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Heritage Museum 47th Annual Meeting focuses on Settles history



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Heritage Museum of Big Spring's President James Johnston discusses the history of the Settles Hotel at the museum's 47th Annual Meeting and Dinner Thursday evening. Johnston also spoke about the status of the museum, saying that the facility is in great shape physically and financially.

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

More than 50 people showed up at the Settles Hotel Thursday evening to hear about the status of the Heritage Museum of Big Spring and the history of the magnificent hotel itself as they feasted on barbecue.

The event was the museum's 47th Annual Meeting and Dinner, and Museum President James Johnston led the program.

"We celebrated the Settles

Hotel. We celebrated the great gift that was given to us, and its survivorship. It has survived over the years. We love the survivorship of the Settles," he said. "Since the day it's been built, it's been central. It was a growing process, but today it's number one. The Hotel Settles is going to be a force in this town. And they're not through with it yet. When they get the park done, and all the things around it, this place is going to be a shining

star, even more. I think this place is going to grow and the downtown is going to grow. Nothing but positive things."

Johnston, who has authored books about Big Spring history, focused on the Settles' early days, especially its rivalry with another Big Spring hotel, the Crawford, which featured a manager who was a local celebrity at the time, Cal Boykin.

Johnston led off the

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Moving on



Courtesy photo

Coahoma High School students KayLee Wright (left) and Grayson Glidewell (right) advanced to the UIL Regional Academic Contest after their strong showings at district held Monday. Glidewell placed 1st in current events, and Wright placed 2nd in poetry at the competition held in Merkel. The two will compete at the regional level on Friday - Saturday, April 13-14 at Abilene Christian University.

Steers make history



Courtesy photo

BSISD Students Otto and Moore hold their awards as they stand with VFW Post 2013 officers. Pictured from left to right are: VFW Post 2013 Junior Vice Commander Johnny DeLeon, 7th grader Kortney Moore, senior Nolan Otto, Post Commander David Leonard, and Senior Vice Commander Steve Turner.

Special to the Herald

Students from Big Spring ISD and surrounding communities were invited last fall to participate in the VFW Patriot's Pen (junior high level) and Voice of Democracy (high school level) Essay contests. As indicated in an early newspaper article, both Kortney Moore (7th) and No-

lan Otto (12th) won at the local level with VFW Post 2013.

From there, the essays were submitted to district to compete against surrounding 13 or so posts (comparable to regionals for athletics). For the 1st time in Post 2013's history, both junior and senior essays took first at district. For winning, both Nolan and Kortney received plaques and a mon-

etary award.

The placement also allowed both papers to be submitted to state. Kortney finished ranked 24th in the state out of an approximate 5,000 original entries. Nolan finished as a State Finalist and received a plaque and scholarship for his efforts. Big Spring ISD is very proud of these students and their accomplishments.

Special to the Herald

Area residents scheduled to appear for jury duty in Howard County Court at 9 a.m. March 28 don't have to show up, according to a press release issued by Howard County Justice of the Peace Connie Shaw. The jury panel has been cancelled, according to the release.

Anyone needing additional information should call Judge Shaw's office at 432-394-4000.

Trump says he is "considering" veto of \$1.3 trillion budget

By **LISA MASCARO, ALAN FRAM and CATHERINE LUCEY**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump threw the massive spending bill into doubt Friday, saying he was "considering" a veto of the \$1.3 trillion plan over concerns about young "Dreamer" immigrants and border wall money.



Trump

Hours before funding for the government expires, Trump said on Twitter that he was weighing a veto "based on the fact that the 800,000 plus DACA recipients have been totally abandoned by the Democrats (not even mentioned in Bill) and the BORDER WALL, which is desperately

needed for our National Defense, is not fully funded."

The tweet was at odds with comments Thursday by Trump's supporters. Budget director Mick Mulvaney had said the president would sign the bill and Republican House Speaker Paul Ryan said Trump was supportive.

Congress has already left town for a two-week recess. Earlier Friday morning, the Senate gave final approval of the bill before funding for the government expires at midnight.

The Senate passage shortly after midnight averted a third federal shutdown this year, an outcome both parties wanted to avoid. But in crafting a sweeping deal that busts budget caps, they've stirred conservative opposition and set the contours for the next funding fight ahead of the midterm elections.

The House easily approved the

measure Thursday, 256-167, a bipartisan tally that underscored the popularity of the compromise, which funds the government through September. It beefs up military and domestic programs, delivering federal funds to every corner of the country.

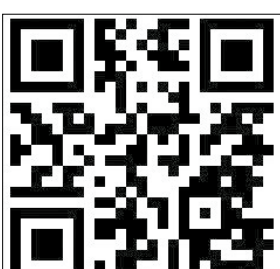
But action stalled in the Senate, as conservatives ran the clock in protest. Then, an unusual glitch arose when Sen. James Risch, R-Idaho, wanted to remove a provision to rename a forest in his home state after the late Cecil Andrus, a four-term Democratic governor.

At one point, Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn., stepped forward to declare the entire late-night scene "ridiculous. It's juvenile."

In the end, Risch lost. But the fight contributed to late-night delays before passage of the massive spending

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Obituaries

Janet Avant



Janet Avant, 64, of Big Spring, died Monday, March, 19, 2018, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Monday, March, 26, 2018, at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Janet was born on Nov. 4, 1953, in Ellsworth, Kansas, to Betty Peterman Urbanek and Victor Urbanek.

Janet is survived by one daughter, Kim Avant of Big Spring; one

son, John Avant and fiancée Rebecca Gurrola of Big Spring; two grandchildren, Michael Avant and James Avant of Big Spring; one sister, Kathy Rogers and husband Billy of Canyon; three brothers, Gerald Urbanek and wife Doris of Irving, David Urbanek and wife Lou of Maryville Tennessee, and Todd Urbanek and wife Betty of Azle.

The family suggests memorials to ACS – Hope Lodge Lubbock, 3511 10th Street, Lubbock, Texas, 79415.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects at www.myersandsmith.com

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **NATHANIEL DEVON LANG**, 23, of 703 Lorilla St., was arrested on the charge of on a charge of evading arrest
- **DAKOTA ANN BERRY**, 54, of 504 Ray Rd., was arrested on the charge of criminal trespass.
- **RAFAEL HERNANDEZ**, 20, of 1404 Lexington Ave., was arrested on the warrants of three counts aggravated assault with deadly weapon.

- **ANGEL JUNIOR VILLA**, 20, of 1104 Austin, was arrested on the warrants of three counts aggravated assault with deadly weapon.
- **KENDALL CHRISTOPHER LUNA**, 32, of 1612 Cardinal St., was arrested on the warrants of racing on highway, bail jumping and failure to appear, theft of property less than or equal too \$750-\$2,500, and disregard stop sign.
- **COURTNEY PAIGE MASTERTSON**, 23, of 611 Lasseter, was

- arrested on the charge of forgery.
- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the 2600 block of Ann Drive, and on 1st and Warehouse Rd.
- **BURGLARY OF BUILDING** was reported in the 1400 block of E 14th St.
- **ACCIDENT MAJOR** was reported on Lancaster and 6th.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 200 block of of Circle Dr.

Take Note

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

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

• The Howard County Fair Board thanks all those who are working on a square for the 2018 quilt. There are still a few squares left to be done/ Anyone able to help by stitching a square may pick one up at the Heritage Museum during regular hours Tuesday through Saturday. For questions or for more information, please contact Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674.

• Scholarship packets for Coahoma High School seniors are now available at the counselor's office. Thousands of dollars worth scholarships opportunities are available to Coahoma High School students. The deadline to turn in applications for some of the scholarships is fast approaching. If students or parents have any questions or need help filling out any forms, please contact Chandra Brooks at 395-5000 or come by the high school office. Extra scholarship packets are available at front office. Please see Brooks at the high school office for a packet.

• The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains. The corps provides spiritual services to

Howard County residents and visitors in crisis situations. Prospective chaplains don't require any specific experience or education to qualify for the position, just a calling from God and a willingness to devote time to the program, which requires a 24- to 30-week training program and dedication of one day per week for emergency call-outs. Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Joel Miller at 432-213-1221.

• Big Spring's Centennial Lions Club is holding a drive to collect books for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. Books for kids in kindergarten through about 10th grade will be accepted, with special preference for books for younger children in kindergarten through third grade. Cash donations to allow the Lions to purchase additional books are also appreciated. Books or donations can be taken to the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., or to the home of Lions member Ken Lawhon at 1707 E. 15th St. For more information, contact Lawhon at 214-998-9716 or Lions member David Stives at 432-270-2251.

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

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

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

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

Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or

smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

• 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.

Sheriff Report

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 77 inmates at the time of this report.

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- **COURTNEY PAIGE MASTERTSON**, 23, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of forgery.
- **CURTIS TOTTEN**, 31, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **ANGEL JUNIOR VILLA**, 20, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of three counts aggravated assault with deadly weapon.

Fire, Ems Reports

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 100 block of 13th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block of W Marcy and FM 700. No transport.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1100 block of W 7th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1100 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of Old Mill Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the NW Hwy 176 and CR 2599. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Support Groups

FRIDAY

- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

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.

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Witness testifies that ex-Texas congressman spied on others

HOUSTON (AP) — A conservative operative has testified that former U.S. Rep. Steve Stockman hired people to spy on three Republican state lawmakers.

Benjamin Wetmore testified Thursday that shortly after Stockman took office in 2013 he became concerned that one of the lawmakers, Rep. James White of Woodville, was considering a primary challenge to Stockman.

Stockman said in a text to Wetmore that White, who's black, worried him. "Republicans love black conservatives," Stockman wrote.

Wetmore, who was hired by Stockman to oversee the surveillance, told the court that three months of trailing White yielded nothing incriminating.

The Houston Chronicle reports that Stockman is charged with 28 criminal counts, which include claims that he used charitable donations to pay for personal and political expenses.

His attorney, Sean Buckley, says Stockman committed no crime in using the money as he did.



In this March 21, 2018, photo, Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., walks to the Senate floor for a vote with accompanying reporters, on Capitol Hill in Washington. As the Senate gets closer to another government funding deadline, Paul is protesting the pending \$1.3 trillion spending bill, which he has called "budget-busting."

AP photo

Temple police: baby boy survives shooting by brother, 4

TEMPLE, Texas (AP) — Police in Central Texas say a 7-month-old boy has survived being accidentally shot by his 4-year-old brother.

Temple police say the victim was hospitalized Friday in serious condition. The older boy was placed with Child Protective Services as officers investigate how he obtained the gun.

Police say a woman believed to be the mother called 911 on Thursday afternoon to report the shooting at a house. Police spokeswoman Ellen Morton says the woman was the only adult at the home during the incident.

