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Anderson Accelerated holds first ever graduation ceremony

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**
Managing Editor

Thursday night marked the first graduation ever for BSISD's Anderson Accelerated, an Alternative Education program (AEP) for students in grades 7-12. The ceremony took place Thursday at Howard College in the Hall Center for the Performing Arts.

If you aren't familiar with the Anderson Accelerated campus, they came about when former superinten-

dent for Big Spring ISD, Chris Wigington, and former Big Spring High School principal, Erin White, had a

Wigington and White, saw the need for an additional campus that would fulfill this role in the community. Af-

now known as Anderson Accelerated (AA).

The current Anderson Accelerated Principal, Heidi Wagner, was previously employed as the district testing coordinator for Big Spring ISD before being approached about a possible new position as the principal of AA. Wagner accepted the position as principal, and the school opened to students by January, 2017 as an AEP

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Big Spring Independent School District

vision to open a school specifically for disadvantaged and/or underperforming students in the area. Both, after careful consideration, a former kindergarten center in Big Spring was chosen as the location for what is

Big Spring Rotary Club student of the month



Courtesy Photo

The Big Spring Rotary Club presented Colton Chappell, a student from Anderson Accelerated, with the student of the month award. "He seems like a really good kid with a good head on his shoulders," said Thomas Padilla, Vocational Director for the Big Spring Rotary Club. "I love being able to present the student of the month award to outstanding young individuals throughout the community." The Big Spring Rotary Club, presents certificates to students who go above and beyond, not only in academics, but as an all around example of a good student. From left to right shows Heidi Wagner, Principal of Anderson Accelerated, Thomas Padilla, Colton Chappell, Jamie Chappell, mother, Clayton Chappell, brother, along with Patsy Barton and Ariella Yanez, who are friends of Colton.

Howard County Memorial Day Ceremony

Special to the Herald

Monday is Memorial Day, and Trinity Memorial Park is traditionally the site of a well-known local observance of the holiday.

This year, Trinity Memorial Park and Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home will host the 35th annual Memorial Day Ceremony, Monday at 10 a.m. on the grounds of Trinity Memorial Park, located 5 miles south of Big Spring on Highway 87.

In honor of Howard County Veterans, there will be over 100 full-size American flags flying in the Avenue of Flags, which are sponsored by the veterans' families.

Veterans organizations of Howard County will participate in a wreath-laying ceremony at the main flagpole to honor veterans both past and present.

Area Boy Scouts of the Buffalo Trail Council help with the ceremony each year by placing miniature American flags on veterans' graves at Trinity Memorial Park. The Scouts will place these miniature flags Saturday, and removed them on Tuesday.

For more information, contact Terry D. Phillips at 432-267-8243 or by fax at 432-267-3864.



Summit talk turns warmer; Trump says 'talking to them now'

By **CATHERINE LUCEY** and **ZEKE MILLER**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Friday warmly welcomed North Korea's promising response to his abrupt withdrawal from the potentially historic Singapore summit and said "we're talking to them now" about putting it back on track.

"Everybody plays games," said Trump, who often boasts about his own negotiating tactics and skill.

The president, commenting as he left the White

House for a commencement speech, said it was even possible the summit could take place on the originally planned June 12 date.

"They very much want to do it, we'd like to do it," he said.

Earlier Friday, in a tweet, he had called the North's reaction to his letter canceling the summit "warm and productive." That was far different from his letter Thursday to North Korea leader Kim Jong Un, blaming "tremendous anger and open hostility" by Pyongyang for the U.S. withdrawal.

The tone from both sides was warmer on Friday. First, North Korea issued a

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Goat Camp and Lamb Camp scheduled for June

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

A Howard College tradition of more than 25 years will come together once again next month to teach hundreds of local kids about goats and lambs.

The Howard College Lamb Camp started in 1992, and Goat Camp followed shortly thereafter, said Howard College Agriculture Department Director Cash Berry.

"Goat Camp is June 3, 4 and 5; and Lamb Camp is June 10, 11 and 12," Berry said.

"We check in on that Sunday morning from 9 to 11:30, and then we start in at 1 on Sunday, and we get through



Courtesy photo

Participants in a previous year's Goat Camp at Howard College get instruction in handling their goats. This year's Goat Camp will be June 3, 4 and 5; while Lamb Camp will be June 10, 11 and 12.

about 11 o'clock on Tuesday."

The camps are \$100 per participant, and campers stay in local hotels during the two nights of each camp, he add-

ed. The fee includes the room and two meals a day for each participant; as well as a cap

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Sheriff Reports

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

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

- **JUAN ESCALANTE L AVALOS**, 41, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of sexual assault.

- **RICARDO EMETERIO BALDERAS**, 24, was arrested by GLASS on a warrant of posses-

sion of marijuana.

- **JEFFERY LEE FRAME**, 57, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- **GABRIELLA MARIE HERMANDEZ**, 20, was arrested by BSPD on a charge on possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

- **DAMEON ISAAH NIETO**, 20, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of bail jumping and failure to appear, three counts failure to appear, and no driver's license.

- **CHRISTOPHER DEVANTE REID**, 22, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of failure to maintain financial responsibility.

- **XAVIER DAQUAN REID**, 23, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

- **JOSHUA RYAN SANCHEZ**, 26, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **CHRISTOPHER DEVANTE REID**, 22, of 1209 Pickens St., was arrested on charges of no driver's license, and failed to maintain financial responsibility.

- **GABRIELLA MARIE HERMANDEZ**, 20, of 18218 CR 341, Abilene, was arrested on a possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

- **XAVIER DAQUAN REID**, 23, of 1209 Pickens St., was arrested by on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

- **JOSHUA RYAN SANCHEZ**, 26, of 4201 W Hwy 80, was arrested on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

- **JUAN ESCALANTE L AVALOS**, 41, of 816 10th ST., was arrested on a warrant of another agency.

- **JEFFERY LEE FRAME**, 57,

of 1603 State St., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- **DAMEON ISAAH NIETO**, 20, of 1908 S Main., was arrested on four warrants with other agencies.

- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported on a Virginia/FM 700.

- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported on N 87 and CR 50.

Take Notice

- 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 supper and custody, divorce, employment, foreclosure, housing, landlord/tenant, probate and guardianship, real estate, social security/SSI, Veterans benefits/issues, wills and estate planning. The Clinic date is 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.

