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Pints for Polio raises over \$31,000

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

The party's over, the beer and wine have been imbibed, the music listened to, and the auction items bid on and purchased. And what do we have to show for it? \$31,227.11.

That's the preliminary total raised through ticket sales, sponsorships, and auction receipts by the third annual Pints for Polio event put on Saturday at the Courtyard Event Center in downtown Big Spring by the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club. According to the final tally, 329 people attended the event.

According to Jeff Ward, the Rotary Club treasurer, half that money – \$15,613.56 – will remain in Howard County for use on Rotary Club projects. The other half will be matched two-for-one by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and the resulting \$46,849.65 will go to "End Polio Now," a nationwide program aimed at eradicating the remnants of polio from the world.

"There were about 385,000 cases in 1985, I believe. It was over 1,000 cases a day," said Greater Big Spring Rotary Club President Brent Strande, owner of the Train Car Cigar Bar. "We are now down to just a handful. In 2016, I believe it was in the 20s or 30s. In 2017, I think it was around 22, and this year there have been only five cases reported so far, all in Pakistan. It's found in Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Nigeria. It was worldwide; it was in the United States. My grandfather has polio. So it affects everyone you know."

For more information about the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, visit www.facebook.com/GreaterBigSpringRotary. For more information about End Polio Now, visit www.facebook.com/EndPolioNow.

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Scouts honor Eagles, leaders at Volunteer Awards Banquet



Pictured from left to right are Rodney Patridge, Gary Tidwell, Daniel Sneed, Matt Hernandez, Garrett Richardson, a Scout leader whose name is unknown to Herald Staff, and Ricky Sneed. Daniel, Matt and Garrett also received Eagle Palms for earning additional Merit Badges beyond what was required for their Eagle Rank.

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

Local Boy Scouts honored some of their leaders and some of their own at the Lone Star District of the Buffalo Trail Council's annual Volunteer Awards Banquet Saturday night.

Although the purpose of the banquet was to recognize the adult leaders that have gone above and beyond to serve the local Scouts, the banquet started with

acknowledging the Eagle Scouts of 2017. Daniel Sneed, Matt Hernandez, and Garrett Richardson all were awarded Scouting's highest rank during 2017, and each of the three young men also received Eagle Palms, a special recognition for earning additional Merit Badges beyond those required to earn the Eagle Rank.

"The highlight of the evening would normally be the awarding of the District's See **EAGLES**, Page 3

Wegner wins first ever Great Shake



Special to the Herald

Tucker Wegner, a Coahoma sixth grader, is the first champion of the Great Shake contest.

The Great Shake showcased the Academy students' abilities to greet and communicate with members of the community while exuding confidence, poise and a genuine interest in the individuals they are meeting. The contest had four rounds.

Rounds one and two were held at Coahoma ISD where students met and greeted volunteers from area businesses. In those two rounds, the contestants were narrowed from 195 to 56 to the top 12. Then, the remaining competitors traveled to the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce to meet and be interviewed by civic leaders.

After six interviews, the field was narrowed to the top six who then traveled to Midland to visit businesses and had interviews with representatives of First Capital Bank, SM Energy, and BTA Oil Producers.

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Courtesy photo
Coahoma's Tucker Wegner, the first ever Great Shake champion, stands with his trophy after winning the competition held on Monday, March 26, 2018.



Third KFC suspect surrenders to police

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

A third suspect being sought by Big Spring Police in connection with the March 16 shooting at the local KFC has turned himself in.

According to a press release issued Monday by the Police Department, "On the 26th of March 2018 at approximately 5:45 p.m., Marqavion 'Quay' Williams turned himself into Law Enforcement and has since been arrested. Mr. Williams was charged with the five counts of Aggravated As-



Williams

sault with a Deadly Weapon and two additional warrants, one for Burglary of a Habitation, and the other for Theft of a Firearm."

The release went on to say Williams would be arraigned on the charges today.

A release issued by police earlier in the day stated that police were seeking Williams, who they alleged participated in the shooting in the KFC parking lot along with the two 20-year-olds Angel Villa and Rafael

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Blood drive at SMMC



File photo

Local donor, Victoria McCluskey, relaxes while donating blood during the United Blood Services' blood drive held last summer on June 7, 2017.

By **AMBER MANSFIELD**
Staff Writer

Scenic Mountain Medical Center (SMMC) is calling for all blood donors as they team up with United Blood Services to host a blood drive at SMMC, located at 1601 W

11th Place. The blood drive is scheduled on Wednesday, April 4, from 9 a.m. to noon with a bloodmobile parked in front of SMMC.

Donors will receive a

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Obituaries

Loretta Farquhar



A celebration of life service for Loretta Farquhar, 77, of Big Spring will be held at 1 p.m., Thursday, March 29, 2018, at the First Christian Church in Big Spring, Texas, with Sandy Sandlin officiating. A dessert reception and visitation will follow immediately after the service in the First Christian Church fellowship hall.

Loretta passed away Friday, March 23, 2018 at University Medical Center in Lubbock, Texas.

She was born July 28, 1940, in Gorman, Texas, to the late Roy Cecil and Mabel Jolene (Taylor) Bennett. She married Ronald Carson Farquhar, June 21, 1958 in Big Spring, Texas. This coming June would have marked their 60th wedding anniversary.

She was a member of the First Christian Church in Big Spring, Texas, and served as a Deacon and the Chairman of the Fellowship Committee. While living in Odessa, Loretta served on the PTA board at Dowling Elementary and held multiple offices with Americana Study Club. Loretta and Ron owned and operated Chaparral Trucks where she was "the boss."

Ron and Loretta moved to Big Spring in 2008 to care for her mother, Jolene Bennett. She was ac-

tive in the Howard County Republican Party, the Hyperion Club and numerous Bible studies.

Although Loretta was active in many organizations, her passion was always her family. Over the course of her life, Loretta loved the lake and spending time with her grandchildren who affectionately called her Nanny. She loved the beach at Destin, Florida, with family and friends. She loved collecting antiques and wildflowers. She attended countless rodeos, baseball, softball and basketball games. Loretta was an accomplished chef and had an artistic ability that she used in many mediums from water color painting to interior decorating.

Survivors include her husband, Ron of Big Spring; son Mark and his wife Janis of Odessa; daughter Lori and husband Russell Grizzard of Midland; daughter Kristi and husband Jeff Payne of Lubbock; a sister Bobbie and husband Gerald Wooten of Big Spring; grandchildren Mason and Delores Williams, Kimberly and Brandon Blake, Carson and Kresha Grizzard, Lauren Grizzard, Jordan Payne, and Riley and Bonnie Payne; great-grandchildren Sebastian, Ashton, Julian, and Jonas Williams, Camille and Olivia Blake, and Barrett Grizzard. Loretta leaves behind her friends, whom she had many and loved fiercely.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to: The First Christian Church, 911 Goliad, Big Spring, Texas, 79720.

Paid obituary

Angelita "Jelly" Bustamante Montoya



Angelita "Jelly" Bustamante Montoya, 73, of Big Spring died Friday, March 23, 2018.

Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers and Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Ackerly Cemetery.

She was born Oct. 2, 1944, in Big Spring to Augustina Castaneda Bustamante and Pablo Bustamante. She was a homemaker, but also made and sold burritos for many years, and was known as the "Burrito Lady." She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and Ackerly and was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

She is survived by two daughters, Cecilia Trevino of Big Spring and Olga Trevino of Big Spring; one son, Johnny Trevino of Big Spring; three brothers, Pablo Bustamante Jr. and his wife Mary Helen of Big Spring, Jesus Bustamante of Big Spring, and Vicente Bustamante and his wife Jean of Oklahoma; one sister, Frances Garcia and her husband Daniel of Big Spring; seven grandchildren, Rosanna, Princess, Roxanne, Mark, Johnny Jr., Albert, and Cielo; and six great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Lupe Gomez; stepmother (who raised her) Elvira Bustamante; and one sister, Maria Garcia.

Pallbearers will be Pablo Bustamante Jr., Randy Ybarra, Lisa Ybarra, Norma Lopez, Christopher Bustamante, and Vicente Bustamante Jr.

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

Paid obituary

Juan Flores Moreno



Juan Flores Moreno, 89, of Big Spring, died Thursday, March 22, 2018.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, March 30, at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel.