Authorities didn't immediately release the name of the family or further details on the injured baby.

Temple police didn't immediately return a message Friday to provide additional details.

TRUMP

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package,

Once the opponents relented, the Senate began voting, clearing the package by a 65-32 vote a full day before Friday's midnight deadline to fund the government.

"Shame, shame. A pox on both Houses - and parties," tweeted Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., who spent the afternoon tweeting details found in the 2,200-page bill that was released the night before. "No one has read it. Congress is broken."

Paul said later he knew he could only delay, but not stop, the outcome and had made his point.

The omnibus spending bill was supposed to be

an antidote to the stopgap measures Congress has been forced to pass — five in this fiscal year alone — to keep government temporarily running amid partisan fiscal disputes.

Leaders delivered on President Donald Trump's top priorities of boosting Pentagon coffers and starting work on his promised border wall, while compromising with Democrats on funds for road building, child care development, fighting the opioid crisis and more.

But the result has been unimaginable to many Republicans after campaigning on spending restraints and balanced budgets. Along with the recent GOP tax cuts law, the bill that stood a foot tall at some lawmakers' desks ushers in the return of \$1 trillion deficits.

Trump only reluctantly backed the bill he would have to sign, according to Republican lawmakers and aides, who acknowledged the deal involved necessary trade-offs for the Democratic votes that were needed for passage despite their majority lock on Congress.

"Obviously he doesn't like this process — it's dangerous to put it up to the 11th hour like this," said Sen. David Perdue, R-Ga., who opposed the bill and speaks regularly to Trump. "The president, and our leadership, and the leadership in the House got together and said, Look, we don't like what the Democrats are doing, we got to fund the government."

White House legislative director Marc Short framed it as a compromise. "I can't sit here and tell you and your viewers that we love everything in the bill," he said on Fox. "But we think that we got many of our priorities funded."

Trying to smooth over differences, Republican leaders focused on military increases that were once core to the party's brand as guardians of national security.

"Vote yes for our military. Vote yes for the safety and the security of this country," said House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., ahead of voting.

But even that remained a hard sell. In all, 90 House Republicans, including many from the conservative House Freedom Caucus, voted against the bill, as did two dozen Republicans in the Senate.

It was a sign of the entrenched GOP divisions that have made the leadership's job controlling the majority difficult. They will likely repeat in the next budget battle in the fall.

Democrats faced their own divisions, particularly after failing to resolve the stalemate over shielding young Dreamer immigrants from deportation as Trump's decision to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program has left it for the courts to decide.

Instead, Trump won \$1.6 billion to begin building and replacing segments of the wall along the border with Mexico. The Congressional Hispanic Caucus opposed the bill.

Also missing from the package was a renewal of federal insurance subsidies to curb premium costs on the Affordable Care Act exchanges. Trump ended some of those payments as part of his effort to scuttle President Barack Obama's health care law, but Republicans have joined Democrats in trying to revive them.

Bipartisan efforts to restore the subsidies, and provide additional help for insurance carriers, foundered over disagreements on how tight abortion restrictions should be on using the money for private insurance plans. Senate Republicans made a last-ditch effort to tuck the insurance provisions into the bill, but Democrats refused to yield on abortion restrictions.

Still, Democrats were beyond pleased with the outcome. Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., chronicled the party's many gains, and noted they could just have easily withheld votes Republicans needed to avert another shutdown.

"We chose to use our leverage to help this bill pass," Pelosi said.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said as the minority party in Congress, "We feel good." He added, "We produced a darn good bill."



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Attendees at the Heritage Museum of Big Spring's 47th Annual Meeting and Dinner enjoy some conversation before dining on barbecue at the Settles Hotel. More than 50 people turned out for the event.

MEETING

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meeting with information about the status of the Heritage Museum. He gave a lot of credit to Museum Director/Curator Tammy Schrecengost for work she's done over the past year.

"We have worked to have an austerity program, and at the same time grow at the museum," he said. "There's an outreach program that we're doing. This is Tammy's baby. It's the 'Museum outside the walls of the museum.' If they won't come to the mountain, we'll take the mountain to them. We're starting in the nursing homes, and we're going to be going to the schools. We're going to be setting this up a little bit at a time over the next few months."

Johnston encouraged the public to volunteer at

the museum.

"If there's something you'd like to help with, don't ever hesitate to come and talk to us about it," he said.

Schrecengost said the museum is doing great.

"We've done a lot of remodeling and have a whole new look when you come inside the front gallery. Actually we're doing better than ever," she said. "This is our 47th year and our 47th annual meeting, so we're proud to have such a great crowd and such an interesting group."

The upcoming year holds exciting things for the facility, located at 510 S. Scurry St.

"Actually we're going to have a Big Spring Herald exhibit. That will be in August," she said. "We had to delay that a little bit because I want to give a lot to that. It's an important part of Big Spring's history. Very im-

portant, because without the Herald, we wouldn't be here, really. And we have art shows, we have lots of just really exciting things."

For more information about the Heritage Museum of Big Spring, call 432-267-8255, or visit www.heritagebigspring.com.

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

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March 24:
Big Spring Symphony Guild Scholarship Luncheon
First Presbyterian Church
11am-2pm

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Lead Trump lawyer in Russia probe leaves in legal shake-up

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump's lead lawyer in the special counsel's Russia investigation has resigned amid a shake-up of the president's team, an exit that removes the primary negotiator and legal strategist who had been molding Trump's defense.

The departure of attorney John Dowd comes as the president has personally intensified his attacks on the special counsel and just days after the Trump legal team added a new lawyer, former U.S. attorney Joseph diGenova, who has alleged on television that FBI officials were involved in a "brazen plot" to exonerate Hillary Clinton in the email investigation and to "frame" Trump for nonexistent crimes.

Dowd confirmed his decision in an email Thursday to The Associated Press, saying, "I love the President and wish him well." Dowd said he made the decision voluntarily and he denied reports that his departure had to do with Trump ignoring his legal advice.

It already was a delicate time in special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation as Trump's attorneys, including Dowd, have been negotiating with Mueller over the scope and terms of an interview of the president. Trump has told reporters that he was eager to speak with Mueller, but Dowd has been far more apprehensive, and the lawyers have not publicly committed to making the president available for questioning.

Asked Thursday whether he still wants to speak with Mueller's team, Trump told reporters, "Yes, I would like to."

Dowd's exit nearly a year into Mueller's investigation threatens to undo the cooperation between prosecutors and Trump's lawyers and may herald a stark shift in strategy as the probe reaches closer into the White House and the president's inner circle.

Over the weekend, Dowd issued a statement calling for an end to special counsel's investigation. The White House and later Dowd had to clarify the statement, saying the president's legal team wasn't calling for Mueller to be fired.

But Trump has upped his public attacks on Mueller.

In a series of tweets since last week, the president has said that the probe never should have started, that it was based on "fraudulent activities," that it was a "WITCH HUNT" and that it is being led by "13 hardened Democrats, some big Crooked Hillary supporters."

White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said earlier this week the tweets were a reflection of Trump's frustration with the process of the investigation. She said the White House did not think firing Mueller would be "the most productive step forward."

Another of Trump lawyers, Jay Sekulow, confirmed Dowd's resignation and praised his former colleague.

"John Dowd is a friend and has been a valuable member of our legal team. We will continue our ongoing representation of the President and our cooperation with the Office of Special Counsel," Sekulow said.

This is at least the second major reshuffling of Trump's legal team in the last year. Dowd had taken over the lead lawyer role last summer from New York attorney Marc Kasowitz, who has long been by Trump's side.

Dowd is a veteran defense lawyer perhaps best known for producing a report for Major League Baseball on star player Pete Rose's gambling habits. He's also played a role in some of the defining legal quagmires of the last four decades — among them, the Iran-Contra affair, the Keating Five, the Enron collapse and a scandal over the firing of U.S. attorneys.

As the investigation progressed, Dowd has touted the cooperation of the White House and Trump campaign with Mueller's investigation, calling it "the most transparent response in history."

His work on behalf of Trump has previously raised eyebrows.

How the Parkland teens are pulling off a worldwide movement

By **KELLI KENNEDY**

Associated Press

PARKLAND, Fla. — They can't buy a beer or rent a car and most aren't even old enough to vote, yet the students from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School have spearheaded what could become one of the largest marches in history with nearly 1 million people expected in Washington and more than 800 sister marches from California to Japan.

In the wake of a Valentine's Day shooting that killed 17, the teens have pulled all-nighters, scheduling speakers, petitioning city councils, renting stages and walking march routes with police in a grass-roots movement that has raised more than \$4 million. Students will walk down Pennsylvania Avenue during March for Our Lives on Saturday alongside pop stars Ariana Grande, Jennifer Hudson, Miley Cyrus and Demi Lovato.

They have requested 14 Jumbotrons, 2,000 chairs and 2,000 public restrooms.

"People don't think about all these little things, but they add up," said Marjory Stoneman Douglas senior Ryan Deitsch, who is 18.

Several student organizers have become mainstays on national TV, promoting the marches, and they landed on the cover of Time magazine. In the first two weeks after the shooting, Deitsch worked 22-hour days, often sleeping in his clothes.

"I'd basically keep going until I shut down, like I'd just collapse, sometimes I'd be on the floor," Deitsch said.

Seasoned activists have marveled at what the students accomplished so far, including a sweeping gun bill in Florida and school walkouts attended by over a million students last week, according to organizers Women's March. Oprah Winfrey and George and Amal Clooney have each donated \$500,000. The cast of "Modern Family" did a public service announcement, and Broadway stars Lin-Manuel Miranda and Ben Platt recorded a song for the march.

The Women's March, Everytown for Gun Safety and the gun violence prevention group founded by former Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords provided heavy support for the march, opening the youths up to criticism that they are just pawns of left-wing organizations that have been fighting guns for years.

The students said, however, they are calling the shots, and have refused money and turned down support that doesn't align with their vision.

"They like to believe we're puppets, they like to believe that we're being controlled by someone else because ... they don't want to believe that human beings have this



AP photo

In this, Wednesday, March 14, 2018 photo, Casey Sherman, center, 17, lead student coordinator for the Parkland march, speaks during a planning meeting with Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School students, parents and volunteers in a hotel meeting room in Coral Springs, Fla.

power because if they have this power then they might not need a gun," Deitsch said.

In Arizona, well over 20,000 people on social media promised to attend the student-led march, said leader Jordan Harb, a 17-year-old junior at Mountain View High School in Mesa. He coordinated vendors and met with police to talk about barricades and security as they expect counter-protesters to bring assault weapons.

They've raised roughly \$34,000 through T-Shirt sales and donations. The group Arizonans For Gun Safety is handling the money since the teens are underage.

