falling after a weak sales report and disappointing forecast. The S&P 500 has slipped for four days in a row

and is still down 1 percent this week.
KEEPING SCORE: The S&P 500 index gained 9 points, or 0.3 percent, to 2,756 as of 3:33 p.m. Eastern time. The Dow Jones industrial average added 127 points, or 0.5 percent, to 25,000. The Nasdaq composite rose 5 points, or 0.1 percent, to 7,486. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks

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million gallons (11.3 million liters) of wastewater carrying arsenic, lead and other toxic metals. A yellow-orange plume of pollution tainted waterways in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Native American lands, putting the rivers temporarily off-limits for a range of uses from drinking water to rafting.

The EPA pledged to make good on the damages, and about 400 private parties submitted requests for \$318 million, according to EPA documents. The claims cited lost wages and business income, ruined vacations, property damage, loss of property value and health problems.

New Mexico, Utah and the Navajo Nation filed much larger claims. New Mexico sought at least \$130 million, the Navajos \$160 million and Utah \$1.9 billion. Utah's claim cited unspecified damages to water, soil and wildlife.

Danny Booher, a New Mexico resident who asked for \$5 million for health problems and property damage, said he was frustrated by the wait and the lack of updates.

"It's been over two years," he said. "We're pretty much out here left to dry."

Booher's claim was filed by Will Ferguson and Associates, an Albuquerque, New Mexico, law firm representing several residents of the state in their

cases against the EPA.

The firm ended up filing 13 claims totaling \$120 million, but the recently released EPA spreadsheet says it was 14 claims totaling \$220 million.

Will Ferguson, the firm's managing partner, said the extra \$100 million may be a holdover from an earlier claim that the firm revised downward, but was never deleted from the EPA's list.

The EPA said the \$220 million in the spreadsheet reflects the firm's original claim, but agency documents released last year show the original claim was for \$900 million. The EPA didn't immediately respond to an email asking for clarity, or whether it could verify the accuracy of its list.

The compensation requests were submitted under the Federal Tort Claims Act, which allows parties to ask the federal government to repay them for economic losses and injuries caused by the negligence or wrongful action of federal employees.

The dollar amount of some of those claims may be moot. Anyone who files a lawsuit against the federal government can't be reimbursed under the tort claims law, experts say.

Several parties filed both lawsuits and tort claims, including New Mexico, Utah and the Navajos, so their allegations will be settled in court, rather than under the tort claims law.

The amount that New Mexico claimed as economic losses is unclear. State officials have said

they sought \$130 million, but the EPA says it's \$154 million.

The EPA says the higher number includes other types of expenses, including the cost of responding to the original spill and monitoring water quality in the future. The agency has been reviewing — and in many cases paying — those sorts of expenses separately.

It wasn't clear why they would be included in the state's tort claim. In an email, New Mexico attorney general's spokesman James Hallinan said only that the \$154 million figure "it is not a limitation on the damages we are seeking."

In January 2017 — the final days of the Obama administration — the EPA rejected the Federal Tort Claims Act requests, saying sovereign immunity prevented the government from paying. That angered Congress, and President Donald Trump's new EPA chief, Scott Pruitt, promised to review the decision.

On Aug. 4, Pruitt announced the EPA would reconsider claims from parties who hadn't filed lawsuits, saying the agency should be held to the same standards as everyone else.

The EPA said at the time its deadline for completing the review was the end of 2017, but that passed with no announcement of any decisions.

Pruitt told The Denver Post on Monday he plans to finish the review by the end of the month. He didn't say when any claims might be paid.

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Texas governor announces flood relief for buyouts, dredging

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas Gov. Greg Abbott has pledged millions of dollars for widespread property buyouts and preparations for dredging the San Jacinto River to help communities prevent future catastrophic flooding that occurred during Hurricane Harvey.

Gov. Greg Abbott met with area leaders Thursday in Kingwood to announce plans for voluntary buyouts of about 900 flood-prone homes in Harris County. The county flood control district says the buyouts would cost about \$180 million, the Houston Chronicle reported.

The governor also pledged \$3 million to "jump start" engineering and permitting required to dredge the river, which has reduced capacity to hold floodwaters due to increased sediment.

The money will come from the state's hazard mitigation fund, according to the governor's office.

Abbott said a helicopter trip he took to tour the region with Houston City Councilman Dave Martin provided clear evidence of the flooding problem.

"I was able to see first-hand the silt that has developed as well as the sandbars that have developed in multiple regions across the entire area," Abbott said. "Very profoundly, Dave and I witnessed a stunning number of sand mining operations all up and down the river, and were able to understand more comprehensively the way in which these sand mining operations contribute sand and silt into the river."

The governor's visit came amid growing pressure to ensure northeast Harris County's needs weren't overlooked as local, state and federal officials plan costly initiatives to respond to Harvey's lessons.

"I'd just like to be able to tell our story, and have someone come out and take a look," said James Revel, a resident leader at a Kingwood housing development that flooded during Harvey. "A lot of people in Kingwood feel like they've been forgotten."

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Weekly Oil Report

Howard County

#4AH Lisa Marie "34-27", drill horizontal, EI: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, EI: NA
3.77 miles southeast of Vealmoor

A-1360, Section 34, Block 32, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9000 feet
Latitude 032.515153, Longitude -101.505947. Datum: NAD 27
281' FEL, 362' FSL of 489.83-acre lease
2344' FWL, 2281' FNL of the survey

#8AH Gibson Unit "A-A1 28-21", drill horizontal, EI: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-39475
19.10 miles northwest of Big Spring

A-1237, Section 28, Block 33, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 8500 feet
Latitude 032.295103, Longitude -101.371589. Datum: NAD 83
228' FSL, 173' FWL of 350.65-acre lease
476' FSL, 1473' FEL of the survey
Rule 37 Exception

#6AH Gibson Unit "28-21", drill horizontal, EI: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-39523
19.10 miles northwest of Big Spring

A-1237, Section 28, Block 33, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 8500 feet
Latitude 032.295045, Longitude -101.371570. Datum: NAD 83
416' FSL, 1473' FEL of 534.6-acre lease
416' FSL, 1473' FEL of the survey
Rule 37 Exception

#2SH Old Tom Unit "A 21-28", drill horizontal, EI: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-39524
12.54 miles north of Big Spring
A-273, Section 21, Block 32, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,000 feet
Latitude 032.431168, Longitude -101.502511. Datum: NAD 27
362' FNL, 1071' FWL of 611.83-acre lease
917' FNL, 1071' FWL of the survey

#1 Read "33" SWD, drill, EI: NA, API #42-227-39525
Coahoma, N. (Clear Fork) Field
4 miles northeast of Coahoma
A-239, Section 33, Block 30, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 4500 feet
1289' FEL, 4809' FNL of 1,282.3-acre lease
1289' FEL, 517' FSL of the survey
SWR 36 (H2S)

#3AH Gardner Unit "15-10", drill horizontal, EI: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-38872
3.93 miles northeast of Knott
A-325, Section 15, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey

Total Depth: 8000 feet
Latitude 032.423048, Longitude -101.578190. Datum: NAD 27
135' FSL, 809' FEL of 497.17-acre lease
2480' FSL, 809' FEL of the survey

Texas clarifies LGBTQ inmate policies as part of settlement

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas has agreed to clarify its policies regarding the treatment of LGBTQ inmates after reaching a settlement with a transgender ex-prisoner who alleges she was raped and beaten while incarcerated.

