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ganizer Howard Stewart. "We changed it from 'May the Fourth be with you' to 'May the Cure be with you,' just trying to keep it around the American Cancer Society's theme. I'm fixing to go dress up here in a minute. We've got some Stormtroopers around."

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

"A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away..." was last night at Howard College's Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, as hundreds of Howard County Rebel Troopers turned out to battle for the cure.

Stewart took on the role of a certain Wookiee sidekick for the evening. "Probably the shortest Chewbacca you've ever seen," he quipped. Festivities kicked off at 5:30 with the Survivors' and Caregivers' Supper, followed by the opening ceremonies at 6:45, including an invocation, posting of the colors, the pledges to the American and Texas flags, and the national anthem. Mayor Larry McLellan presented and read a proclamation from the city in honor of the event.

"I, Larry McLellan, Mayor of the City of Big Spring, Texas, do See **RELAY**, Page 3A

A little short for a stormtrooper... Andrew and Addison Lipham of Big Spring dressed as a Jedi knight and Princess Leia for the Relay for Life of Howard and Glasscock Counties Friday evening at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Here, Andrew and Addison watch the proceedings with their parents, Laura and T.J. Lipham. Their younger sister Audrey is not shown.

HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Local art on display



By **AMBER MANSFIELD**
 Staff Writer

"Art is unquestionably one of the purest and highest elements in human happiness. It trains the mind through the eye, and the eye through the mind. As the sun colors flowers, so does art color life." ~John Lubbock (1834-1913), "The Pleasures of Life"

If you agree with John Lubbock and want to view at some art work done by not only locals but surrounding areas then you need to stop by the Big Spring Heritage Museum located at 510 Scurry St., for the Big Spring Art Association Area Wide Art Show which will take be available to view May 3 through May 30.

Thursday, May 3, locals, artists, and BSAA members

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Above, HERALD photo/Amber Mansfield; below, Photo courtesy Bruce Schooler (theredbarnstudios.com)

The Big Spring Art Association's annual Area-Wide Art Show kicked off May 3 and will run through May 30 at the Heritage Museum of Big Spring, 510 Scurry St. Above, Best in Show "Navajo Sports Fan" by Ann Hartman; below, museum patrons admire the show's pieces.



Steers got skills



Big Spring High School's Skills USA members went to state with and returned home with awards. Top left, automotive students, left to right, include Alejandro Billick-Gonzalez, Juan Bermea, Marc Ramirez, Chad Griffith, Malakah Kreissl, and Marcus Cano, shown with instructor Steven Robles; bottom left, welding instructor Milton Woody (center in red cap) poses with his students, left to right, Zane Sanchez, Nate Letz, James Sanders, Mark Sanchez, and Luke Soldan. On the right, FCCLA members competed at and won awards at Regionals. Top, Jordan Wommack; bottom, Aryssa Garcia and Ariana Gonzales. Not pictured is FCCLA Advisor Vonnice Anderson.

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Obituaries



Marvin Lamb, 88, of Big Spring died Thursday, May 3, 2018, in a local nursing home.

Funeral services will be 2:30 p.m., Monday, May 7, 2018, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born August 16, 1929 in Quitman, Arkansas, and married Lola Belle Morris February 17, 1952, in Big Spring, Texas.

Marvin served in the United States Air Force. He worked for AT&T and retired as a repairman in 1983, and he owned and operated Big Dipper Donut Shop. He was a member of the Big Spring Prospectors Club and was an avid fisherman.

Survivors include his wife, Lola Lamb of Big Spring; one son, Jerry Lamb and wife, Debbie of Lewisville; one daughter, Donna Love and hus-

band, Jack of Big Spring; four grandchildren, Josh Love and wife, Monique of Lubbock, James Love and wife, Kristen of Big Spring, Laci Burgess and husband, J. J. of Melbourne, Florida, and Jason Lamb and wife, Shelby of Krum; six great-grandchildren, Makayla Love and fiancé, Brodey Gorman, J. R. and Judd Lamb, and Jaxson and Tobin Burgess and Justen Love; one great-great-grandchild, Blaine Gorman; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Alice Lamb; two brothers, Ted Lamb and Eugene Lamb; and one sister, Marvel Scott.

The family suggests memorials to the Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org

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

Paid obituary

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **JUAN MANUEL GARCIA**, 52, of 205 Becker Road, was arrested on a charge of violate occupational license restriction.
- **MICHAEL LEE DOTSON**, 70, of 1610 E 5th St., was arrested on warrants on two counts of front yard parking.

• **VERONICA LYNN MARSHALL**, 35, of 1301 Harding St., was arrested on warrants of disregard stop sign, failed to maintain financial responsibility.

• **JOHN WACKER**, 36, of 1222 E 6th St., was arrested on a warrant with another agency.

• **ADRIANA MARIE HARRISON**, 29, of 5050 NW 8th St., on a charge of unauthorized use of

motor vehicle, and possession of dangerous drug.

• **THEFT** was reported on Sycamore and Rosemont.

• **STOELN VEHICLE** was reported in the 1300 block of E 11th Place.

• **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the 2600 block of S Gregg St.

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• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

• The Crossroads Young Marines is taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.

• The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop mortgage foreclosure and are need of help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. For free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

• 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 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.

• 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.

Support Groups

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

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

TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

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.

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RELAY

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hereby proclaim May 4, 2018, as 'Howard and Glasscock County American Cancer Society Relay for Life Day in Big Spring, Texas,' McLellan said.

Following the Mayor's proclamation, the Big Spring High School Drum Corps lead a throng of cancer survivors and caregivers around the Coliseum's track in the traditional Survivor's Lap. A second lap, this one walked by sponsors of the Relay, followed.

After the ceremonial laps, several baskets donate by local Relay teams and businesses were auctioned off to the highest bidder. The Lefever family of Big Spring performed auctioneer duties, including David Lefever on the mike as auctioneer, and Morgan and Trustin Lefever showcasing the baskets and pointing out bidders.

The event also included a silent auction and a lumina-ria ceremony, as well as entertainment by Folkloric Dancers.

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HERALD photos/Roger Cline

Above, cancer survivors take the traditional Survivor's Lap in the 2018 Relay for Life, held Friday night at Howard College's Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Left, David Lefever, center, performs the auctioneering duties, while Morgan Lefever, left, and Trustin Lefever display the baskets of beach or pool toys and equipment being auctioned. Trustin is a cancer survivor. Other baskets auctioned at the event included a Dallas Cowboys-themed basket, which sold for \$500, and baskets of Star Wars-themed items, candy, and bath and beauty items.

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Jack N. Parrott, 87, died Wednesday. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. today at Mount Olive Chapel.

NASA launches InSight spacecraft to Mars to dig down deep



This photo released by NASA shows a United Launch Alliance (ULA) Atlas-V rocket with NASA's InSight spacecraft onboard shortly after the mobile service tower was rolled back, Friday, May 4, 2018, at Vandenberg Air Force Base in Calif. The rocket is set to launch early Saturday.

AP photo

and that's still lying ahead of us," said the mission's chief scientist, Bruce Banerdt of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California.

Although fog prevented Banerdt from seeing the liftoff of the \$1 billion U.S.-European mission, he heard the roar of the rocket and all the blaring car alarms it set off.

"It was just an incredible moment," Banerdt told The Associated Press by phone. Despite the challenges still ahead, "I think I can bask in a little bit of satisfaction and just feeling like we really accomplished something today."

Besides InSight, the United Launch Alliance's Atlas V rocket gave a lift to a pair of mini test satellites, or CubeSats, that are trailing InSight to Mars to serve as a potential communication link. They popped off the rocket's upper stage in hot pursuit of InSight, as elated launch controllers applauded and shook hands following the morning's success.

By MARCIA DIINN

AP Aerospace Writer
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A robotic geologist armed with a hammer and quake monitor rocketed toward Mars on Saturday, aiming to land on the red planet and explore its mysterious insides.

In a twist, NASA launched the Mars InSight lander from California rather than Florida's Cape Canaveral. It was the first interplanetary mission ever to depart from the West Coast, drawing pre-dawn crowds to fog-soaked Vandenberg Air Force Base and rocket watchers down the California coast into Baja.

"This is a big day. We're going back to

Mars!" NASA's new boss, Jim Bridenstine, said following liftoff. "This is an extraordinary mission with a whole host of firsts."

The spacecraft will take more than six months to get to Mars and start its unprecedented geologic excavations, traveling 300 million miles (485 million kilometers) to get there.

InSight will dig deeper into Mars than ever before — nearly 16 feet, or 5 meters — to take the planet's temperature. It will also attempt to make the first measurements of marsquakes, using a high-tech seismometer placed directly on the Martian surface.

"That's the real payoff of this whole mission

ART

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all gathered to award the winners who entered into this year's Area Wide Art Show.

Best of Show, Ann Hartman for her "Navajo Sports Fan artwork. In the category for oil and acrylic the winners are, 1st place, Carolyn Walker, 2nd place, Linda Rupard, and 3rd place was Estelle Howard. In Paste and pencil winners are 1st place, Vicki Diggs, 2nd place, Pam Walker, and 3rd Place was Leatrice Brown. In photography winners are 1st place Ann Hartman, 2nd place Bruce Schooler, and 3rd place is Emilia Thompson. In the category for watercolor the winners are, 1st place Kay Smith, 2nd place Vicki Diggs, and 3rd place went to Sandee Lockhart. There was even entries and winners for the category mixed media/3D digital, which are. 1st Nathalie Kelly, 2nd place Edie

Jones, and 3rd place is Robert D. Barlow.

There was also Honorable Mentions given out as well to Terri Chaney, Pam Walker, V.Anne Tubb, and Nathalie Kelly.

"The BSAA has some amazing sponsors that support the arts in Big Spring and help make events like this possible," said Michelle Worthan, of Big Spring Art Association. "There is so much beautiful art for our local and surrounding artist, to not look at but also purchase as well. Come down to the Big Spring Heritage and see for yourself, you won't be disappointed."

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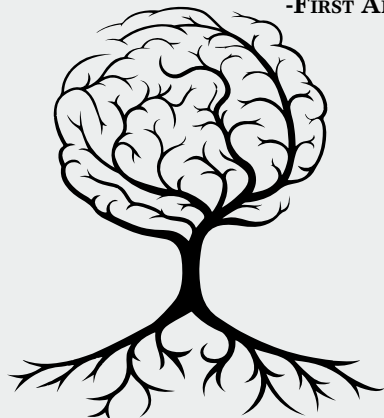
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Cowboys in Cowtown

The cowboy era, which brings up images of trail drives and things having to do with cattle and life on the range, lasted less than 20 years, but the legacy of that time carries through to today. When I was growing up in Fort Worth I used to drive to the stockyards to pick up sides of beef for my father's grocery store. Being there made me feel like a cowboy.

After the Civil War, Americans acquired a taste for beef. There was plenty of it on hoof in Texas, where cattle sold for 4 dollars a head. In Kansas, the same cow brought 40 dollars. So great cattle drives started from the Rio Grand northward. The Chisholm Trail passed thru Fort Worth. When the railroad arrived in 1876, Fort Worth became a major shipping point for livestock. So the city built the stockyards 2 and half miles north of the Tarrant County Court House. They opened in 1887.

One of the investors was Louisville Niles of Boston, whose primary business was meatpacking.

He convinced the investors that instead of shipping the cattle to other markets to be processed, they should build meatpacking plants. So by 1900 both Swift and Armour started building facilities. They were completed in 1902. That same year the Livestock Exchange Building was built which housed livestock commission companies, telegraph and railroad offices and other support businesses. It became known as the Wall Street of the West.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

In 1911 the stockyards and packinghouse area became a little village called Niles City, which at the time was known as the richest little city in the world with a property value of 30 million dollars. In 1923 it was annexed as part of Fort Worth.

The stockyards needed a show facility, so in 1907 construction began on the Cowtown Coliseum. It became home to the first indoor rodeo.

Five million head of livestock passed thru the Stockyards. In 1917, during World War 1 the stockyards were the largest

horse and mule market in the world. Military officers came from allied countries to purchase animals.

The peak year for the stockyards was in 1944. Then began the decline of the railroads, which brought about the decline of the stockyards. After WW2, newly paved roads gave rise to the trucking industry, so the market moved to ranches and feed lots. Armour closed in 1962, Swift in 1971. The Armour plant was demolished, but Swift became the Old Spaghetti Warehouse. Now it houses an energy company.