"All of my waking hours are pretty much spent on the march right now," Harb said. "I'm in class and all I do in class in march stuff. I was in Spanish yesterday depositing \$10,000 in our bank account."

Marjory Stoneman Douglas student Casey Sherman spends most of her time in class working on a sister march in Parkland, where they're expecting more than 20,000 people. She and fellow students successfully petitioned city commissioners to get permits and she's learned about sponsorships and tax exemptions for charitable groups.

"Every day it's kind of cool because I'm learning things I don't learn in school," the 17-year-old

said.

Broward County Property Appraiser Marty Kiar helped the students navigate local government but credited the rest to them, saying "I've never seen anybody be able to bring so many stakeholders together in such a short period of time."

Riley Helberg, a 14-year-old freshman at Crescenta Valley High School, said the Los Angeles march could eclipse the Women's March there with more than 100,000 expected, along with a performance from singer Charlie Puth.

In New York, 17-year-old Winter Minisee, who spearheaded the student walkouts, dismissed criticisms that the teens don't have the credentials to change laws.

"Historically youth have led all the major movements in America, whether it was the civil rights movements, whether it was the movement against the Vietnam war," Minisee said.

The ultimate goal, the students said, is to harness the support into actual voters, with their sights set on November's midterms.

"The high-schoolers and the college students are sick of this normalcy in this environment that we live in where we have to live with mass shootings and code red drills," said Alex Wind, a junior at Stoneman Douglas.



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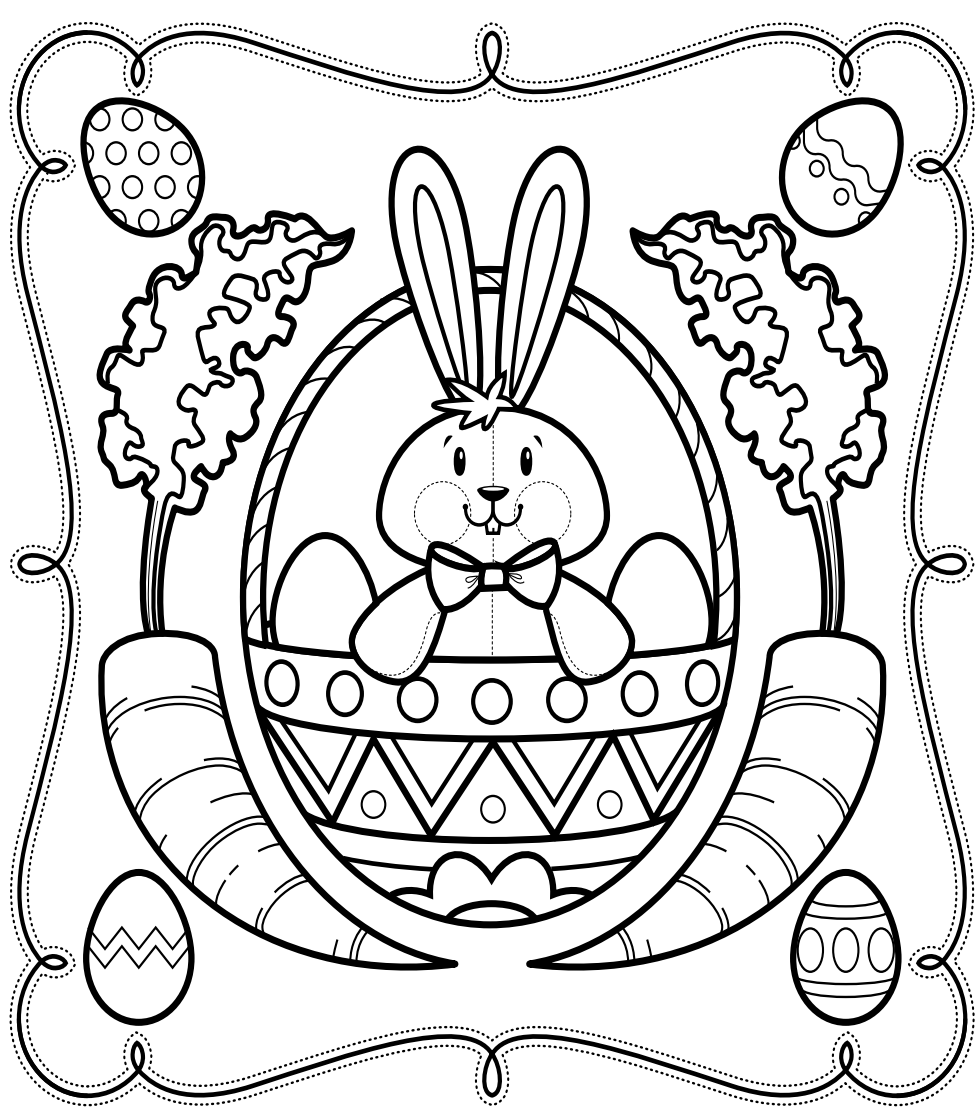
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Reflections: Looking for spring

In Minnesota, winter releases its grip by degrees, reluctantly retreating with snow skirmishes that last through April into the first of May. The northeast is bracing for a possible fourth winter storm next week. But in Texas, it is winter one day, spring the next, with summer soon to follow.

There is nothing gradual about spring in Texas. One week forecasters issue winter weather advisories for snow, freezing rain, and ice. The next week, redbuds and dogwoods explode in the woods; daffodils bloom; bare limbs put forth buds and the air is filled with the fragrance of cut grass.

By this time, we are all ready for spring. All that appears dead "springs" to life. It is the harbinger of things to come: the growing season when empty fields sprout with corn and cotton. Gardens yield their miracles: seed and soil and water and sun produce ripe red tomatoes, yellow squash, and fat round watermelons.



Bill Tinsley

When Jesus chose a metaphor to help us anticipate His return, He chose spring. He said, "Now learn the parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near; so, you too, when you see all these things, recognize that He is near, right at the door." As exciting as spring is with its promise of summer, it cannot compare with what God has in store for us in the age that is to come, when He will establish a new heaven and a new earth.

For many years, I have thought it significant that Jesus chose a "spring" image to signify the end of the age. Most futurists paint a dismal picture. Bookshelves and movie lists are full of doom and gloom prognostications. Their predictions include alien invasions that wipe out the planet, a catastrophic meteor collision that makes earth unlivable, nuclear holocaust that destroys civilization as we know it, or a gradual erosion of earth's resources.

Jesus held no illusions about the reality of our human condition. He plainly taught us that we would have wars and rumors of wars, that we would experience famines and earthquakes (Mat. 24:6-7). The prophet Isaiah said, "Lift up your eyes to the sky, then look to the earth beneath; for the sky will vanish like smoke, and the earth will wear out like a garment and its inhabitants will die in like manner; but My salvation will be forever, and My righteousness will not wane" (Isa. 51:6).

Erosion and pollution will likely continue. Nations will wage war. Our strong and youthful bodies will yield to disease, crippling injuries and old age. But in the midst of the woods the dogwood blooms. Through His Son, Jesus Christ, God is preparing a new heaven and a new earth. Spring and summer are coming! (2 Peter 3:13; Rev. 21:1).

Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. Visit www.tinsley-center.com. Email bill@tinsleycenter.com.

Church News

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

The people of Blessed Hands Deaf Church invite you to worship with them Sunday at 2 p.m. Pastor Jim Waltherhouse will bring the message, which will honor and glorify God for His unending love, mercy, and grace. Currently Blessed Hands Deaf Church meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W. FM 700. For detailed information about BHDC, including Wednesday evening schedule and activities, contact Pastor Jim at jwaltherhouse@gmail.com.

Cornerstone Covenant Church

The people of Cornerstone Covenant Church invite you to join with them this week at one of the following events:

Sunday, March 25: This Sunday at the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship services, the church continues with the series entitled "Elephant In The Room."

Three-Day Extravaganza, March 30 and 31, and April 1:

Day 1: Good Friday Communion Worship Service Friday, March 30, at 7 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary.

Day 2: On Saturday, March 31 at 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: CCC's Spring Fellowship Chili Cook-off in the Academic Resource Center.

Day3: Sunday, April 1, at the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.: Annual Resurrection Sunday Worship Service.

Saturday, April 7: Fathers and sons are invited to come out for some "guy time" with Men of Covenant. This time it will be held at an offsite location from 4 to 7 p.m. Join Men of Covenant for some food, fun and fellowship. Feel free to rsvp at a church kiosk after the 9 a.m. or 11 a.m. service, or contact the church office.

Monday, April 9: Join the Far Above Rubies Women's Ministry in the ARC from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Bring your favorite dish to share for food, fun and fellowship. For more information contact Debbie Reiger @432-935-1257.

Tuesday, April 17: At 7 p.m., the 50 and Over small group will gather for a potluck and game night. Bring your game face. The gathering will be at the Flowers' residence, 2405 E. 25th St. For more information please contact Faye Flowers @ 432-213-3883.

CCC has an active van ministry that picks up on Sundays for the 11 a.m. worship service. If you are needing a ride please contact the church offices.

Cornerstone Covenant Church (CCC) is a unified, spirit-led, purpose-driven church, which cultivates an atmosphere of faith so that lives can be transformed by Jesus Christ. Services are every Sunday at 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m. for worship services.

CCC is located at 706 East 12th Street. For office hours or other questions contact the Administrative Office at 432-264-0015 or email info@cccbigspring.org. You can also visit facebook.com/CCCBigSpring or www.cccbigspring.org if you would like more information.

Crestview Baptist Church

The people of Crestview Baptist Church extend a warm invitation for you and your family to come and join them for worship, discipleship, and loving fellowship. At Crestview, the focus is on the gospel of Jesus Christ, serving Him, and learning His Word together.

Sunday School begins at 10 a.m., where the current topic of study is

the book of Hebrews. Sunday Worship service begins at 11 a.m., and Pastor Tom Lassiter has just recently started preaching through the Book of Jonah. On Sunday and Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m., the pastor is teaching through Proverbs.

If you are looking for a church home where there is lots of love and care and a strong emphasis on the Word of God, give Crestview a try. The church is located at 2305 Gatesville Rd. in Big Spring.

First Baptist Church

"So Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and He will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for Him." – Hebrews 9:28

You're invited to join the people of First Baptist Church Sunday morning at 10:50 in worship and praise of The Messiah and Living Word, Jesus Christ.

Music Minister Alan Schantz will lead worshippers in a mixture of songs which will include: "Hosanna(Praise is Rising)," "The Power of The Cross," "The Wonderful Cross," and "The Old Rugged Cross." Honoring God with a special music selection will be the Men's Ensemble.