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice has modified policy to clarify that its practices officially comply with the federal Prison Rape Elimination Act, according to agency spokesman Jeremy Desel. He said the state has two years to retrain staff on the changes, the Dallas Morning News reported.

Advocates provided more details about the terms.

"The first one is improvement to the intake process to help ensure that vulnerable people, like LGBT people, are identified and steps can be taken early in the process to protect them," said Demoya Gordon, an attorney with Lambda Legal, an LGBTQ law group. "The new policies also ... will make it such that TDCJ does a better

job of getting vulnerable people into safekeeping where they are separated from people who may seek to abuse them."

The policy modifications came as part of a settlement state officials reached this week with Passion Star, a trans woman who filed a civil rights complaint in 2014. Star alleged that prison officials failed to protect her from sexual and physical abuse while housed in men's prisons. She was released last year.

"For years, I was raped and beaten in prison and when I asked for help I was ignored," she said. "I was hurt, scared and thrown in solitary in hopes that I would be forgotten, but today I can be proud that I never gave up."

There were more than 570 inmates who identified as transgender in Texas prisons as of September, according to the department.

Gordon said the settlement is a small step toward better treatment of LGBTQ prisoners.



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Plaintiff: Meghan Whitford
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Type of Case: Divorce
Date: March 9, 2018

Plaintiff: Billy Reid
Respondent: Jenna Reid
Type of Case: Divorce
Date: March 9, 2018

Plaintiff: Jason Lowder
Respondent: Rebekah Lowder
Type of Case: Divorce
Date: March 12, 2018

Plaintiff: Gracie James
Respondent: Isaiah James
Type of Case: Divorce
Date: March 12, 2018

Plaintiff: Deborah Calvert
Respondent: State of Texas

Type of Case: Non disclosure petition
Date: March 12, 2018

Plaintiff: David Cockerham-O'Donnell
Respondent: Erin Cockerham-O'Donnell
Type of Case: Divorce
Date: March 13, 2018

Plaintiff: Alysia Ybarra
Respondent: Albert Ybarra
Type of Case: Divorce
Date: March 13, 2018

Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Royal W Properties, LLC through its managing members Roy B Worthy and Michelle W Worthy

Grantee: Adrain Calvio and Amanda Calvio

Property: Being all of tract one in nine in block number four.

Date: Feb. 23, 2018

Grantor: Teresa A. Thomas
Grantee: Nora Martinez, Samantha Gonzales, as joint owners with rights of survivorship

Property: Beign lots six, block two, North Mcewen, a subdivision
Date: March 9, 2018

Grantor: Kenneth M. Stallings
Grantee: Steven Franklin and Kristin Franklin
Property: Being lot eight, block five, Mittel Acres, an addition to the city of Big Spring
Date: March 9, 2018

Grantor: Lois Faye Fear
Grantee: Issac A. Nietoa Marie M. Nieto

Property: The (N/10') of lot six, all of lot number seven, and the S-1/2 of lot number eight, all in block number 17, in Cedar Crest, an addition to the City of Big Spring.
Date:

Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien

Grantor: Havell Construction, LLC

Grantee: Jason Silva
Property: Lots No 26, block number 23, in Wasson Place, an addition to the City of Big Spring.
Date: Feb. 23, 2018

Grantor: Benda Parker
Grantee: Alex Sanchez and

Ashli Seals

Property: Being lots number 8, block number 4, Middle Acres, addition to the city of Big Spring
Date: Feb. 23, 2018

Grantor: Danny Devon Creech and Jorledel Rivera Creech
Grantee: Ruth W. Garner
Property: Lot two, block two, Standford Park, and addition to the city of Big Spring
Date: March 9, 2018

Grantor: Kevin Knudson and Michelle Knudson
Grantee: Ronnie Peacock
Property: Being all lot number three, in block number four, Kentwood addition, an addition to the City of Big Spring.
Date: March 9, 2018

STOCKS

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jumped 10 points, or 0.7 percent, to 1,587.

After a dramatic drop at the beginning of February followed by a rapid recovery of some of their losses, stocks have bounced around for the last month. The Dow, which surged past 26,000 in mid-January, has been wobbling around 25,000 for about a month.

THE QUOTE: All this week, stocks moved higher in early trading only to shed those gains as the day went on. They broke out of that pattern Friday even though the gains were modest.

"From an investor point of view, the fact that we haven't rallied right back to the highs is a good thing," said Randy Frederick, vice president of trading and derivatives at Charles Schwab. Positive news about the economy has been countered by concerns about rising tensions over international trade.

"The pullback that we've been in is pretty much driven by President Trump's proclamation about tariffs," Frederick said.

LOOKING GOOD: Ulta Beauty climbed \$14.94, or 7.2 percent, to \$221.08 after the beauty products retailer's fourth quarter report. Software maker Adobe reported results that beat analysts' forecasts and rose \$6.91, or 3.2 percent, to \$225.78.

OIL: Benchmark U.S. crude rose \$1.15, or 1.9 percent, to \$62.34 a barrel in New York. Brent crude, used to price international oils, climbed \$1.09, or 1.7 percent, to \$66.21 a barrel in London.

Schlumberger picked up \$1.18, or 1.8 percent, to \$66.53 and Anadarko Petroleum advanced 82 cents, or 1.4 percent, to \$58.73.

Wholesale gasoline gained 2 cents to \$1.95 a gallon. Heating oil picked up 2 cents to \$1.91 a gallon. Natural gas edged up 1 cent to \$2.69 per 1,000 cubic feet.

GEM STONED: Tiffany dropped \$5.54, or 5.4 percent, to \$97.17 after it reported weaker sales than analysts expected. Its forecast for the current year was also below what investors were looking for.

OVERSTOCK SINKS: Online discount retailer Overstock.com said profit margins have fallen hard because of competition with Wayfair, and CEO Patrick Byrne said the company will "respond in kind," meaning Overstock will try to ramp up its growth and will be willing to lose money to achieve that goal. The stock dropped \$2.30, or 3.6 percent, to \$45.90 while Wayfair lost \$4.80, or 5.7 percent, to \$79.16.

FED AHEAD: The top policymakers at the Federal Reserve will meet Tuesday and Wednesday, and they are expected to raise interest rates again. Since the market is fairly sure of what the Fed will do, there will be a lot of focus on what it says. After the meeting ends, Fed Chairman Jerome Powell will hold his first news conference since he replaced Janet Yellen last month.

SEPARATE WAYS: While Broadcom is no longer trying to buy rival chipmaker Qualcomm, both companies are still at the center of deal discussions. The Financial Times reported that former Qualcomm chairman Paul Jacobs wants to take the company private and has had talks with potential investors and the Qualcomm board. Qualcomm added 69 cents, or 1.2 percent, to \$60.58, which gives it a market value of about \$90 billion.