Juan is survived by four children, Jesusa Moreno, Josie Moreno Salazar, Irene Moreno Reyes, and Joe Louis Moreno; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a sister.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to The National Kidney Foundation at www.kidney.org or the American Heart Association at www.donatenow.heart.org.

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

Earnest Perkins



Memorial service for Earnest Perkins will be on Thursday, March 29, 2018, at 10 a.m. at the Pecos County Civic Center in Fort Stockton, Texas, with Scott Owens officiating. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at www.heritagefuneralhomeofthebig-bend.com.

Willie L. Green

Willie L. Green, 80, of Midland, died March 22. A visitation will be held on Wednesday, March 28, 2018, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home in Midland. Funeral services will be held at Greater St. Luke AME, 401 S. Adams, Midland, on Thursday, March 29, 2018, at 11 a.m.

She is survived by four daughters, Glodine Green, Jackie Green, Anita Green, and Lawanda Green; five sons, Richard Green, Bradley Green, Rodney Green, Derrick Green, and Darrin Green; three brothers, Nathaniel Green, Robert Green, and El Roy Green; one sister, Pearly Crawford; 17 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

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

Support Groups

TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

Police and Sheriff Reports

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **CLYDE WAYNE SULLIVAN**, 28, of 1319 Mulberry was arrested on warrants for expired registration, failure to control speed, and failure to appear.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 1100 block of East 12th Street, the 3600 block of West Highway 80, and the 500 block of South Gregg Street.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1100 block of East 11th Place.

• **DISTURBANCE** was report-

ed in the 1200 block of Mesa Avenue.

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

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

• **BRANDEE LEANN CASTILLO**, 20, was booked by BSPD on warrants for failure to appear for unauthorized use of a vehicle; and on three warrants for assault by contact.

• **RAYMOND JONATHAN**

DUSH, 22, was booked by HCSO on a bondsman off bond warrant for possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.); and on a warrant for bail jumping/failure to appear.

• **CLYDE WAYNE SULLIVAN**, 28, of 1319 Mulberry was arrested on warrants for expired registration, failure to control speed, violation of promise to appear, and failure to appear.

• **MARQAVION DON'SHAY WILLIAMS**, 17, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for burglary of a habitation and on five warrants for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3600 block of West Highway 80. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2400 block of Aspen Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2300 block of Wason Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of Third and Gregg streets. Three people were treated on the scene.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 100 block of West Eighth Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported

to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wason Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Boulevard. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of McEwen. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 100 block of Airbase Road. One person was treated at the scene.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 700 block of West Interstate 20. Three people were treated at the scene.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of West 14th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Take Note

• Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas, handles legal issues affecting Veterans, Retirees, and their family members. They will have clinics that provides volunteer attorneys that will provide free legal advice (up to 25 minutes depending on the issue). A pro bono attorney may be assigned to handle some cases that include: bankruptcy, consumer issues/contract, child support and custody, divorce, employment, foreclosure, housing, landlord/tenant, probate and guardianship, real estate, social security/SSI, Veterans benefits/issues, wills and estate planning. The Clinic dates are on 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.

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EAGLES

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'Award of Merit,' but (Scout) Max DeLeon stole the show when he recognized the 2017 District officers, and then installed the 2018 officers," said Lone Star District Chairman Mark Richardson. "Max assured everyone that they were not at the Banquet to receive awards. They were there because of him and the 'zillions' of other Scouts out there that are depending on adult volunteers."

According to Richardson, Max made all officers promise to provide an environment where he would be "encouraged to dig up big ole fat juicy worms."

Max went on to say, "Do you want to know the truth? I don't know what a moral compass is. I'm not really sure what character development is. And when you say fitness development all I can think of is P.E. It takes grownups like you to trick Scouts like me into learning stuff."

Following Max's remarks, District Commissioner Mike Goodwin went on to recognize several people, starting with the District's Commissioner Corps. Lone Star Commissioners include Perry Heupel, Gary Tidwell, Shawn Mitchell, Mike Goodwin, and Jeannie Hernandez. Mitchell, Tidwell, and Hernandez all earned the prestigious "Commissioner's Arrowhead Award" for their service.

Goodwin went on to recognize long-tenured Scouters. Scout Leader Eunice Thixton had the most years of involvement with 44 years. Richardson has been registered in Scouting for 40 years, and Ricky Sneed is just shy of 40 years involvement.

Each year the Lone Star District recognizes a "Family of the Year."

"This year this recognition went to the Bond Family from Snyder," Richardson said. "James, Monica, and Kaden are all very active and provide countless hours to make the Snyder "Fish-A-Thon" a huge event."

Scout Leader Ricky Sneed received one of the most prestigious awards of the night, the Lone Star District's "Legacy Award."

"Ricky Sneed was presented this for his tireless support of Scouting," Richardson said. "No one can count how many young men Ricky has helped along their way to the rank of Eagle Scout."

Richardson said that several individuals in the crowd gave testimonies to Sneed's legacy of Service.

"Eric Barber said 'Ricky was always there to help me...even when I didn't deserve it,'" Richardson said.

The highest award a District can present is the District Award of Merit, said Richardson.

"This award cannot be earned by just fulfilling your role in Scouting," he said. "A person must go above and beyond their role. Their efforts must help Scouts and Scouters all across the District, not just at their local unit or community. The Lone Star District took great pride in presenting the District Award of Merit to Mike Goodwin. Mike has served Scouting all over the Country. In his last several years here, he has led this District to the fastest growing membership District in the Country in 2016 as well as led Area 3 - most of Texas - in 'Journey to Excellence' growth. Mike is the epitome of the values that are at the very core of the Scouting program."

The Lone Star District Committee meets on the 3rd Thursday of every month. Those interested can contact the new District Executive Tommy Edwards at 432-212-3577.

GOP-led states back Trump in California 'sanctuary' lawsuit

By **SUDHIN THANAWALA**

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Texas and more than a dozen other states led by Republican governors got behind the Trump administration on Monday in its lawsuit over California's so-called sanctuary laws that protect people in the U.S. illegally.

California's laws are designed to interfere with or block federal immigration enforcement but the state does not have that authority, the other states said in a court filing in the U.S. Department of Justice's lawsuit against California. The filing in federal court in Sacramento supports the Justice Department's attempt to block the laws.

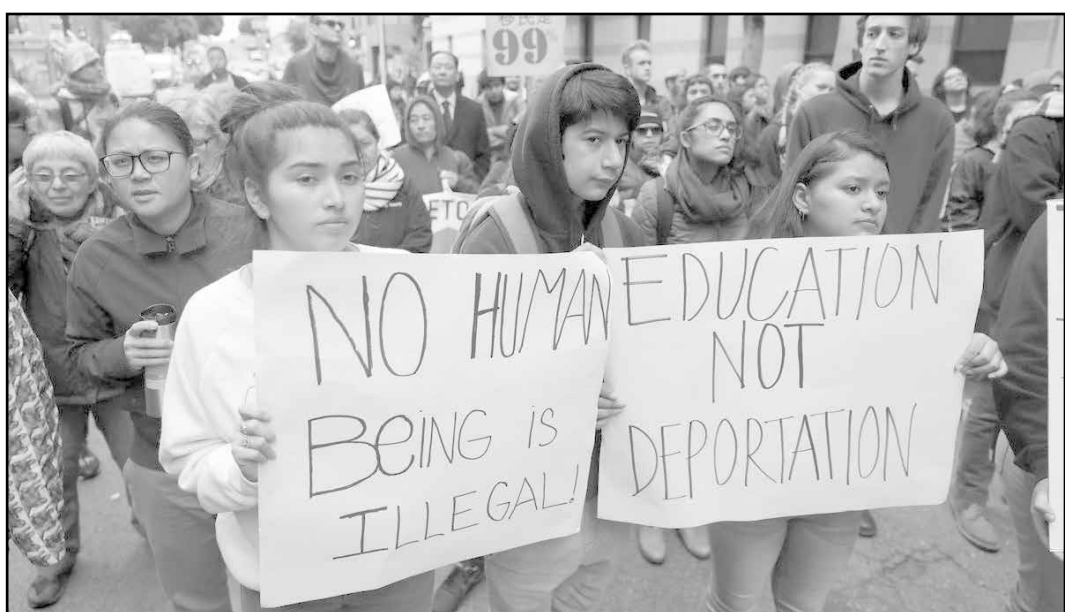
An email to the California Attorney General's office was not immediately returned.