In 1976 some citizens established the North Fort Worth Historical Society, which helped organize the Stockyards National Historical District. They built a museum in the Exchange Building. The area is one of the state's most popular tourist attractions. Visitors enjoy a little bit of the old west with the twice daily cattle drives at 11:30 AM and 4 PM when cowboys on horseback guide a herd of longhorns down exchange avenue.

BILL COSBY'S NEW SWEATER



My Mother's Potato Salad

Soon after the inception of this column more than 15 years ago, I committed to sharing noteworthy recipes with readers from time to time. A dozen weeks into my writing regimen, I shared a cinnamon toast recipe.

It elicited no response-favorable or otherwise-so I have been reluctant to make culinary suggestions-until now. I expect no drumrolls, but I do admit "chest-swelling" with the mere mention of my saintly mother's potato salad.

So far as I know, she never used a recipe. Somehow, though, with a "pinch of this and a 'smidgen' of that," my mom concocted just-the-right blend every time. The salad had savory flavors, never overpowering with onion, but with a "hint" that would cause folks to turn away if they were "down wind" from my "exhales." And it was as smooth as a baby's belly....

Potato salad prepared by my late mother-in-law was plenty good, but it never achieved "blue ribbon" status. She may have missed the top rung with one vital misstep. She "cubed" the potatoes. (My wife made the same mistake back in the day when she traipsed through the kitchen for reasons other than reaching the pantry where the dark chocolate-covered almonds are hidden.) "Like mother, like daughter" seems to sum up the potato salad recipe which came "part and parcel" with our marriage.

I do not mean to offend devotees who are partial to cubed potato salad. It can never, however, achieve anything more than runner-up recognition.

Now, back to my late mother, who learned to cook on a wood-burning stove. Yes, her "sure as shootin' best" potato salad had an humble beginning. I have consumed several thousand meals since my mother's culinary efforts that ended a couple of decades ago.

I've taken small portions of potato salad at banquets where I've spoken numerous times. I've eaten "just a dab," as she would say. I've always figured none would come close to satisfying like hers did.

Imagine my surprise and delight recently when I requested "seconds" on potato salad at a church banquet. Had it featured the "hint of onion," it would have been equal to my mother's!

My compliments were effusive. Widows honored at the dinner probably tired of hearing my praise. It admittedly went overboard.

Before I commenced with serious remarks, I begged-yes, begged is the word-for the recipe, praying that they'd share it.

As I prepared to leave the church, my host, Bill Mendrop, told me his folks were happy for me to know the potato salad recipe.

I was euphoric at the prospect of adding a bit of onion, preparatory to enjoying once more the potato salad of my youth. Pen

and pad in hand, I was ready to jot down the ingredients.

"Oh, you won't need to write it down," Mendrop said. "It is really a simple recipe."

Color me shocked. It turns out the "recipe" is super simple. "We just pick up two gallons of potato salad at Walmart-one with a mayonnaise base and the other mustard. Then, we mix 'em up, and the salad is ready to serve." My "timbers" were sufficiently shivered.

At the dessert table, the folks took the "sweet" desserts first. Those labeled "sugar free" were pretty much undisturbed, or taken grudgingly.

Mendrop summed it up well.

"The best things in life are free," he said. "And the worst things in life are sugar free."

I'm ready for some warm weather. In the Metroplex, we've suffered through a seemingly tornadic draft in recent days.

Okay, so I'm talking about the National Football League draft.

It amazes me how so many people take it so seriously. My Uncle Mort said if Jesus had shown up during the NFL draft, some of the diehards in Cowboy jerseys would have sought permission to be late for the Second Coming.

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DAILY PRAYER

Dear Lord, may we not consider
You our last resort, but our
first blessing. Amen.

Barrier-breaking Texas sheriff stumbles in run for governor



AP photo

In this July 28, 2016, file photo, Dallas Sheriff Lupe Valdez speaks during the final day of the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia. Texas hasn't elected a Democrat governor in 28 years but has never seen a candidate like Valdez: a trailblazing Hispanic female sheriff who is gay and grew up picking crops as the daughter of a Mexican migrant farmhand.

By PAUL J. WEBER

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Texas hasn't elected a Democrat governor in 28 years but has never seen a candidate like Lupe Valdez: a trailblazing Hispanic female sheriff who is gay and grew up picking green beans as the daughter of migrant farmworkers.

But ahead of a May 22 runoff, an unsteady performance by Valdez has some Democrats convinced they've seen enough, including an LGBT rights group and young Latino activists. Both have bucked her barrier-breaking run and instead endorsed Andrew White, the son of a former Texas governor who is trying to woo voters he calls "reasonable Republicans."

Texas turning blue in 2018 may be a fantasy of only true believers, but even their patience is being tested by

what Democrats see as two imperfect choices: Valdez, the former sheriff of Dallas County who at times has shown a lack of depth on policy, or White, a centrist who has never held office and personally opposes abortion, but says he wouldn't try imposing his beliefs on the law.

Neither is expected to seriously challenge Republican Gov. Greg Abbott, who is seeking a second term, and their low-wattage runoff for the top of the ticket has Democrats almost entirely focused on Beto O'Rourke, the congressman who is running to unseat incumbent Republican Ted Cruz in the U.S. Senate.

"I'm kind of sad that they're not more dynamic than they are. I don't know that we have a prayer," said Kim Canseco, 61, who wore an O'Rourke shirt

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SNAPSHOTS

By: Dan Holt's Daughter

"The Lease"



"Hey Sis, ya wanna ride out with me to check tha lease?"

Because Daddy worked in shifts, his being off on Saturday mornings was rare. She never turned down an invitation to spend time with him. Riding around on what barely qualified as country roads was great fun. When she got big enough to see over the steering wheel, he taught her how to drive, a stick shift no less. He wrenched at the

sound of the grinding gears. Laughing he would say: "Whoa! Sis. Slow down a little. How is it you manage to hit ever pothole in tha road?" This was better than the rides at the county fair.

"How does steak 'n eggs sound for breakfast? He asked with a smile as he pulled up to the little cafe sittin' out in the middle a nowhere. Nothing was better than having breakfast with Daddy.

Checking the lease was a great time for conversations. "Daddy, tell me 'bout tha General."

"Again?" he would say. Well, O.K. When I was a little boy, Grandmother Gracie lived with us."

"Gracie Burleson Hubbs?"
"That's right. She loved ta hold me on her lap while she rocked in her ol' rocking chair. She entertained me with exciting stories about her Granddaddy, General Edward Burleson. She started ever story with: 'Way back in 1830 the Burleson family moved from Tennessee to a plantation somewhere around what's now Bastrop. Then it was part of Mexico.

"He was a soldier."
"That's right. When Sam Houston was the General of the regular army, Ed Burleson was the General of the newly formed Texas Rangers."

He was very brave, right Daddy?"
"Yes indeed he was. He was known to have fought in 30 battles and never retreated. He led the Texas Rangers at tha Battle of Bexar where they defeated the Mexican army shortly before the Battle of the Alamo."

"He never told a lie either, did he Daddy?"
"Well I s'pect that's right. Grandmother Gracie often quoted him as saying: 'There's nothin' worse than a liar; cause a liar'll do anything.'"

"You don't lie. Do ya Daddy?"
"I hate lying. That's for sure. Ya just can't deal with a liar."

"I hate lying too."
"Good for you, Sis."

"He liked to read too, didn't he?"
"He knew how to read. That was very unusual way back then. Ya know, there's more documents hand written by him in the Texas Archives than any other frontiersman living at that time. There weren't many schools."

"How'd he learn to read?"
"His family lived in Virginia when he was young. His uncle married the daughter of the Governor of Virginia and they had a boy named Rufus. She had a good education; so, she just sat those two boys down and taught 'em how ta read,"

"I like ta read."
"I know ya do. You got an award for reading the most books of anybody in your class. I'm real proud of ya for that."

"He got sick'n died, didn't he?"
"Yes he did. He got pneumonia. His cousin Rufus was at his side. He was the first ta be buried in the Texas State Cemetary in Austin."

"He was a 'fine man' wasn't he Daddy?"
"He sure was, Sis. He sure was."

"Can we go see where he's buried?"
"I reckon we can. One'a these days."

Life lessons come in different ways; from things we hear and more often from things we observe. Character is shaped by simple everyday encounters that are like tiny seeds that take root and when properly cared for bear good fruit.

"Oh, What'a beautiful mornin'.
Oh, What'a beautiful day.
I got'a beautiful feelin'
Ever thangs goin' my way."
Richard Rogers
The Musical 'Oklahoma'
(Sung with a West Texas accent)

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11 sentenced in Texas-based human smuggling ring

LAREDO, Texas (AP) — Nearly a dozen members of a family-run human smuggling organization have been sentenced in Texas.

The Laredo Morning Times reports that the 11 defendants were charged with conspiring, helping or attempting to transport immigrants living illegally in the U.S. around the country, from September 2015 to June 2017.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Alfredo De La Rosa says parents, uncles and in-laws were involved in the long-standing human smuggling ring.

Court documents show multiple witnesses admitted to paying between \$5,000 and \$10,000 to be transported around the U.S.

Sandra Gongora was sentenced Thursday to three years in prison. De La Rosa says she was second in command.

Court records say the group's leader, Jose Andres Gongora Jr., is awaiting sentencing.

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Trump salutes 2nd Amendment, urges NRA members to vote GOP



AP photo

President Donald Trump gestures from the podium as he speaks at the National Rifle Association-Institute for Legislative Action Leadership Forum in Dallas, Friday, May 4, 2018.

By CATHERINE LUCEY

Associated Press

DALLAS — President Donald Trump on Friday linked the sanctity of the Second Amendment to his party's prospects in the 2018 midterm elections, telling supporters at the National Rifle Association's annual conven-

tion that "we've got to get Republicans elected."

Trump struck a tough tone months after he briefly strayed from the NRA's message in the days after the Parkland, Florida, school shooting. He vowed that the Second Amendment will "never ever be under siege as long as I am your president."

Trump's speech in Dallas was his fourth consecutive appearance at the NRA's annual convention. His gun comments were folded into a campaign-style speech, which touched on the Russia probe, the 2016 campaign, illegal immigration and his

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Iowa governor signs strictest abortion regulation in US

By BARBARA RODRIGUEZ

Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds signed a six-week abortion ban into law on Friday, marking the strictest abortion regulation in the nation but setting the state up for a lengthy court fight.

The Republican governor signed the bill in her formal office at the state Capitol. She acknowledged the new law would likely be challenged in court, but said "this is bigger than just a law." As she signed the bill, protesters gathered outside her office chanted "my body, my choice!"

Reynolds hadn't indicated before Friday whether she would approve the legislation, but noted: "I'm pro-life. I'm proud to be pro-life. I've made that very clear."

Maggie DeWitte, who leads the group Iowans for Life, called Reynolds' move "historic."

"We couldn't be more pleased," De-

Witte said. "She is following through on her pledge to the people of Iowa that she is 100 percent pro-life."

The bill signing came shortly after the Iowa affiliates of Planned Parenthood and the American Civil Liberties Union warned that they would sue the governor if she signed the bill, which the Republican-controlled Legislature quickly approved in after-hours votes earlier in the week.

"We will challenge this law with absolutely everything we have on behalf of our patients because Iowa will not go back," Suzanna de Baca, president and CEO of Planned Parenthood of the Heartland, said in a statement.

The legislation has propelled Iowa to the front of a push among conservative statehouses jockeying to enact restrictive regulations on the medical procedure. Mississippi passed a law earlier this year banning abortions

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to a recent Austin town hall of Democratic candidates.

Valdez, 70, was sheriff of the seventh-largest jail system in the U.S. for 12 years. She would be the first Latina gubernatorial nominee in Texas history, four years after Wendy Davis lost by 20 points despite her national celebrity profile and robust fundraising, a landslide that scared off bigger-name Democrats in Texas from running this time

around.

Valdez has neither name recognition nor money. She calls herself a law-and-order candidate who spent three days in solitude at a monastery deciding whether to run. Both she and White have railed against Abbott, who was the only governor in the U.S. last year to call for a "bathroom bill" targeting transgender people that ultimately failed in the state Legislature.

But Valdez has flubbed questions on basic policy, including telling the Dallas Morning News editorial board that she didn't know whether

Texas was spending \$8 million or \$8 billion on border security. It's about \$800 million. And this week, she came under fire for her record with immigrants in custody in her Dallas jails.

When asked at a town hall to defend her cooperation with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents, Valdez glossed over the question and seemed impatient with reporters when pressed afterward. Her answers disappointed young Latinos in the crowd, which included teenagers whose parents have been deported.