Broadcom withdrew \$117 billion offer for Qualcomm on Wednesday after President Donald Trump blocked the deal, but the company says it still sees opportunities for other deals. The company also disclosed its quarterly results, and its shares fell \$10.81, or 4 percent, to \$256.95.

INDICATORS: The Federal Reserve said factory output continued to rise as companies in the U.S. produced more cars, computers and furniture. It reported that manufacturing output rose 1.2 percent in February after three months of weak results. Factory output has increased 2.5 percent over the last year.

The Commerce Department said homebuilders started work on fewer apartment buildings in February, and that caused overall housing starts to drop 7 percent. Builders have shifted their efforts to single-family homes recently as the economy has improved.

BONDS: Bond prices fell. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 2.84 percent from 2.83 percent.

METALS: Gold dipped \$5.50 to \$1,312.30 an ounce. Silver lost 15 cents to \$16.27 an ounce. Copper fell 2 cents to \$3.11 a pound.

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Forecasters warn of fires, crop damage across US high plains



AP photo

This March 23, 2017, file photo shows a windmill with dust picked up by gusts, obscuring mountains on the horizon from a view at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum in Las Cruces, N.M.

By **SUSAN MONTOYA BRYAN**

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — The amount of moisture received across the United States' southern high plains since October has been ridiculously low, and forecasters warned Friday that the intensifying drought has resulted in critical fire danger and some winter wheat crops being reduced to stubble across several states.

Texas State Climatologist John Nielsen-Gammon said during a national briefing that some areas in the region have received less than one-tenth of an inch of rain in the past five months and that's perhaps the longest period of time these areas have been without rain since record-keeping began decades ago.

The lack of rain combined with above-normal temperatures across parts of New Mexico, Colorado, Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas have left livestock watering tanks dry, agricultural fields wind-blown and rangeland charred.

"Of course, you can never predict something this severe several months in advance but we did know going in it was going to be a challenging cold season for the southern plains," Nielsen-Gammon said.

He showed satellite images of smoke and dust plumes moving across the region and warned that the warm and dry weather is expected to continue through the spring. That could mean continued crop damage, dwindling irrigation supplies and more fires.

"Any precipitation that does fall over the next three months is likely to evaporate relatively quickly at the same time that crops and forage are requiring more water because of the high temperatures," he said. "That means if and when the rains do return, drought recovery ... will proceed slower than expected."

Due to the dry conditions, the National Weather Service issued fire warnings Friday for most of Oklahoma, the Texas Panhandle, southern Kansas, northeastern New Mexico, southeastern Colorado and southeastern Missouri.

Oklahoma Forestry Services has already requested and received firefighters and equipment from Alabama, Kentucky and Louisiana because of the fire threat. Additional firefighters and equipment from Georgia and Mississippi are on the way.

Oklahoma Forestry Commission spokeswoman Michelle Finch-Walker said early to mid-afternoon is the time many fires begin.

"We call that the witching hour. It's getting warmer, the humidity is dropping and wind gusts are picking up," she said.

For Oklahoma, this marks the first time exceptional drought — the worst category of drought — has made an appearance since May 2015. Several counties in the northwest and the panhandle have gone 155 days or more with less than one-quarter of an inch of rain, marking just a fraction of average precipitation for this time of year.

The latest map shows swaths of red — indicating extreme to exceptional drought — covering the southern high plains and the Four Corners region where the borders of New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona and Utah meet.

OIL

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 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
 6.25 miles southeast of Vealmoor

A-298, Section 47, Block 32, T&P RR Co. survey
 Total Depth: 9000 feet
 Latitude 032.485668, Longitude -101.470733. Datum: NAD 27
 386' FEL, 277' FSL of 640-acre lease
 386' FEL, 277' FSL of the survey

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#H-1W Firecreek "54-1-12", drill horizontal, El: NA
 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-39526
 14.60 miles northeast of Big Spring

A-1141, Section 54, Block 27, H&TC RR Co. survey
 Total Depth: 9000 feet
 Latitude 032.241654, Longitude -101.194701. Datum: NAD 83
 435' FWL, 2137' FNL of 503.44-acre lease
 435' FWL, 2137' FNL of the survey

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#H-4W Vertigo "6-7", drill horizontal, API #42-227-39528
 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
 16.80 miles northeast of Big Spring

A-1031, Section 6, Block 30, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey
 Total Depth: 8500 feet
 Latitude 032.235902, Longitude -101.184537. Datum: NAD 83
 22' FEL, 200' FNL of 635.24-acre lease
 2615' FWL, 200' FNL of the survey
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#16H Tom-Fowler "42P", drill horizontal, API #42-173-37553
 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
 21.20 miles northwest of Garden City

A-792, Section 42, Block 35, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey
 Total Depth: 10,100 feet
 X=1564554.3, Y=880587.2. Datum: NAD 27
 375' FSL, 1390' FEL of 960.1-acre lease
 375' FSL, 1390' FEL of the survey
 Rule 37 Exception

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#17H Tom-Fowler "42Q", drill horizontal, API #42-173-37554
 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
 21.20 miles northwest of Garden City

A-792, Section 42, Block 35, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey
 Total Depth: 10,100 feet
 X=1564549.2, Y=880606.5. Datum: NAD 27
 395' FSL, 1391' FEL of 960.1-acre lease
 395' FSL, 1391' FEL of the survey
 Rule 37 Exception

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#211 Koonce South "A 46-3", drill horizontal, El: NA
 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-173-37837
 17.80 miles northwest of Garden City

A-918, Section 46, Block 36, T-2-S, T&P RR Co. survey
 Total Depth: 11,000 feet
 Latitude 031.953854, Longitude -101.750605. Datum: NAD 27
 440' FNL, 944' FEL of 654.59-acre lease
 440' FNL, 944' FEL of the survey
 Rule 37 Exception

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#112 Koonce South "A 46-3", drill horizontal, El: NA
 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-173-37838
 17.80 miles northwest of Garden City

A-918, Section 46, Block 36, T-2-S, T&P RR Co. survey
 Total Depth: 11,000 feet
 Latitude 031.953835, Longitude -101.750683. Datum: NAD 27
 440' FNL, 969' FEL of 654.59-acre lease
 440' FNL, 969' FEL of the survey
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#213 Koonce South "A 46-3", drill horizontal, El: NA
 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-173-37839
 17.80 miles northwest of Garden City

A-918, Section 46, Block 36, T-2-S, T&P RR Co. survey
 Total Depth: 11,000 feet
 Latitude 031.953817, Longitude -101.750760. Datum: NAD 27
 440' FNL, 994' FEL of 654.59-acre lease
 440' FNL, 994' FEL of the survey
 Rule 37 Exception

In New Mexico, the lack of water and an unseasonably warm winter have already resulted in a high demand for hay, and some livestock owners have been forced to trim their herds. The last time this much of the state was grappling with extreme drought was July 2014.

Winter wheat crops in Texas are also struggling. Officials there say almost one-third of the crop is rated as poor.

Wildfires in Kansas have already burned thousands of acres and agricultural officials were pre-

pared to move hay to ranchers who need it most or work with the federal government to access additional grazing land.

Kansas Gov. Jeff Colyer declared a drought emergency this week, citing the persistent dry conditions and growing fire hazards.