Pastor Mark Lindsey will deliver the message drawn from Scriptures Matthew 21:1-11; and Matthew 27:15-26. Titled "When the Cheering Stopped," listeners will consider the enormous contrast between the adoring crowd at Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, and the jeering crowd that lauded a criminal named Barabbas while hurling false accusations at Jesus during His trial before Easter Sunday.

If you have mobility issues, use the west circle drive and someone will be happy to assist you inside and park your vehicle. If unable to attend, you can join the service through the livestream on the church website at fcbigspring.org.

At 9:30 a.m. each week, Sunday School groups meet throughout the building, with children gathering in the Good News Garage on the first floor; and teens, college students, and adults meeting in second floor classrooms. Greeters are available to help you find your class. Come early to enjoy a time of fellowship and hot coffee.

At 5:30 p.m., the Spring Semester group of "Becoming the you God intends you to become" meets in the chapel, and is for all ages. This new offering is "Effectively Communicating the Good News with Those Around You," and its focus is assisting believers in sharing their faith, the Gospel of Christ, with those who are not yet seeking it, but so desperately need it. Mark Lindsey and John Long will facilitate this study. Child-care is available; contact Children's Minister Justin Green for details.

Wednesday evening activities begin at 6 p.m. and include Adult Bible Study and prayer time, Adult choir practice, "Saturate" youth group for teens, and Real LYF for children.

Mother's Day Out is open each Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contact Tracy Boeker at 432-267-8223 for information about available openings for your little ones.

All area women are invited to a Ladies' Time-Out Movie Night, Friday, March 30, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the church. Call 267-8223 or go to fcbigspring.org for more information.

It's time to save the dates for summer camp opportunities for your children and families. Step-Up Camp is for children who will have finished fourth grade through sixth grade, and the dates are Aug. 6 to 9. Family Camp is for the entire family, and the dates are July 27 to 29. Contact Children's Minister Justin Green at 267-8223 to reserve your spot.

All area teens are encouraged to sign up now for summer Youth Camp by contacting Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini at 432-270-8332.

April 1, Easter Sunday, the entire community is invited to experience the Easter Musical "Behold The Lamb" presented by the FBC Worship Ministry as part of the morning service at 10:50 a.m. Bring a friend and be blessed as the Resurrection of the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, is celebrated.

FBC is located at 705 W. FM 700. There is always a place for you at First Baptist Church.

"...may the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, ...guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." – Philippians 4:7

First Presbyterian Church

On Wednesday, the Lectionary Bible Study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, meets at 5 p.m. in the church library. The Chancel Choir rehearses at 6 p.m.

The Children's Choir meets at 5:30 Sunday afternoon, and the Youth Group meets for dinner at 6 p.m., followed by handbells at 6:30, and Youth Group meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Those wishing to provide lilies to decorate the church for Easter Sunday may fill out the order form that was in the bulletin or call or come by the church office. The flowers are \$10 each and may be designated in honor or in memory of someone.

The week following Palm/Passion Sunday being known as Holy Week (leading up to Easter Day), there will be services on several evenings. March 29 at 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service will be held in the Chapel. Good Friday Service will be at First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma, at 7 p.m.

Saturday morning, March 31, the monthly Prayer Breakfast will be in Fellowship Hall, with the men of the church cooking. Everyone is invited.

Presbyterian Women meet Tuesday, March 27, at 2 p.m. in the church library to consider Lesson 8 of the Cloud of Witnesses study of Hebrews. Ellen Austin is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday. Marj Carpenter is Lector for March. Ushers for March are Danny Kennemur, Jim Little, and Helen and Lynn Glass.

The lectionary passages for Palm/Passion Sunday are Palm: Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16, Psalm 118:1-2,19-29; Passion: Isaiah 50: 4-9, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11, Mark 14:1-5:47 (or Mark 15:1-39(40-47)). The Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon and officiate at Communion. The Chancel Choir will begin the service with the introit "My Song Is Love Unknown," by John Ireland. The Choir will present "Festival of Joy" by John Parker/David Lantz III, as the anthem. The Children's Choir will offer "Little Grey Donkey" by Natalie Sleeth during the Children's Moment after the collection of the Noisy Offering. Laura Holleman will present Beaumont's "Reflection" as the offertory on the organ. This Sunday has also been designated Senior Recognition Sunday for our high school seniors.

Please note that the worship service begins at 10:50 a.m. for announcements and parish concerns before the radio broadcast starts at 11.

If you cannot attend worship, you may listen in on KBST 1490 AM, beginning at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, please call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website www.fpchs.org. On the website, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by the Rev. Craig Holstedt.

Forsan Baptist Church

The message this week celebrates Palm Sunday, and is called "Crying Stones."

Wednesday youth and children's activities have resumed for the spring. Students from pre-k to sixth grade are provided a light snack right after school, with age-appropriate classes beginning at 4 p.m. Van rides are available at 5 p.m. IMPACT youth begins with a meal at 5:30, followed by class at 6. Van rides are available at 7 p.m.

Wednesday adult Bible study class begins at 6 p.m.

If anyone needs a ride to or from Wednesday evening activities, please call Pastor Darren Weaver at 432-213-2348.

Midway Baptist Church

Sunday School is at 9:45 a.m.; Worship at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., each Sunday. The regular mid-week service for all ages is Wednesday at 6 p.m.

This Sunday morning, Dr Mike Seay will be bringing the message out of Jeremiah 29:10-11 "I've Got To Pray About This." After morning worship, there will be a luncheon fellowship in honor of Brother Mike's birthday. Come on out and enjoy some sweet worship based around the Word of God, with fellowship to follow.

Spring Creek Fellowship

Donations are needed for the Blessing Box placed outside in front of the church. This ministry is separate from "Our Daily Bread," and is supported completely by donations. Please consider donating nonperishable food items on a regular basis if you are able. Everyone is welcome to take what they need and donations are greatly appreciated.

"Our Daily Bread" Food Pantry will be open the second and fourth Saturdays each month from 9 to 11 a.m. If you are in need of food, please stop by. The pantry is located in the mall. Go in the door where the movie theater is located and then to the first spot on the left. If you are interested in participating with the "Blessing Box" ministry or the "Our Daily Bread Food Pantry" ministry, please contact Kay Elder.

Kid Connect/Gospel Project For Kids

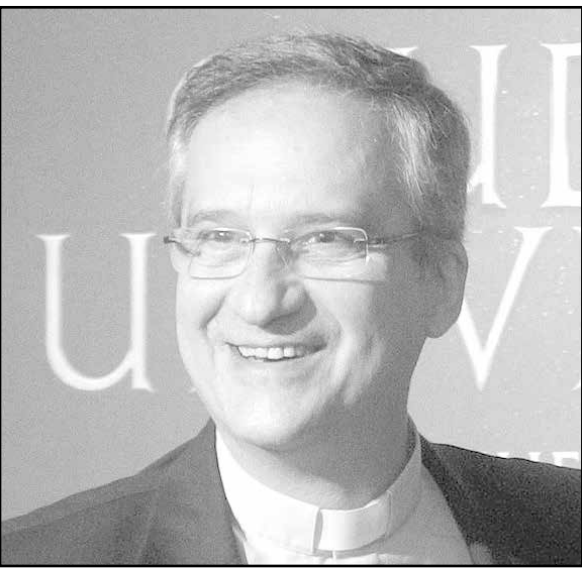
Spring Creek is stepping from the chronology of the New Testament for these next two lessons.

This Sunday, March 25, the lesson "Jesus' Triumphant Entry" is based on Matthew 21:1-17, Mark 11:1-11, Luke 19:28-44; John 12:12-19

The Men's Warrior Weekend is coming up April 19 to 22. Cost is \$35. This a great time for fun and fellowship of the male kind. Contact the church office for more info.

Youth Camp is set for June in Durango, Colorado. If your youth is interested in going, a parent meeting is

Vatican media chief resigns over doctored letter scandal



AP photo

In this March 12, 2018 photo head of Vatican communications department Monsignor Dario Vigano poses for a photo call to present the show "Giudizio Universale" (Last Judgement), Michelangelo and the Secrets of the Sistine Chapel, at the Auditorium Conciliazione, in Rome. On Wednesday, March 21, 2018, the Vatican announced that Vigano had resigned over a scandal about a letter from retired Pope Benedict that he mischaracterized in public and then had digitally manipulated in a photograph sent to the media.

By NICOLE WINFIELD

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY (AP) — The head of the Vatican's communications department resigned Wednesday after he mischaracterized a private letter from retired Pope Benedict XVI, then had a photo of it digitally manipulated and sent out to the media.

A week after The Associated Press exposed the doctored photo, Pope Francis accepted the resignation of Monsignor Dario Vigano and named his deputy to run the Secretariat for Communications for now. But Fran-

cis kept Vigano on in the department in a lesser capacity, indicating that he doesn't believe the problem was all that grave.

The so-called "Lettergate" scandal erupted last week when Vigano read aloud part of a private letter from Benedict at a book launch for a Vatican-published, 11-volume set of books about Francis' theology.

Marking Francis' fifth anniversary as pope, Vigano had held up Benedict's letter as a sign of the continuity between the two popes, to blunt critics who complain that Francis' mercy-over-morals papacy represents a theological break from Benedict's doctrine-minded, theology-heavy papacy.

Vigano didn't read the whole letter, and omitted the part where Benedict objected to one of the authors in the volume because he had been a longtime critic of Benedict and St. John Paul II. A press release sent out by Vigano's office only contained Benedict's words of praise for Francis and the book initiative, without mentioning that he hadn't even read the books and had no plans to.

The AP reported that the photograph of the letter that accompanied the press release had digitally blurred out the lines where Benedict began to explain that he didn't have time to read the books and wouldn't comment on them, as requested by Vigano. The photo manipulation violated basic photojournalism ethical standards that forbid such distortion, especially when it misrepresents the content of the image.

The scandal embarrassed the Vatican and led to accusations that the

pope's own communications office was spreading "fake news," just weeks after Francis dedicated his annual media message to denouncing "fake news" and the intentional distortion of information. Francis has frequently chided journalists for only giving half of the story.

In his resignation letter dated March 19, Vigano said he wanted to step aside so that his presence "wouldn't delay, damage or block" Francis' reform of the Vatican's communications operations.

He didn't acknowledge that he had misrepresented Benedict's letter or doctored the photo, saying only that he realized that his actions — despite his intentions — had created controversy and destabilized the communications reform.

In his own letter accepting the resignation, Francis said he was removing Vigano reluctantly and praised him for his humility and willingness to work for the good of the church. He asked Vigano to stay on in the communications secretariat in the new position of "assessor," which in Vatican offices usually amounts to the No. 3 spot.

The current No. 2, Monsignor Lucio Adrian Ruiz, will run the office until a new prefect is named.

It is rare for the Vatican press office to release such an exchange of letters, suggesting that the pope wanted to make clear that he still has faith in Vigano to help oversee the consolidation of the Vatican's vast media operations.