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California now world's 5th largest economy, surpassing UK

By **JONATHAN J. COOPER**

Associated Press
SACRAMENTO, Calif. — California's economy has surpassed that of the United Kingdom to become the world's fifth largest, according to new federal data made public Friday.

California's gross domestic product rose by \$127 billion from 2016 to 2017, surpassing \$2.7 trillion, the data said.

Meanwhile, the UK's economic output slightly shrunk over that time when measured in U.S. dollars, due in part to exchange rate fluctuations.

The data demonstrate the sheer immensity of California's economy, home to nearly 40 million people, a thriving technology sector in Silicon Valley, the world's entertainment capital in Hollywood and the

nation's salad bowl in the Central Valley agricultural heartland. It also reflects a substantial turnaround since the Great Recession.

All economic sectors except agriculture contributed to California's higher GDP, said Irena Asmundson, chief economist at the California Department of Finance. Financial services and real estate led the pack at \$26 billion in growth,

followed by the information sector, which includes many technology companies, at \$20 billion. Manufacturing was up \$10 billion.

California last had the world's fifth largest economy in 2002 but fell as low as 10th in 2012 following the Great Recession. Since then, the largest U.S. state has added 2 million jobs and grown its GDP by \$700 billion.

California's economic output is now surpassed only by the total GDP of the United States, China, Japan and Germany. The state has 12 percent of the U.S. population but contributed 16 per-

cent of the country's job growth between 2012 and 2017. Its share of the national economy also grew from 12.8 percent to 14.2 percent over that five-year period, according to state economists.

California's strong economic performance relative to other industrialized economies is driven by worker productivity, said Lee Ohanian, an economics professor at University of California, Los Angeles and director of UCLA's Ettinger Family Program in Macroeconomic Research. The United Kingdom has 25 million more people than California but now has a smaller GDP, he said.

California's economic juggernaut is concentrated in coastal metropolises around San Francisco, San Jose, Los Angeles and San Diego.

"The non-coastal areas of CA have not generated nearly as much economic growth as the coastal areas," Ohanian said in an email.

The state calculates California's economic ranking as if it were a country by comparing state-level GDP from the Bureau of Economic Analysis at the U.S. Department of Commerce with global data from the International Monetary Fund.

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efforts in North Korea and Iran.

Trump said Democrats want to "out-law guns" and said if the nation takes that step, it might as well ban all vans and trucks because they are the new weapons for "maniac terrorists."

The speech came as the issue of gun violence has taken on new urgency after one of the deadliest school shootings in U.S. history. Student survivors of the Feb. 14 shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, which left 17 people dead, are now leading a massive national gun control movement. They too are looking to the midterm elections for action.

Though Trump embraced the Second Amendment right to bear arms before Friday's speech, he had temporarily strayed from the strong anti-gun control message in the wake of the school shooting in Parkland, Florida. While the shooting has not led to major changes from the White House or the Republican-led Congress, it did — at least briefly — prompt Trump to declare that he would stand up to the powerful gun lobby. He later backpedaled on that tough talk.

Trump referenced the Parkland shooting in his speech, saying he "mourned for the victims and their families" and saying he has taken steps on school safety. He noted that he signed a recent spending bill that included modest provisions to strengthen the federal background check system for gun purchases and money to improve school safety. He also repeated his support for "letting highly trained teachers carry concealed weapons."

Asked earlier this week why Trump was attending the convention, given the current political tensions around gun violence, White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said safety was a "big priority." But, she added, "We also support the Second Amendment, and strongly support it, and don't see there to be a problem with speaking at the National Rifle Association's meeting."

Trump said some people had advised him that attending might be controversial, but added: "You know what I said? 'Bye-bye, gotta get on the plane.'"

Trump has long enjoyed strong backing from the NRA, which spent about \$30 million in support of his presidential campaign. The NRA showcased its high-profile guests for the event, with NRA Executive Director Chris Cox saying on Twitter: "We are honored to celebrate American Freedom with @realDonaldTrump."

@VP Mike Pence and others. #2A #watchtheleftmeltdown"

But one of the Parkland student survivors, David Hogg, was critical of Trump's planned attendance.

"It's kind of hypocritical of him to go there after saying so many politicians bow to the NRA and are owned by them," Hogg said. "It proves that his heart and his wallet are in the same place."

During a televised gun meeting with lawmakers in late February, Trump wagged his finger at a Republican senator and scolded him for being "afraid of the NRA," declaring that he would stand up to the group and finally get results in quelling gun violence.

He praised members of the gun lobby as "great patriots" but declared "that doesn't mean we have to agree on everything. It doesn't make sense that I have to wait until I'm 21 to get a handgun, but I can get this weapon at 18." He was referring to the AR-15 the Parkland shooting suspect is accused of using.

Those words rattled some Republicans in Congress and sparked hope among gun-control advocates that, unlike after previous mass shootings, tougher regulations would be enacted this time. But Trump later retreated on those words, expressing support for modest changes to the background check system, as well as arming teachers.

After expressing interest in increasing the minimum age to purchase a so-called assault weapon to 21, Trump later declared there was "not much political support" for the move. He then pushed off the issue of age restrictions by assigning the question to a commission.

Trump's moves have drawn concerns from both sides of the gun debate.

"He ran as supposedly the best friend of the Second Amendment and has become gun grabber in chief," said Michael Hammond, legislative counsel to the Gun Owners of America. Hammond said his members were upset Trump had approved

a spending bill that included background check updates. "We're not confident at all. We are very disappointed."

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Arizona students back in class after 6-day teacher walkout



Principal Shawn Duguid welcomes students back to Oakwood Elementary School after a statewide Arizona teachers strike ended Friday, May 4, 2018, in Peoria, Ariz.

PHOENIX (AP) — Hundreds of thousands of Arizona schoolchildren returned to classes Friday, a day after state lawmakers approved 20 percent raises for teachers and they ended a six-day walkout that shuttered most classrooms around the state. Teachers at a high school in the Phoenix suburb of Mesa lined up to greet students with cheers and handshakes. An elementary school principal greeted students with high-fives on the other side of metro Phoenix. Educators returning to work at San Marcos Elementary in the suburb of Chandler traded in their red protest t-shirts for shirts with their black and

blue school colors and its bear mascot. Wearing sunglasses and smiles, they hugged and wrapped their arms around each other's shoulders to start the day. In Jennifer Boettcher's first-grade class, students had a breakfast of muffins, milk and juice waiting for them. "I'm so happy to see you, you all grew this much," Boettcher said while raising her hands. She checked their meal progress as she called out names for attendance, ensuring one student had a juice carton in front of her and reminding another to hang up his jacket. Outside, preschool students

sixth graders, is like a family. That closeness made the choice to walkout difficult, she said. "The whole time you were down at the Capitol and seeing the signs and seeing the marching, your thoughts were with the kids in the classroom," she said. Strike organizers called for an end to the walkout Thursday after an all-night legislative session resulted in a 20 percent pay raise by 2020. Most districts planned to reopen Friday but Tucson's largest district said it would resume classes next week saying it would take time to ensure all 86 school sites would be up and running. The education funding plan, signed by Gov. Doug Ducey, awarded teachers a 9 percent raise in the fall and 5 percent in each of the next two years. Those increases, which are in addition to a 1 percent raise granted last year, will cost about \$300 million for the coming year alone.

AP photo

populated the playground for the first time since last Thursday. They raced down slides and soared on a swing set, the sound of their giggles mixed with the chirping birds while a teacher called out to them by name. Jolene Gallup, a media specialist and reading intervention teacher, was thrilled to come back. She said the #RedforEd movement was empowering, as she's been teaching in Arizona for 20 years and has seen budgets slashed. She sees around 100 to 110 students a day, and says the school, with a population of around 600 preschoolers through

Manhunt for gunman after federal agent shot in Chicago

By **DON BABWIN** and **SARA BURNETT**
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Authorities in Chicago pleaded with the public for help Friday in finding the person who shot a federal agent in the face in what they described as a pre-dawn ambush. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives agent, who was part of a task force designed to stem the flow of illegal guns into the city, was rushed to the hospital after the 3:15 a.m. shooting. Authorities said Friday afternoon he was expected to make a full recovery. Police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said the agent was working with Chicago officers in the Back of the Yards neighborhood on the city's South Side when a man ran from a building and opened fire. He said officers returned fire but that it was unclear whether the man was shot before he escaped. Police declined to provide details on what the agent was doing at the time. No other officers were hurt. The shooting prompted a massive manhunt for the

gunman, as hundreds of officers from specialized units such as the teams that focus on gangs and organized crime were reassigned to take part in the search for the suspect. The gunman has not been identified. At a midday news conference, authorities said they were offering a more than \$60,000 reward for information. "I implore on everybody today to help us bring the assailants who are responsible for this to justice," said Celinez Nunez, special agent in charge of the ATF's Chicago field division. "We need the community's help to be able to bring these people to justice." The agent was not identified. Nunez said he was new to the Chicago area. Chicago Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson, who described the shooting as "barbaric" and "reprehensible," said the agent was the fourth law enforcement officer shot in the area in less than a year. "You think that escapes us? It doesn't," a visibly angry Johnson said. "We're not taking this lying down."

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after 15 weeks of pregnancy, but it's on hold after a court challenge. The Iowa bill bans most abortions once a fetal heartbeat is detected, which is around six weeks of pregnancy. There are some exemptions that allow abortions at a later pregnancy stage to save a pregnant woman's life or in some cases of rape and incest. Backers of the so-called "heartbeat" bill — which didn't get a single Democratic vote in the Legislature during final passage — expressed hope it could challenge Roe vs. Wade, the landmark 1973 U.S. Supreme Court ruling

that established women have a right to terminate pregnancies until a fetus is viable. Conservatives say an influx of right-leaning judicial appointments under President Donald Trump could make it a possibility. Critics argued the bill would ban abortions before some women even know they're pregnant. That likely sets the state up for a legal challenge, including from the same federal appeals court that three years ago struck down similar legislation approved in Arkansas and North Dakota. In Iowa, the same Republican-majority Legislature passed a 20-week abortion ban last year. It's now in effect, though a provision requiring a three-day waiting

period to get an abortion is tied up in a lawsuit filed by Planned Parenthood and the ACLU. Still, Republican lawmakers indicated they would push for more restrictions this session. Outside of Reynolds' office earlier Friday, critics of the bill began leaving coat hangers by her staff's desks. The protests followed the morning rally outside of the Capitol where more than 100 people showed up to oppose the legislation. One of them was Georgia Jecklin, a retired teacher who drove in from Davenport. "As a 66-year-old woman, I feel very strongly that women have a right to their own body decisions," she said.

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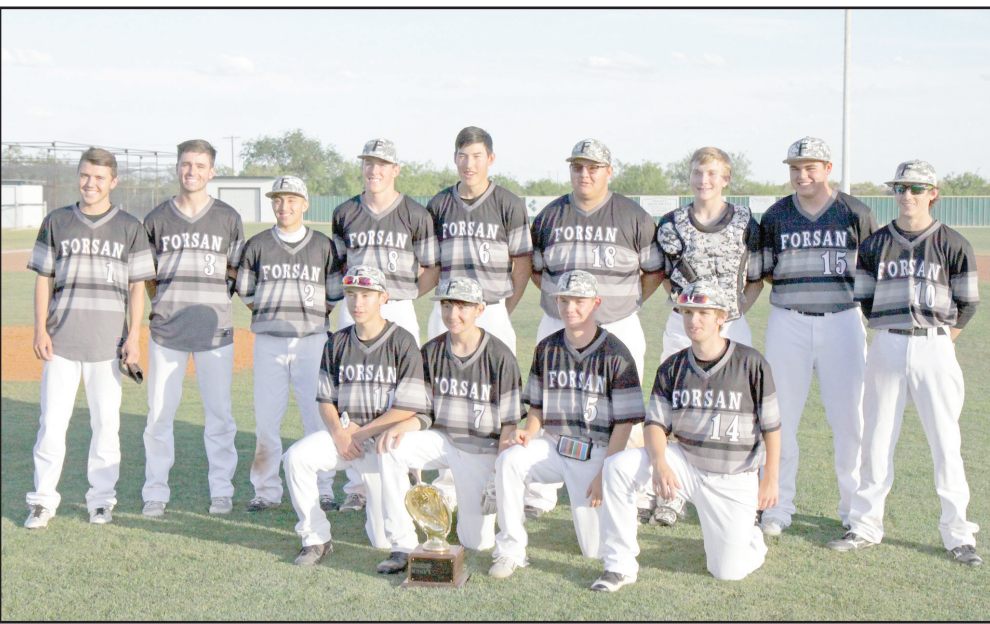
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Bufs win bi-district in a blowout!