That state's average precipitation over the past six months was only two-thirds of the normal rate and in January and February the statewide average precipitation was even less, at less than half of normal.

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Toys R Us closing stirs up memories, a little guilt



In this 1980 photo, Associated Press reporter Barbara Ortutay plays with a doll her parents bought at a small toy store in Budapest, Hungary. Until she moved to the U.S. in 1991, she had never set foot in a Toys R Us.

By BARBARA ORTUTAY

The Associated Press

You could argue I had already grown out of Toys R Us by the time I first set foot in one.

It was 1991. I was 13, a Hungarian immigrant,

new to America. New to breakfast cereal, to dozens of channels on the TV and to big stores with endless shelves of toys.

Now that it might be nearly gone, I feel a strange pang of nostalgia. Even though I am a teeny bit to blame for its demise, thanks to my penchant for one-click ordering and free two-day shipping. As a working parent, I rarely go to physical stores any more. Shoes, toilet paper — and yes, toys — are all ordered online, arriving at my doorstep in a brown cardboard box.

Weekend trips to Toys R Us used to be a special treat. We were allowed a lot of special treats that year because my mom felt bad for uprooting us from our comfortable, closed-off lives behind the quickly crumbling Iron Curtain. I also think she just wanted to get out of the house.

We had moved from Budapest, Hungary, to New Orleans, Louisiana. Everything was different, even the thick humid southern air that seemed to sit on your chest and try its best to keep you from breathing. Then there were the huge cars, air conditioning and end-

less aisles of brightly packaged food in supermarkets. It was in New Orleans that I learned the purpose of breakfast cereal, that it wasn't some strange candy to savor piece by piece but something you poured milk over and ate by the spoonful.

My mom rarely bought us anything at Toys R Us in those first months. She didn't have to. The pure experience of it was like Disneyland to us — in fact she probably could have told us we were in Disneyland and we would have believed her.

Sure, we had toy stores in Hungary. A few hundred square feet, peeling vinyl floors, staffed by sour-faced ladies (smiles were another American thing we were not accustomed to) who rang up your purchases wordlessly. The toys were fine — I had a comfortable 1980s childhood that rarely left me wanting. But without Toys R Us, there wasn't as much want. Each year, as the West pushed in more and more, there seemed to be more kinds of toys to choose from and pine over.

Eastern Europe had a toy shortage in the early 1980s, my mom reminds me, and Legos were not only extremely pricey but they could only be acquired through connections. We had a lot of Legos — apparently my parents had the right connections. By 1989, I also had a Barbie, along with her sister Skipper and several knockoffs. I had more My Little Ponys than any other girl in my class.

But until we moved, I'd never seen anything like a Toys R Us. We couldn't have dreamed it up if we tried. It was an entire palace dedicated to celebrating childhood.

By January 1992, we were speaking English and grew accustomed to "shopping" for the sake of shopping. We started to want things at Toys R Us. We became, almost, closer to becoming American.

As the years passed, half of our family stayed in the U.S., the other half returned. I remained and started a family of my own.

Hearing about the closings, I realized that I'd never taken my 2-year-old daughter to Toys R Us. I suddenly imagined her running around the aisles as I did with my brothers, this simple experience fusing my past with her present.

But I'm not even sure I would have ever taken her. It's just not how we shop. Maybe this sadness is not about her childhood but mine.

A few weeks ago I bought her first doll. I searched for a while on Amazon until I picked out a few with good reviews and two-day shipping. I showed her my phone and let her point at the one she liked.

I clicked "Buy Now" and that was that. Two days later, she was opening another brown cardboard box.

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For some defrauded students, only partial loan forgiveness



In this March 30, 2015, file photo, Sarah Dieffenbacher, poses for a picture in Washington. The Department of Education has begun notifying some former Corinthian Colleges students that it will forgive only one-half or less of their federal student loans, even though the students were defrauded by the now-defunct schools, the Associated Press has learned. Two weeks ago, Dieffenbacher, a California health care worker, received a letter saying the agency would only discharge 50 percent of her student loans.

By MARIA DANILOVA

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Department of Education has begun notifying some former Corinthian Colleges students that it will forgive only one-half or less of their federal student loans, even though the students were defrauded by the now-defunct schools, The Associated Press has learned.

The action is part of Education Secretary Betsy DeVos' push to ease regulations governing for-profit schools. DeVos says she wants to protect taxpayers' money, but critics say the Trump administration has deep ties

to for-profit colleges and is putting industry interests ahead of students.

Two weeks ago, Sarah Dieffenbacher, a California health care worker, received a letter saying the agency

would discharge only 50 percent of her student loans. The mother of four had borrowed about \$67,000 to

train as a paralegal at Everest college in Ontario, California, part of the Corinthian chain, but was unable to land a job in the field.

In her first interview since receiving the agency's decision, Dieffenbacher told the AP on Thursday that the decision was utterly unfair.

"I think it's an insult to my intelligence. I think it's a kick in my face. I think it's degrading," Dieffenbacher said. "I received no valuable education from them."

Alec Harris, Dieffenbacher's attorney with the Project on Predatory Student Lending at Harvard University, said: "There is no justification for making Sarah and others pay for having been cheated. The Department's actions are incoherent and vindictive."

Department press secretary Liz Hill defended the agency's decision.

"We have said from the beginning that students whose earnings are at

50 percent or more of their peers who attended a gainful employment passing program will receive proportionally tiered relief to compensate for the difference and make them whole," Hill said in a statement Friday. "This method treats students fairly and treats taxpayers fairly."

The gainful employment rule was designed to ensure that graduates would be able to earn enough money to pay off their student loan debt. DeVos has appointed a special committee to rewrite the rule.

She announced in December that she also was breaking with the Obama administration's practice of fully wiping out the loans of defrauded for-profit students and would grant some only partial relief.

"No fraud is acceptable, and students deserve relief if the school they attended acted dishonestly," DeVos said then. The new process will be more efficient and "protects taxpayers from being forced to shoulder massive costs that may be unjustified."

Hill would not provide data on how many students have received partial relief announcements. The agency has tens of thousands of claims from students pending.

The relief grant to Dieffenbacher was made by comparing the average earnings of students in her program to the average earnings of students who graduated from similar programs at other schools, according to the department's letter viewed by the AP.