The Justice Department sued California in March over three state laws, including one that requires the state to review detention facilities where immigrants are held and another that limits the ability of state and local law enforcement officials to turn people over to immigration authorities.

Federal officials have said California officials have prevented them from removing dangerous people who are in the U.S. illegally. California officials have responded that their sanctuary policies increase public safety by promoting trust between immigrant communities and law enforcement.

The filing by Texas and the other states argues that California's laws should be blocked on the same grounds that the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a 2010 Arizona immigration law.

The Arizona law required police, while enforcing other laws, to question the immigration status of people



AP photo

In this Feb. 27, 2018, file photo, demonstrators hold signs outside of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement offices in San Francisco. Texas and more than a dozen other states led by Republican governors got behind the Trump administration on Monday in its lawsuit over California's so-called sanctuary laws that protect people in the U.S. illegally.

suspected of being in the country illegally, made it a crime to harbor immigrants here illegally, and banned them from seeking work in public places.

The U.S. Supreme Court struck down key provisions of the law in 2012. Justice Anthony Kennedy said Arizona may have "understandable frustrations" with immigrants who are in the country illegally, but added that it can't pursue policies that "undermine federal law."

If Arizona's laws are overridden by federal law, then so are California's, the court filing for Texas and the other states said. They cited a legal document signed by California in the fight over Arizona's law that said the removal of people in the country illegally was up to the federal government.

"With a new presidential admin-

istration, however, California has changed its tune," the states said.

California Attorney General Xavier Becerra and legal experts have argued that California's laws are different from Arizona's.

The states also said California's laws could harm them by making it easier for immigrants who have committed crimes to go to other states.

The states joining Texas are: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina and West Virginia. Louisiana's governor, John Bel Edwards, is a Democrat.

The Republican governors of Mississippi and Maine also joined the filing, though their states, which have Democrats as attorneys general, did not."

SHAKE

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After four interviews, the group was treated to a dinner at Luigi's where the winner was announced. The top six contestants were Kylie Moran, Tucker Wegner, Grayson Jacobs, Makayla Chavez, Ava Alaman and Brynn Rodgers

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T-shirt and free car wash coupons. Those who donate two pints of blood get a Cinemark Movie Pass.

To avoid the wait of donating blood, call 877-827-4376 to schedule an appointment. You can also schedule an appointment to donate by using the code: smmc at www.bloodhero.com. Make sure you bring your I.d card.

To donate blood, you must be at least 16 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds. All 16 and 17 year-olds must have parent or guardian's permission to donate. There is no max age limit, although all donors must pass the vital signs and health history examinations given prior to donation.

Here are some facts about the importance of blood donation. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), peo-

ple with O-negative blood are known as "universal donors" because their blood can be transfused to anyone. Type O-negative blood is found in just six percent of the population, and is often transfused to patients with other blood types in emergency rooms and trauma situations.

People of all blood types and ethnicities are encouraged to donate, and are critical to maintaining the diversity of the blood supply.

Did you know that very two seconds someone needs blood? Trauma accounts for 37 million emergency department visits and 2.6 million hospital admissions each year, nationwide. Car accidents and trauma victims may need 50 or more blood transfusions. That's why United Blood Services' (UBS) slogan is "Find the hero in you." You don't need to have superpowers in order to be a superhero and save lives, all you need to do is donate blood.

SUSPECT

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Hernandez. At about 7:25 on March 16, the police department received a call reporting that individuals in a tan SUV were shooting at two cars, one white and one black, in the KFC parking lot, 1711 S. Gregg St. The two target cars reportedly fled the scene with the SUV in pursuit.

An adult man and a two-year-old girl were reportedly injured in the attack. According to Big Spring Police Public Information Officer Lt. Brian Gordon, the adult victim was treated and released on March 17, the day following the attack; while the child, who was flown to Lubbock's Covenant Medical Center in critical condition following the shooting - is currently in stable condition and doing well.

Hernandez and Villa were arrested March 20 in Colorado City on five counts each of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, a second-degree felony offense.

If you have such information concerning this case, contact CrimeStoppers at 432-263-TIPS (8477), or leave an anonymous tip using the "P3 Tips" mobile application or at the Big Spring Police website, www.bigspringpd.net.

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

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Man who stuffed Lubbock woman's body into luggage set to die



amid the mountain of trash, opened the suitcase and discovered the beaten naked body of a 29-year-old woman stuffed inside.

Detectives used a barcode label sewn to the luggage to establish it was purchased a day earlier at a Walmart. Debit card records and store surveillance video identified the buyer as Rosendo Rodriguez III, a Marine reservist from San Antonio who'd been in Lubbock for training that included martial arts combat.

On Tuesday, a day after his 38th birthday, Rodriguez is set for execution for the 2005 slaying of Summer Baldwin. She was 10 weeks pregnant.

Court records show Rodriguez was linked to at least five other sexual assaults and confessed to the slaying of a 16-year-old girl

who had been missing for more than a year. Joanna Rogers' mummified remains were found, like Baldwin's, inside a suitcase at the city garbage

dump. Rodriguez became known as Lubbock's "suitcase killer."

Lubbock County District Attorney Matt Powell, who prosecuted Rodriguez, described him Monday as "very cold-blooded and very calculated."

"What kind of person does that, just throws them out like the morning trash?" Powell said.

Rodriguez would be the fourth Texas inmate executed this year and the seventh nationally.

Attorneys for Rodriguez appealed Monday to the U.S. Supreme Court as their "last hope" after lower courts rejected appeals that focused on the medical examiner who testified about Baldwin's autopsy at his trial.

Rodriguez's lawyers said the coroner recently settled a whistleblower lawsuit, previously unknown to them, that alleged he delegated some duties to unqualified underlings. The lawsuit "bears directly on the credibility and admissibility of the medical examiner's testimony in this case," attorney Seth Kretzer said.

Assistant Texas Attorney General Tomee Heining said Rodriguez's appeals were "nothing more than a last-ditch effort" that were improper, untimely and meritless. The settlement involving a dismissed former em-

Court records describe Baldwin, the mother of four, as a prostitute. She'd served jail time in Lubbock for a drug conviction.

Three weeks after his arrest, Rodriguez gave Lubbock police a statement saying he killed Baldwin in self-defense when she pulled a knife on him after the two had consensual sex on Sept. 12, 2005, at a hotel room.

Testimony at his 2008 trial showed she had about 50 blunt force wounds and may have been alive when she was folded into the suitcase and tossed into a trash bin. The contents of the bin subsequently wound up at the city dump. Defense attorneys suggested a trash compactor could have killed her.

Jurors who convicted him of capital murder heard during the trial's punishment phase from five women, including his high school girlfriend, who testified he raped them. Jurors also heard about his confession to killing Rogers, the 16-year-old Lubbock girl who evidence showed he initially met in an online chat room.

Prosecutors decided to seek the death penalty after Rodriguez scuttled a deal where he'd plead guilty to killing Baldwin and the teenager in exchange for a life prison term.

AP photo

This undated photo provided by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice shows Rosendo Rodriguez III. Attorneys for the Texas death row inmate known as the "suitcase killer" have appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court to halt his scheduled execution this week for the slaying of a Lubbock woman whose body was stuffed inside a suitcase dumped in the trash. Rodriguez III, of San Antonio, was condemned for the 2005 killing of 29-year-old Summer Baldwin, identified in court documents as a prostitute.

By MICHAEL GRACZYK

Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — An employee at the Lubbock city landfill spotted a brand-new piece of luggage

Underground tunnels proposed for Houston flooding

HOUSTON (AP) — The flood control district for the Houston area is considering a proposal to build massive underground tunnels to drain floodwaters from bayous across the county.

Harris County Flood Control District officials said the idea could be a bold solution to alleviating the chronic flooding that has plagued the Houston area, including during Hurricane Harvey.

The project could cost several billion dollars and take several years to complete, the Houston Chronicle reported. It would build a network of deep tunnels to carry water from several of Houston's waterways, so that they'd be able to keep a 100-year storm event within their banks.

A 100-year storm event refers to rainfall that has a 1 percent chance of occurring in any given year. It usually ranges from 12 to 14 inches in a 24-hour period. During each of the last three years, Houston has experienced a 500-year flood, which has a 0.2 percent chance of happening in any given year.

"What the flood control district has been doing for decades doesn't occur fast enough or it doesn't have the benefits that the public really wants," said Matthew Zeve, director of operations at the flood control district. "We've been challenged to try to think of new ideas and new strategies and this is an answer to that challenge."