Francis named Vigano, an expert in film, to head the new Secretariat for Communications in 2015. The department was created to bring under one umbrella the Vatican's various media operations, to cut costs and improve efficiency. But Vigano's reforms and management style soured relations with many longtime employees.

After the AP revealed the doctored photo and another Vatican commen-

tator, Sandro Magister, hinted that there was even more in the letter that Vigano had concealed, the communications office released the full text of Benedict's letter, which had been sent to Vigano by the retired pope as "personal" and "reserved," suggesting that it was never meant to be made public.

The previously concealed part of the letter provided the full explanation why Benedict had declined Vigano's request that he write a commentary on the books: In addition to saying he didn't have time, Benedict noted that one of the authors involved in the project, German theologian Peter Huenermann, had launched "virulent" and "anti-papist" attacks against papal teaching during Benedict's papacy. He wrote that he was surprised the Vatican had chosen the theologian to be included in the 11-volume "The Theology of Pope Francis."

In the parts of Benedict's letter that Vigano read during the book launch and included in the press release, Benedict confirmed that Francis has a solid theological and philosophical training and he praised the book initiative for showing the "interior continuity" between the two papacies. He wrote it was "foolish prejudice" to paint Francis as only a practical man devoid of theology and Benedict as a mere academic who knew nothing of the lives of ordinary faithful.

But Benedict's full caveat about his refusal to comment on the volume was never made public in Vigano's presentation, press release or accompanying photo. That omission left the impression that the 91-year-old retired pope had read the volume and fully endorsed it, when in fact he hadn't.

As a result, Vigano's effort to show papal continuity effectively backfired. Benedict's harsh criticism of Huenermann laid bare the differences in theological approaches of the two popes, and showed the retired pope still bore something of a grudge.

CHURCH

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scheduled for March 25 in the youth room at 4 p.m.

A new Community Group for both men and women began Thursday, March 22, entitled "All Things New." Childcare is provided for this five-week course.

Vacation Bible School is coming soon. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Donna Wennik for more information.

The annual Mother's Day Dedication will be here before you know it. Contact Donna Wennik or Jim Billings if you have a sweet little one you would like dedicated that day.

Community Groups meet during the week in various homes and locations. These groups promote fellowship, discipleship, and service. Contact the church office for times and locations.

There is a new "App" for your use this year. It should be easier to work with and have more applications. Go to your App Store, search for "The Church App" and download. Then search for "Spring Creek Fellowship Texas." That should take you to the church's home page.

Spring Creek is updating their files and need your help to make sure they have the correct information for you and your family. Please contact the church office.

"People Caring for People" is a ministry serving local widows with small projects and "honey do" kinds of things. This ministry has no operating budget, so repairs are made with donations. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, either in a "hands on" way or by donation, please contact the church office.

The Spring of Siloam Christian Women's Job Corps is meeting Monday through Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Adult Connect area. Spring of Siloam provides job skills training for women in a Christian environment. For more information about serving or participating in this ministry, contact Nancy Escalante at 268-3992.

The Taylor School of Ministry is meeting in the room across from Evita's Restaurant in Spring Town Plaza. A two-year Associates Degree is offered through TSM. For more information, contact the church office.

The nursery needs workers on Sunday mornings. If you have a heart for children and would like to give some of your time loving on our smallest members, please contact Donna Wennik.

The Worship Team is fundraising for 8 wireless/in-ear monitors. If you would be interested in donating to this fundraiser, please contact Clint



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"Let the Morning Bring", a downloadable song as well as a few other songs written and performed by our own Spring Creek Fellowship Worship Team, is now on iTunes. If you would like to get these songs, go to iTunes and look for the download at <https://itunes.apple.com/us/album/let-the-morning-bring-single/id1176877429>

Weekly Happenings:

Sunday-
8:15 a.m.: Classical Worship Service
9:15-10:15 a.m.: Sunday School/Connection Groups
10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m.: "Holy Grounds Café" is open with coffee, drinks and fellowship.
10:45 a.m.-noon: Worship Service

5 p.m.: Prayer Meeting

Tuesday-

Noon: Narcotics Anonymous

7 p.m.: Women's Bible Study

Wednesday-

Community Groups-various times and places

Thursday

7 p.m.: Men's Bible Study

Friday-

7-8 p.m.: Narcotics Anonymous

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the Spring Town Plaza at 1801 E. FM 700 in Big Spring, Texas. Contact the church at 432-714-4584 or visit the website at www.springcreekfellowship.org.

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BSHS player recognized for outstanding performance at Dallas Cowboy's football camp



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Pictured above are Brothers Gabriel (left) and Sonny (right) Baeza at AT&T Stadium for Cowboy's Football Camp.

By **JORDAN PARR**
Sports Editor

Brothers Sonny and Gabriel Baeza, sons of Sonny Sr and Amy Baeza, attended the Dallas Cowboy's Youth Spring Tune-up 2018 Football Academy on March 13. The camp was held at AT&T Stadium in Arlington Texas. The Baeza brothers attended the camp over Spring break where they worked on fundamentals of the game and learned new drills to help them develop their skills from some of the Cowboy's finest coaches and staff.

The Baeza brothers have a great passion for the game of football and wanted to spend some of their Spring break getting a head start for the upcoming Steers' football season. Sonny is currently a sophomore at BSBS and plays of-

fensive line. Gabriel is currently in the eighth grade and is a Quarterback. The brothers said of their opportunity that "getting prepared early only makes you better when the season starts. It's hard work but you have to be fit and ready to earn your spot when the time comes".

Older brother Sonny was honored by being recognized as one of the three best linemen at the camp. Sonny was selected for this honor by the camps coaching staff and shows promise for the upcoming Steers' football season.

Sonny and Gabriel are both planning to attend another camp with the Cowboy's staff in April with the hopes of getting their skills where they need to be to make an impact for the Steers next football season.



Courtesy photo

Sonny Baeza works the bag at Cowboy's Youth Spring Tune-up 2018 Football Academy on March 13, 2018. The camp was held at AT&T Stadium.

Texas High School Football Mandates Tackling Certification for All High School Coaches

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN, TEXAS — March 20, 2018 — The University Interscholastic League (UIL) and the Texas High School Coaches Association (THSCA) have worked collaboratively to take an unprecedented step forward to make football a safer sport. In October 2017, the UIL Legislative Council passed a rule requiring every Texas high school and junior high school football coach to become certified in teaching tackling as a part of the official UIL Coaches Certification Program beginning with the 2018-19 school year.

With this new measure, UIL has made Texas the first in the country to implement a mandatory statewide tackling certification program for all football coaches. In a joint effort between UIL and THSCA to raise standards and improve safety, Atavus Sports was selected as the exclusive provider to oversee and administer the certification process statewide. Atavus Sports is a Seattle-based organization focused on tackling techniques and tackle data analytics. The primary objective of this collaboration is to enhance Texas High School football by providing best practices in tackling training for all football coaches and keeping athletes who play the game safer.

"The UIL Legislative Council was overwhelmingly in favor of supporting this measure," said Dr. Charles Breithaupt, Executive Director of the University Interscholastic League.

"We view the addition of a mandatory tackling certification for football coaches as a positive educational extension that will ultimately improve the game and the welfare of our students."

"The game is changing, and we have to be willing to change with it," said D.W. Rutledge, Executive Director of the Texas High School Coaches Association. "By implementing a mandatory tackling certification, we're continuing our legacy in Texas as leaders in high school football and taking necessary steps to move the game forward. Preventing injuries is paramount for all coaches and players, and we felt that as an organization it was our duty to seek out the best possible solutions to keeping our players safe."

The certification process for coaches begins in July 2018 and will be available in two formats. The first option is an on-site training offered by THSCA, consisting of a presentation followed by a live assessment that must be passed to receive certification. The second option, available beginning April 1, 2019, is an online platform, which allows coaches to achieve certification at their own pace but consists of a similar educational presentation and final assessment.

"Being from Texas and a former football coach in the state, this means a lot to me," said Rex Norris, Head of Football for Atavus Sports. "A dominant tackle is a safer tackle, and we are excited to get to work

helping coaches teach tackling techniques that will benefit their players and improve their team's performance."

Atavus has spent the past five years educating coaches and players of all skill levels, working with elite college football programs across the country such as Michigan State University, Rutgers University, The University of Washington, Ohio State University, and the University of Nebraska and more. At the high school level in Texas, Atavus has worked with a number of schools, including Sulphur Springs, Waxahachie, Rockwall, Westbrook and Brownwood high schools, as well as a long list of other schools across the U.S.

"We know that Texas is widely regarded as the pinnacle of high school football," said Karen Bryant, CEO of Atavus Sports. "We're thrilled they have decided to take action and lead the way in recognizing that tackling is an important part of the game. We certainly hope that other states follow Texas's lead and implement similar certification processes in their organizations."

About Atavus Sports
Headquartered in Seattle, Atavus Sports aims to provide a modern, impactful solution for coaches at all levels of football to improve performance and safety in tackling. Atavus has developed the first and most comprehensive system rooted in technique and fundamentals using innovative, detailed analytics. Atavus measures performance and offers consulting

services to provide coaches on-site and remote assessment, coupled with specific tackle plans backed by advanced technology.

About The University Interscholastic League

The University Interscholastic League was created by The University of Texas at Austin to provide leadership and guidance to public school debate and athletic teachers. Since 1910 the UIL has grown into the largest inter-school organization of its kind in the world. The UIL continues to operate as part of the University of Texas, under the auspices of the Vice President for Diversity & Community Engagement. The UIL exists to provide educational extracurricular academic, athletic, and music contests. The initials UIL have come to represent quality educational competition administered by school people on an equitable basis.

About Texas High School Coaches Association

The Texas High School Coaches Association (THSCA) is the principle advocate and leadership organization for Texas high school coaches. THSCA provides the highest quality representation, education, and services to Texas high school coaches and affiliate members and enhances the professionalism of coaches and the schools they represent. Our mission statement is simply this: To help and serve our Texas high school coaches as they work to help and serve our student athletes. "HELPING COACHES TO HELP KIDS."

Texas Tech looks for 1st Elite 8 berth vs. Purdue



AP photo

Texas Tech's Keenan Evans, right, dribbles during practice at the NCAA men's college basketball tournament in Boston, Thursday, March 22, 2018. Texas Tech faces Purdue in a regional semifinal on Friday night. At left is Avery Benson.

Associated Press

No. 3 seed Texas Tech (26-9) vs. No. 2 seed Purdue (30-6) Third round, East Region;

Boston; Friday at 9:57 p.m. EDT.