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

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

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

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

Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat.

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

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

- The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Tuesday of

each month a 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library.

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary Group is looking to expand. Positions are available for the Auxiliary group and the Teen Volunteer program. Must be 15 years of age to take part in the teen volunteer program. If you would like to volunteer please contact Heath White at 268-4850.

- The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council is in need of volunteers to fill a variety of needs to assist the hospital's patients. Applications to become a volunteer can be picked up at The Chalet, 115 E. Second St., Tuesday through Saturday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. or at the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Department, 1901 N. Hwy 87, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteers do a variety of functions, including The Chalet Resale Shop, various fundraisers and patient events. For more information, contact Dee Lindsey, BSSH Director of Community Relations, (432) 268-7535.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 400 block of N Gregg St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wasson Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

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- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 4800 block of W Hwy 80. No transport.

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- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 18th St., and Gregg. No transport.

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Support Groups

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

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

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.



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statement saying it was still "willing to give the U.S. time and opportunities" to reconsider talks "at any time, at any format."

Vice Foreign Minister Kim Kye Gwan called Trump's withdrawal "unexpected" and "very regrettable," and said the cancellation of the talks showed "how grave the status of historically deep-rooted hostile North Korea-U.S. relations is and how urgently a summit should be realized to improve ties."

Then Trump, in his response to that response, said it was "very good news," and "we will soon see where it will lead, hopefully to long and enduring prosperity and peace. Only time (and talent) will tell!"

The president's surprise exit from the planned talks on Thursday had capped

weeks of high-stakes brinkmanship between the two unpredictable leaders over nuclear negotiating terms for their unprecedented sit-down. The U.S. announcement came not long after Kim appeared to make good on his promise to demolish his country's nuclear test site. But it also followed escalating frustration — and newly antagonistic rhetoric — from North Korea over comments from Trump aides about U.S. expectations for the North's "denuclearization."

The White House has repeatedly offered mixed messages. Hours after releasing his cancellation letter on Thursday, the president declared, "I really believe Kim Jong Un wants to do what's right."

After that, however, a senior White House official said the North had reneged on its promises ahead of the summit. Trump said from the White House that a "maximum pressure campaign" of economic sanctions and diplomatic iso-

lation would continue against North Korea — with which the U.S. is technically still at war — though he added that it was possible the summit could still take place at some point.

The senior U.S. official said the North violated a pledge to allow international inspectors to monitor the supposed implosion of the test site. International journalists were present, but the U.S. government can't verify the site's destruction. The official spoke on the condition of anonymity to avoid overshadowing Trump's comments Thursday.

Russian President Vladimir Putin, a staunch ally of Kim Jong Un, said the North Korean leader had in fact done "everything that he had promised in advance, even blowing up the tunnels and shafts" of the site. Putin said of Trump's cancellation announcement, "In Russia we took this news with regret."

CAMP

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or T-Shirt for each person.

"We bring youngsters in from all over, and their parents, and they're in here for three days," Berry said. "We go through different classes and different sections from health and management, feeding, exercising, washing and shearing and showmanship. We bring a veterinarian in and they talk about the dos and don'ts. We've had as many as seven states here since I've been here, and this is my 15th year here at Howard College. We typically take the first 200 for each camp. Goat Camp fills up and Lamb Camp kind of straggles a little bit behind; we'll typically have about 100, 150."

Most of the participants are kids involved in 4-H and FFA, and their parents, said Berry.

"We'll have some young extension agents and ag teachers that will come without a kid just to sit through it. It's a lot for the kids, but it's also a lot for the parents," he said. "When you're talking about a nine, 10, 11 year old kid, a lot of the management and the health and the feeding is going to be more important on mom and dad to keep up with."

Instructors are pulled from around the state.

"We use a lot of local and throughout the state people that are involved with extension and ag science teachers from high schools and that type of thing as instructors," said Berry.

To get involved or for more information, contact the Howard College Agriculture Department and Howard County Agri-Life Extension office at 432-264-2236.

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

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campus.

Wagner has worked in the education system for 26 years. Her resume is lengthy, and it consists of various positions she's held at Austin ISD, Region 13 Education Service Center, SEDL, and Big Spring ISD. Utilizing her Master's degree in Educational Leadership and passion to improve the lives of at-risk youth, Wagner is on a mission to change the educational landscape here in Big Spring.

"In my 26 years as an educator, opening this school and working with our kids has been the most rewarding part of my career," she said. "For years, I was a single mother of two boys who had their own set of challenges in school, so I understand where these kids are coming from and have a

great rapport with them. While at Region 13, I worked with at-risk youth at low performing schools around the state, so I gained a lot of experience in that area. I'm currently in charge of 'dropout prevention' for Big Spring ISD, so I oversee strategies related to that issue."

According to Wagner, their AEP program sees mostly students from Big Spring High School who are at risk of dropping out of school for various reasons, and the FLEX program is more for students who have already dropped out of school and have a desire to come back and graduate.

Speaking of graduation, the students at AA created a senior mural that will

be hung on campus for future graduates to admire. They were so excited to hold their first graduation, and expected about 10 to 15 graduates. Their expectations nearly doubled as they are walking 20 students across the stage this year!

Wagner and her team are so proud of the eighteen students who walked the stage on Thursday. According to Wagner, some students were unsure last semester as to whether they would finish up

their coursework in time to graduate, but their hard work and dedication paid off.

"I hope the first set of graduates will inspire others to want to complete their high school requirements," she said. She indicated that the campus already has more students lined up for the next school year to take the place of those who walked the stage on Thursday.

Congratulations to all of the Anderson Accelerated graduates!



Samantha Brown



Dani Burcham



Carrie Duvall



MaKayla Galaviz



Anthony Garcia



Tera Henry



Tonya Lopez



Samantha Mayhew



James Mueller



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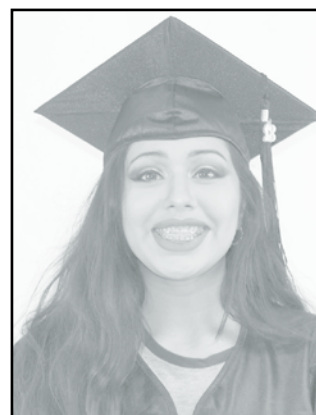
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Aurelia Paredes, 93, died Tuesday. Funeral Mass was at 10 a.m. this morning at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Anne Sigmon, 84, died Tuesday. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. this afternoon at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

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June 2:
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Texas governor meeting with students, shooting survivors



AP photo

Texas Gov. Gregg Abbott, at microphones at center, hosts a roundtable discussion to address safety and security at Texas schools in the wake of the shooting at Santa Fe, at the State Capitol in Austin, Texas, Wednesday, May 23, 2018.