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The Forsan Buffs baseball team (above) took home the bi-district championship Friday night versus Van Horn. Buff players: #1 Kobe Richardson, #2 Nate Vidal, #3 Garrett Evams, #5 Dylan Kligora, #6 Ehren Hillger, #7 Bradlee Saucedo, #7 Jordan Khandin White, #8 Bryce Hergert, #10 Kolby Watson, #11 Jordan Enriquez, #12 Jonathon Gabehart, #14 Conner Clarkon, #15 Ryan Buske and #18 Brycon Pineda

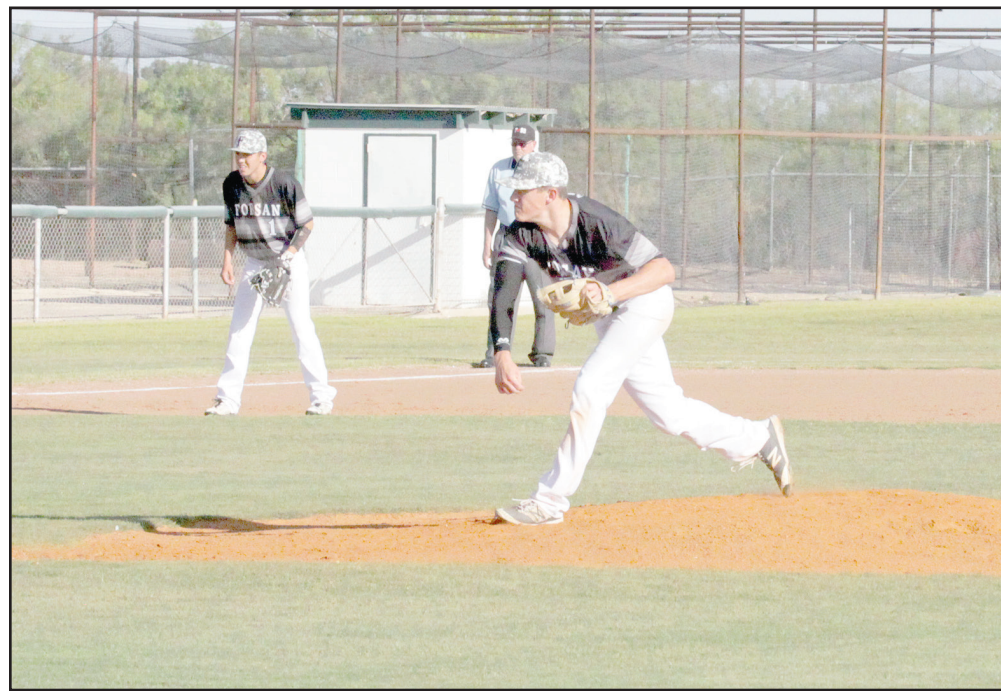
By JORDAN PARR

Sports Editor

With Bryce on the mound, Forsan shut out Van Horn. Bryce Hergert threw a shutout to lead the Buffs past Van Horn 12-0 on Friday. Forsan secured the victory thanks to seven runs in the third inning. Garret Evams, Hergert, Kolby Watson, Dylan Kligora, and Kobe Richardson each had RBIs in the inning.

The Buffs got things started in the first inning when an error scored one run. Forsan scored seven runs in the third inning. Evams, Hergert, Watson, Kligora, and Richardson all moved runners across the plate with RBIs in the inning.

Hergert led the Buffs to victory on the pitcher's mound. He went five innings, allowed zero runs on one hit and struck out eight. Isaac Baeza took the loss for Van Horn. He lasted five innings, allowed 12 hits and 12 runs and struck out



Courtesy photo

Forsan pitcher, #8 Bryce Hergert (above) delivers a pitch in the Buffs 12-0 blowout win over Van Horn Friday night. Hergert threw a shutout and the offense brought the sticks in the bi-district championship. Forsan looks to carry that momentum into the area round next week.

one.

Forsan racked up 12 hits in the game. Watson, Richardson, and Hergert all managed multiple hits for the Buffs. Watson went 3-for-4 at the plate to lead Forsan in hits. The Buffs stole eight bases during the game as two players stole more than one. Hergert led the way with two. Forsan was sure-handed and didn't commit a single error. Evams made the most plays with five.

"The kids played a great game today. I thought they were focused and ready to play from the first pitch. Bryce Hergert went the distance for us on the mound and did a great job. Our defense was solid today. The guys made plays and played an error free game. I thought the guys were patient at the plate and made solid contact when they got a pitch to hit. We are looking forward to playing Stamford in the Area round" said Buffs Head Coach Stephen East of his teams great bi-district performance.

Hawks fly high in Region V West tournament



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Howard College's Paige Hallam gets a hit during the Lady Hawks' 15-4 first round, run rule win over Midland College at the Region V West tournament on Friday, May 4, 2018.

By JORDAN PARR

Sports Editor

Paige Hallam was perfect at the plate on Friday, driving in four on three hits to lead the Hawks past Midland 15-4 in the first round of the Region V West tournament in Lubbock. Hallam drove in runs on a double in the second and a triple in the fourth.

Howard College earned the victory despite allowing Midland to score four runs in the fifth inning. Midland was led in the inning by E. Chastain, R. Barajas and R. Hubbard, who all drove in runs.

The Hawks opened up scoring in the first inning. Lani Graft laid down a sacrifice grounder, to score one run.

Howard College put up six runs in the fourth inning. The Hawks batters that contributed to the big inning included Hallam, Madoline Seumalo, and Evelyn Loyola, all knocking in runs in the inning.

Julia Grib toed the rubber for the Hawks. She went four and two-thirds innings, allowed four runs on five hits and struck out three.

C. Kistner toed the rubber for Midland. She lasted one and two-thirds innings, allowed five hits and seven runs and struck out one. T. Larig threw two and a third innings in relief out of the bullpen.

Howard College saw the ball well today, the Hawks racked up 11 hits in the game. Hallam, Mackenzie Mitchiner, Seumalo, and Kylie Shay all managed multiple hits for Howard College. Hallam led the Hawks with three hits in three at bats. Howard College was sure-handed and didn't commit a single error. Loyola made the most plays with four.

The Hawks took their first game of the Region V West tournament and look to continue their quest for a regional championship today against Clarendon.



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Howard College's Alexis Velazquez catches a throw out at first base during the Lady Hawks' 15-4 first round, run rule win over Midland College at the Region V West tournament on Friday, May 4, 2018.



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Howard College shortstop Jenna Shay fields a sharp ground ball during the Lady Hawks' 15-4 first round, run rule win over Midland College at the Region V West tournament on Friday, May 4, 2018.

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Cowboys' Jason Witten retiring after 15 seasons



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In this Oct. 25, 2010, file photo, Dallas Cowboys tight end Jason Witten holds the ball up as he scores a 4-yard touchdown against the New York Giants during the first quarter of an NFL football game, in Arlington, Texas. A person with direct knowledge of the decision says Jason Witten is retiring after 15 seasons, choosing the offer of lead analyst for ESPN's "Monday Night Football" over becoming the longest-tenured player in the history of the Dallas Cowboys. The 10-time Pro Bowl tight end informed Cowboys owner Jerry Jones of his plan to retire Thursday, May 3, 2018, according to the person who spoke on condition of anonymity because the decision hasn't been announced.

By **SCHUYLER DIXON**

AP Pro Football Writer

FRISCO, Texas — Jason Witten mostly held it together while announcing he was retiring after 15 years with the Dallas Cowboys to go into TV.

One wavering moment came when the tight end turned to owner Jerry Jones on a stage in front of his family, teammates and club employees in what normally serves as the dining room in the team's practice facility.

"The hardest part of this decision was knowing that I would never be able to hand you that Lombardi Trophy," Witten said during his 15-minute speech Thursday. "I told you back in 2006 that I would not let you down. I hope that in your eyes, I held up my end of the bargain."

Just days away from turning 36, Witten is leaving to be the analyst for ESPN's "Monday Night Football" telecast, a move the network confirmed after Witten's retirement announcement.

The decision by the franchise leader in games, catches and yards receiving is the same one friend and longtime teammate Tony Romo, the club passing leader in yards and touchdowns, made last year with CBS.

They joined the Cowboys together in 2003 — Witten a third-round pick out of Tennessee and Romo the undrafted quarterback three years from becoming the starter. They left without getting Dallas to an NFC championship game, and the Super Bowl drought for a franchise with five titles is at 23 years and counting.

"Jason has given so much to this team, to this franchise. He emptied the bucket here," Jones said, responding to a question about that missing Super Bowl after speeches by all three on stage: Witten, Jones and coach Jason Garrett.

"When I look at where we were with the great legacy of our fans that have had 56 years of being around some of the greatest people and names of players ever ... to me, no one has ever given more of himself and no one has

ever made any bigger impact."

The circumstances for Witten and Romo were different. The Cowboys were anticipating a 16th season, which would have been a club record, from their 11-time Pro Bowl player. Romo had lost his job to Dak Prescott while injured and was deciding last offseason whether to play elsewhere.

As recently as two weeks ago, Witten suggested he might play until he was 40 and said he "absolutely" was returning. He acknowledged the offer from ESPN changed things.

"In those moments, those other things didn't exist," said Witten, set to call the Cowboys' home game against Tennessee on Nov. 5. "I was certain



AP photo

Dallas Cowboys tight end Jason Witten announces his retirement from football at the NFL team's training facility and headquarters, Thursday, May 3, 2018, in Frisco, Texas

when I went through it that I wanted the blessing of Jerry and his family, an opportunity I have to stay around the game."

Dozens lined Witten's walk from the entrance to the team's headquarters, down some stairs and a long hallway to the dining room.

His retirement ceremony, with Prescott and star running back Ezekiel Elliott watching from the same row, came not far from a huge picture of Witten's signature moment — a 2007 game when he ran nearly 30 yards and was tackled without a helmet after it was knocked off.

The Cowboys hung that picture over the entrance to their indoor practice field long before Witten pondered retirement. He spent two seasons walking under it.

"Whenever young kids come up to me and ask me, 'How do you grow up and play for the Dallas Cowboys, and have that type of career?' Witten said. "My answer was always the same, the secret is in the dirt. I was never the most talented, never the flashiest, I relied on grit."

Witten was also known for durability, holding club records for consecutive games (235) and starts (179). He missed one game, the fifth of his rookie season because of a broken jaw, and returned 23 days after rupturing his spleen in a preseason game to play the 2012 opener.

With 1,152 catches for 12,448 yards, Witten joins Tony Gonzalez as the only NFL tight ends with at least

1,000 catches and 10,000 yards. His 15 seasons are tied for the most in Dallas with defensive end Ed "Too Tall" Jones, safety Bill Bates and late offensive lineman Mark Tuinei.

"He's one of the best and most complete tight ends ever to play this game," Garrett said. "The stats and the credentials speak for themselves. They don't really begin to tell the story. Over the last 15 years, he's played virtually every play."

Witten is third on the Cowboys' list with 68 touchdown catches. He trails Dez Bryant, released last month with 73 TDs, and Hall of Famer Bob Hayes (71).

Without Witten and Bryant, the Cowboys are missing their top two receivers from last year and essentially for the past six seasons. Among the tight ends left behind, only one has a catch in a regular-season game: Geoff Swaim with nine over three seasons.

The Cowboys are high on Blake Jarwin and hope that former Baylor basketball player Rico Gathers can develop after missing his entire second season with a concussion. Dallas drafted Stanford's Dalton Schultz in the fourth round last week.

"There's an old saying in pro football, the circus doesn't stay in town forever," Witten said. "And when you're young, I think it takes on a meaning that when your opportunity comes, grab it. I've decided that the time has come for me to pass the torch to the next generation of Dallas Cowboys."

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Titans win back-to-back gold!



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Midland, TX Tall City Global World Series Qualifier Front row: Devin Mier, Christian Martinez, Bryce Davis, Kevin Kligora, and Eric Aguilar Middle row: Billy Bailey, Austen Raines, Ian Galan, Isaiah Diaz, and Reece Harris Back Row Coaches: Jason Martinez, Robert Galan, and Paul Diaz



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Lubbock, TX Buffalo Wild Wings (the BWW) Midseason Classic Front Row: Christian Martinez, Kevin Kligora, Devin Mier, Brannon Darden, and Bryce Davis Middle Row: Reece Harris, Isaiah Diaz, Ian Galan, Billy Bailey, and Eric Aguilar Back Row Coaches: Jason Martinez, Paul Diaz, and Robert Galan

Special to the Herald

Local traveling team Titans won back-to-back tournaments. One this past weekend in Midland TX, Tall City Global World Series Qualifier and the weekend before in Lubbock TX, Buffalo Wild

Wings (the BWW) Midseason Classic. There were 10 teams in their age bracket with only one winner and the Titans from Big Spring brought home the Gold. Teams from Odessa TX, Andrews TX, Big Lake TX, Fort Stockton TX, McCamey TX, San Angelo TX, Denver City TX, and Pecos TX all compet-

ed in these two tournaments and these young men went 5-0. Their bats did work this past weekend in Midland, TX scoring 63 runs and their defense only allowed 12, to lead their age division. Congratulations Titans!