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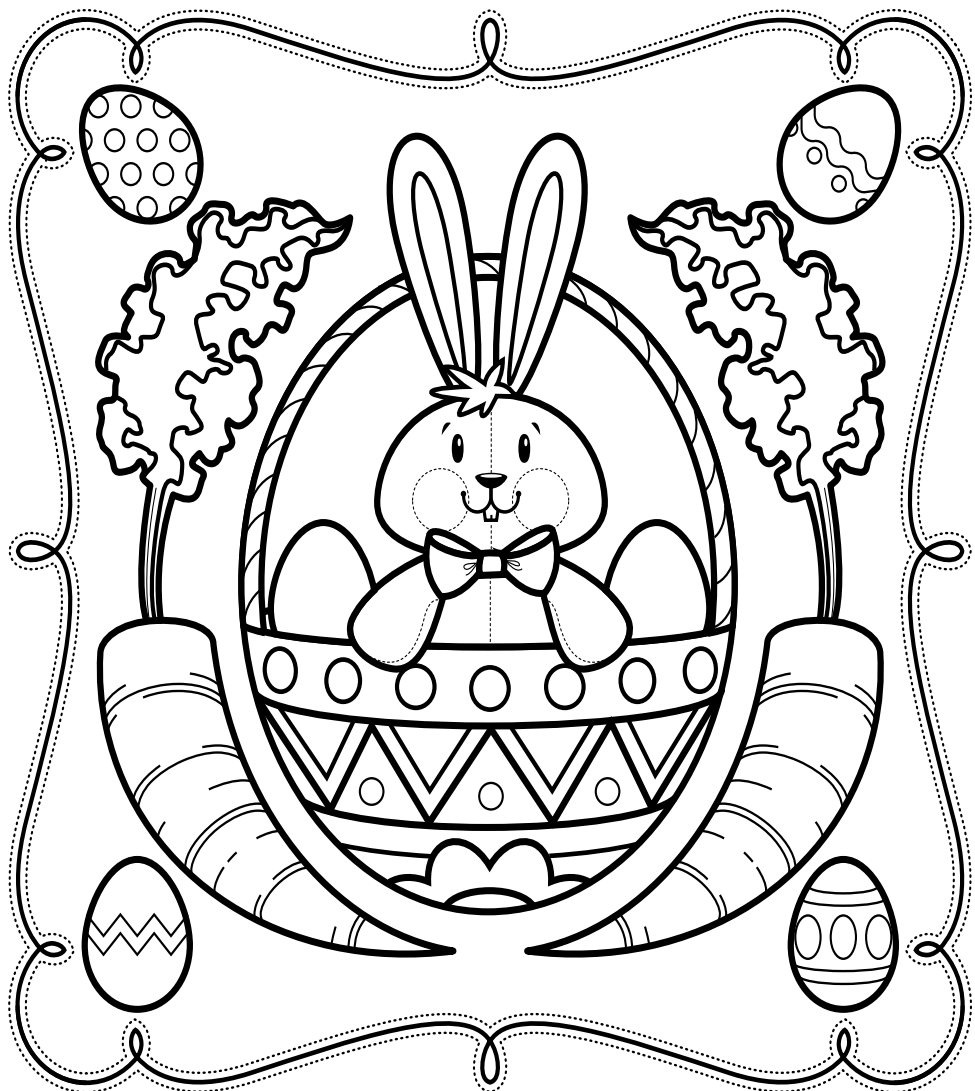
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Harper Lee estate sues over 'Mockingbird' Broadway version



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In this Aug. 20, 2007 file photo, author Harper Lee smiles during a ceremony honoring the four new members of the Alabama Academy of Honor at the Capitol in Montgomery, Ala. The estate of "To Kill a Mockingbird" author Lee has filed suit over an upcoming Broadway adaptation of the novel set to open in Dec. 2018. The federal lawsuit filed this week in Alabama argues that screenwriter Aaron Sorkin's script wrongly alters Atticus Finch and other characters from the book.

By **JAY REEVES**

Associated Press
BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — The estate of "To Kill a Mockingbird" author Harper Lee has filed suit over an upcoming Broadway adaptation of the novel, arguing that screenwriter Aaron Sorkin's script wrongly alters Atticus Finch and other characters from the book.

The suit, which includes a copy of a contract signed by Lee and dated about eight months before her death in February 2016, contends Sorkin's script violates the agreement by portraying Finch, the noble attorney who represents a black man wrongly accused of rape in "Mockingbird," as someone else in the play.

Filed against the theater company of New York pro-

ducer Scott Rudin, the complaint cites an interview with the online publication Vulture in which Sorkin was quoted as saying the small-town lawyer would evolve from a racist apologist at the start of the show to become "Atticus Finch by the end of the play."

Such a change during a play could fit with the character evolution shown between the Pulitzer Prize-winning "Mockingbird" and Lee's first draft of the novel, finally released in 2015 as "Go Set a Watchman."

But the lawsuit contends the script would violate the contact by changing Finch and other characters and adding still more people who aren't in the novel. It asks a judge to enforce a section of the agreement that states the play won't "depart in any

manner from the spirit of the Novel nor alter its characters."

A firm that represents Rudin's company, Rudinplay Inc., said Sorkin's script "is a faithful adaptation of a singular novel which has been crafted well within the constraints of the signed agreement" between the producers and Lee.

The statement also took a jab at the "history of litigious behavior" of Lee's estate, overseen by attorney Tonja Carter of Lee's south Alabama hometown of Monroeville.

"This is, unfortunately, simply another such lawsuit, the latest of many, and we believe that it is without merit," said the statement. "While we hope this gets resolved, if it does not, the suit will be vigorously defended."

West Texas Soil Health Workshop

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The play is scheduled to open in New York in December.

The suit names as its plaintiff Carter, who represented Lee during the final years of the author's life. Carter handled Lee's will and is listed in the lawsuit as the personal representative of Lee's estate.

Rudinplay paid Lee \$100,000 after she approved Sorkin as the screenwriter in November 2015, the suit said. Carter first saw a draft of the play in September, according to the lawsuit, and she later spoke with Rudin by phone to express numerous concerns about Sorkin's script.

"Mr. Rudin assured Ms. Carter that he wanted to do the Play right and that he would make sure that the Estate would be satisfied with the final product," the suit said.

The two talked again in February about the script, suit said, adding: "At times, the conversation was heated." Carter sued after Rudin's attorney wrote earlier this month saying extensive changes to the script weren't possible, the suit said.

Sorkin has won multiple Emmys for his work on the drama series "The West Wing," and he won an Academy Award for his screenplay of "The Social Network" in 2011.

Rudin's credits include "Lady Bird," which was nominated for an Academy Award as best motion picture this year, and "Fences," which was a 2017 nominee. He won a best picture Oscar for "No Country for Old Men" in 2008.

A media giant in the balance: AT&T antitrust trial kicks off



By **MAE ANDERSON**

AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — On Monday, AT&T squares off against the federal government in a trial that could shape how you get — and how much you pay for — streaming TV and movies.

AT&T says it needs to gobble up Time Warner if it's to have a chance against the likes of Amazon, Netflix and Google in the rapidly evolving world of video entertainment.

The Justice Department's antitrust lawyers say that if AT&T and Time Warner are allowed to combine, consumers will end up paying more to watch their favorite shows, whether on a TV screen, smartphone or tablet.

"On one hand, the government is saying this is the Old World and AT&T Time Warner is saying this is the New World," said Larry Downes, senior industry and innovation fellow at Georgetown University. "They're arguing completely different views of how the content industries look right now, let alone in the future."

In October 2016, AT&T offered to buy Time Warner for \$86 billion. Dallas-based AT&T Inc. provides wireless, broadband and DirecTV satellite services via phone and TV. New York-headquartered Time Warner owns the HBO, TNT, TBS and CNN networks and sports programming including Major League Baseball's playoffs and the NCAA's March Madness basketball tournament.

The government sued to block the deal this past November.

AT&T'S CASE

Almost 60 percent of Americans still get TV primarily from traditional cable services, according to a Pew Research Center report. But that is starkly divided by age. About 61 percent of people aged 18 to 29 primarily use streaming services — compared with 10 percent of people aged 50 to 64.