He said the tunnel project would displace and disrupt far fewer people than other methods of reducing the flooding risk, such as widening bayous and buying out homes in especially flood-prone areas.

Commissioners will vote Tuesday on whether to pursue a feasibility study to assess the tunnel proposal. It's estimated that the study would cost about \$400,000 and be completed by October.

Republican Rep. John Culberson, of Houston, said he's "encouraged" that the district "is thinking outside the box."

"It certainly seems like this type of project could be partially funded by FEMA hazard mitigation grants and, perhaps, through other federal sources, as well," he said.

A spokeswoman for Gov. Greg Abbott said it's too early to comment on the proposal.

West Texas non-profit marks 50th project in Nepal

By SHAUN LOVELESS

Goodfellow AFB Intel Graduate 2018-Guest Writer "I am happy to see that organizations from around the world continue to help rebuild Nepal," Terry Mikeska says, reminiscing about his recent trip.

Years after the April 2015 earthquake, which killed over 8,000, this small nation is still in need of humanitarian aid. If not for organizations like the Mikeska Foundation, the more remote provinces of Nepal would not have seen a shred of assistance since the disaster.

The Terry Mikeska Foundation, based out of San Angelo, Texas, prides itself on completing more than 50 humanitarian aid projects in Nepal, and has managed to deliver aid to impoverished areas of Manila as well during three mission projects earlier this year.

Native Philippino and RN, Eliodoro Rimando, now working at Senior Care in San Angelo, helped organize and volunteered during the Manila mission. This helped tremendously with organization efforts and language barriers. The Foundation has relied upon the, "kindness of Nepalese volunteer students, the Red Cross, Jaycees, and healthcare professionals," who have provided humanitarian relief in the most impacted, and forgotten, areas of Nepal. This team has tirelessly focused on providing food, water, personal hygiene items, healthcare, water filtration, and medicine to lost communities within Nepal.

If that was not enough, over the last 50 missions they have successfully managed to better education by providing school supplies, books for libraries, solar lighting, assisting school construction projects, and building sport and recreation areas. They grew a church from a small group that worshipped

outside under a tree to a fully outfitted chapel of 350 members, with individual bibles and music equipment.

"It's hard to believe that all this started with delivering a few duffel bags of knitted hats that we collected in the San Angelo community," Terry reflects, "None of this would be possible without the help we have received from our donors."

About one-third of Nepal's citizens live below the national poverty line on less than 25 cents per day, and another third lives on less than \$2 per day. Many of these individuals live in the most remote areas of the country, which makes aid a scarcity.

"Some of our relief efforts tend to be complex and physically challenging due to the undeveloped locations where help is needed, but we always find a way through, whether its with a utility vehicle or just walking."

"I feel extremely blessed that my travel expenses to and from these missions have been underwritten by an angel donor in the Permian Basin," this has been critical since, "I am able to use the donations towards the actual projects and needs of those we're helping." There is no office or staff at the Mikeska Foundation; just

volunteers. Everything is managed from Terry's home.

50 is indeed quite the milestone for this small foundation, however, Terry is already working on another list of missions, which are scheduled to start in the fall of 2018. Hundreds of photos and articles can be seen at www.terrymikeskafoundation.org and on the Terry Mikeska Foundation Facebook page. Tax deductible gifts are accepted throughout the year at: Terry Mikeska Foundation, P.O. Box 61692, San Angelo, Texas 76906 or through our website.



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Over 125 children showed up for a school supply distribution, arts and crafts and games in the village of Birtabazar, Nepal in March of 2018.



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Democrats would need huge wave to win US House

By DAVID A. LIEB

Associated Press

A report released Monday suggests Democrats might have to temper their enthusiasm about climbing back to power during this year's midterm elections.

To win a majority in the U.S. House of Representatives, Democrats would need a tremendous electoral wave not seen in more than 40 years to overcome Republican advantages from gerrymandered districts in key states, according to an analysis from the Brennan Center for Justice.

The report projects that Democrats would need to win the national popular vote for congressional districts by a nearly 11 percentage point margin over Republicans to gain more than the roughly two dozen seats they need to flip control of the Republican-led chamber.

That would take more than the typical Democratic wave that history suggests would occur for the party out of power during a midterm election.

"It would be the equivalent of a tsunami," said Michael Li, a senior counsel who heads up redistricting work for the center, which is based at New York University School of Law. "Democrats would have to win larger than any sort of recent midterm wave — almost double what they got in 2006 — in order to win a narrow majority."

The Brennan Center opposes what it calls "extreme gerrymandering" in which political parties draw legislative districts that virtually ensure they will hold on to power.

The center has filed a court brief in a case to be heard Wednesday by the U.S. Supreme Court supporting a lawsuit by Republicans alleging that Maryland's former Democratic governor and legislature unconstitutionally gerrymandered a congressional district to their advantage.

It also has filed court briefs supporting Democratic lawsuits alleging unconstitutional partisan gerrymandering by Republicans in states such as Wisconsin and Pennsylvania.

The center's analysis notes that Democrats gained 31 seats when they won the national congressional vote by 5.4 percentage points in 2006. Yet under the current districts, which were redrawn after the 2010 Census under GOP control of many state capitols, a similar national victory margin in the November election is projected to net Democrats only about a dozen new seats.

The report projects that a 10 percentage point national margin would gain 21 seats for Democrats — still shy of the 23 or 24 needed to claim a House majority. An 11-point margin is projected to gain 28 seats for Democrats, but they haven't achieved such a large midterm victory since a nearly 14 point margin gained them 49 seats in 1974.

"Even a strong blue wave would crash against a wall of gerrymandered maps," the Brennan Center report says.

The analysis is based on an assumption that as a political party increases its share of the statewide vote, it will see a similar percentage increase in most congressional districts. The report does not account for particular factors at play this year in each district, such as whether incumbents are retiring or whether voter demographics have shifted.

Former U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder, who is chairman of the National Democratic Redistricting Committee, said in a statement that the Brennan Center report "makes clear that Republican gerrymandering has undermined the voting power of Americans and threatens our democracy."

Matt Walter, president of the Republican State Leadership Committee, dismissed it as part of a liberal narrative to diminish previous Republican victories and boost Democratic chances.

"As called for by the Constitution, map-drawing is a political process left to the authority of state legislatures, and this so-called study is another attempt by Democrats to undermine that process and replace it with liberal courts, or cherry-picked experts from liberal faculty rooms to draw maps that rig the system for Democrats," Walter said in a statement.

The report says that for Democrats to achieve an 11 percentage point national victory margin, they would need to increase their vote share by at least 7 percentage points over their 2016 totals in about a dozen states where Republicans generally had fared well, including Texas and Ohio.

Democrats also would need more modest gains in traditional Democratic strongholds such as California and Illinois.

Facebook faces scrutiny for pulling Android call, text data



AP photo

An advertisement in The New York Times is displayed on Sunday, March 25, 2018, in New York. Facebook's CEO apologized for the Cambridge Analytica scandal with ads in multiple U.S. and British newspapers Sunday. The ads signed by Mark Zuckerberg say the social media platform doesn't deserve to hold personal information if it can't protect it.

By TOM KRISHER

AP Business Writer

On the same day Facebook bought ads in U.S. and British newspapers to apologize for the Cambridge Analytica scandal, the social media site faced new questions about collecting phone numbers and text messages from Android devices.

The website Ars Technica reported that users who checked data gathered by Facebook on them found that it had years of contact names, telephone numbers, call lengths and text messages.

Facebook said Sunday the information is uploaded to secure servers and comes only from Android users who opt-in to allow it. Spokeswomen say the data is not sold or shared with users' friends or outside apps. They say the data is used "to improve people's experience across Facebook" by helping to connect with others.

The company also says in a website posting that it does not collect the content of text messages or calls. A spokeswoman told the Associated Press that Facebook uses the information to rank contacts in Messenger so they are easier to find, and to suggest people to call.

Users get the option to allow data collection when they sign

up for Messenger or Facebook Lite, the Facebook posting said. "If you chose to turn this feature on, we will begin to continuously log this information," the posting said.

The data collection can be turned off in a user's settings, and all previously collected call and text history shared on the app will be deleted, Facebook said.

The feature was first introduced on Facebook Messenger in 2015 and added later on Facebook Lite.

Messages were left Sunday seeking comment about security from Google officials, who make the Android operating system.