Lady Steers drop first game in best of three series with Venus

By **JORDAN PARR**

Sports Editor

Big Spring watched the game slip away early and couldn't recover in a 1-0 loss to Venus on Friday in the Area matchup. Venus took the lead on a single in the first inning and never looked back. Each team only had one hit in the game but that was enough to give Venus the upset win in game one of the best of three series.

The pitching was strong on both sides. Venus' pitchers struck out 17, while the Lady Steers sat down 12.

Venus got things started in the first inning when #23 singled on a 1-2 count, scoring one run.

One bright spot for Big Spring Lady Steer Varsity was a single by Alexis Starr in the first inning.

#19 toed the rubber for Venus. She went seven innings, allowed zero runs on one hit, struck out 17 and walked one.

Maddie Daniels got the start at pitcher for Big Spring. Daniels allowed one hit and one run over seven innings, and struck out 12.

Starr led the Lady Steers with one hit in three at bats.

Big Spring looks to recover from the tough loss and win back-to-back games Saturday to win the Area championship series.



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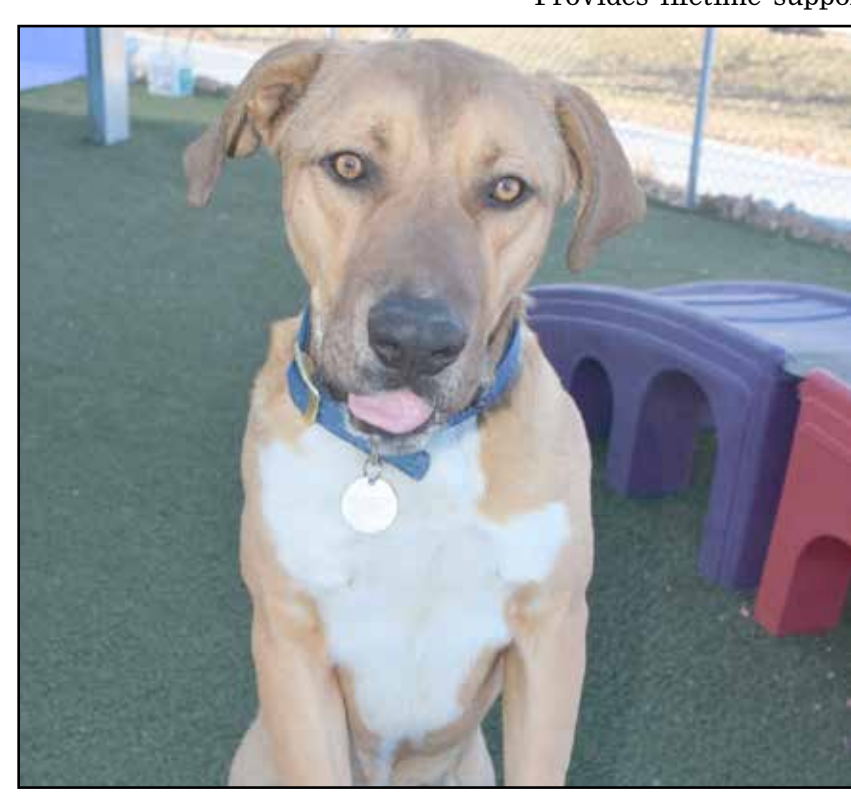
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Photographed on the left, Nordic and on the right, Themla, both from Big Spring Happy Day Humane Society, and both picked to be in the Freedom of Service's program. They will be moving on to have a better life than that of a shelter dog, as these canines will now go on to see if they have what it takes to become a Freedom Service Dog.



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Shown on the right is Azerro, from the Odessa Humane Society and potential candidate for Freedom of Services, being a dog of service. Shown on the left is Jedi, a Border Collie Rescue who is also a potential candidate to be a service dog for Freedom Services.



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Shown on the left is Squints, who came from a private donation. On the right is Sakura, who like Azerro, came from the Odessa Humane Society.



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Italy recovers 3 paintings stolen from Bologna-area museums

ROME (AP) — Italy's art police say they've recovered three paintings stolen in recent months from three small Bologna-area museums after identifying the thief from surveillance videos.

The most well-known piece was a 1363 portrait of St. Ambrose attributed to Giusto de' Menabuoi that was stolen in March from the National Pinacoteca of Bologna while it was open to the public.

In a statement Friday, the carabinieri art squad said investigators were able to zero in on the thief using surveillance videos from the museums, and tracked him down when he acted "suspiciously" near another Bologna museum.

They then searched his apartment and found the looted works.

Police have filed a formal criminal complaint against him for aggravated theft.



AP Photo

A Carabinieri (Italian paramilitary police) officer poses next to one of three stolen and recovered paintings, during a press conference in Bologna, Italy, Friday, May 4, 2018. Italy's art police say they've recovered three paintings stolen in recent months from three small Bologna-area museums after identifying the thief from surveillance videos. The most well-known piece was a 1363 portrait of St. Ambrose attributed to Giusto de' Menabuoi that was stolen in March from the National Pinacoteca of Bologna while it was open to the public.

Howard County Lunches

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Monday: Breakfast: Apple cinnamon muffin, fresh oranges, milk. Lunch: Pizza sticks with marinara, corn, fresh broccoli, fresh fruit mix, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Graham crackers, strawberry/banana yogurt, fresh apple slices, milk. Lunch: Hamburger, green beans, diced peaches, fresh red peppers strips, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Maple waffles, diced pears, milk. Lunch: Corn dog, sweet potato bites, fresh steamed squash, pineapple tidbits, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Sausage sandwich, fresh banana, milk. Lunch: Chicken nuggets, Charro pinto beans, fresh celery sticks, fresh cantaloupe, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Chicken biscuits, fresh apple slices, milk. Lunch: Chicken patty sandwich, frozen spinach, fresh baby carrots, mandarin oranges, milk.

Elementary Schools

Monday: Breakfast: Cheerios cereal, animal crackers, fresh apple slices, grape juice. Lunch: Cheeseburger, or cheese sticks with marinara, fresh grapes, mixed fruit, corn, fresh broccoli, garden salad.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Blueberry waffle, fresh pears, fruit juice. Lunch: Hot dog, or beef nachos, raisins, diced peaches, green beans and carrots, fresh red pepper strips, garden salad.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fresh oranges, orange juice. Lunch: Chicken nuggets with roll, or corn dogs, fresh apples, diced pears, sweet potato bites, fresh zucchini squash, garden salad.

Thursday: Breakfast: French toast sticks, fresh apple slices, cherry star juice. Lunch: Sloppy joe sandwich, or steak fingers with roll, fresh oranges, rosy applesauce, refried beans, fresh celery sticks, garden salad.

Friday: Breakfast: Apple frudel, fresh banana, apple juice. Lunch: Pepperoni pizza, or chicken patty sandwich, fresh cantaloupe, pineapple tidbits, steamed spinach, fresh cucumber slices, garden salad.

Intermediate School

Monday: Breakfast: Lucky charms cereal, animal crackers, fresh apples, grape juice. Lunch: Spicy chicken sandwich, or pizza sticks with marinara, diced chicken salad with roll, fresh grapes, corn, fresh broccoli, mixed fruit, garden salad.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Pancake on a stick, fresh oranges, fruit juice. Lunch: Sloppy joe sandwich, or cheeseburger, or chicken nachos, fresh bananas, diced peaches, green beans, fresh red pepper strips, garden salad.

Wednesday: Breakfast: breakfast pizza, fresh pears, orange juice. Lunch: Spicy chicken sandwich, or cheeseburger, corn dogs, fresh apples, diced pears, sweet potato bites, fresh zucchini squash, garden salad.

Thursday: Breakfast: Blueberry muffin, strawberry/banana yogurt, fresh bananas, cherry star juice. Lunch: Chicken patty sandwich, or chicken carbonara pasta with roll, or turkey chef salad with roll, fresh oranges, applesauce, Charro pinto beans, fresh celery sticks.

Friday: Breakfast: Egg and ham sandwich, fresh grapes, apple juice. Lunch: Cheeseburger, or chili dog, or cheese pizza, fresh steamed kale, pineapple tidbits, creamy coleslaw, fresh cantaloupe, garden salad.

Junior High School

Monday: Breakfast: Lucky charms cereal, string cheese, fresh apples, grape juice. Lunch: Cheeseburger, or diced chicken salad with roll, or pizza sticks with marinara, fresh grapes, mixed fruit, corn, fresh broccoli, garden salad.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Sausage kolaches, fresh oranges, fruit juice. Lunch: Spicy chicken sandwich, or chicken nachos, or roasted turkey with roll, fresh bananas, diced peaches, green beans, fresh red pepper strips, garden salad.

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pears, orange juice. Lunch: Cheeseburger, or popcorn chicken salad with pretzel roll, meatball sub sandwich, fresh apples, diced pears, orange glazed carrots, steamed squash.

Thursday: Breakfast: Blueberry muffin, fresh bananas, cherry star juice. Lunch: Spicy chicken sandwich, or turkey chef salad with roll, chicken carbonara, fresh oranges, applesauce, Charro pinto beans, fresh celery sticks, garden salad.

Friday: Breakfast: French toast, fresh grapes, apple juice. Lunch: Cheeseburger, or ham chef salad with roll, fish sticks, fresh cantaloupe, pineapple tidbits, fresh steamed kale, creamy coleslaw, garden salad.

High School

Monday: Breakfast: Ham and cheese strata, or sausage muffin melt, or waffles, fresh strawberries, cocoa puffs cereal, animal crackers, fresh apples, diced pears.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Bagel, or egg and bacon muffin melt, or waffle, fresh strawberries, cinnamon toast crunch cereal, string cheese, fresh oranges, mixed fruit.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, or egg muffin melt, or waffles, fresh strawberries, lucky charms cereal, animal crackers, fresh pears, applesauce.

Thursday: Breakfast: Cinnamon muffin, or sausage muffin melt, or waffles, fresh strawberries, honey nut cheerios cereal, sting cheese, fresh bananas, raisins.

Friday: Breakfast: Sausage burrito, or egg and bacon muffin melt, or waffles, fresh strawberries, frosted mini wheat cereal, string cheese, fresh grapes, diced peaches.

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

Coahoma ISD

Monday: Breakfast: Pancakes, and bacon. Lunch: Tuna salad with croissant, or steak fingers with gravy and roll, or chicken tenders with gravy and a roll, mashed potatoes, carrots coins, strawberry cup.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Sunrise sandwich or cheesy toast. Lunch: Crispy chicken salad, or spaghetti bowl with breadstick or french bread pizza with marinara cup, garden salad, mixed veggies, chocolate pudding, fruit cup.

Wednesday: Breakfast: French toast, and sausage or breakfast parfait. Lunch: Caribbean salad, or chicken nuggets with mac and cheese, or frito pie, baby carrots with ranch, oranges, brownie.

Thursday: Breakfast: Oatmeal and cinnamon toast, or blueberry loaf and yogurt. Lunch: Asian chicken salad, or chicken quesadilla, or Mexican combo plate (one taco, one tamale), mexi corn, refried beans, peaches.

Friday: Breakfast: Breakfast burrito and hash browns. Lunch: Popcorn chicken salad, or popcorn chicken with roll, or sloppy joe, okra, fries, fresh whole fruit.

Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast: Mini chicken biscuits, or cereal and toast, or yogurt parfait, mandarin oranges, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken nuggets with mac and cheese, or tangerine chicken, or Asian bowl with egg roll, seasoned corn, tater tots, fresh fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Sausage cheese breakfast sandwich, or cereal and toast, or yogurt parfait, peach cup, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Cheese or pepperoni pizza, or crispy chicken salad, or Italian vegetables, fresh veggie cup, garden salad, fresh fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Monte Cristo sandwich, or cereal and toast, or yogurt parfait, mandarin oranges, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Steak fingers, or chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, savory green beans, roll, fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, or cereal and toast or yogurt parfait, strawberry cup, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Hamburger, or cheese sticks with marinara sauce, tater tots, baby carrots, garden salad, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: French toast with bacon, or cereal and toast, or yogurt parfait, applesauce cup, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken sandwich, or tamale plate, spicy waffle fries, seasoned pinto beans, salsa, California blend, fresh fruit, milk.