By JIM VERTUNO

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Texas Gov. Greg Abbott is shifting the focus of his meetings on school safety and mass shootings this week to those who have been closest to the recent violence, including students, surviving victims and one person who grabbed a gun and fought back.

Abbott, a staunch gun-rights supporter, called the meetings to look for "swift and meaningful" ways to prevent future violence following the shooting last week inside Santa Fe High School that killed 10 people. The final meeting, slated to start Thursday afternoon, will include more than 30 people who can provide personal accounts of last week's attack in Santa Fe and last November's massacre at a tiny church in rural Sutherland Springs, Texas.

Much of the first two days of meet-

ings focused on student mental health and ideas about "hardening" school campuses, including beefing up security and possibly arming more teachers.

Most of those scheduled to attend Thursday are students, families and staff from the shooting in Santa Fe, a city about 30 miles (48 kilometers) south of Houston. Also invited are two survivors of the church shooting that left more than two dozen people dead, the church's pastor and neighbor Stephen Willeford, who lives across the street from the church and has been hailed as a hero for grabbing a rifle and shooting back at the attacker.

One of the students set to attend has said the Santa Fe shooting should not lead to new gun restrictions in Texas, where more than 1.2 million people are licensed to carry handguns and openly carrying rifles in public is legal.

"Something needs to happen,"

16-year-old Callie Wylie said Monday as she stood at a memorial for her classmates who were killed. "But I don't think at this time people need to be pushing politics on us and telling us, 'Oh, this is gun control.'"

Abbott has signed bills in recent years that reduce the cost and training needed for a handgun license, and expanded where handguns can be legally carried. The governor said Wednesday he could support stronger requirements for reporting lost or stolen firearms and quicker reporting to law enforcement of court orders that deny people access to guns.

Still, few people expect proposals for any major new restrictions to emerge from this week's meetings.

Rhonda Hart, a military veteran whose daughter Kimberly Vaughan was killed at Santa Fe, said Texas should make it much harder to buy and own guns. She is not among those meeting with the governor.

Texas waves passing rules, fines firm after testing glitches

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — After glitches during statewide standardized testing, Texas is excusing students affected from some passing requirements and fining the firm that administers the exams.

Last month, 41,702 students were booted for about 20 minutes from the State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness, or STAAR exam. Then, earlier this month, 29,307 students taking it were affected by about 90 minutes of connectivity slowdowns.

Education Commissioner Mike Morath announced Thursday that 5th and 8th graders who were affected won't be required to pass the exams to move on to the next grade. Testing problems also will be taken into account when the state calculates schools' campus and district academic accountability ratings.

Morath also said Educational Testing Service, the New Jersey-based firm that administers STAAR testing, has been assessed \$100,000 in "liquidated damages."

"You should have to wait a week, have counseling, and walk through lines of protesters who tell you you're a murderer" to buy a gun, Hart said Wednesday.

Texas' reaction to the Santa Fe shooting so far has been in sharp contrast to the response after the Feb. 14 shooting rampage at a high school in Parkland, Florida, that killed 17 people. Three weeks after that massacre, Florida politicians passed a gun-control package after a lobbying campaign led by student survivors of the attack.

Abbott has said his meetings are to explore ideas that could be pursued in the law or by executive order, but has given not timeframe for acting on any proposals. The Legislature doesn't meet again until January 2019, and Abbott has so far ignored calls from a handful of lawmakers to call them into special session.

US forecasters expect 10-16 tropical storms in active season

MIAMI (AP) — U.S. government forecasters said Thursday that they expect an active Atlantic hurricane season — an announcement that came as odds increased that the first tropical weather system of the year was forming in the Gulf of Mexico.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration forecast calls for 10 to 16 named storms, with five to nine hurricanes. One to four hurricanes could be "major" with sustained winds of at least 111 mph (178 kph).

If that forecast holds, it would make for a near-normal or above-normal season. An average hurricane season produces 12 named storms, of which six become hurricanes, including three major hurricanes.

"There are no strong climate signals saying it's going to be extremely active, like last year, or extremely weak," said Gerry Bell, the lead hurricane forecaster at NOAA's Climate Prediction Center.

In the short term, the National Hurricane Center said Thursday a mass of low pressure in the western Caribbean was becoming better defined and likely would become a subtropical or tropical depression by late Saturday.

The system currently off the southeastern Yucatan Peninsula was expected to move northward. Heavy rains were likely across western Cuba, much of Florida and the northern Gulf Coast into early next week. In the United States, the downpours could dampen Memorial Day, the unofficial start of the tourist season.

Florida's governor has directed state authorities to prepare flood response resources to help residents in the event of torrential rains.

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God's love supply is never empty. "For his unfailing love toward those who fear him is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth." (Psalm 103:11)

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Jesus did so many amazing works during his earthly ministry. Last week, we read how he healed a great number of people as they were brought to him (Matthew 15:29-31). There were so many people who stayed for several days that Jesus was concerned for them and had compassion on them and miraculously fed them (Matthew 15:32-39).



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Then there were the religious (Pharisees) and the political (Sadducees) leaders. They approached Jesus with a different attitude. Matthew 16:1-4, And the Pharisees and Sadducees came, and to test him the asked him to show them a sign from heaven. He answered them,

"When it is evening, you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.' And in the morning, 'It will be stormy today, for the sky is red and threatening.' You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times. An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah." So he left them and departed (ESV).

They were not honestly seeking Jesus. They wanted to test him – to put him on the spot – in order to find some fault in him which they could exploit. He had been doing so many miracles already. He had healed hundreds, probably thousands, of people. If their motives had been genuine, all the works that Jesus had done to that point should have caused them to acknowledge that he was the Messiah, or at least someone sent by God.

Jesus again denies their request (see Matthew 12:38-42). He again references the "sign of Jonah." He is alluding to his death, burial, and resurrection. That will be the ultimate sign showing who he is.