Reports of the data collection came as Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg took out ads in multiple U.S. and British Sunday newspapers to apologize for the Cambridge Analytica scandal.

The ads say the social media platform doesn't deserve to hold personal information if it can't protect it.

According to the ads, a quiz app built by a Cambridge University researcher leaked Facebook data of millions of people four years ago. Zuckerberg said this was a "breach of trust" and that Facebook is taking steps to make sure it doesn't happen again.

Facebook's privacy practices have come under fire after Cambridge Analytica, a Trump-affiliated political consulting firm, got data inappropriately. The social media platform's stock value has dropped over \$70 billion since the revelations were first published.

Among the newspapers with the ads were The New York Times and The Washington Post in the U.S., and The Sunday Times and The Sunday Telegraph in the United Kingdom.

The ads said Facebook is limiting the data apps received when users sign in. It's also investigating every app that had access to large amounts of data. "We expect there are others. And when we find them, we will ban them and tell everyone affected," the ads stated.

Cambridge Analytica got the data from a researcher who paid 270,000 Facebook users to complete a psychological profile quiz back in 2014. But the quiz gathered information on their friends as well, bringing the total number of people affected to about 50 million.

The Trump campaign paid the firm \$6 million during the 2016 election, although it has since distanced itself from Cambridge.

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BSHS powerlifter raises the bar at state meet

By JORDAN PARR

Sport Editor

BSHS senior, Justin Ormsby, headed into the state powerlifting meet in Abilene ranked number four in the state. After putting up personal bests in all four lifts in the meet, Ormsby outperformed his state ranking and came away with the silver medal.

Ormsby won every meet he participated in during the regular season. He took home the gold at the Regional Meet, and took things to a whole new level at the State Meet. Ormsby represented the region well as Regional Champion, and put on his best performance of the year in the biggest competition.

Results:

Squat	-	440 lbs. (tied his personal best)
Bench	-	220 lbs. (personal best)
Deadlift	-	460 lbs. (personal best)
Total	-	1120 lbs. (personal best)

When asked about the great year and finish Ormsby had this year, head powerlifting coach Chris McWilliams said "Words cannot describe how proud I am of Justin. Justin is very mature, hard-working, and very coachable. As one of our seniors this year on the boys powerlifting team, Justin was definitely a leader. In all of my years of coaching, I can honestly say that Justin is one of the finest young men that I have ever coached in any sport. I wish I had him for another year. His leadership will be missed, and I feel honored that I had the opportunity to coach him."

Ormsby was one of the four senior leaders of a boys powerlifting team this year that won two meets in the regular season, and finished second in two others.



Courtesy photo

Justin Ormsby had an outstanding day at the Boys State Powerlifting Meet this past weekend in Abilene - Justin went in to the State Meet and finished second overall in the 132 lb class, and finished second overall



Courtesy photo

Justin Ormsby (center) sporting his silver medal with head coach Chris McWilliams (right) and coach Sawyer Roberts (left) after taking second in the state powerlifting meet in Abilene last weekend.

Lady Buffs win big versus Sundown

By JORDAN PARR

Sport Editor

Forsan defeated Sundown 11-0 on Monday in a game in which both pitchers contributed greatly in an impressive combined shutout. This was the fourth win in a row for the Lady Buffs after starting out slow. Together, Taylyn Still and Ashtyn Pearson allowed just one hit in the contest, while Forsan collected 11 hits of their own in the lopsided win. Macey Evans, Kayla Morin, Ashtyn Pearson and Kaylee Morgan each had multiple hits in the game for the Lady Buffs. Morin led the way for the offense, she went two-for-four with three RBIs on the day. Evans and Brennan East both chipped in as well with two RBIs a piece.

Forsan put the game away for good when the Lady Buffs tallied five runs in the fifth inning. Kaylee Morgan, Brennan East, Macey Evans, and Kayla Morin all contributed in the big inning with RBIs.

Ashtyn Pearson was credited with the victory for Forsan after coming in to relieve Still. Pearson allowed zero

runs on just one hit over two innings and struck out five. Taylyn Still started the game for the Lady Buffs. Still went three innings allowed zero runs on zero hits and struck out five of her own in the impressive outing. Randolph took the loss for Sundown. Randolph pitched four and a third innings, allowing 11 runs on 11 hits and struck out two.

Forsan really had their sticks going and saw the ball well, racking up 11 hits in the game. Morin, Evans, Morgan, Morgan, and Pearson all had two hits to keep the pressure on Sundown. Evans led the Lady Buffs with three stolen bases, as

they ran wild on the base paths with six stolen bases. Forsan didn't commit a single error in the field. Playing outstanding defense behind their incredible pitching on the day. Hannah Williams led the team defense. Williams had ten chances in the field, the most on the team.

The Lady Buffs will try to add to their win streak this Saturday with a double-header versus Post.



Michigan State official who oversaw Nassar faces charges

By DAVID EGGERT

Associated Press

LANSING, Mich.— A Michigan State University official who oversaw Larry Nassar is facing criminal charges amid an investigation into the handling of complaints against the former sports doctor, who is in prison for sexually assaulting patients under the guise of treatment.

William Strampel was in jail pending an arraignment Tuesday, Ingham County Sheriff Scott Wriggelsworth told The Associated Press. He declined to say what charges Strampel faces because the probe is being led by the Michigan attorney general's office.

A spokeswoman for Attorney General Bill Schuette declined to comment. A news conference was scheduled for Tuesday, two months after Schuette appointed a special assistant attorney general to investigate.

Strampel, 70, is the first person besides Nassar to be charged in connection with the worst sexual abuse case in sports history. Nassar pleaded guilty to molesting patients and possessing child pornography. Strampel's arrest Monday was first reported by the Detroit Free Press, and WILX-TV earlier reported that state police were seen outside Strampel's home in De-

Witt, north of Lansing.

Strampel was the dean of the College of Osteopathic Medicine, which includes the sports medicine clinic, until he announced a leave of absence for medical reasons in December. He told police last year that he never followed up after ordering Nassar in 2014 to have a third person present when providing treatment to "anything close to a sensitive area." In letting Nassar resume seeing patients, he also said any skin-to-skin contact should be minimal and needed to be explained in detail.

Nassar was fired in 2016 for violating the rule. His dismissal came less than a month after former gymnast Rachael Denhollander filed a criminal complaint saying Nassar had sexually assaulted her with his hands while treating her for back pain years earlier.

Strampel told a campus detective and FBI agent in 2017 that he did not check to see if Nassar was following the guidance because Nassar had been "exonerated" in an investigation of a patient's complaint and the imposed guidelines were "health care 101."

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Texas Tech credits culture change for 1st Elite Eight trip

By KYLE HIGHTOWER

AP Sports Writer

BOSTON — Texas Tech's Chris Beard just has to look at his surroundings to see how far he's come as a coach.

Beard and the third-seeded Red Raiders will again play Sunday inside the hallowed confines of the Boston Celtics' TD Garden when they face Villanova in the East region final.

Surely a long way from his first head coaching job at Fort Scott Community College in Kansas.

"Arnold Arena, our home arena, was a rodeo barn," Beard recalled Saturday. "It was a metal building with a wall right down the middle and had one single door. Half of it was the rodeo arena, where we had a national championship rodeo team at Fort Scott in Kansas, and the other half was the basketball court."

"That's certainly a pretty cool place." Perhaps. But not as cool as it would be for Beard to take his Texas Tech team to its first Final Four in just his second season as head coach in Lubbock, Texas. And certainly not as gratifying as it would be to see the loose, but player-centered culture he's tried to build during his brief tenure pay off so quickly.

For many it's a mirror of the success he had in his lone season at Arkansas-Little Rock in 2015-16, leading it to a 30-5 record and the second round of the NCAA Tournament. But Beard says it started much earlier than that.

"We've done it more than two places," said Beard, who was originally an assistant at Texas Tech under Bob Knight from 2001 to 2008. "We've done this everywhere we've been. It's not arrogance, but it's confidence. We have a process we believe in. ... We get guys that fit our culture, and we coach them hard."

Villanova coach Jay Wright said he sees parallels between what Beard is doing and what he went through when he took over as the Wildcats coach.

"You can see the steady growth and the buy-in — he's got seniors coming off the bench that you can tell are very unselfish," Wright said. "You don't do that unless they're really bought in to the program. I believe he said Texas Tech was his dream job, like Villanova for me. When you really love where you are, it's advantageous in selling that to players."