Sands CISD

Monday: Breakfast: Sausage kolache, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Taquito fajita, or chicken quesadilla, Charro beans, Spanish rice, seasoned corn, salsa, fresh fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Muffin, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Corn dog, tater tots, baked beans, peaches, fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Biscuit, gravy, bacon, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Asian bowl, egg roll, garden salad, fruity jello, fruit, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken fried steak, or fish sandwich, fries, fresh veggie cup, mandarin oranges, fruit, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Mustang breakfast. Lunch: Ham and cheese melt, multigrain chips, baby carrots, broccoli bites, fruit cup, cookie, fruit, milk.

Big Spring Senior Center

Monday: Sweet and sour chicken, white rice, stir fry vegetables, pudding, egg roll, milk.

Tuesday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, cake, bread, milk.

Wednesday: Hamburger on a bun, lettuce/tomato/onion/pickle, baked beans, baked chips, angel cake with berries, milk.

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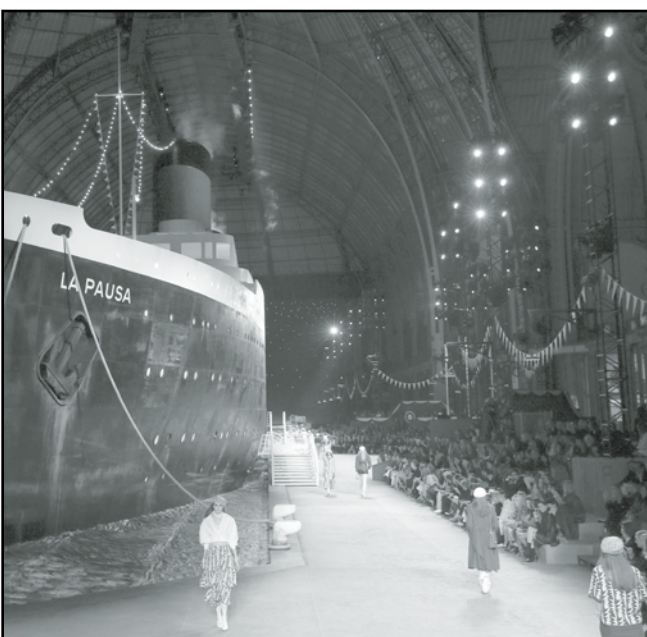
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Roger's Reviews: Truth or Dare

Chanel wows celebrities with ship for cruise show in Paris



AP photo

Models present creations during Chanel's Cruise 2018/2019 fashion collection presented in Paris, Thursday, May 3, 2018.

PARIS (AP) — Kristen Stewart, Ralph Fiennes and Margot Robbie all craned their necks up in awe.

A creaking, 330-foot (100-meter) cruise liner — with steaming funnels and gangplanks — was something Chanel's celebrity guests never imagined they'd see moored on the dry land of the French capital, let alone inside the city's Grand Palais. It was the decor for Chanel's annual Cruise collection Thursday night in Paris in which designer Karl Lagerfeld created a spectacle worthy of a James Cameron movie set.

The show saw the larger-than-life 84-year-old continue to defy expectations in fashion show spending — after earlier shows produced a recreated Eiffel Tower, a space rocket, a supermarket and a forest.

"The bar has been set very high ... The set design in itself blew me away," said Robbie.

"It's amazing, but it doesn't surprise me. This is Karl's genius and imagination," said model Lily-Rose Depp. "Everything is just so realistic — down to the light that looks like water, and the smoke and the stars."

The ship took two months to create with an exterior in plywood and a hull made of myriad steel. The gargantuan vessel — named "La Pausa" after house founder Coco Chanel's Southern French villa — was brought to life by lighting mimicking lapping ocean waves and the sound of cawing sea gulls. The sea theme infused the clothes and was an apt choice for the mid-season show.

Cruise or "resort" shows — shown by only a handful of the world's fashion houses — were originally conceived to target wealthy women who travelled on cruise ships in the winter. Nowadays, they're used as a lucrative means of re-stimulating fashions in the mid-season lull.

Chanel's show was all about the nautical stripe. Chic baggy pants opened the show, sporting optical black and white lines.

The motif was based on the razzle dazzle designs painted on U.S. and British warships from World War I to camouflage them from German U-Boats. The stripes appeared down layered sleeves on two-piece skirts and in technicolor across white sporty dresses.

Styles from the Sixties also were a key element in the relaxed 87-piece collection. White berets met sexy exposed midribs, miniskirts and loose white sweaters that were cut with a retro bateau collar. Mary Janes — one-strap shoes — were also given a cool reworking in silver and white, and some had rubber soles.

Robbie — whose star is rising since her recent Academy Award nomination for "I, Tonya" and who has recently been named a Chanel brand ambassador — used this trip to Paris to learn more about the Parisian couture house.

"First, I went to the archives and really got to understand the brand on a whole new level and understand really learn about Coco Chanel's story, and how it influenced her designs," she said.

Stewart came to the Paris show en route to this month's Cannes Film Festival in southern France where she will serve as one of its jury members.

"Cannes is a place that values the reason why people make movies that aligns with the reason that I do," said the 28-year-old "Twilight" star. "I feel like a little kid walking into something I'm not allowed." The ship, which conjured up images of the French Riviera, also bowled Stewart over.



How would you react if you (found a old-style VHS videotape/played a game of Truth or Dare), and if you (watched the videotape/stopped playing the game or played it "wrong") a (ghost of a young girl/demon from Hell) would (crawl out of an abandoned well/possess your body) and (kill you/force you to commit suicide) in (one week/immediately)? But of course, in both cases, you don't know this information before hand, so you'd probably just die.



ROGER CLINE

Yep, the new horror movie "Truth Or Dare" is really just a repackaging of 2002's "The Ring." Do something ordinary, and get killed by a supernatural being because of it.

The movie kicks off with a girl in a hoodie (we later learn this is Giselle, played by Aurora Perineau) entering a junky little roadside store in Mexico. Seemingly in a hurry, she acts oddly before spraying lighter fluid on a woman and setting her on fire, apologizing all the while that she doesn't have a choice about what she's doing.

Cut to the bedroom of Olivia (Lucy Hale) who is recording an online ad for Habitat for Humanity. She's got plans to go build houses for the organization during spring break, but her best friend Markie (Violett Beane) convinces her to go celebrate in Mexico instead, promising that she and the pair's friends will all contribute, helping out with the Habitat project after the party trip. The rest of the gang consists of Lucas (Tyler Posey), Markie's boyfriend and Olivia's secret crush; Brad (Hayden Szeto), their gay friend; and Penelope (Sophia Ali) and her boyfriend Tyson (Nolan Gerard Funk).

While in Mexico, they bump into frat-boy frenemy Ronnie (Sam Lerner), who annoyingly hits on Olivia. She's saved by a

boy introducing himself as Carter (Landon Liboiron) who then invites Olivia and her friends to go see something interesting.

After some discussion, they go along, and "something interesting" proves to be a creepy old deserted mission, where they find some old pictures of nuns, and a shattered, extremely smelly jar. At the mission, Carter talks them into playing a game of Truth or Dare.

For anyone not in the know, Truth or Dare is a game in which one person asks another "Truth or Dare?" The askee then responds with one of the options. "Truth" prompts the asker to ask a (usually personal) question, which must be answered honestly; "Dare" prompts the asker to challenge the askee to complete some action, usually embarrassing.

After playing a few rounds, it's Carter's turn to be asked, and chooses "Truth"; Penelope asks what his intentions are with Olivia. He reveals that he deceived Olivia to trick her and the group to come to the mission and play Truth or Dare because he's tired of playing and he doesn't want to die. When asked about his response, he warns the group that they have to keep playing, always answer truthfully, and always do the dares.

Thinking Carter is just an nutso jerk, the group returns home, where Olivia begins to see the words

"Truth or Dare?" written in several conspicuous locations. Events escalate until she's surrounded in the library by a group of demonically grinning people asking her "Truth or Dare?"

I'll stop the narrative there.

"Truth or Dare" isn't particularly scary. It's completely derivative and unoriginal, and is entirely predictable. This movie isn't particularly bad per se, but it's just so forgettable. You've seen it all before, done much better, several times. Four and a half stars out of 10.

Truth or Dare

Director: Jeff Wadlow

Writer: Screenplay by Michael Reisz, Jillian Jacobs, Chris Roach and Jeff Wadlow; Story by Michael Reisz.

Production company: Blumhouse Productions

PG-13; 1 hr. 40 min.; Horror/Thriller; April 13, 2018

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

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Stocks jump, with Buffett helping Apple to new highs



AP photo

Trader Craig Spector, center, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Friday, May 4, 2018. U.S. stocks are little changed Friday morning following a slightly disappointing jobs report for the month of April.

By MARLEY JAY

AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. stocks are jumping Friday as Apple rises to an all-time high after Warren Buffett said his company bought more of Apple's stock. That's helping a rally for technology companies. Retailers, banks and most other groups of stocks are also higher.

A slightly disappointing April jobs report didn't have much effect on the market. Trade talks between the U.S. and China ended without a deal, but that wasn't a big surprise to Wall Street.

KEEPING SCORE: The S&P 500 index climbed 37 points, or 1.4 percent, to 2,667 at 3:35 p.m. Eastern time. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 365 points, or 1.5 percent, to 24,295. The Nasdaq composite jumped 129 points, or 1.8 percent, to 7,217. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks gained 21 points, or 1.4 percent, to 1,568.

It's been two weeks of choppy trading on Wall Street. Stocks fell 0.1 percent last week and are doing the same this week.

POLISHED: Apple rose 4.1 percent to \$184.15 after Warren Buffett told CNBC his company bought another 75 million shares in the tech giant, giving it more than 240 million shares altogether. Buffett told CNBC about the purchase ahead of Berkshire Hathaway's annual meeting this weekend. Berkshire stock rose 1.6 percent to \$194.59.

Apple has climbed 13 percent this week after the company reported solid results at the start of the year and investors were pleased with its forecast of solid iPhone sales, which came as a relief to investors. It also raised its dividend and announced a big stock repurchase.

Elsewhere in the technology industry, Alphabet rose 2.2 percent to \$1,049.34 and Cisco Systems added 1.9 percent to \$45.28.

THE QUOTE: "We went into this earnings season with very high expectations," said Quincy Krosby, chief markets strategist for Prudential Financial. "When you go in with such high expectations, you expect near perfection."

On Friday, companies delivered and investors responded. After better-than-expected reports, burger chain Shake Shack surged 20 percent to \$56.88 while music streaming company Pandora Media advanced 20 percent to \$6.90. Video game maker Activision Blizzard gained 4.4 percent to \$69.75. The stock had dipped Thursday afternoon after Activision's results were released early.

JOBS: U.S. employers stepped up hiring modestly in April, and the hiring estimate from March was revised higher. That's evident the economy remains resilient even though some businesses are concerned about a possible trade war. While many employers say it's difficult to find qualified workers, they have yet to significantly boost pay in most industries, a trend that continued last month.

"That may not be good for Main Street, but it's what Wall Street wanted to see," said Krosby.

TRADE TALKS: The Trump administration asked China to reduce its trade deficit with the U.S. by \$200 billion by the end of 2020, striking an assertive stance in talks aimed at averting a trade war between the world's largest economies. It also wants China to immediately stop providing subsidies to certain industries listed in a key industrial plan and end some of its policies related to

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technology transfers, a key source of tension underlying the dispute. While the trade tensions have rattled investors, many market watchers think the two sides will eventually come to a deal that doesn't disrupt trade much. **UNDERPOWERED:** Engineering and construction company Fluor plunged after it slashed its profit forecast because a gas-fired power project

suffered "continued challenges." The company took an unexpected loss in the first quarter and now expects a profit of \$2.10 to \$2.50 per share for the year, down from 2\$3.10 to \$3.50 per share. The stock dropped 22.3 percent to \$45.84. **BONDS:** Bond prices rose early, but later gave up that gain. The yield on the 2-year Treasury note rose to 2.50 percent from 2.48 percent. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note remained at 2.95 percent. That helped banks recover from an early loss. Lower bond yields mean lower

rates for mortgages and other types of loans, which reduces profits for banks. Companies that pay big dividends didn't rise as much as the rest of the market. **OIL:** Benchmark U.S. crude rose 1.9 percent to \$69.72 per barrel in New York. Brent crude, the international standard, gained 1.7 percent to \$74.87 per barrel in London. Wholesale gasoline jumped 1.3 percent to \$2.11 a gallon. Heating oil climbed 2 percent to \$2.15 a gallon. Natural gas lost 0.6 percent to \$2.71 per 1,000 cubic feet.