What are people looking for today? Some may be seeking some kind of personal experience (whatever that may mean). Some may not have genuine motives and may try to discredit Jesus and Christianity. They are always looking for faults and flaws in religion.

How about you? If you are an honest seeker, the evidence is there – just like Jesus said. Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 15:1-5, Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you – unless you believed

in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve (ESV).

We have all the evidence that we need. It all happened as God and Jesus said it would. Don't be stubborn and ignore it. Don't let the skepticism of those in the world create doubt in you. Don't let those who adamantly deny God make you fearful concerning the faith. How much proof do you need?

Greg Surles
Preacher
Birdwell Lane church of Christ

Church News

Baptist Temple Church

Come join us for our Sunday school at 9 a.m. on Sunday morning and worship at 11 a.m. Brother Rick Wilson's sermon title this Sunday is "Lord, are you there?" From Matthew 28:20.

We are having a pot luck lunch after morning worship. There will be no evening service this Sunday 27.

Hey Kids! Mark your calendar, Vacation Bible School starts June 10-14, from 6 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. We are located at East 11th place and Goliad.

Forsan Baptist Church

The message this week continues the series called How to Love. The passage comes from 1 Corinthians 13:8-13 and is called Love Never Ends.

Wednesday youth and children's activities are suspended for the summer months but will resume when school starts in August. Wednesday adult Bible study class begins at 6 p.m. If anyone needs a ride to or from Wednesday evening activities, please call Pastor Darren Weaver at 432-213-2348.

First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church is located just off Gregg Street at the corner of Fourth and Scurry in downtown Big Spring. The usual Sunday Morning Schedule includes the 9 a.m. Traditions Service, featuring the pipe organ, Choir, trumpet, and hymns, followed by Sunday School, and then The Bridge service at 11 a.m., which features contemporary music led by a wonderful praise team.

On Sunday, May 27, Pastor Derrell begins a sermon series on the "I AM" statements of Jesus from the Gospel of John. This week the message is "I Am the Resurrection and the Life" from John 11:21-44. Worship services are broadcast live each Sunday at 11 a.m. on radio station KXCS-105.5 FM. You can also find the live streamed on our Facebook page, at First United Methodist Church Big Spring. You can watch previous worship service videos on that Facebook page, including recordings of our Christmas program, "Our Savior."

The Wednesday Noon Bible Study meets for lunch and a study in Garrett Hall on Wednesdays. The meal is served at 11:50 a.m. for \$5. The group is currently studying the Book of Acts.

Real Life Wednesday night sessions are over for the spring. Choir continues to meet at 6 p.m. through June. The Praise Team rehearses at 7 p.m. And Youth meet at 6 p.m.

God writes the Gospel not in the Bible alone, but also on trees, and in the flowers and clouds and the stars.
Martin Luther

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for May 29, 30, and 31 (Tuesday through Thursday evenings, 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.) For more information on any activity, please visit the website at www.fumcbs.com or phone the church office at 432-267-6394.

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

The people of BHDC invite you to worship with them Sunday at 2 p.m. Pastor Jim Walterhouse will bring a message from God's Word, as the congregation comes together in thanks and praise of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ. Currently, Blessed Hands Deaf Church meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W FM 700. For more information about BHDC, including Wednesday evening schedule and activities, contact Pastor Jim at: jwalterhouse@gmail.com.

First Baptist Church

"Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13

Come celebrate God's great faithfulness, and worship with the people of First Baptist Church Sunday morning at 10:50. Music Minister Alan Schantz will lead worshippers in a blend of classic hymns, and contemporary praise and worship songs. Pastor Mark Lindsey will bring the message from Scripture, and congregants will reflect on God's lavish love and grace poured forth for mankind through His gift of Jesus Christ. If you have mobility issues



use the west circle drive, and someone will be glad to assist you inside and park your vehicle. If unable to attend, you may join the service through the live stream on the church website at: fcbigspring.org.

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

There will be no scheduled activities Sunday evening to allow additional time with family and friends on the Memorial Day weekend.

The Vacation Bible School kick-off party will be Monday May 28(Memorial Day) from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Be sure to bring your friends and neighbors-(along with yourself!)-to this great time of family fun. There will be Bounce houses, carnival foods, and games ensuring an excellent time will be had by all.

Wednesday evening activities begin at 6 p.m. and include: Adult Bible Study and prayer time, Adult choir practice, 'Saturate' youth group for teens, and Real LYF for children. More information is available on the church website at: fcbigspring.org. Plan now for your children to attend Vacation Bible School June 3-7 from 6-9 pm. If you would like to help with VBS, contact Justin Green at 267-8223.

It's time to save the dates for summer camp opportunities for your children and families. Step-Up Camp is for children who will have finished 4th grade through finished 6th grade, and the dates are Aug. 6-9. Family Camp is for the entire family, and the dates are July 27-29. Contact Children's Minister Justin Green at 267-8223 to reserve your spot.

All local teens are encouraged to sign up now for summer Youth Camp by contacting Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini at 432-270-8332; (scholarships are available).

There's more summer fun planned which includes a trip to Branson, Missouri June 18-22. This annual excursion is open to all area residents ages 13 and up(teens must be traveling with an adult). Call and reserve your spaces now; contact Mike Couch at 267-8223 for details.

Church offices will be closed Monday May 28 in observance of Memorial Day.

FBC is located at 705 W FM 700. There is always a place for you at First Baptist Church. "...may the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, ...guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:7

Crestview Baptist Church

We at Crestview Baptist Church want to extend a warm invitation for you and your family to come and join us for worship, discipleship, evangelism, and fellowship. At Crestview, we are all about the gospel of Jesus Christ and serving Him as we learn His Word together. Sunday School begins at 10 a.m., and Sunday Worship is at 11 a.m. Pastor Tom Lassiter has started preaching through Paul's

epistle to the Galatians on Sunday mornings. On Sunday and Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m., the pastor is teaching through the book of Proverbs. If you are looking for a church home where there is lots of love and care, and a strong emphasis on God's Word, we hope you will come and visit us! We are at 2305 Gatesville Road in Big Spring. Come and be a part of what God is doing here!

First Church of the Nazarene

Want to hear about world travels and how God is at work? Come to our Mission focused service this Sunday. Next Sunday, June 3rd, we are welcoming our new Pastor Richard Schneberger and his family. The church is excited for the new leadership to the church and hopes you will join us on this journey.