One of the hallmarks of Beard's approach is to be as visible as possible to his players, from being present in workouts, to having private meetings with them, to eating meals with them.

When the team eats meals together back in Lubbock, players are required to bus their own tables.

Beard tells a story about how the team has been staying in "ridiculously nice hotels" during the tournament in which waiters pickup dirty plates of patrons.

One of Texas Tech's staff members left his plate out.

"I don't let that happen. Seriously, we make our guys get up and put their plate on the table, myself included," Beard said.

As for the offending staff member? "He's still catching grief about it," Beard said.

He also allows players to choose music during practice. The players get three song selections for every one for the coaching staff. If the team loses a game, it's reversed.

"It brings energy. It brings life. Even though we probably play a little too much country, it gets the coaches even in a great mood and gets them fired up," senior guard Keenan Evans said. "So just us having music in there brings a little personality and helps us have fun in practice."



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Texas Tech coach Chris Beard speaks during a news conference at the NCAA men's college basketball tournament, Saturday, March 24, 2018, in Boston. Texas Tech will face Villanova in a regional final on Sunday.

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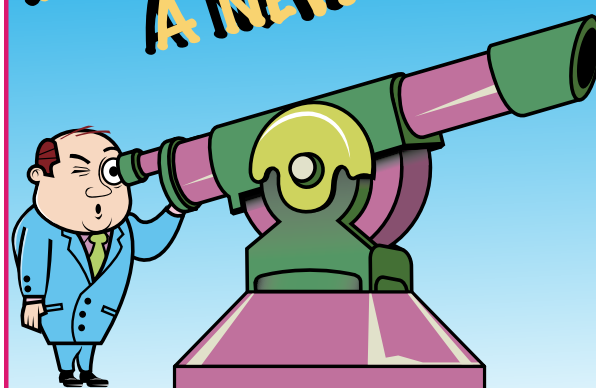
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Annie's Mailbox

Lamenting Invitations on Social Media

Dear Annie:
Recently, I missed a large birthday party for a close family member. I was not aware of the party until several weeks later, when other family members asked where I was that day. My answer was that I had not been invited and knew nothing about it. I was then promptly told the invitation had been on Facebook. It is as if I am expected to read Facebook each day instead of the regular mail. I checked my Facebook page and found no such invitation or mention of a party. I really don't know how to use Facebook, so the invitation might have been somewhere unseen by me even if I logged on regularly.

I have missed several invitations and events because of this. Am I wrong for not checking Facebook for such information? Is this the new norm? If it is, then I suppose we can expect to see obituaries posted on Facebook in the future -- and birth announcements and wedding announcements.

What is expected these days? -- Home Alone

Dear Home Alone: If friends and loved ones really want you to be at their event and they know you don't use Facebook, they should reach out to you separately, whether with a phone call, an email or -- don't hold your breath -- a good old-fashioned paper invitation. That said, they may not know you don't use Face-

book. You do have an account, after all. One option would be to delete your account so there's no confusion over whether or not you're receiving invitations that way. Another option would be a tech solution for this tech problem: If you use a calendar on your computer, tablet or smartphone, you should be able to sync your Facebook account with it so that any events you're invited to will automatically be added to the calendar. For what it's worth, I am with you. I don't think social media should be the hub of our social lives.

Dear Annie: "News Junkie," who finds himself obsessed and stressed by the 24-hour news cycle, is not alone. Cable news ratings are at record highs. The major newspapers have the highest

readership they've had in years. Investigative reporting has never been more diligent. Most Americans think the country is on the wrong track. And most responsible citizens believe that now, more than ever, is not the time to not be paying attention.

Your advice to "News Junkie" is what I try to do myself: take periodic breaks from the news cycle to do something soul-restoring. In my case, I take my dog out every day, weather permitting, to a nearby nature area where you can let your dogs run and play off leash. The only other thing I would suggest for "News Junkie" is that he take action of some kind, such as volunteering for a political campaign, a "get out the vote" effort or a social service organization whose

mission he respects. It is a great stress reliever, too, knowing that you are doing something, however small, to make the world a better place than it is right now. -- Kay C.

Dear Kay C.: I'd like to second your advice and encourage "News Junkie" and other overwhelmed Americans to volunteer. Though it's crucial to take periodic breaks from the news cycle to avoid stress, fatigue and ultimately apathy, it can also be therapeutic to take action.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Things are tough all over

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Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH			
♠	K 9 7 4	♥	8 3
♦	Q 10 8 7 6	♣	5 2
WEST			
♠	6 3 2	♥	A 10 5
♦	9 4 2	♣	A J 9 3
EAST			
♠	—	♥	K Q J 9 7 6 2
♦	J 5	♣	K 10 8 7
SOUTH			
♠	A Q J 10 8 5	♥	4
♦	A K 3	♣	Q 6 4

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	4 ♥
4 ♠	5 ♥	Pass	Pass
Dblc	Pass	5 ♠	

Opening lead — ace of hearts.
Bridge is a tough game at times, and nowhere is this more evident than in top-flight team matches where the players' failings can later be microscopically analyzed.
Consider this deal played in a Life Masters team championship. The bidding was spirited, and South wound up as declarer at five spades. East could have made five hearts by guessing the location of the queen of clubs.
West led the ace of hearts, on

which East played the six. After lengthy deliberation, West continued with a heart. He was reluctant to play the ace of clubs because he was afraid declarer had the king.

This fear proved to be fatal, since declarer eventually discarded two clubs on dummy's diamonds to make five spades for a score of 450 points.

It can be argued that West should have led the ace of clubs on the basis that, even if South had the king, East might still get a diamond trick and defeat the contract. But the fact remains that in West's considered judgment, a heart continuation was best.

Naturally, the North-South pair felt they had much the best of the deal since they had prevented East-West from making five hearts and had also made a game that could have been defeated.

However, it turned out that their team actually lost points on the deal!

Their teammates at the other table, holding the East-West cards, bid four hearts and then doubled four spades when South bid it.

Not only that, but West also led the ace and another heart. As a result, South made four spades doubled with an overtrick for a score of 690 points and a net gain of 240 points on the deal. Both Wests suffered from heart failure!

Tomorrow: Cool head prevails.
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	4							
	6			9		8	1	
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	8				6		3	2
5	2				3			

Level: Advanced

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

ANSWER:

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Starry-Eyed Moon

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



This highly imaginative Leo moon puts stars in our eyes. It will be very motivating to think about where you're going, but set parameters around the daydream so you can snap out of it and do your life. Because with the Leo moon square Jupiter tonight, if you're thinking too much about what's ahead of you, you'll miss what's in front of you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). If the enemy is within, so is the hero of this story, as well as all of the angels and champions and muses who help the plot along. Believe in yourself, and know that you're stronger than you think.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You've many traits and characteristics that attract admirers. You'll favor the people who appreciate the part of you that is most authentically who you are and who you want to be.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Most things you'll deal with today can't be rushed -- or rather, they can be rushed, but it will ruin them. The day will go better when you accept things as ready when they're ready, not just ready when you want them to be.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The desire for perfection is a prison. The need for acceptance is a prison. The shame of unrealized goals or past mistakes or current shortcomings -- all prisons. You hold the

hard-won, and maybe it's difficult to believe that you could still want more. But you do. Consider making a trade to lighten your load.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). One size definitely will not fit all, or even any. Seize the opportunity to custom fit what you do to the needs of another. What's in it for you? That will be a wonderful surprise.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Some are slaves to status and others claim they don't notice it and have no need for its symbols. The former is hard to tolerate, and the latter is hard to believe. You'll settle somewhere in the happy middle of the matter.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If you wonder why so many seem to be one call away or even at arm's reach from you today, it's because your heart is open and radiating. All can feel the warm energy you project.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 27). This solar return, your growing family will make you proud and your close relationships will be soul fortifying. Leverage one win into an even bigger one next month. You'll attract many opportunities through the summer and be in the enviable position of knowing what you want, keeping the best and weeding out the rest. Virgo and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 3, 33, 37 and 14.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Today's task is worth doing right. Look for a shortcut if you must, but you won't find one that's suitable. Any time saved will also be lessons not learned. Time to buckle in and take the main road.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Are you getting in too deep? Whether it's a swimming pool or an ocean, you can only occupy as much of it as you do. You'll have to tread water just the same. Don't worry about where the bottom is; just stay near the top.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When you look around you'll see so many things you've acquired, some of which were

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ANDY CAPP

IS ANDY CAPP IN? NO.
BUT HE SAID HE'D MEET ME AT HIS HOME.
FIRST LEFT AT THE END OF THE ROAD, THE ROSE AND CROWN.