BOTTOM LINE: The Boilermakers are back in the Sweet 16 for the second straight sea-

son, and they're looking for their first Elite Eight berth since 2000. The Red Raiders are in the Sweet 16 for the first time since 2005 and are

hoping to make it to the Elite Eight for the first time in program history. EVANS SHOW: Texas Tech senior guard Keenan Evans has continued to be the Red Raiders' go-to scoring threat. He comes in averaging 17.8 points per game and has posted 23 and 22 points in their first two tournament wins. STILL NO HAARS: Matt Haars, a 7-foot-3 redshirt freshman, is expected to start again at center for the Boilermakers even though senior Isaac Haas got fitted with a new brace to protect his fractured right elbow. He hasn't been cleared to play but is holding out hope the new brace will allow him to

compete at some point. Haas has been out since suffering the injury in the first round against Cal State Fullerton. But his teammates have figured things out without him, coming off a 76-73 win over Butler.

STATS WATCH: Purdue is ranked second nationally in 3-point percentage (42 percent). That is its highest 3-point percentage since 1988. The Boilermakers' offense is ranked second in KenPom's offensive efficiency ratings, behind Villanova. Two of Texas Tech's top scoring threats are freshmen Jarrett Huler and Zhaire Smith, who have combined for 798 points this season. That makes them the highest scoring freshman duo in program history.

QUOTABLE: "Definitely took a nap. That was on the list for sure." — Purdue forward Vincent Edwards, on what he did with his downtime after the team arrived early ahead of East Coast snowstorm.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). While the boundaries you establish may simply be policy to you, there are some who will experience them as a personal affront. But as long as you're respectful, your boundaries won't be challenged.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The times are changing. You're dipping your foot into the new normal. It still scares some people, but that's why they need you to be strong. Do you. Get to know as many people as you can. And keep growing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You can enhance your life by changing something simple, such as your diet or something logistical. Take, for instance, the time you spend getting to and from places. There's a way to make the commute pleasurable or shorter.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). So you made a wrong turn back there. That's a rare thing, but it happens to everyone. Review the mistake or misperception, because you're about to get another chance -- and this time you're likely to nail it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Though you can relate to the lives of others, saying so won't help. The best way to support others is through careful, attentive listening. Make it all about the other person: No anecdote, advice or interjection will be necessary.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The work will only feel worthwhile to you if it's bringing you money, happiness or the chance to markedly improve yourself. If you can't readily see how the endeavor fits into one of those categories, bail.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). While trials and tribulations are an inevitable part of the growth cycle, they shouldn't be the norm. Someone who always seems to be at the heart of drama has the potential to snarl you into his or her orbit. Resist. You've better things to do.

SCORPIO (Oct.

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



24-Nov. 21). It doesn't matter how many friends you have; you will still always be better off when you are also your own friend and champion. Also note: A person who cares for deeply for you will not side with a person who doesn't.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You may choose to forgive someone now -- not because that person deserves

mercy but because you no longer want to be mentally tied to a piece of history and therefore need to let it go.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). People seek your company and attention. The venue, dining and entertainment aspects don't matter all that much, so don't stress over such details. As long as it's not too loud to hear conversation, all will be well.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Love, peace, magic, joy -- you can have all of that. You'll have to give up other things, though. What do you think they are? For some it's a false belief, e.g., that love is about suffering or that drama is better than happiness.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your internal voice may not make a peep detectible by microphones, but it can be deafeningly loud to you. It carries to far reaches of your internal universe. That's why it's so important to stay supportive when talking to yourself.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 23). It's the wonderful matches that make this solar return sing -- the people who (SET ITAL) get (END ITAL) you, the jobs that reward you at a deeper level and the lifestyle that curls supportively and securely around the core of who you are. Your outstanding work in August will build up both your reputation and your bank account. Virgo and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 28, 4, 14 and 7.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: Get clear about what's excusable and what's inexcusable. TAURUS: When pandas are lazy, it's cute. When people are lazy, less

so. You want love that's zesty, and you can have it. GEMINI: A match of style will matter. This isn't shallow; it's a social shortcut. CANCER: You're good at seeing people for who they are. Not everyone is good at this. Help them out? LEO:

You can rekindle the old flame, but it won't burn the same. VIRGO: The people who take more need to give more, too, or it's not going to last. LIBRA: You're happy, lively and vivacious, which will attract the same, give or take a few degrees. SCORPIO: Your influence is strong. They'll take your offer, follow your direction and catch your implications. Enjoy! SAGITTARIUS: You'll travel to be with someone who is worth going the distance for. CAPRICORN: It's not about who is the best but about who is the best (SET ITAL) for you. (END ITAL) AQUARIUS: Maybe no one can hear it when you're self-

encouraging and self-supportive, but the confidence this gives you radiates loud and clear. PISCES: You'll find it easy to want the best for and think the best of someone you really love, regardless of whether those things involve you.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: The soundtrack for an occasion involving an Aries sun reflecting in a Cancer moon would certainly include the Paul Simon song "Mother and Child Reunion." Cancer is the sign of maternal energy, and Aries is the firstborn child of the zodiac. Whether the bond is romantic, platonic or professional, it has a familial feeling -- as though somehow these two are responsible for one another.

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By Steve Becker
Bidding quiz

You are South, neither side vulnerable. The bidding has been:
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1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass
2♥ Pass ?
What would you bid now with each of the following five hands?
1. ♠AJ102 ♥KQ5 ♦742 ♣1093
2. ♠KQ75 ♥94 ♦A1072 ♣Q73
3. ♠AK8642 ♥Q962 ♦53 ♣7
4. ♠AK96 ♥853 ♦742 ♣Q85
5. ♠AK753 ♥Q10 ♦8653 ♣A4

1. **Three hearts.** Even though partner's rebid of two hearts puts his hand in the minimum class (13 to 15 points), there is still a chance for game. True, you have only 10 points, which would ordinarily mean there is no game, but your K-Q of hearts should be elevated in value because of their known importance.

The raise to three hearts is not forcing and asks partner to go on to game if he has more than a bare minimum. Partner could have something like: ♠K3 ♥AJ10763 ♦85 ♣AQ4, in which case game would be an excellent proposition.

2. **Two notrump.** Here also there is a chance for game despite partner's minimum rebid. Again, you invite partner to continue this time possibly to three notrump -- but he is at liberty to pass if he has nothing extra.

It would be wrong to bid three diamonds, which would force partner to bid again in a situation where game is in doubt.

3. **Four hearts.** This hand has only nine high-card points, but offers a far better prospect for game than either of the preceding hands. It has lots of playing tricks and distribution, and this is far more important in the long run than high-card points.

The odds are that at least 10 tricks can be made. It is not easy to construct a hand where four tricks could be lost, and this criterion should be substituted for point count in hands where distribution is a prominent factor.

4. **Pass.** There is little hope of making a game with this hand opposite a minimum opening bid, so the best thing to do is pass. While it is true that your spade response could have been based on a weaker hand, your surplus values are too thin to justify a further bid.

5. **Four hearts.** It is a bit unusual to jump-raise with only two trumps, but they are of such quality that they can be regarded as more than ample support for a suit partner has bid twice. Game in notrump should not be considered with so little in the way of stoppers in the minor suits. Hands composed of primary tricks, such as this one, usually play better in a suit contract.

Tomorrow: East gets caught in a vise.
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Fun By The Numbers

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

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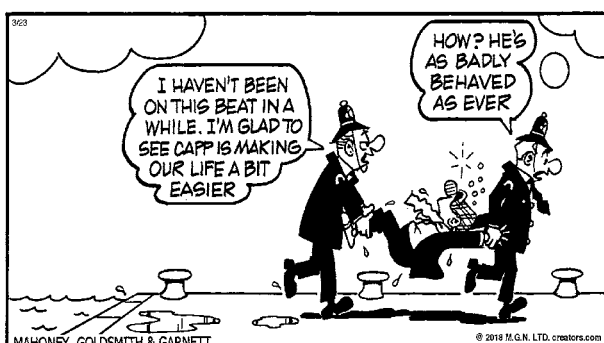
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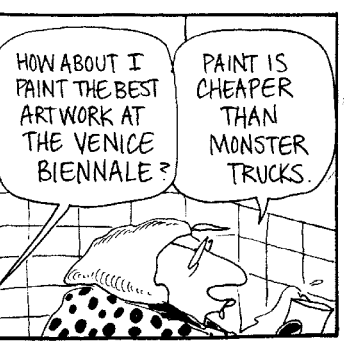
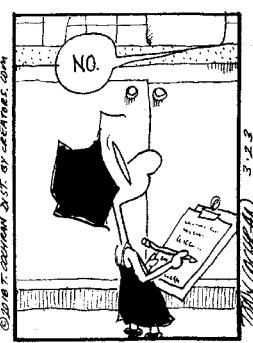
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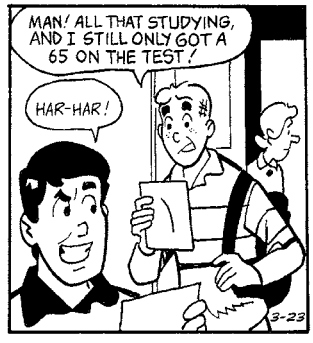
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, March 23, the 82nd day of 2018. There are 283 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On March 23, 1775, Patrick Henry delivered an address to the Virginia Provincial Convention...

In 1792, Joseph Haydn's Symphony No. 94 in G Major (known as the "Surprise" symphony because of an unexpected crashing chord in the second movement) had its first public performance in London.

In 1806, explorers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, having reached the Pacific coast, began their journey back east.

In 1914, the first installment of "The Perils of Pauline," the silent film serial starring Pearl White, premiered in the greater New York City area.

In 1933, the German Reichstag adopted the Enabling Act, which effectively granted Adolf Hitler dictatorial powers.

In 1942, the first Japanese-Americans evacuated by the U.S. Army during World War II arrived at the internment camp in Manzanar, California.

In 1956, Pakistan became an Islamic republic.

In 1965, America's first two-person space mission took place as Gemini 3 blasted off with astronauts Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom and John W. Young aboard for a nearly 5-hour flight.

In 1968, UCLA defeated North Carolina, 78-55, to win college basketball's NCAA championship.

In 1973, before sentencing a group of Watergate break-in defendants, Chief U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica read aloud a letter he'd received from James W. McCord Jr. which said there was "political pressure" to "plead guilty and remain silent."

In 1983, President Ronald Reagan first proposed developing technology to intercept incoming enemy missiles — an idea that came to be known as the Strategic Defense Initiative. Dr. Barney Clark, recipient of a Jarvik permanent artificial heart, died at the University of Utah Medical Center after 112 days with the device.

In 1998, "Titanic" tied an Academy Awards record by winning 11 Oscars, including best picture, director (James

Cameron) and song ("My Heart Will Go On").