AT&T says the merger is necessary to compete as more people use streaming services like Netflix, Amazon and others. It denies the government's assertion that the merger will limit

choice and lead to higher prices for consumers.

"Blocking the transaction would deny consumers these benefits and shield large, vertically integrated firms such as Comcast/NBCU, Netflix, Google, Amazon, and Facebook from new competition on their own turf," the company wrote in its pre-trial brief.

THE GOVERNMENT'S CASE

The government brushes off the argument that the proposed purchase is about offering consumers more choice. Instead, it says, the deal will lead to less competition and innovation while bringing higher prices for consumers, as AT&T could withhold Time Warner programming from other distributors or offer it more cheaply only on its own network.

The Justice Department is similarly dismissive of the notion that the mega-merger could promote competition to big internet players such as Google and Netflix, noting that most people still watch TV via traditional cable boxes.

THE OUTCOME

"The real fundamental thing this trial will decide is how much room does the media industry have to use scale to combat the internet giants that are eating their lunch right now," said B. Riley FBR analyst Barton Crockett.

If the judge blocks the deal, a chill over media deal-making is likely. Big internet players like Amazon or Google could decide to keep building up their own content offerings rather than growing them by acquisitions.

But if the court lets the deal go through, it could easily spur a wave of similar deals as other distributors — think major cable, satellite and phone companies — bulk up with entertainment purchases in order to compete against rivals born on the internet.

A middle-ground compromise is also possible if AT&T loses this round. The company could agree to sell off some businesses or comply with other restrictions in order to win approval for the merger.

AP Photo
On Monday, March 19, 2018, AT&T squares off against the federal government in a trial that could shape how you get, and how much you pay, for streaming TV and movies.

Versace is latest to join no-fur trend in fashion



AP Photo
In this Friday, Sept. 22, 2017 file photo, Claudia Shiffer, Donatella Versace, Naomi Campbell, Cindy Crawford and Helena Christensen on the catwalk at the end of the Versace women's Spring/Summer 2018 fashion collection, presented in Milan, Italy. Versace has become the latest fashion house to eliminate fur from its collections, joining Gucci, Giorgio Armani, Hugo Boss among others.

MILAN (AP) — Versace has become the latest fashion house to eliminate fur from its collections, joining Gucci, Giorgio Armani, Hugo Boss among others.

The Humane Society, which campaigns against the sale of fur, welcomed the decision Wednesday, noting

that "Versace is a massively influential luxury brand that symbolizes excess and glamor." The group quoted an interview in the Economist Group's "1843" magazine with designer Donatella Versace, who said: "Fur? I am out of that. I don't want to kill animals to make fashion. It doesn't feel right."

Versace hasn't said when it would phase fur out of their collections, but given the fashion cycle it wouldn't be before the next winter season. Versace is joining a trend among fashion houses to make its collections more environmentally sustainable.

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Lawyers call US gun charges for Mexican man 'vindictive'



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In this July 7, 2015 file photo, Jose Ines Garcia Zarate, right, is led into the courtroom by San Francisco Public Defender Jeff Adachi, left, and Assistant District Attorney Diana Garciaor, for his arraignment in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Attorneys for a Mexican man acquitted of murder in a San Francisco shooting that helped fuel the U.S. immigration debate are pressing for documents to help them argue that his U.S. gun charges are vindictive.

Federal prosecutors charged Jose Ines Garcia Zarate with two counts of illegal gun possession in November after jurors in state court found him not guilty of the 2015 killing of Kate Steinle on a popular pier.

Under San Francisco's "sanctuary city" policy, the sheriff's department released Garcia Zarate from jail several weeks before the shooting despite a federal request to detain him until immigration authorities could take him into custody. He was living in the country illegally and had been deported five times before the shooting.

Garcia Zarate's attorneys, J. Tony Serra and Maria Belyi, said in a court filing Tuesday that the federal prosecution is an attempt to punish him for being acquitted in state court.

The charges are similar to a conviction that the San Francisco jury did return — being a felon in possession of a gun — that led to a three-year jail sentence. Garcia Zarate has pleaded not guilty to the two federal charges.

The attorneys cite tweets by President Donald Trump calling Garcia Zarate's acquittal "disgraceful" and a "travesty

of justice" as well as comments by U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions after the verdict that San Francisco's immigration policies were to blame for Steinle's death.

"This prosecution seeks to demonstrate to any high-profile defendant, especially one that is an undocumented immigrant, that their successful exercise of due process rights will not be respected and will result in the heavy hammer of a federal prosecution," Serra and Belyi said in the filing first reported by Courthouse News.

California and the Trump administration have been in an escalating fight over immigration and other issues. The Justice Department has sued the state over laws aimed at protecting immigrants, saying they are hampering federal efforts to remove dangerous criminals.

The Justice Department declined to comment on the filing by Garcia Zarate's attorneys.

The attorneys also accuse state and federal prosecutors of colluding on the case, violating the constitutional prohibition on prosecuting someone twice for the same crime.

They want a court order requiring officials to turn over numerous documents, including all communication directing the U.S. attorney's office to convene a grand jury to pursue the federal charges against Garcia Zarate.

Student watched helplessly as bridge came down on top of car



AP photo

Crushed cars are shown under a section of a collapsed pedestrian bridge, Friday, March 16, 2018 near Florida International University in the Miami area.

By **ADRIANA GOMEZ LICON** and **JENNIFER KAY**
Associated Press

MIAMI — A college student who narrowly escaped from a car that got smashed by a collapsing bridge said he watched helplessly as the structure tumbled down on top of the vehicle and killed the friend who was sitting next to him in the driver's seat.

Richie Humble, who studies at Florida International University, was riding in a car under the pedestrian bridge when he heard a long creaking noise coming from the structure that spanned a busy Miami-area highway. It sounded different from anything he had ever heard before.

"I looked up, and in an instant, the bridge was collapsing on us completely. It was too quick to do anything about it," Humble said Friday in a phone interview with The Associated Press.

The falling concrete has already claimed six lives, and rescuers kept looking for bodies in the ruins of the structure, including that of the young woman who was at the wheel, Alexa Duran, whose family said she was dead.

Relatives and friends of people still missing after Thursday's collapse gathered at the university, longing and praying for miracles

as authorities tried to get inside the crushed cars still pinned under slabs of the bridge.

Once he realized he was alive, Humble also realized that he could not get to Duran. He called to her but got no response. A group of men outside the car started yelling at him to try crawling through the rear window.

He made his way into the back seat but couldn't squeeze through because the window was crushed. The men outside grabbed a wooden plank and pried open the rear door to pull him free, he said.

"I was trying to get people to realize my friend was still in there," he said.

Rescue workers sent him away in an ambulance. He suffered cuts to his leg from glass and a slight fracture to a vertebra, but he was able to walk away from the scene.

He described Alexa as one of his best friends. They met at a mixer hosted by his fraternity and her sorority, and she had asked him to a semi-formal dance.

"That's when I saw a light in her, and we became best friends," Humble said. "I want people to know Alexa was one of the downright sweetest girls. People should cherish every moment you have

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BRIDGE

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with your friends, because you don't know when it's going to be the last time."