METALS: Gold gained 0.2 percent to \$1,314.70 an ounce. Silver added 0.4 percent to \$16.52 an ounce. Copper rose 0.2 percent to \$3.09 a pound. **CURRENCIES:** The dollar fell to 109.11 yen from 109.73 yen. The euro fell to \$1.1962 from \$1.1993. **OVERSEAS:** Britain's FTSE 100 rose 0.9 percent and the DAX in Germany added 1 percent. France's CAC 40 gained 0.3 percent. The South Korean Kospi sank 1 percent and Hong Kong's Hang Seng index lost 1.3 percent. Markets in Japan remained closed for a public holiday.

US adds a modest 164,000 jobs; unemployment down to 3.9 pct.



In this Feb. 20, 2018, file photo, construction workers work in midtown Manhattan in New York. U.S. productivity grew at an annual rate of 0.7 percent in the first three months of 2018, a weak reading but a slight improvement from the previous quarter.

By JOSH BOAK

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. employers stepped up hiring modestly in April, and the unemployment rate fell to 3.9 percent, evidence of the economy's resilience amid the recent stock market chaos and anxieties about a possible trade war. Job growth amounted to a decent 164,000 last

month, up from an upwardly revised 135,000 in March, the Labor Department said Friday. The unemployment rate fell after having held at 4.1 percent for the prior six months largely because fewer people were searching for jobs.

The gains reflect an economy that has been steadily expanding for almost nine years, gradually putting more people to work after the country endured the worst financial meltdown since the Great Depression in the 1930s.

Many employers say it's become difficult to find qualified workers. Even so, they haven't significantly bumped up pay in most industries. Average hourly earnings rose 2.6 percent from a year ago.

The overall unemployment rate remained, as in recent months, the lowest since December 2000. The rate for African-Americans — 6.6 percent — is the lowest on record since 1972.

Many economists say the unemployment rate is now so low that wage growth should begin to climb this summer, since employers will face more pressure to boost pay in order to hire workers.

"It's just not sustainable for average pay growth

to be so low in a labor market this tight," said Andrew Chamberlain, chief economist at the jobs site Glassdoor.

An encouraging sign for the economy is that the pace of hiring has yet to be disrupted by dramatic global market swings, a recent pickup in inflation or the risk that the tariffs being pushed by President Donald Trump could provoke a trade war. Over the past three months, monthly job growth has averaged 208,000.

Much of the economy's durability is due, in fact, to the healthy job market. The increase in people earning paychecks has bolstered demand for housing, even though fewer properties are being listed for sale. Consumer confidence has improved over the past year. And more people are shopping, with retail sales having picked up in March after three monthly declines.

Manufacturers added 24,000 workers last month, a sign that possible tariffs on steel, aluminum and Chinese goods haven't altered hiring plans at most U.S. factories. Restaurants and hotels hired a net 18,000. The health care and social assistance sector added 29,300 jobs and the construction industry 17,000.

The monthly jobs reports have yet to show a consistent surge in average annual wage growth. Even so, workers in the private sector during the first three months of 2018 enjoyed their sharpest average income growth in 11 years, the Labor Department said last week in a separate report on compensation.

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- Marriage Licenses**
- Timothy Jay Crawford, 36, and Amy Mia Briseno, 34, both of Big Spring.
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- County Court Judgements**
- (The State of Texas is listed as the prosecutor in all county court judgements)

- Defendant: Pierre Gordon
- Offense: Possession of marijuana less than two ounces
- Sentence: \$100 fine, \$327, one day in jail
- Date: April 16, 2018

- Defendant: Steven Savell
- Offense: Criminal Mischief in between \$750 and \$2,500
- Sentence: Probation
- Date: April 12, 2018

- Defendant: Bijuan Khosravi-Fard
- Offense: Evading Arrest detention
- Sentence: \$100 fine, \$267, 30 days in jail

- Date: April 23, 2018
- Defendant: Cody R. Olivarez
- Offense: Evading arrest detention
- Sentence: \$292 court cost
- Date: April 25, 2018

- Warranty Deeds**
- Grantor: Roger Daie Brown and Anna Mae Brown
 - Grantee: Leaobardo Rios
 - Property: Being a 5.29 acre tract of land, more or less, out of section 17, block of 32, T-1-S T and P Railroad Co. Survey.
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- Grantor: Don B Estill
- Grantee: Alvin Lee Baker
- Property: East 100.5 feet of the North 80.0 feet of Lot 2, block 24, Saunders to the Town of Coahoma
- Date: April 29, 2018

- Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien**
- Grantor: Scott Sivinski and Stacy Sivinski
 - Grantee: Matthew Ray Kalina
 - Property: Being a 9.1 acre tract of land out of the SE/4 of section block 44, block 31, T-1-N, T and P Railroad Co. Survey, Howard County
 - Date: April 23, 2018

- Grantor: Steve Cline
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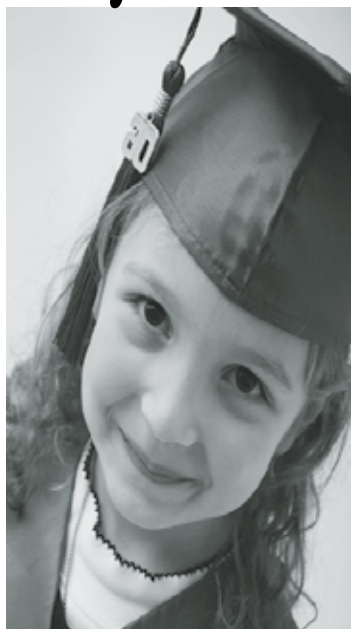
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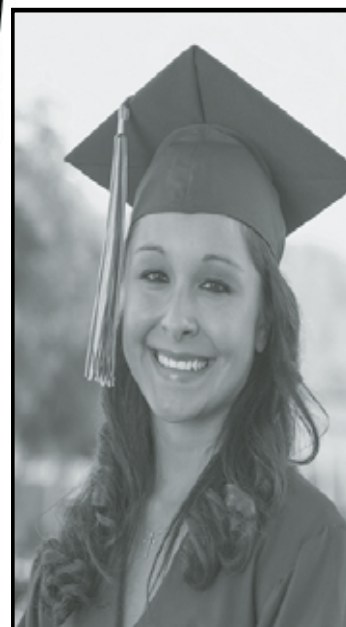
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6	5	9	7	1	7	4	5	2
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3	5	8	9	7	4	6	8	1
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9	2	4	3	8	7	5	1	6
6	1	5	4	2	9	3	7	8

ANSWER:

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Chalk one up for declarer

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

- ♠ A 10 8 3
- ♥ A 6 2
- ♦ 10 5
- ♣ 9 8 7 4

WEST

- ♠ K 6 5 2
- ♥ Q 10 9 7
- ♦ Q J 9
- ♣ 10 2

EAST

- ♠ Q J 7 4
- ♥ —
- ♦ 8 7 6 3 2
- ♣ Q J 5 3

SOUTH

- ♠ 9
- ♥ K J 8 5 4 3
- ♦ A K 4
- ♣ A K 6

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥	Pass
6♥			

Opening lead — queen of diamonds.

There are hands where declarer can succeed in a contract that appears impossible to make.

Consider this deal, where West leads a diamond against six hearts. If you look at all four hands, it is plain to see that, with the hearts breaking 4-0, declarer seemingly has to lose

two trumps as well as a club. But the fact is that South made the slam, and, what's more, there was nothing the defenders could do to stop him.

Declarer won the diamond lead with the ace and made the farsighted play of leading a spade to the ace and ruffing a spade. When he next played a trump to the ace and East showed out, South's plan of shortening himself in trumps to guard against a possible 4-0 trump division began to pay off.

He ruffed another spade, played the king and another diamond, ruffing in dummy, and then trumped dummy's last spade, producing this position:

North	West	East
♥ 6	♥ Q 10 9	♦ 8
♣ 9 8 7 4	♣ 10 2	♣ Q J 5 3
South		
♥ K J		
♠ A K 6		

When South now cashed the A-K of clubs and exited with the six, West was forced to ruff and return a trump from the Q-10 into declarer's K-J, reducing South's three "sure" losers to one.

Annie's Mailbox®

Young Toxic Couple

Dear Annie: My girlfriend and I have been dating for a little over 10 months now, and she has been pushing for an engagement since month three. I've been telling her I'm not ready for marriage. We are in a toxic relationship but have been working on it and have been improving step by step. The main reason I have been hesitant about marriage is the fact that she's lazy. By "lazy," I mean she won't get a job unless it's exactly the one she wants, and she won't do any kind of cleaning, even though she makes the primary messes. I work a full-time job, as well as a part-time job, and clean in my spare time. I'm getting terribly exhausted. We are

a young couple; I'm 21, and she's 18. We are not financially stable at all. Neither one of us is very good with money. She has had a tough life and has a lot of issues. She has an anger issue and gets angry about the smallest of things. She has told me she won't wait forever to get married. How can I explain that we aren't ready for marriage without angering her? -- Not Ready

Dear Not Ready: If she gets angry with you for saying that you two aren't ready for marriage, she's only proving your point. Open and honest communication is the cornerstone of any healthy relationship, and you can't have that when one partner is living in constant fear of the other's wrath.

You stated that you're working on making the relationship nontoxic. However, until she works on herself -- finding a job, seeking help for her anger problem -- anything you do to try improving the relationship will be like putting a Band-Aid on a broken arm, dumping a thimble of water on a wildfire or tying a balloon to the Titanic. Futile.

I know this isn't the advice you were looking for, but it sounds as though the best thing for both of your futures might be to go your separate ways. It won't be easy; like other things that are bad for your health, toxic relationships can be addictive and hard to break out of. But it will be worth it. You are both so young and have so

much more growing to do.

Dear Annie: Recently, someone wrote to you to remind people about the importance of sending older relatives, especially those in assisted living facilities, photos. My father was in a nursing home for about three years. We purchased an internet-connected "smart" photo frame for him. Once I had set up the account, anyone I gave the username and password to could add photos, which my dad could then see on his frame. My son is in Oregon, and my brother is in Utah, and I'm in Virginia. With the click of a smartphone, any of us could have new photos display for Dad. I asked him whether he wanted me to have the frame turn off at night, but

he said, "No, I love waking up and seeing all of you."

Ours was made by Nixplay, but I am sure there are others. It was the best gift we ever gave him! For people who can't or won't take the time to get photos printed, this is a godsend. -- Loving Daughter

Dear Loving Daughter: What a great gift idea, and just in time for Mother's Day and Father's Day. Thanks for the tip. It looks as though Aluratek, Micca and several other companies also make this type of frame. For readers who are interested in buying a digital photo frame: Be sure the frame is Wi-Fi-enabled if you want to be able to change or add pictures from afar.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

By HOLIDAY MATHIS



Headed for Cosmic Squares

Sports (or any competition, really) are said to feed a primal instinct of human nature. The thirst for a fight or a hunt is embedded in our DNA. Some have a stronger instinct than others. As we get into some serious cosmic squares, remember that competition and conflict are ancient drives that hopefully can be tempered by reason and an evolved sense of morality.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're trying to make things better. True, sometimes this starts with a complaint. The classy way is not to voice it. Ponder it a while instead. Observe more closely. Try to see into the heart of the issue.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If people are wondering what you're going to say, you're in a good position. You have their attention. You can check off the first step. And if what you say surprises, delights or intrigues them further, you're golden.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). To be loyal is to be supportive when you agree and voice your opinion

when you don't. If you were disloyal, you'd just leave.