In 2003, during the Iraq War, a U.S. Army maintenance convoy was ambushed in the Nasiriyah (nah-sih-REE-'uh); 11 soldiers were killed, including Pfc. Lori Ann Piestewa (py-ES-'tuh-wah); six were captured, including Pfc. Jessica Lynch, who was rescued on April 1, 2003.

Ten years ago: A roadside bomb killed four U.S. soldiers in Baghdad, pushing the overall American death toll in the five-year war to at least 4,000. Vice President Dick Cheney visited the West Bank, where Palestinian leaders asked him to pressure Israel to halt settlement construction and voiced other complaints. The Seattle-based fishing trawler Alaska Ranger sank in the Bering Sea, killing five crew members; 42 others survived. Al Copeland, founder of the Popeyes Famous Fried Chicken chain, died near Munich, Germany, at age 64.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama concluded a four-day visit to the Middle East as he marveled at the beauty of one of the region's most stunning sites, the fabled ancient city of Petra in Jordan. Pope Francis traveled from the Vatican to Castel Gandolfo south of Rome to have lunch with his predecessor, Benedict XVI. Boris Berezovsky, 67, a self-exiled and outspoken Russian tycoon who'd had a bitter falling out with Russian President Vladimir Putin, was found dead at his home in Ascot, England.

One year ago: Abandoning negotiations, President Donald Trump demanded a make-or-break vote on health care legislation in the House, threatening to leave "Obamacare" in place and move on to other issues if the next day's vote failed. (Trump and GOP leaders ended up pulling their bill when it became clear it would fail badly.) The Republican-led Senate confirmed President Donald Trump's pick to be U.S. ambassador to Israel, 52-46, ignoring objections from Democrats that David Friedman lacked the temperament for such an important diplomatic post.

Answer to previous puzzle grid with words like LEWIS, FLEE, CLOG, ELENA, FEELS, HULL, SMALLCRAFT, INDO, RETURN, URGES, JEST, BENCHPRESS, ORO, CAT, OAT, STY, NAFTA, NADIR, FIFIRSTFLIGHT, SPIRIT, HORDE, ABC, EAT, SAT, EAR, FRONT, PORCH, MADE, RAGES, ARAMIS, IKEA, SCRUBBRUSH, CENT, REEF, ATRIA, ASTO, SERF, SHYLY.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Mark Rydell is 89. International Motorsports Hall of Famer Craig Breedlove is 81. Singer-producer Ric Ocasek is 69. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson is 66. Singer Chaka Khan is 65. Actress Amanda Plummer is 61. Actress Catherine Keener is 59. Actress Hope Davis is 54. Actor Richard Grieco is 53. Country musician Kevin

Griffin (Yankee Grey) is 53. Actress Marin Hinkle is 52. Rock singer-musician Damon Albarn (Blur) is 50. Actress-singer Melissa Errico is 48. Rock musician John Humphrey (The Nixons) is 48. Bandleader Reggie Watts (TV: "The Late Late Show With James Corden") is 46. Actor Randall Park is 44. Actress Michelle Monaghan is 42. Actress Keri Russell is 42.

Actress Anastasia Griffith is 40. Gossip columnist-blogger Perez Hilton is 40. Actress Nicholle Tom is 40. Country singer Paul Martin (Marshall Dyllon) is 40. Country singer Brett Young is 37. Actor Nicolas Wright is 36.

Thought for Today:

"A man who fears suffering is already suffering from what he fears."

Michel de Montaigne (MEE'-shel duh mohn-TEHN') French essayist (1533-1592).

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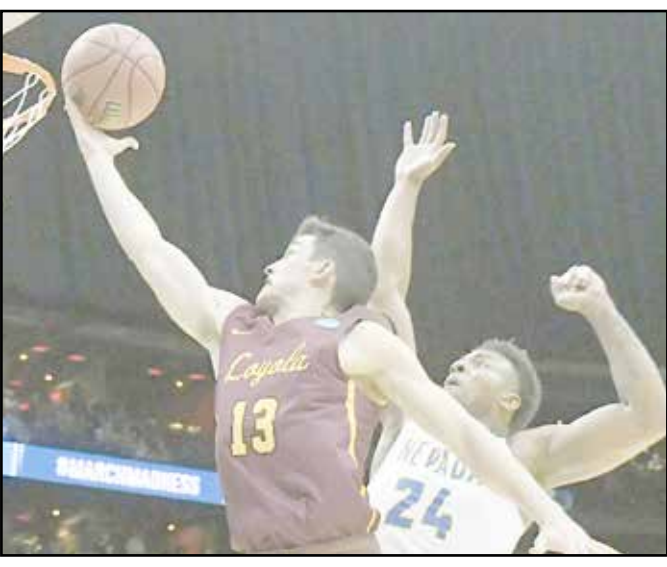
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Grid for Newsday Crossword puzzle with numbers 1-73 indicating starting positions for words.

NCAA Latest: Underdogs again rule in first half of Sweet 16



AP photo

Loyola-Chicago guard Clayton Custer (13) shoots against Nevada guard Jordan Caroline (24) during the first half of a regional semifinal NCAA college basketball game, Thursday, March 22, 2018, in Atlanta.

Associated Press

This Sweet 16 is picking up right where its zany lead-in left off. Two No. 9 seeds and an 11 are in the Elite Eight, and at least one of those underdogs will reach the Final Four.

Fitting for this NCAA Tournament that's cranked up the unpredictability of March Madness to never-before-seen levels.

Barry Brown's tiebreaking layup with 19 seconds remaining helped No. 9 seed Kansas State beat No. 5 seed Kentucky 61-58 in the South Region semifinal in Atlanta on Thursday night. No. 11 seed Loyola-Chicago toppled comeback artists Nevada with yet another player stepping up to snatch a win in the final moments.

And Terance Mann scored 18 points to help No. 9 seed Florida State upset fourth-seeded Gonzaga, 75-60, guaranteeing that the Final Four will have a completely different look from last year.

In the only game won by a favorite, third-seeded Michigan rolled past No. 7 seed Texas A&M 99-72.

NCAA officials say only two 9s had ever advanced to the regional finals before this tournament. And Kansas State goes in as a bracket favorite against Loyola in the topsy-turvy South, which again bounced its two highest remaining seeds.

In Las Vegas sports books, however, Kansas State and Loyola opened as a straight pick — no favorite, and neither being labeled the underdog anymore in a game for a Final Four berth.

12:25 a.m.

Florida State's upset run in the NCAA Tournament has stretched all the way to the brink of the Final Four.

Terance Mann scored 18 points and the ninth-seeded Seminoles advanced to the Elite Eight for just the third time in school history with a 75-60 victory over fourth-seeded Gonzaga on Thursday night in the West Region semifinal.

C.J. Walker and Braian Angola added 9 points for the Seminoles (23-11), who knocked their third straight higher-seeded opponent in a stunning run out West for a team that went 9-9 in ACC play and lost its conference tournament opener.

Coolly maintaining a lead down the stretch at Staples Center, Florida State ended Gonzaga's 16-game winning streak and halted the pursuit of a second straight Final Four berth for last year's tournament finalists.

Coach Leonard Hamilton's best postseason run in his 16 years at Florida State is extended to Saturday, when the Seminoles will face third-seeded Michigan for a trip to the Final Four in San Antonio. The Wolverines advanced with a 99-72 rout of Texas A&M.

12:15 a.m.

Kansas State's dream of its first Final Four since 1964 is alive.

Barry Brown's tiebreaking layup with 19 seconds remaining was the difference as Kansas State beat Kentucky 61-58 on Thursday night in the South Region semifinal.

Kansas State, a No. 9 seed, will play No. 11 seed Loyola-Chicago on Saturday in a regional final pairing no one could have predicted.

Kentucky's Shai Gilgeous-Alexander missed a potential tying 3-pointer at the final buzzer for Kentucky (26-11).

Kansas State (25-11) overcame the loss of top scorer Xavier Sneed, who had 22 points before fouling out with 1:14 remaining.

Sneed, who had nine points in the first half, was unstoppable in the second half. He scored 13 points in the first 11:30 of the second half before he was called for his fourth foul with 8:24 remaining.

When Sneed took a seat on the bench, Kansas State lost its momentum. It led 52-44 when Sneed collected his fourth foul and led only 56-55 when he returned with 2:13 remaining,

with Kentucky fans chanting "Go Big Blue" to encourage the comeback.

11:10 p.m.

Florida State is looking for a third straight NCAA Tournament upset after jumping to a 41-32 halftime lead on Gonzaga at Staples Center in Los Angeles.

C.J. Walker and P.J. Savoy combined to hit three late 3-pointers, and Brandon Allen hit a baseline floater at the buzzer to send the ninth-seeded Seminoles to the locker room on an 11-1 run.

One round after knocking off top-seeded Xavier in the West Region, Florida State is trying to reach the Elite Eight for only the third time in school history.

Florida State streaked to a 23-11 lead shortly before the midway point of the first half, but Gonzaga calmly replied with a 16-3 run to reclaim the lead. But when foul trouble sent Gonzaga forwards Johnathan Williams and Rui Hachimura to the bench in the final minutes, the Seminoles struck from outside.

Gonzaga struggled from the field during the first half, missing nine of its first 11 shots and its first seven 3-point attempts. Josh Perkins finally got the Zags' first triple with 6:29 left before halftime.

Gonzaga is attempting to move within one game of its second straight trip to the Final Four by winning its 17th straight game.

The winner gets Michigan on Saturday.

10:50 p.m.

Kansas State raced out to a quick lead and goes into halftime leading Kentucky 33-29 in the NCAA South Region semifinal.

Ninth-seeded Kansas State stunned fifth-seeded Kentucky right from the opening tip Thursday night, building a 13-1 lead before most of the blue-clad crowd at Philips Arena in Atlanta knew what hit them.

Kentucky shot just 26 percent in the first half but managed to close the gap before the break. Coach John Calipari's squad is the highest-seeded team remaining in a bracket that became the first in tournament history to have the four top seeds eliminated on the first weekend.

Xavier Sneed leads Kansas State with 9 points. Shai Gilgeous-Alexander is pacing Kentucky with 13 points.

The winner will move on to face No. 11 seed Loyola on Saturday for a spot in the Final Four. The Ramblers knocked off Nevada 69-68.

9:40 p.m.

Michigan is back in the Elite Eight for the third time in six years.

The third-seeded Wolverines thoroughly dominated No. 7 seed Texas A&M in a 99-72 victory at the West Region on Thursday night, extending their winning streak to 12 games.

Michigan led the entire game and hit 14 3-pointers, including 10 in the first half. The Wolverines average nine in a game.

The rout was on by halftime with Michigan leading 52-28.