Men's breakfast will be Saturday, June 2nd in the fellowship hall at 8 a.m. on the Lancaster Campus. Also, June 2nd at Cedar Road there will be a Youth Dodgeball Tournament. Prime Timers will be Sunday, June 3rd on the Lancaster Campus.

Nazfamily offers two different types of services. Visit either the 118 Cedar Road Campus inside the New Hope Christian School cafeteria for a more contemporary setting or the 1400 Lancaster campus which is more traditional for Sunday Service.

Small groups for both men and women meet Sunday morning at the Lancaster campus at 9 a.m. while kids enjoy fellowship and breakfast before service.

On Wednesday at 6 p.m., the Cedar Road Campus has a meal, bible study and children's and youth activities. At 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, the Lancaster campus has prayer and children's and youth activities. Other small groups meet throughout the week, if you are interested pick up our small group bulletin.

A ministry of the NazFamily Church is the Nazarene Christian Academy for K-6 grades at 118 Cedar Road. The Academy is fully accredited. Contact Alyssa Clark by calling the main church number. For more information contact the church office at (432) 267-7015. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter under Nazfamily, visit our website at www.nazfamily.org or download our app.

Cornerstone Covenant Church

We at Cornerstone Covenant Church would love the opportunity to Connect with YOU! Please join us this week at one of the following events:

Sunday, May 27th - Join us this Sunday at our 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship service. Come on out as you can expect biblical teaching and preaching, genuine loving fellowship and live spirit filled praise & worship. We would love the opportunity this Sunday to share what God has for you, and get to know you better.

Sunday, May 27th- Graduations are no small achievement and deserve to be known and celebrated. Join us as we will be honoring and celebrating this huge milestone with our Graduates at our 11 a.m. Worship Service.

Saturday, June 2nd- Fathers and sons come on out for some Guy time with Men of Covenant for a Men's mini summer retreat. It will be held at an off sight location Saturday, June 2nd. Join Men of Covenant for some food, fun and fellowship. Feel



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free to RSVP at one of our church kiosks after our 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. service, or contact the church office.

Monday, June 11th- Join Far Above Rubies Women's Ministry in the ARC from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. As we encourage and equip each other in God's word. Bring your favorite dish to share for food, fun and fellowship. For more information contact Debbie Reiger @432-935-1257

Tuesday, June 12th- Join us at 7 p.m. as 50 & over small group will be gathering for a potluck and game night. Bring your game face, we will see you at the Flower's Residence 2405 E. 25th St. For more information please contact Faye Flowers @ 432-213-3883

Van transportation- We have an active Van Ministry that picks-up on Sundays for our 11 a.m. Worship Service. If you are needing a ride please contact the church offices.

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

CCC is located at 706 East 12th Street. For office hours or other questions please contact our Administrative Office at 432.264.0015 or email us at info@cccbigspring.org. You can also find us at facebook.com/CCCBigSpring or visit us at www.cccbigspring.org if you would like more information.

First Presbyterian Church

On Wednesday the Lectionary Bible Study, led by Tom Koger and Mike Robinson, meets at 5 p.m. in the church library. The Chancel Choir rehearses at 6 p.m. The Handbell Choir will meet at 1:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon. Youth Group meets at 2:30, and the Children's Choir meets at 3:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon.

Paula Farquhar is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday. Jennifer Patterson is Lector for May. Ushers for the month are Katie Grimes, Jim Little, Jenn Patterson, and John Yater.

Last Sunday, May 20, a Spring Ring, featuring The Tardy Bells Handbell Choir, directed by Susan Dawes, was presented in the Sanctuary. Gabriel Martinez, organist at First United Methodist Church, accompanied the Bell Choir and performed solos during the program. Near the close of the program, some of the First Presbyterian Church Ringers joined the Tardy Bells and Mr. Martinez on Festival Finale on "All Creatures of Our God and King. Tardy Bells members are Diana Best, Karen Carman, Jobeth Corwin, Joseph Dawes, Linda Miracle, Sandy Patterson, Karen Reagan, Pam Walker, Jim Wright, Mary Wright, Eloise Wynn, and Marvin Wynn. Ringers from First Presbyterian were Donna Amonett, Loryne Colette, Ransom Colette, Rowan Colette, Jake Patterson, and Mason Patterson.

Monday, May 21, Jean Ann Farley, longtime member of FPC Big Spring, celebrated her 95th birthday. The congregation joins her family and friends in congratulating her on this momentous milestone.

Tuesday, May 22, Presbyterian Women met at 11:30 a.m. for lunch for the Annual Birthday Offering and Installation of Officers.

The Monthly Prayer Breakfast is in Fellowship Hall at 8 a.m. on Saturday, May 26. Everyone is invited to share good food and fellowship.

The lectionary passages for Trinity Sunday are Isaiah 6:1-8 (or; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17. Buddy Cochrane, Commissioned Ruling Elder from this church, will deliver the sermon. The Chancel Choir will open worship with the Introit "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" by Robert Jackson. The Choir will present "We Shall Be Witnesses" by Jerry Kirk, as the anthem. "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" is the offertory anthem. The Noisy Offering, used to help feed the hungry locally and globally, will be collected during the Children's Moment.

Please note that our worship service begins at 10:50 a.m. for announcements and parish concerns before our radio broadcast starts at 11. If you cannot attend worship, you may listen in on KBST 1490 AM, beginning at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, please call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website www.fpcbs.org. Please Like us on Facebook.

Spring Creek Fellowship

Volunteers are needed for "Our Daily Bread" Food Pantry which is open the 2nd and 4th Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. If you are in need of food, please come see us! We are in the mall. Go in the door where the movie theater is located and we are in the first spot on the left! If you are interested in volunteering with the "Blessing Box" ministry or the "Our Daily Bread Food Pantry" ministry,

Reflections: Treasure Every Life

It didn't take long to record the first murder in human history. The Bible's first death was a homicide. Cain, enraged with resentment, jealousy and anger attacked his brother and killed him. Since that moment much of human history has been written in blood.

We are all too familiar with headline news for mass shootings, terrorist attacks and violent conflict around the world. Just last week another school shooting took place in Santa Fe, Texas. Even small towns are not immune. Murders occur in every city in every region. Globally more than one person dies every minute of every day as the result of violence.