While families waited for word on their loved ones, investigators sought to understand why the 950-ton bridge gave way during construction. The cables supporting the span were being tightened following a "stress test" when it collapsed, authorities said.

"This is a tragedy that we don't want to re-occur anywhere in the United States," said Juan Perez, director of the Miami-Dade police. "We just want to find out what caused this collapse to occur and people to die."

Detectives declared the rubble a homicide scene, and the National Transportation Safety Board arrived to investigate.

Scheduled to open in 2019, the bridge would have provided safe passage over a canal and six lanes of traffic and created a showpiece architectural feature connecting the campus of Florida International University with the community of Sweetwater, where many students live.

The \$14.2 million project was supposed to take advantage of a faster, cheaper and safer method of bridge-building promoted by the university.

Authorities have not confirmed the victims' names. The fatalities included a student at FIU. One person died at a hospital, and Perez said five bodies were located with the help of cameras but had not yet been retrieved.

In a Facebook post, Chelsea Brownfield said she was awaiting any information about her husband, Brandon. According to a Go Fund Me page set up for the family, Brandon Brownfield was driving home from work when the collapse happened.

"The outpouring of love we have received is incredible," Chelsea Brownfield wrote. "I know you are all concerned for us. We still have not received any news or updates about Brandon Brownfield or the progress of the search (and) rescue."

The post ended with the hashtag "praying for a miracle."

Brownfield declined to comment in a message to The Associated Press.

Jorge and Carol Fraga feared their relative's car was trapped beneath the bridge. Jorge's 60-year-old uncle, Rolando Fraga, lives in the area and frequently takes the nearby turnpike to work, but no one has heard from him since midday Thursday.

"The waiting is so ... I don't have words for that," Carol Fraga said through tears.

The bridge was put in place March 10, five days before the collapse. It was supposed to open in 2019.

When finished, the span would have been supported from above, with a tall, off-center tower and cables attached to the walkway. That tower had not yet been installed, and it was unclear what builders were using as temporary supports.

Trump clears GOP challenger for embattled Nevada senator

By MICHELLE L. PRICE and KEN RITTER

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — President Donald Trump cleared a primary election path for one of the most vulnerable Senate Republicans running for re-election this year by persuading U.S. Sen. Dean Heller's Republican opponent to drop out of the race and instead run for a House seat.

Republican Danny Tarkanian of Las Vegas, who has frequently criticized Heller for failing to be a strong supporter of Trump's agenda, announced Friday morning that at the president's request, he decided to leave the Senate race against Heller.

Instead, he filed to run Friday for Nevada's 3rd Congressional District, an office he unsuccessfully sought in 2016.

"I've switched because the president asked me, because he felt it would be the best opportunity to push forth his agenda," Tarkanian told The Associated Press as he filed campaign paperwork Friday in Las Vegas.

Tarkanian said he hadn't spoken directly to the president, having missed a call from Trump several days ago. Instead, Tarkanian said he spoke with Trump's 2020 re-election campaign manager, Brad Parscale.

"He said the president would like to see me step out of the Senate race, run in a congressional race," Tarkanian said. "He would like to see unity within the Nevada party, thought it would be in the best interest of getting his agenda passed and was very adamant that I do this."

Tarkanian's announcement came shortly after Trump tweeted Friday that, "It would be great for the Republican Party of Nevada, and it's unity if good guy Danny Tarkanian would run for Congress and Dean Heller, who is doing a really good job, could run for Senate unopposed!"

In a statement Friday, Heller said he appreciated Trump's support and kind words and said he is focused on winning his re-election. His statement did not mention Tarkanian.

Heller, the only Republican senator seeking re-election in a state Democrat Hillary Clinton carried in the 2016 presidential election, sharply criticized Trump when he was a presidential candidate and at times kept a careful distance



AP photo

In this April 26, 2016 file photo, Danny Tarkanian participates in a Republican debate for Nevada's 3rd Congressional District in Henderson, Nev.

from him as president. Trump publicly scolded him last year but in recent months, their relationship has warmed.

The first-term senator has become an ally to the president by working to get legislation to Trump's desk, including working to help write the Republican tax overhaul.

Though Tarkanian's exit from the race creates an easy path for Heller to win his party's nomination this summer past a handful of lesser-known candidates. In November, he's expected to face Democratic Congresswoman Jacky Rosen in an election that could help swing control of the Senate.

Rosen mocked Tarkanian's move as a "back-room deal" made to reward Heller "for caving to the White House's pressure on health care."

"This campaign has always been about running to repeal and replace Dean Heller, and we're going to flip this seat in November," she said in a statement.

Tarkanian, who has run unsuccessfully for several offices in Nevada over the past decade, is a former professional basketball player and the son of the late Jerry Tarkanian, a former University of Nevada Las Vegas men's basketball coach.

He will become one the most recognizable candidates in the race for Nevada's 3rd Congressional District, a seat Rosen currently holds.

When asked if he would endorse Heller, Tarkanian said, "I haven't been asked. I haven't even thought about it." He added, "I support Sen. Heller completely with his race against Jacky Rosen."

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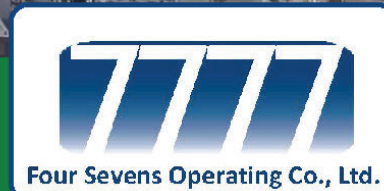
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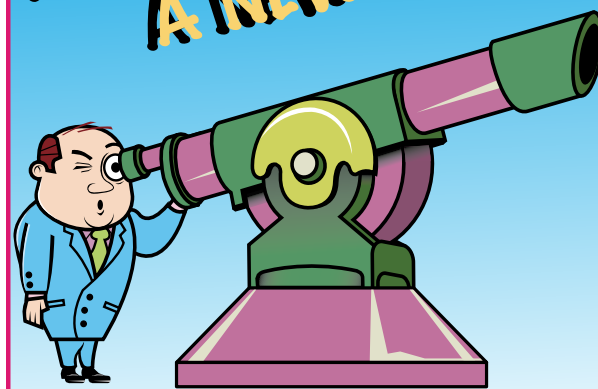
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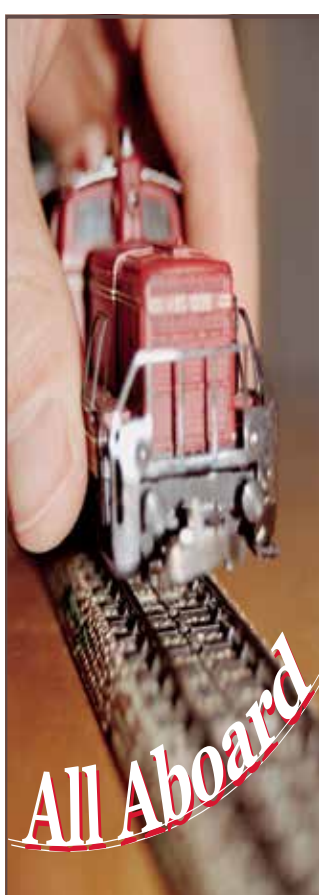
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Qualifications:

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SUDOKU

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

ANSWER:



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Tomorrow's Horoscope

By HOLIDAY MATHIS



Aries Moon Demands Your Best

Your best -- that's all you can do, and it's always going to be enough. Note that your best is going to be something different from moment to moment. The Aries moon suggests that your best will be in a sweet spot between the lazy way and the way of desperately trying to do too much. (Both of those extremes serve no one.)