But instead, you speak your mind.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). When you know you're shooting for an unlikely outcome, it's great to have fun with the process. The more unlikely it is, the more fun you should have, otherwise what's in it for you?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You invest in your interactions. You want to get it right, but more than that, you want to make a connection -- nothing weighty or weird, just enough to produce that spark that lets people know they are seen and important in this world.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The way most people deal with noise is by making more noise. After all, one must be louder to be heard over the cacophony, right? Better yet, attempt a form of communication that speaks beyond what sound waves can carry.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). For today, the best order of things will be the order in which they naturally need to happen. The best time to do things will be when they are necessary. You don't need to fret, only to get building.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're doing quite a lot on your list, crossing things off, if not actually, then at least mentally. But why not actually? Until you write down this plan, it won't be official.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). What is standing in the way of being able to guarantee an excellent outcome? Ponder how you might take dominion over or eliminate some of the factors

that are out of your control.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When the pond is muddy, you can't clear the water by stirring it. It's inaction that allows things to return to the clear. Sometimes you just have to wait for things to settle.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There are actions and patterns that were fine for you in the past but you're not willing to repeat. Don't waste time judging who you were. Accept that you're on to something different, and enjoy yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If you had to choose either fear of failure or fear of fear, you'd choose the first one any day. Bottom line: Winners fail more times. Success depends on getting used to the fear of failure and doing the thing anyway.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 6). New freedoms abound! You've stopped agreeing to be who people want you to be. You have other plans.

You're empowered to do it your way, explore and declare new preferences, and find your unique offering to the world. Instead of you doing all the bending and changing, the world will mold to what you present. Aries and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 14, 18, 30, 22 and 17.

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Newsday Crossword

SATURDAY STUMPER by Lester Ruff
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Site for Sea Hunter and Sunseeker sales
 - 9 Exclamation of consternation
 - 15 Jay Gatsby, notably
 - 16 Snoozefest
 - 17 Work-for-hire agreement
 - 18 Former name for the flu
 - 19 TV focus of a traveling science exhibition
 - 20 Easy undertaking
 - 22 Trying to be
 - 23 Isn't quite right
 - 25 Any of the Federalist Papers
 - 26 Airport courtesy vehicle
 - 27 Universe
 - 29 European nickname for Helena
 - 30 Opposite of "angst"
 - 31 Guy without grace
 - 33 Iowan, for instance
 - 35 Modest explanation for achievement
 - 39 Confirmation inquiry
 - 40 What the sun enters in August
 - 41 Units first suggested by Mendel
 - 42 Cricket's striker
 - 44 Rhythm in Gershwin's *Cuban Overture*
 - 48 Source of power
 - 49 A way to serve squash
 - 51 Petitions
 - 52 USN's successor to "passed midshipman"
 - 53 Gloater's shout
 - 55 HS helpers
 - 56 Annoyingly noisy
 - 58 Talk Like a Pirate Day intro
 - 60 Name on a Creole Christmas cookbook
 - 61 One voting twice
 - 62 Laugh at, in a way
 - 63 Jamboree setup
- DOWN**
- 1 Former evening commuter convenience
 - 2 Genericized trademark
 - 3 Would-be sacker of Constantinople
 - 4 Participante de reunion familiar
 - 5 Mason's gap filler
 - 6 Winter Olympics athlete at 11 (1924)
 - 7 Backup introducer
 - 8 Succeeds nicely
 - 9 Biggest song for Motown's first female star
 - 10 Alpaca product
 - 11 Initialism since 1939
 - 12 Marching, maybe
 - 13 Succeeds
 - 14 "I would like to help ___": Alfred Nobel
 - 21 Pouring
 - 24 Cubby-like
 - 26 Rather remote in reasoning
 - 28 Drugstore fountain fare
 - 30 Early text messenger
 - 32 Metaphorical flier
 - 34 Contraction that oughta have two apostrophes
 - 35 Fiddled with
 - 36 Account identifier
 - 37 Word from the Latin for "left"
 - 38 1.5 Roman feet
 - 43 Evidence of amusement
 - 45 Alter one's
 - 41 Across
 - 46 Stirred enough
 - 47 Charge as true, in complaints
 - 49 "You see, but you do not observe" writer
 - 50 Dose delivery media
 - 53 Fell some
 - 54 Destination for some 50 Down
 - 57 Metric prefix
 - 59 Gym ___

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Answer to previous puzzle

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JOBS

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That pay growth suggests that some of the momentum from the slow but steady recovery from the 2008 financial crisis is spreading to more people after it had disproportionately benefited the nation's wealthiest areas and highest earners.

With qualified job applicants hard-

er to find in many industries, employers have become less and less likely to shed employees. The four-week moving average for people applying for first-time unemployment benefits has reached its lowest level since 1973.

The trend reflects a decline in mass layoffs. Many companies expect the economy to keep expanding, especially after a dose of stimulus from tax cuts signed into law by Trump that have also increased the federal bud-

get deficit.

Inflation has shown signs of accelerating slightly, eroding some of the potential wage growth. Consumer prices rose at a year-over-year pace of 2.4 percent in March, the sharpest annual increase in 12 months. The Federal Reserve has an annual inflation target of 2 percent, and investors expect the Fed to raise rates at least twice more this year, after an earlier rate hike in March, to keep inflation

from climbing too far above that target.

The home market, a critical component of the U.S. economy, has been a beneficiary of the steady job growth. The National Association of Realtors said that homes sold at a solid annual pace of 5.6 million in March, even though the number of houses for sale has plunged. As a result, average home prices are rising at more than twice the pace of wages.

Analysts: US trade demands could make deal with China harder

By **GILLIAN WONG,**
PAUL WISEMAN
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Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — A list of hard-line demands that the Trump administration handed China this week could make it even more difficult to resolve a trade conflict between the world's two largest economies.

That's the view of trade analysts who say the U.S. insistence that Beijing shrink America's gaping trade deficit with China by \$200 billion by the end of 2020, among other demands, are more likely to raise tensions than to calm them.

A U.S. official confirmed the authenticity of a document outlining U.S. priorities that was presented to China ahead of two days of trade talks that ended Friday. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because of the confidential nature of the talks.

In Washington on Friday, President Donald Trump said, "We have to bring fairness in trade between the U.S. and China, and we will do that." Trump had campaigned for the presidency on a promise to reduce America's trade deficit with China, which amounted last year to \$337 billion in goods and services.

The intensifying trade dispute between the United States and China has rattled financial markets for weeks. In March, the Trump administration slapped tariffs on imported steel and aluminum. China counterpunched with tariffs on a range of U.S. products, including bourbon and blue jeans.

An even higher-stakes fight looms over American allegations that China steals technology and forces U.S. companies to hand over trade secrets in exchange for access to the Chinese market. The United States is considering imposing tariffs on up to \$150 billion of Chinese imports, and Beijing has countered with proposed tariffs on \$50 billion in American products, including soybeans and small aircraft.

Seeking to avert a trade war, the United States this week sent a high-level delegation to Beijing, led by Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin. The delegation included Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross, U.S. Trade Rep. Robert Lighthizer and Peter Navarro, a White House trade adviser and hard-line critic of Chinese policies.

After the talks ended, China's Commerce Ministry said the two sides had agreed to establish a mechanism to try to resolve their dispute, though differences remained, Chinese state media reported. The report did not give specifics, suggesting that little progress had been achieved.

The U.S. document is described, in an introductory disclaimer, as being provided to the Chinese ahead of the visit to Beijing by the U.S. officials. It included demands that

China immediately stop providing subsidies to industries listed in a key industrial plan. China must end some of its policies related to technology transfers, a key source of tension underlying the dispute, the list also says.

The U.S. wants China not to retaliate against U.S. measures currently being pursued against it. For instance, the U.S. says China should agree not to target U.S. farmers or agricultural products and "not oppose, challenge or otherwise retaliate" when the U.S. moves to restrict Chinese investment in the U.S. in sensitive sectors.

American analysts were struck by the aggressiveness of the Trump team's demands. Eswar Prasad, a professor of trade policy at Cornell University, said the hard-nosed approach "makes it harder to envision a path toward a negotiated settlement."

Prasad said the Chinese are open to negotiations on opening their market wider and doing a better job of protecting intellectual property. "Beijing is clearly in no mood, however, to meet the U.S. team's expectation of capitulation in the face of threats of tariffs and other trade sanctions," he said.

Wendy Cutler, a former U.S. trade negotiator who specialized in Asia, said it was encouraging to see the two countries talking and trading proposals. But she said the "kitchen sink" U.S. demands look unrealistic.

"If the U.S. is serious and wants all of this, it's hard to see a constructive path forward," said Cutler, now vice president at the Asia Society Policy Institute.

Analysts said the Chinese were likely to view the confrontational posture struck by the U.S. as unreasonable and akin to bullying, potentially making it difficult to tone down friction over such issues.

Yu Miaojie, a professor at Peking University's National School of Development, described some of the demands as "like lions opening their mouths."

"When it comes to negotiations, both sides can provide a list of requests and we will seek common ground while reserving our differences," Yu said. "If one side provides a list with unreasonable requests, the Chinese government is unable to accept it."

"China won't be frightened by this kind of threat," wrote Hu Xijin, the chief editor of the Global Times, a nationalistic tabloid affiliated with the Communist Party mouthpiece, in a post on the Sina Weibo website. Hu said he believed China would engage in talks seriously but also be fully prepared for them

to fail.

Still, the list was welcomed by a U.S. business group which has lobbied the Trump administration for greater clarity on what it wanted China to do. Some groups had complained the administration was sending mixed messages.

"We've been saying that the Trump administration needs to define success and what specific outcomes it is seeking," said Jake Parker, vice president for China of the U.S.-China Business Council. The list submitted to China helps "lead to a solution and avoid tariffs and other

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AP photo
U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, center, leaves his hotel in Beijing, Friday, May 4, 2018. A high-powered U.S. delegation met for a second day of talks with Chinese officials on defusing tensions that are propelling the world's largest two economies toward a trade war.

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Collector sues to block daughter from selling Basquiat work



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In this April 9, 2018 file photo, a man looks at the painting entitled 'Flesh and Spirit' by Jean-Michel Basquiat, in London. Prominent art collector Hubert Neumann has filed a lawsuit against Sotheby's auction house on Thursday, May 3, 2018, seeking to block the artist's daughter from selling the masterpiece that's worth an estimated \$30 million.

By KAREN MATTHEWS

Associated Press
NEW YORK (AP) — A prominent art collector has filed a lawsuit against the auction house Sotheby's to block his daughter from selling a masterpiece by Jean-Michel Basquiat that's worth an estimated \$30 million.
Hubert Neumann's lawsuit, filed Thursday in state supreme court in Manhattan, seeks to prevent his daughter Belinda Neumann from selling Basquiat's 1983 painting "Flesh and Spirit."
Neumann's wife, Dolores Ormandy Neumann, signed a will before her death in 2016 leaving most of her estate to Belinda Neumann and dis-inheriting her husband.
Hubert Neumann, 86, is disputing the will, which he alleges is in-

valid because it was executed while his wife was receiving serious medical treatment.
He also contends in his lawsuit that the Basquiat sale violates an agreement with the auction house that gave him a say in how works from his family's collection are marketed.
According to the lawsuit, Sotheby's promised Neumann that it would seek his approval on "all matters relating to cataloging, placement, and exhibiting each and every work consigned."
The lawsuit charges that Sotheby's capitalized on a "difficult family situation" by entering into an agreement with Belinda Neumann to sell the painting.
The 12-foot-by-12-foot (3.6-meter-by-3.6-meter) painting is to be auctioned at Sotheby's in

New York on May 16.
Sotheby's said in a statement that Neumann's "eleventh hour claim" is entirely without merit.
The auction house added, "We are confident that the 'agreement' Mr. Neumann relies on does not exist and the court will find in our favor and the auction will proceed as scheduled."
Belinda Neumann did not respond to a request for comment.
The Brooklyn-born Basquiat rose to fame as a graffiti artist in the late 1970s. Dolores Neumann befriended Basquiat during his brief career, which ended with his death in 1988.
Sotheby's sold a Basquiat painting, "Skull," for \$110 million last year. The sale set an auction record for a work by an American artist.

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sanctions," he said.
The two sides "reached consensus in some areas," the official Xinhua News Agency said.
"Both sides realized that there are still relatively big differences over some issues and that they need to continue to work hard to make more

improvements," the report said.
There was no immediate comment from the U.S. delegation. A motorcade was seen leaving the U.S. Embassy in Beijing on Friday afternoon and the group departed China later in the day.
The list of U.S. demands was first reported by The Wall Street Journal on Friday.
The dispute will be tough to resolve

because the fundamental issue is that the U.S. wants to stop China from moving up the so-called value chain as it transforms into an advanced economy, said Louis Kuijs, head Asia economist at Oxford Economics. But "there's no way that China's going to change its strategy on that."
Kuijs said the ball is now in the U.S. court on deciding whether the talks were fruitful and merit more discus-

sion or that they're stalled and Washington needs to take more serious measures targeting China.
This is "much more than just a trade dispute," Kuijs said. "This is very much about economic strategy and the U.S. coming to grips with a big country running its economy in a way that the U.S. is uncomfortable with, and becoming successful, and starting to threaten U.S. dominance."

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