Most of us abhor murder. On the other hand, most of us accept the necessity of killing in warfare. We spend billions of dollars every year to make sure our young men and women are equipped and trained to kill on the battlefield.

But, there are exceptions. Desmond Doss, who served in World War II, was committed to honor the sixth commandment, "Thou shalt not kill." He refused to carry a firearm or weapon of

any kind into combat. Instead, he served as an unarmed Medic. Doss was twice awarded the Bronze Star for exceptional valor under fire in Guam and the Philippines. At Okinawa he served on Hacksaw Ridge, a particularly vicious battle in which he personally saved the lives of 75 wounded GIs. He was wounded four times and survived with seventeen pieces of shrapnel embedded in his body. He became the first pacifist to be awarded the Medal of Honor. His story has been captured in several books and a documentary, The Conscientious Objector, along with the movie, Hacksaw Ridge.



Bill Tinsley Hacksaw Ridge was released on November 4, 2016. It went on to receive six Oscar nominations including Best Picture and Best Actor. It also received Golden Globe nominations for Best Picture, Best Director and Best Actor and was chosen as one of the ten best movies of the year by the American Film Institute.

Jesus took the sixth commandment to a new level. He said, "You have heard that the ancients were told, 'You shall not commit murder,' and 'Whoever commits murder shall be liable to the court.' But I say to you that

everyone who is angry with his brother shall be guilty before the court; and whoever says to his brother, 'You good-for-nothing,' shall be guilty before the supreme court; and whoever says, 'You fool,' shall be guilty enough to go into the fiery hell." (Matthew 5:21-22).

Jesus dug beneath the surface and unearthed the significance of the sixth commandment. It is all about how we see another human being. Every person is valuable. Every person deserves respect. Regardless of culture, gender, age or race, every human life is to be treasured.

Jesus was consistent in living out what he taught. He embraced the outcast and the poor. Every person he met was precious in his sight. When He was crucified he prayed that God would forgive those who nailed him to the cross and promised paradise to the dying thief. To obey the sixth commandment, we must do more than refrain from inflicting harm on our enemy, we must embrace every person as a precious creation of God.

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

please contact Kay Elder.

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

Church 101, a Sunday Evening Meeting, will begin soon. More information to come!

Come check out our new Ministry Desk! You can find out all kinds of information about our various ministries, activities, etc.

KID CONNECT/GOSPEL PROJECT FOR KIDS This Sunday, May 27, "Heroes of Faith" Hebrews 11:1-12:2

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

Weekly Happenings:
Sunday-8:15 a.m.-Classical Worship Service
9:15-10:15 a.m.-Sunday School/Connection Groups
10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m.- "Holy Grounds Café" is open with coffee, drinks and fellowship.
10:45 a.m.-noon-Worship Service
5 p.m. Prayer Meeting
Tuesday- 7 p.m.-Women's Bible Study-The Best Yes

Wednesday- Community Groups-various times and places

Thursday- 7 pm-Men's Bible Study

If you would like any further information regarding any of our ministries or events, please contact the church office or visit our website at springcreekfellowship.org

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NFL players, coaches grapple with new anthem policy

By **TIM BOOTH**

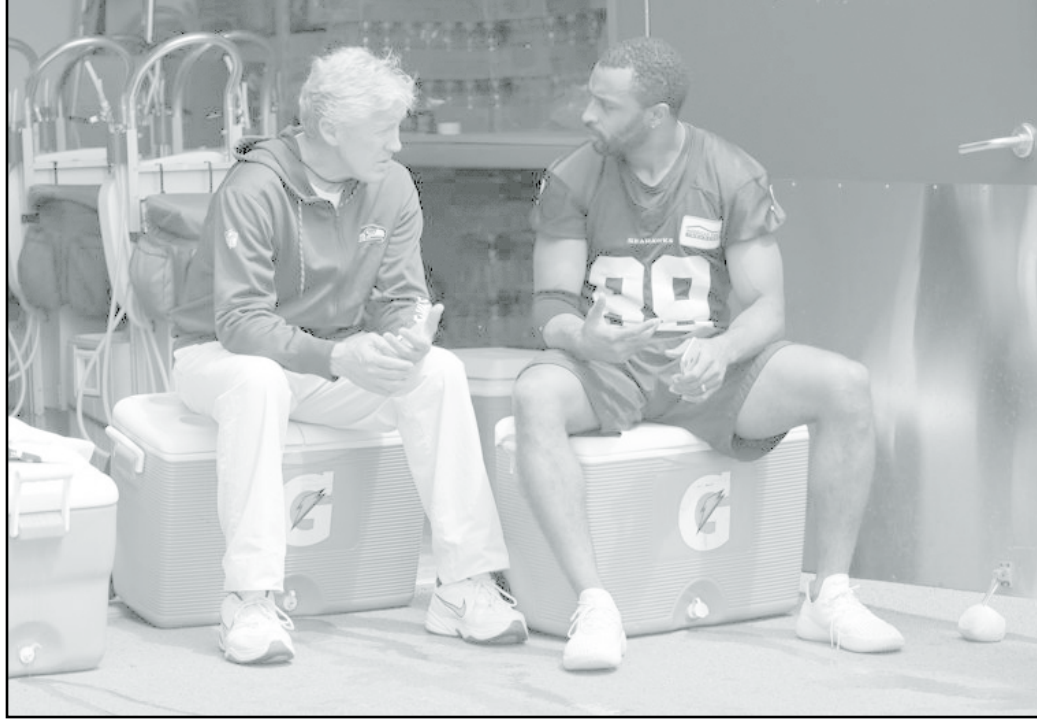
AP Sports Writer

RENTON, Wash. — Seahawks coach Pete Carroll wanted to be talking about football matters — Seattle's recommitment to the run game, the addition of two new coordinators, almost anything to do with what happens between the lines.

Instead, the league's oldest coach has spent the past few days processing and discussing the league's new mandate that players on the field stand for the national anthem. Carroll, his players and those around the NFL are now trying to figure out how to tackle the polarizing topic in the locker room.

"We're going to have to deal with that," Carroll said. "I was kind of liking the way it was going and so now it's kind of taken out of the control from the coach and the players and the locker room to a certain extent, so we're going to have to deal with that. In time, we'll figure it out."