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Knowledge is the bread of life, and taking action is the meaty part of the sandwich. But constant action will be the thing that makes a difference. No one can live long off one sandwich.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The change you desire is coming, though not immediately. Don't worry about the schedule. Every time you practice moving toward the goodness of life, you create momen-

turn in that direction. **GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Don't let the obstacles get in the way of what you want to do. If you can't figure out how to conquer or control them, there is great power in ignoring them. Eventually, the troubles will fall away all by themselves.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Water transports nutrients and chemical messages to the vital organs. Being even 2 cups dehydrated can cause a mood swing in a negative direction. Stay happy. Stay hydrated.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Don't be afraid to try new things. Whatever you get into today, there will be a way out. It may be about going back. It may be about climbing up. But more than likely, the way out is through.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). To be alive is different from feeling alive. You notice the difference particularly when you're around a certain person. That quickening -- there's nothing quite like it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You didn't get yourself into this position, but you're still the one who has to get yourself out of it. Buddha said: "No one saves us but ourselves. No one can, and no one may. We ourselves

must walk the path." **SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** It turns out that the small things that make life great -- enjoying the sun, breathing fresh, sweet air, a wholesome taste, a gentle touch -- are not such small things after all. Just ask anyone who can't do them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Dare to leave your safety zone at least once a day. It doesn't have to be a big gesture. Just enough to trigger your fear will do. Success sequence: Trigger your fear; overcome; repeat.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When the pressure builds and you

start feeling anxious -- some days, that would be a sign to press on through. Not this time. Take a break! There's nothing good that comes from overwork today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). People experience their own state of mind for their own reasons. You may be caught in the emotional weather of this, but don't take it any more personally than you would an actual rainstorm.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Here's a way to avoid worrying about where to take a relationship next. At some point in your

interaction, lay down the groundwork for your next interaction, whatever you want that to be. Envision it, and act on that picture.

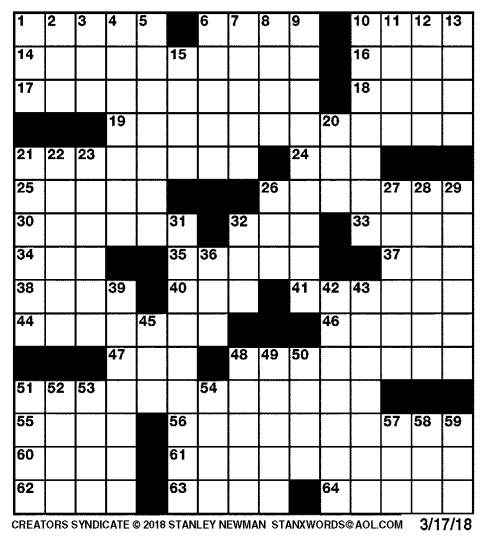
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 18). Life's process is working. You trust it, and you are steadily growing into who you want to be. The victory in May will be the hard-won (and that's the only kind worth anything). In August, you've an opportunity to turn a

potential misfortune into a future fortune. Someone special helps you further develop your talent in September. Aries and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 14, 7, 39 and 45.

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Newsday Crossword SATURDAY STUMPER by Matthew Sewell Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanwords.com

- ACROSS**
1 Inductee in the Rock & Roll (2000) and Blues (2010) halls of fame
6 Title equivalent to "emperor"
10 Word from Old French for "portion of food"
14 Pacific plate phrase
16 T-Bonz purveyor
17 Must-have
18 Area above an arch
19 Dynamic rate-adjustment system
21 Assists with deliveries
24 Point-of-view prelude
25 Kept stinging
26 His crown is stolen in *The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie*
30 Indonesian grazers
32 Dollars to donuts, jocularly
33 Lay's brand named for its pileability
34 Word on the Cirque du Soleil venue list
35 Modern storm front?
37 No fuddy-duddy
38 Hexadecacation
40 Rowing machine, for short
41 Capital of a Caspian country
44 Occasion for throwing in and folding
46 Cuisine with vinegar-pickled chilies
47 Video-game alteration, to insiders
- DOWN**
1 Monitors with GPAs
2 BBC's Sports Personality of the Century
3 Mass spectrometer product
4 Cygnus alias
5 Mexican wrap
6 Spiff up, as realty
7 "America's First Name in Comfort Since 1901"
8 Heading
9 Apt name for a chicken
10 Certain costumed cheer leaders
11 13 years of study
12 Jaunt
13 Metaphorical pittance
15 Breaking formation?
20 Ghoulie
21 *Heart of Darkness* narrator
22 Home of the youngest Ivy
23 Numerous Founding Fathers
26 At first
27 Longest-serving UN head
28 Hip-hop dance that looks Scottish
29 Swell
31 Unflinching
32 Evade, as an issue
36 Contorted chicken
39 Electronic engineering exam subject
42 Running off
43 Takes off the back burner
45 Something said with a facepalm
48 Carry out
49 Advances, with "up"
50 Speaker with the HomePod
51 Bold, skillful thing
52 Attack, with "out"
53 One of two for the devil in *Faust*
54 Will, in legalese
57 Religion and art, per Cather
58 Confessional music
59 Frequent formation on leaves



Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Cards always tell a story

North dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.
NORTH
♦K 9 8 4
♥J 10 2
♠K 6 3
♣A K 7
WEST
♦7 6 2
♥Q 9 8 6 5 3
♠5 2
♣10 8
EAST
♦A 3
♥4
♠Q J 10 9 8
♣Q J 9 5 4
SOUTH
♦Q J 10 5
♥A K 7
♠A 7 4
♣6 3 2

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♦ 1 ♠ Pass 4 ♠
2 ♣ Pass 4 ♠
Opening lead five of diamonds.

There are many deals where declarer appears to have no chance to make his contract as the cards lie. In some of these cases, though, the situation is not quite as hopeless as it might seem. All that's required is that declarer expend a little bit of extra effort.
Consider this deal where three notrump would have been the ideal contract, but where North-South reached four spades instead. Declarer won the diamond lead with the ace

and played the queen of spades, taken by East with the ace. East returned his singleton heart, but South went up with the ace, drew two more rounds of trump ending in dummy, and then led the jack of hearts, planning to let it ride if East followed low.
But when East discarded a diamond, it seemed declarer would have to lose a trick in each suit and go down one. However, South soon found a way to turn the bad news in hearts to his advantage.
He started by playing the king of hearts and then the king of diamonds. When West followed suit, his original distribution became an open book. The play to this point had revealed that West started with exactly three spades, six hearts and two diamonds. He therefore had to have precisely two clubs, which in turn gave South two different ways to make the contract!
In practice, South played the A-K of clubs and led a third club. East won and cashed a diamond, but was then forced to return either a diamond or a club, allowing declarer to discard his heart loser while he ruffed in dummy.
The same result could have been achieved by putting West on lead with a heart after cashing the A-K of clubs, compelling him to return a heart for the fatal ruff-and-discard.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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