The Aggies never made a run against the hot-shooting Wolverines, who shot 62 percent from the field.

Muhammad-Ali Abdur-Rahkman led Michigan with 24 points.

Texas A&M was led by Tyler Davis with 24 points.

9:15 p.m.

In its first NCAA Tournament appearance since 1985, Loyola is one win away from an improbable trip to the Final Four.

The 11th-seeded Ramblers kept up their amazing run with a 69-68 victory over seventh-seeded Nevada on Thursday night in the South Region in Atlanta.

With the shot clock running down and Loyola clinging to a 1-point lead, Marques Townes knocked down a 3-pointer with 6.3 seconds remaining. He finished with 18 points.

The Ramblers fell behind by 12 points in the early going, but got back in the game when Nevada's run-and-gun offense suddenly went cold. The Wolf Pack's final points of the first half came on Cody Martin's dunk with 7:57 remaining. Loyola closed the half on a 12-0 run and pushed out to a 12-point lead of its own early in the second half.

Nevada rallied and it came to the final seconds. Townes hit the big shot to clinch it.

Loyola improves to 31-5 and will face either No. 5 seed Kentucky or No. 9 seed Kansas State in the

regional final Saturday at Philips Arena.

The Wolf Pack finishes the season at 29-8.

8:40 p.m.

Loyola is being cheered on in the regional semifinals by four members of its 1963 national championship team.

Jerry Harkness, Les Hunter, John Egan and Rich Rochelle are sitting together in front-row seats at Philips Arena. They're all smiles with the 11th-seeded Ramblers holding a 9-point lead over Nevada with just under 12 minutes remaining.

Harkness says his alma mater is "playing well, hope they win."

While Loyola is making its first NCAA Tournament appearances since 1985, the school has a storied hoops history. Not only does it have a championship on its resume, it played in one of the most socially significant games in college basketball history during its run to the title.

At the height of the Civil Rights Movement, the team had four black starters when they beat an all-white Mississippi State squad in what became known as the "Game of Change."

8:30 p.m.

The rout is on at the West Region in Los Angeles.

Michigan leads Texas A&M 52-28 at halftime in the first semifinal game Thursday night much to the delight of the big number of Wolverines fans at Staples Center.

The third-seeded Wolverines hit 10 3-pointers in the half; they came in averaging nine in a game.

Moe Wagner scored 14 points and Duncan Robinson added 10 for Michigan.

The Aggies were led by Tyler Davis with 8 points. They committed 10 turnovers, led by T.J. Starks with five.

Texas A&M was just 12-of-32 from the floor in the half, while the Wolverines shot 57 percent.

Michigan's largest lead was 29 points.

8:10 p.m.

Loyola-Chicago stormed back after trailing by 18 points midway through the first half to lead Nevada 28-24 at halftime of Thursday night's NCAA South Region semifinal.

After leading a combined 4 minutes, 24 seconds of its first two NCAA Tournament wins, the Wolf Pack didn't trail in the opening 18 minutes of the first half. Nevada appeared to be in control when it led 20-8, but it trailed at halftime for the sixth straight game.

Loyola closed the half with a 20-4 run. The Wolf Pack didn't score in the final 7:55 before the break.

Following a 4-4 tie, Nevada took the lead with an 8-0 run that included a layup and two free throws by Jordan Caroline.

Loyola pushed the ball in the paint on almost every possession. The Ramblers' first 10 points came on layups.

— Charles Odum reporting from Atlanta

6:50 p.m.

All four games in the NCAA Tournament to be played Thursday night involve at least one team seeded seventh or lower.

The night opens with No. 7 seed Nevada playing No. 11 seed Loyola Chicago in the South Region. In the West, No. 7 seed Texas A&M, fresh off a blow-out of 2017 national champion North Carolina, faces No. 3 seed Michigan.

Later, No. 5 seed Kentucky faces No. 9 seed Kansas State in the South and No. 4 seed Gonzaga faces No. 9 seed Florida State in the West. Florida State advanced by topping No. 1 seed Xavier.

6 p.m.

It's back to the madness of March and the Sweet 16, starring Loyola-Chicago, Kansas State, Syracuse and whatever other underdog you might want to throw in there — maybe Florida State or Texas A&M.

There's plenty of drama in the South Region, where the top four seeds are done and watching the NCAA Tournament on TV. Play resumes Thursday night with tournament darling Loyola-Chicago (30-5), an 11th seed, facing No. 7 seed Nevada (29-7), and Kansas State (24-11) playing No. 5 seed Kentucky (26-10) in Atlanta.

The other two matchups are in the West, where No. 7 Texas A&M (22-12) meets No. 3 Michigan (30-7), and No. 9 Florida State (22-11) takes on No. 4 Gonzaga (32-4) in Los Angeles.

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LOS ANGELES — Roseanne Barr looks more glamorous, John Goodman slimmer. But the mass-market plaid couch is a giveaway that ABC's "Roseanne" revival hasn't ditched its roots.

The blue-collar Conner family and the times in which they live are at the heart of the sitcom debuting at 8 p.m. EDT Tuesday, as they were for the hit 1988-97 sitcom inspired by Barr's stand-up comedy.

The prospect of updating "Roseanne" was exciting "as long as we were permitted to tell relevant and authentic stories" about working-class characters, said Tom Werner, a producer for both shows.

That focus, noteworthy in the '80s when the show entered a relatively small TV universe, is still rare despite the swarm of broadcast, cable and streaming shows.

Profitability aside, the industry has scant artistic regard for such fare. "Roseanne" failed to earn a best sitcom Emmy in its long run, joining snubbed shows about the non-affluent including "Married with Children" and "The Middle." (Barr and "Roseanne" co-star Laurie Metcalf received acting trophies.)

"It's shocking that 'Roseanne' was never even nominated for best comedy series at the Emmys despite winning the Golden Globe for best comedy, a Peabody and being in the top 10 Nielsen ratings year after year," said Tom O'Neil, author of "The Emmys" and editor of the Gold Derby awards website.

But the show's perspective may carry more weight today.

The 2016 presidential campaign "was a wake-up call in that there were a large group of voters who were frustrated with the status quo" and being sidelined by the economy, Werner said. "What we're interested in doing is just telling honest stories about a family that's up against it."

In "Roseanne," it's up to matriarch Roseanne, a



In this image released by ABC, Roseanne Barr, left, and John Goodman appear in a scene from the reboot of "Roseanne," premiering on Tuesday at 8 p.m. EST.

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supporter of President Donald Trump, and her sister, Jackie (Metcalf), a hard-core opponent, to handle the political jousting.

"He talked about jobs" and shaking things up, Roseanne says of Trump in one scene. "I know this may come as a shock to you, but we almost lost our house because of the way things were going."

"Have you looked at the news? Because now things are worse," Jackie retorts.

"Not on the real news," says Roseanne.

Sisterly love defuses the tension, with punchlines aimed at doing the same for viewers. Whether a sitcom can double as meeting ground for a divided nation, as "All in the Family" once did, remains to be seen given the current din from social media and cable news shows.

During a Q&A with TV critics in January, Barr initially ducked a question about whether her own politics — she supported Trump — influenced her character's. "Go ahead, Bruce," she said, inviting series producer Bruce Helford to answer. But the usually forthright Barr, also a writer and producer on the show, finally dived in.

"I have always attempted to portray a realistic portrait of the American people and of working-class people. ... And, in fact, it was working-class people who elected Trump. So I felt that was very real, and

something that needed to be discussed," Barr said.

The same holds true for "people actually hating other people for the way they voted, which I feel is not American. And so I wanted to bring it (the series) right down the middle, and we did," said Barr. She added that she's not an apologist for the president and doesn't agree with all he's said and done, including some "crazy" things.

Whether the White House or child-rearing are on the family table, the writing has the same zest and bite as the original series. Roseanne's distinctive cackle-laugh is intact, although she's less prickly. And if familiarity breeds more comfort for viewers, the largely intact cast is there to help.

The Conner kids are back, including Sara Gilbert as Darlene, Michael Fishman as D.J. and Lacey Gorranson as Becky. Sarah Chalke, who played Becky in later seasons, is on hand as a new character, and guest stars including Estelle Parsons and Sandra Bernhard will reprise their roles.

Goodman's return required sleight of hand, given that Dan was killed off by a heart attack in the original's final season. The revision is handled with a wink in the season opener, and Werner offers no apologies for rewriting TV history (as the original "Dallas" did when it turned a character's death into a dream sequence).

"I appreciate the microscope which the show is under, but I'd rather see John Goodman in these episodes than not," he said.

Goodman's reaction: "I thought it was a clever way to do it — to handle it and get it out of the way."

If the nine-episode reboot proves popular, Barr and others have expressed enthusiasm for another season. Werner said he hopes the audience embraces what's key to the show, beyond punchlines and current events.

It's "emotional," he said. "There are certainly some very painful moments which go along with the comedy."

Officials to turn over Prince investigative files to family

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MINNEAPOLIS — Prosecutors in the county where Prince was found dead have agreed to provide his siblings with investigative documents so the family can determine whether civil litigation is warranted, according to a stipulation filed in court Wednesday.

The siblings and their attorneys must keep the information confidential, or could be held in contempt of court, the agreement says. A judge hasn't yet signed off on it, according to court records, but that's typically a formality when both sides agree.

Prince was 57 when he was found alone and unresponsive in an elevator at his Paisley Park estate on April 21, 2016. An autopsy found he died of an accidental overdose of fentanyl, a synthetic opioid 50 times more powerful than heroin.

Search warrants released about a year later showed authorities searched his home, cellphone records of associates and his email accounts to try to determine how he got the drug. Authorities found numerous pills in various containers around Prince's home, including some counterfeit pills containing fentanyl. But the source of those drugs hasn't been deter-

mined.

Attorneys for Prince's siblings filed motions earlier this year to get the investigative data, including the medical examiner's investigation, so they could determine whether lawsuits were merited before the time expires to file civil claims. The statute of limitations could be two years in some cases.

"That's why we need the records," said John Goetz, an attorney for Prince's siblings. "They should give us some guidance on who might be culpable in his death."

Carver County Attorney Mark Metz released a statement last month saying he'd object to releasing the data, citing the ongoing investigation. Metz did not return a phone message seeking comment Wednesday, but the agreement filed in Anoka County, where the autopsy was done, bears his signature.

Goetz said he expects to receive the medical examiner's autopsy investigation this week. He said he expects a similar agreement to be reached next week on the rest of the investigative files.

"We're very pleased we can finally get all the facts and determine what claims we might be able to pursue for our clients for the loss of their brother," he said.



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In this Feb. 4, 2007, file photo, Prince performs during the halftime show at the Super Bowl XLI football game at Dolphin Stadium in Miami.

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