Players from Seattle, Buffalo, Denver and New Orleans were among those grappling with how to move forward following the league's announcement Wednesday of a new



AP photo
Seattle Seahawks wide receiver Doug Baldwin, right, talks with head coach Pete Carroll, left, following NFL football practice, Thursday, May 24, 2018, in Renton, Wash.

national anthem policy, which will fine teams if players on the field are not standing for the anthem. Players wishing to continue demonstrations

like the kneeling movement sparked by Colin Kaepernick to protest social injustice will be allowed to remain in the locker room during the anthem.

Seattle's Doug Baldwin had the most striking comments, directed at both the league and President Donald Trump after his remarks to "Fox & Friends" on Thursday saying "maybe you shouldn't be in the country" if you don't stand for the anthem.

"He's an idiot. Plain and simple," Baldwin said. "I respect the man because he's a human being first and foremost, but he's just being divisive, which is not surprising. It is what it is. But for him to say anybody who doesn't follow his viewpoints or his constituents viewpoints should be kicked out of the country is not very empathetic. It's not very American like, actually, to me. It's not very patriotic. It's not what this country was founded upon. It's kind of ironic to me the President of the United States is contradicting what our country is really built on."

Even normally reserved Seattle quarterback Russell Wilson agreed with the sentiment that the owners' decision was a message to players to essentially be quiet.

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Gordon leads Rockets over Warriors 98-94 to take series lead



AP photo
Houston Rockets guard Eric Gordon (10) drives around Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry (30) during the first half in Game 1 of the NBA Western Conference Finals at Toyota Center on Monday, May 14, 2018, in Houston.

back titles in 1994-95.

Kevin Durant scored 29 points for the Warriors, who lost in Game 5 of a playoff series for just the second time since 2015. Just like Cleveland in the East, a run of three straight trips to the championship round is on the verge of ending.

"We haven't been in this position before ... so it's a chapter we need to figure out and finish the story," Stephen Curry said.

The Rockets won a second straight defensive struggle between the two potent offenses, leaving the Warriors a loss from missing the NBA Finals for the first time since 2014.

Draymond Green made a 3-pointer with just over minute left to get Golden State within one. Harden, who was 0 for 11 on 3s, missed his last one with less than 30 seconds left, giving the Warriors the ball back.

Curry missed a floater and Trevor Ariza grabbed the rebound and was fouled with 10 seconds left. But he made just one of two free throws to give the Warriors another chance.

But Gordon came up with his steal when Green lost control in the lane and added two free throws with 2.4 seconds left to put it away.

Green was asked what was supposed to happen on the play.

"We was supposed to score," he said. "I lost the ball ... not much more to it than that."

Harden scoffed at a reporter who questioned him about his struggles from long range in the last two games, where he's gone a combined 3 for 22.

"Who cares," he said. "I'm just missing shots, but we're winning."

Klay Thompson shook off a knee injury that had his status for this game in question to score 23 points and Curry added 22. A bruised left knee kept Andre Iguodala out for the second straight game, and Kevon Looney started in his place.

After losing Game 1 of the series, the Rockets made the best of home-court advantage this time, thrilling a sellout crowd that included Justin Timberlake, Houston Texans star J.J. Watt and rapper Travis Scott.

It's Houston's second straight win in the series after snapping Golden State's NBA

playoff-record, 16-game home winning streak with a 95-92 victory on Tuesday night.

Golden State led by one to start the fourth before Paul got going, scoring seven points to power a 10-5 run that gave the Rockets an 81-77 lead with about 9 1/2 minutes left.

Thompson made a 3-pointer after that and then officials reviewed Paul's first basket of the quarter and ruled he got it off after the shot clock expired, leaving the Warriors ahead 80-79.

The Rockets were clinging to a one-point lead with about seven minutes left when Durant fouled Gordon on a 3-point attempt, losing one of his shoes in the process. Gordon made all three free throws to start a 7-2 spree that extended the lead to 88-82 midway through the quarter.

TIP-INS

Warriors: Coach Steve Kerr was unsure Thursday if Iguodala would be able to return for Game 6. "He's dying to play, but he's not healthy enough," Kerr said. "We'll just continue to take it day to day." ... Curry made four free throws to tie Rick Barry for most free throws made in the playoffs in franchise history with 378. ... Golden State had 18 turnovers.

Rockets: Clint Capela had 12 points and 14 rebounds for his seventh double-double this postseason. ... Houston made 13 of 43 3-pointers, led by four from Gordon.

SANTA FE STRONG

The Rockets honored the 10 people killed in last week's school shooting in Santa Fe, Texas, before the game, with the school's choir singing the national anthem and team owner Tilman Fertitta wearing a "Santa Fe Strong" T-shirt, before Houston scored the game's first six points in a first half where the team led by as many as 11.

Houston also wore rectangular patches on its jerseys that read: "Santa Fe HS," to remember those affected by the tragedy.

"We wanted to come out and give them light, put smiles on their faces (and) clear their minds a little bit," Harden said.

UP NEXT

After Game 6 on Saturday, the Rockets would host Game 7 on Monday if necessary.

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By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Chris Paul's grit and veteran leadership have pushed the Golden State Warriors to the brink of elimination.

Now the Houston Rockets must wait to see if his injured leg is strong enough to help them take one last step to the NBA Finals.

Eric Gordon came off the bench to score 24 points and his steal on Golden State's last possession secured a 98-94 victory Thursday night that gave the Rockets a 3-2 lead in the Western Conference finals. But the victory came with a cost, as Paul had to leave the game in the final minute with a right hamstring injury that could keep him out of Game 6.

"His spirits aren't great," coach Mike D'Antoni said. "He wanted to be out there, and for sure he's worried ... we'll see tomorrow how it goes."

Paul was receiving treatment after the game and did not speak to reporters.