AGNES

IN MY MIND, I'M SEEING SNOW. PILES OF IT... CRIPPLING TRAFFIC... PARALYZING THE CITY... SCARING THE FEARLESS... CLOSING SCHOOLS.
SUN'S OUT! SCHOOL STARTS IN AN HOUR! LET'S GO! HUP! HUP! HUP!
SEEMS PUBLIC SCHOOLS EXCEL AT TEACHING CLAIRVOYANCE AS MUCH AS THEY DO MATH.

ARCHIE

OK, LEROY, CONVINC ME! WHY SHOULD I START GETTING THE RIVERDALE ECHO?
WELL, IT HAS BIG PICTURES IF YOU DON'T READ SO GOOD!
AND IT MIGHT INTEREST YOU TO KNOW THIS IS 100% CYCLED PAPER!
I THINK YOU MEAN RECYCLED PAPER!
NO, I MEAN IF YOU SUBSCRIBE, I'LL DELIVER IT ON MY BICYCLE!

ONE BIG HAPPY

MOM, I'M TRYING TO FIND OUT IF IT'S POSSIBLE TO CRY UNDERWATER!
SAY SOMETHING MEAN TO ME!
DON'T BE SILLY, RUTHIE!
MEANER!

NEST HEAD

A NEW STUDY SAYS 25% OF PEOPLE DIAGNOSED WITH DEPRESSION ARE JUST EXPERIENCING ORDINARY SADNESS.
IS THAT DEPRESSING OR JUST SAD?
SAD TO US, DEPRESSING TO THE MAKERS OF ANTIDEPRESSANTS.

MOMMA

SO WHEN CAN I ACTUALLY WORK INSIDE...?
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, March 27, the 86th day of 2018. There are 279 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On March 27, 1968, Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin (gah-GAH'-rihn), the first man to orbit the Earth in 1961, died when his MiG-15 jet crashed during a routine training flight near Moscow; he was 34.

On this date:
In 1513, Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon (hwahn pahns duh LEE'-ohn) sighted present-day Florida.
In 1625, Charles I acceded to the English throne upon the death of James I.
In 1794, Congress approved "An Act to provide a Naval Armament" of six armed ships.
In 1884, the first telephone line between Boston and New York was inaugurated.
In 1912, first lady Helen Herron Taft and the wife of Japan's ambassador to the United States, Viscountess Chinda, planted the first two of 3,000 cherry trees given to the U.S. as a gift by the mayor of Tokyo.
In 1933, Japan officially withdrew from the League of Nations.
In 1942, during World War II, Congress granted American servicemen free first-class mailing privileges.
In 1958, Nikita Khrushchev became Soviet premier in addition to First Secretary of the Communist Party.
In 1964, Alaska was hit by a magnitude 9.2 earthquake (the strongest on record in North America) and tsunamis that together claimed about 130 lives.
In 1977, in aviation's worst disaster, 583 people were killed when a KLM Boeing 747, attempting to take off in heavy fog, crashed into a Pan Am 747 on an airport runway on the Canary Island of Tenerife (ten-uh-REEF).
In 1980, 123 workers died when a North Sea floating oil field platform, the Alexander Kielland, capsized during a storm.
In 1998, the Food and Drug Administration approved the drug Viagra, made by Pfizer, saying it had helped about two-thirds of impotent men improve their sexual function.
Ten years ago: The Pentagon said Defense Secretary Robert Gates had ordered a full inventory of all nuclear weapons and related materials after the mistaken delivery of ballistic missile fuses to Taiwan.
Five years ago: Lawyers for Colorado theater shooting sus-

pect James Holmes said he would plead guilty to the attack that killed 12 people and serve the rest of his life in prison to avoid the death penalty. (Prosecutors rejected the offer, but Holmes ended up being sentenced to life in prison anyway.) Former South African President Nelson Mandela was admitted to a hospital for pneumonia (he was discharged 10 days later).
One year ago: U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions warned so-called "sanctuary cities" they could lose federal money for refusing to cooperate with immigration authorities; city leaders vowed to intensify their fight against the promised crackdown despite the financial risks. NFL owners meeting in Phoenix approved the Oakland Raiders' move to Las Vegas 31-1; Miami was the lone dissenter.
Today's Birthdays: Dance company director Arthur Mitchell is 84. Actor Julian Glover is 83. Actor Jerry Lacy is 82. Hall of Fame racer Cale Yarborough is 79. Actor-director Austin Pendleton is 78. Actor Michael York is 76. Rock musician Tony Banks (Genesis) is 68. Rock musician Andrew Farriss (INXS) is 59. Jazz musician Dave Koz (kahn) is 55. Movie director Quentin Tarantino is 55. Rock musician Derrick McKenzie (Jamiroquai) is 54. Rock musician Johnny April (Staind) is 53. Actress Talisa Soto is 51. Actor Ben Koldyke is 50. Actress Pauley Perrette is 49. Singer Mariah Carey is 48. Rock musician Brendan Hill (Blues Traveler) is 48. Actress Elizabeth Mitchell is 48. Actor Nathan Fillion is 47. Hip-hop singer Fergie is 43. Actress Emily Ann Lloyd is 34. Actress Brenda Song is 30. Pop singer-songwriter Kimbra is 28. Actress Taylor Atelian is 23. Classical crossover singer Amira Willighagen (TV: "Holland's Got Talent") is 14.

Thought for Today:
"A sheltered life can be a daring life as well. For all serious daring starts from within."
Eudora Welty
American author
(1909-2001)

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Coca-Cola rival
 - 6 ___ mater (one's former school)
 - 10 Leave rolling in the aisles
 - 14 Relay-race stick
 - 15 Banquet platform
 - 16 Carry along
 - 17 Company's personnel
 - 18 Pig sound
 - 19 Steals from
 - 20 "We all make mistakes"
 - 23 Anger
 - 26 Sandwich bread
 - 27 ___ please (does one's best)
 - 28 Give a new title to
 - 30 Serene
 - 32 Taj Mahal's country
 - 33 Exclamation like "Scat!"
 - 34 Anti-fur org.
 - 38 Not yet decided
 - 41 Bonnets and berets
 - 42 Back of the neck
 - 43 Initial stage
 - 44 24-hr. cash dispensers
 - 45 Balance sheet pluses
 - 46 Three-step Cuban dance
 - 50 Historical period
 - 51 ___ sauce (Chinese condiment)
 - 52 One next in line for the throne
 - 56 "So what ___ is new?"
 - 57 Toll road
- DOWN**
- 1 Antiques Roadshow aier
 - 2 Have a meal
 - 3 School fundraising grp.
 - 4 Cushiony
 - 5 Relaxed and casual
 - 6 Love madly
 - 7 Animal's hideout
 - 8 Short skirt
 - 9 Is demanding
 - 10 Play, as a guitar
 - 11 Weaving machines
 - 12 Ready to hit a baseball
 - 13 Simple kind of question
 - 21 Hurricane's center
 - 22 That guy
 - 23 From Dublin
 - 24 Designer Oscar de la ___
 - 25 Cancel a project
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All 4 No. 1 seeds reach women's Final Four

By **DOUG FEINBERG**

AP Basketball Writer

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — The women's Final Four is set, and it's one exclusive party.

UConn, Louisville, Mississippi State and Notre Dame are headed to Columbus, Ohio, marking the fourth time in tournament history that four No. 1 seeds made it to the national semifinals.

It's the 11th consecutive Final Four appearance for the Huskies, breaking a tie with John Wooden and the UCLA men's team for the Division I record. UConn is into the national semifinals for the 19th time overall, snapping a tie with Tennessee for the most in women's basketball history.

The Huskies will face former Big East rival Notre Dame on Friday night. The Cardinals will play the Bulldogs in the other game.

UConn's 111-game winning streak was stopped at this point last season when Mississippi State won their semifinal on a last-second shot by Morgan William in overtime. The Huskies are undefeated again after knocking out defending national champion South Carolina in the Albany Region final.

"Every team starts the season saying that's our goal to go to the Final Four. For us, it's an opportunity to go back to where we felt like we didn't really give our best effort," UConn coach Geno Auriemma said. "We lost to a really good team. Happened in a way that was really, really disappointing. I know that we were anxious to go back and put ourselves in that same



Connecticut head coach Geno Auriemma, left, poses for photographs with his team following a women's NCAA college basketball tournament regional final game against South Carolina at the a women's NCAA college basketball tournament Monday, March 26, 2018, in Albany, N.Y. Connecticut won 94-65.

situation and see how much we've changed since last year."

The Irish and Huskies have a storied history on the game's biggest stage. The teams met early in December and UConn had to rally from an 11-point deficit in the fourth quarter to stay unbeaten.

This might be one of the best coaching jobs by Muffet McGraw at Notre Dame. She lost four players over the course of the season to ACL injuries, but the Irish find themselves back in the Final Four after rallying from a

six-point halftime deficit to beat Oregon 84-74 on Monday night.

It's Notre Dame's first trip to the national semifinals since 2015.

"This one's just so rewarding because I think even though we're a No. 1 seed, it's a little unexpected," McGraw said.

The Bulldogs have lost only one game this season, falling to the Gamecocks in the final of the Southeastern Conference Tournament. They are back in the Final Four for the second straight season led virtually by the

same group that got them to their first national semifinal last year.

"They've lived all year with a bull's eye on their backs. That's hard to do, y'all," Mississippi State coach Vic Schaefer said. "These kids are special."

Louisville has had its own special season, winning the Atlantic Coast Conference regular-season and tournament titles for the first time in school history. They entered the NCAAs as a No. 1 seed for the first time and are back in the Final Four for a third time under coach Jeff Walz.

The Cardinals are led by Asia Durr and Myisha Hines-Allen. Louisville also made the Final Four in 2009 and 2013. The team advanced to the title game both times before losing to UConn.

They understand the task in front of them facing Mississippi State.

"They're a really good team and we'll have to be well-prepared against them," Walz said.

Other tidbits from the Final Four:

ALL-AMERICAN TALENT
Three of the five members of The Associated Press women's All-American team are in the Final Four. Mississippi State's Victoria Vivians, Durr and UConn's Katie Lou Samuelson all reached Columbus.

SEEING CHALK
The last time four No. 1 seeds made the Final Four was 2015. It also happened in 2012 and 1989.

CONFERENCE SUPREMACY
The ACC has two teams in the Final Four. It's the fourth time in the past



Notre Dame forward Kathryn Westbeld kisses the tournament trophy after defeating Oregon 84-74 in a regional final at the NCAA women's college basketball tournament on Monday in Spokane, Wash.



Louisville's Asia Durr, Regional MVP, reaches for the net after an NCAA women's college basketball tournament regional final against Oregon State, Sunday, March 25, 2018, in Lexington, Ky. Louisville won 76-43.

NASSAR

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At least 12 reported assaults occurred after the probe ended, including many during which Nassar made ungloved skin-to-skin contact when no chaperone was present, according to a university police report.

The school has also come under scrutiny for not sharing the full conclusions of the Title IX investigation with Amanda Thomashow, the woman who complained. A campus police probe of Nassar that occurred at the same time resulted in no charges being filed. And a teen's 2004 complaint to Meridian Township police also led to no charges after Nassar offered an aggressive defense and insisted he was using a legitimate medical technique.

In February, interim Michigan State President John Engler announced plans to fire Strampel, who still has tenure that protects his employment as a faculty member.

More than 250 girls and women have sued Michigan State, Strampel and other current and former university officials, USA Gymnastics — where Nassar also worked — and others. Roughly 200 women gave statements in two courtrooms over 10 day of proceedings.

A message seeking comment was left Monday night with Strampel's civil attorneys.

John Manly, a lawyer for many of the victims, said his clients were encouraged by the development.

"It demonstrates that (Schuette) is serious about investigating the systemic misconduct at MSU that led to the largest child sex abuse scandal in history and holding the responsible parties accountable," he said.

A Michigan State spokeswoman said the university would continue cooperating with any investigations and pointed to Engler's past statements.

"William Strampel did not act with the level of professionalism we expect from individuals who hold senior leadership positions, particularly in a position that involves student and patient safety," Engler said last month.

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Trump's lawyer denies intimidating Stormy Daniels

By **KEN THOMAS** and **KEVIN FREKING**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's personal lawyer, Michael Cohen, is challenging porn actress Stormy Daniels' unsubstantiated charge that someone tied to Trump threatened her with physical harm if she went public with her story about a tryst with Trump years ago.

Daniels said in a "60 Minutes" interview broadcast Sunday that a man approached her in a Las Vegas parking lot in 2011, when she was with her daughter, and said: "That's a beautiful little girl. It'd be a shame if something happened to her mom." She said the man told her to "leave Trump alone. Forget the story." Michael Avenatti, her lawyer, acknowledged Monday he has no direct evidence tying the threat to Trump or his lawyer.

But he said he was holding back certain details of the alleged affair, including the contents of a CD or DVD he tweeted a picture of last week. "It would make no sense for us to play our hand as to this issue and we're not going to do it right now," he said on NBC's "Today" show Monday.

Cohen's attorney, Brent H. Blakely, demanded that Daniels or Avenatti apologize to his client for alleging intimidation.

"In truth, Mr. Cohen had absolutely nothing whatsoever to do with any such person or incident, and does not even believe that any such person exists, or that such incident ever occurred," he said, asserting that Daniels and Avenatti should "cease and desist from making any further false and defamatory statements about my client."

Daniels told "60 Minutes" she had consensual sex once with the future president, providing a few salacious details but little new evidence of the encounter.

She received a \$130,000 payment days before the 2016 presidential election for her silence and has sought to invalidate a nondisclosure agreement. Cohen has said he paid the \$130,000 out of his pocket while asserting Trump never had sex with the porn actress.

"He knows I'm telling the truth," Daniels, whose legal name is Stephanie Clifford, said of Trump. She said she was not coerced to have sex and "I was not a victim." Trump complained Monday about "So much Fake News," but it's unclear whether he was referring to Daniels.

Previously, Cohen has said neither the Trump Organization nor the Trump campaign was a party to the transaction with Daniels and he was not reimbursed for the payment.

However, Avenatti told "60 Minutes" he has documents showing



AP photo

This image released by CBS News shows Stormy Daniels, left, during an interview with Anderson Cooper which will air on Sunday, March 25, 2018, on "60 Minutes."

Cohen using his Trump Organization email address in setting up the payment and that the nondisclosure agreement was sent by FedEx to Cohen at his Trump Organization office in Trump Tower.

Another lawyer for Cohen, David Schwartz, accused Daniels of lying about the affair in his own appearance on ABC's "Good Morning America."

"The lying is all over that piece," he said, adding that the suggestion that someone associated with Trump or his organization was behind the alleged threat in the parking lot was "speculation" and "guesswork."

Avenatti countered: "It had to have come from someone associated with Mr. Trump, there is no other place for it to have come from." He spoke on ABC.

In the interview, Daniels described a sexual encounter with Trump that began with him talking about himself and showing her an issue of a

magazine and spank you with it." She says she then ordered him to drop his pants and, in a playful manner, "I just gave him a couple swats."

She said they talked some more, although he quit talking about himself, and that she became more comfortable.

"He was like, 'Wow, you — you are special. You remind me of my daughter.' You know — he was like, 'You're smart and beautiful, and a woman to be reckoned with, and I like you. I like you.'"

She said after dinner in Trump's room, they had sex. He didn't use a condom, she said, and she didn't ask him to. Afterward, he asked to see her again, she said.

Daniels said that before they had sex Trump had broached the idea of her being a contestant on "The Apprentice," and she likened it to a "business opportunity."

The CBS interview with Anderson Cooper came as Trump deals with

allegations about his sexual exploits long before he ran for president.

Former Playboy model Karen McDougal told Cooper in a CNN interview broadcast Thursday that her affair with Trump began at a bungalow at the Beverly Hills Hotel in 2006. McDougal said she ended the relationship in 2007 out of guilt concerning Trump's wife, Melania.

McDougal has filed suit in Los Angeles seeking to invalidate a confidentiality agreement with American Media Inc., the company that owns the supermarket tabloid National Enquirer. It paid her \$150,000 during the 2016 presidential election.

The lawsuit alleges that McDougal was paid for the rights to her story of an affair, but the story never ran. It also alleges that Cohen was secretly involved in her discussions with American Media.

The "60 Minutes" interview gave the show its highest ratings in a decade, according to CBS.

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