The Rockets head to Oakland for Game 6 on Saturday night a win away from knocking off the defending champions and advancing to the NBA Finals for the first time since winning back-to-

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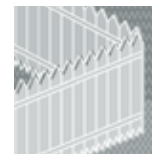
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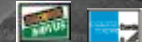
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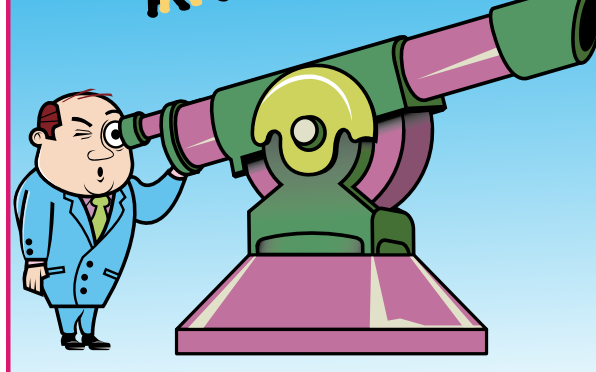
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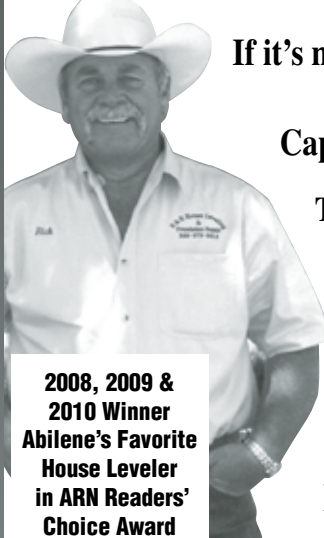
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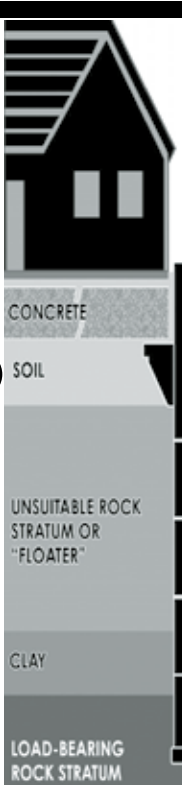
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DATE OF ISSUANCE: May 2, 2018
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Jun 6, 2018
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SM ENERGY COMPANY, [RRC Operator No. 788997] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line distance requirement because the Applicant is less than the required Rule 37 lease line distance to an unleased or non-pooled interest within the subject unit for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 25, Bk. 33 T1S, T&P RR CO Survey, A-370, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, HOWARD County, being 4.72 miles SW direction from BIG SPRING, Texas.

Public Notice

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protest should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512) 463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 (512) 463-6751.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Jun 6, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

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Lease/Unit Acres : 635.14
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Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal
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1997.0 F W (OFFLEASE) L
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Section: 13 Block: 33 T1S
Abstract: 364
Survey: T&P RR CO
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Legals

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The Court will hear and act upon the aforementioned application anytime following 10:00 o'clock A. M. on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from the publication of this Citation. The hearing will be in the County Courtroom of the Courthouse of Howard County, Texas, which is Room 207, 300 Main Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court as said above mentioned time and place by filing a written answer contesting such application should they desire to do so.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT AT office in Big Spring, Texas this May 17, 2018

DONNA WRIGHT, COUNTY CLERK HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS
By: Nancy Sink Deputy

Attorney for Applicant Shonda K. Folsom P.O. Box 641, Big Spring, Texas 79721 (432) 466-6246

#9816 May 25, 2018

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of The Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for a further information concerning any aspect of the application, should be submitted, in writing with fifteen days of the publication, to the Environmental Services Division, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, TX 78711. Telephone (512) 463-6792.

#9819 May 25, 2018

Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



Deep Cosmic Conversation

For human history, gold has been a recycled item. The gold in your ring could have been mined by Romans two thousand years ago. As Mercury is in conversation with the deeper forces of Pluto today, many will have a sensitivity to the elements of the material world and the vibrations they've picked up through time.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's minor things that happen today -- subtle, even. Your interpretation of events will influence your destiny (and mood!) more than the events themselves.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Certain people have proven to be so much trouble for you that you know to avoid them completely. As for the unknown trouble sources -- it's just a sense you get, and today an extremely accurate one. Heed your own warning.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You have an excellent rapport with a lot of different kinds of people. But what you have with one person is much more. It's a deep and lasting connection, made possible by your intimate understanding of this person's pain and joy.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You may be in line for a certain product, but it's not the product you're after, not really. You want the experience -- the dance of this. You want the story this quest is sure to give you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You wonder if the right sort of partnership could lift your life to a new place. What would the relationship have to be? What would you ask of the other person? There may be a way to embody these things yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The saying goes: "You get out what you put in." That's not entirely true. If you wanted the same thing you put in, you'd just keep it. As for the trades you're currently

making, some no longer seem fair or worth it. Change it up.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If a tourist came into your life right now, that person would see some parts of it as romantic, fascinating and fun and other parts as uncomfortable and in need of a lift. What do you see with your "tourist" eyes?

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Most people wait for holidays and breaks to spend time with the ones they love, but you don't have to. You can create the moments; steal them. You'll be inspired to make up your own meaningful events.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Believing is a funny thing. You sometimes believe in things you know aren't real because it's more interesting that way, or because everyone is doing it, or because what the belief encompasses is more real than reality.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There are a number of things that are far more contagious than head colds: manners of thought, emotional expressions, luck, attitudes, sayings, skills, abilities, viewpoints... You'll be in the mix and picking up plenty.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You want clarity, productivity, high energy and success. Well, you want at least three of those things anyway, and there's one you're not so sure of. If you can convince yourself, the impediments will fall away.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). For a discipline to make a difference in your life it must be constant in nature. Repetition is the only way a practice can become engrained as second nature and adopted as character.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 25). You are learning to use your emotions (both positive and negative) for what they can give the world. Joy is a contagion. Anger is motivation. What you used to envy others for, you now embody. This new relationship to your feelings will translate into improved relationships and very successful projects. Libra and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 9, 20, 33 and 14.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Bidding quiz

You are South, neither side vulnerable. The bidding has been:
East South West North
1 ♠ 1 ♣ 1 ♠ 1 ♣
Pass ?

What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?
1. ♠ AKQ62 ♥ J74 ♦ AJ6 ♣ K8
2. ♠ AQ93 ♥ QJ86 ♦ AKJ2 ♣ 10
3. ♠ AJ6 ♥ KQJ32 ♦ AQ5 ♣ 74
4. ♠ AQ62 ♥ J5 ♦ KQJ3 ♣ AJ8

1. **One spade.** This may seem to be an enormous underbid, but that's not really so. By doubling one club and then bidding one spade after partner's heart response, you portray a strong hand typically 17 points or more that was too good for an immediate one-spade overcall.

At this point, you must keep in mind that partner's one-heart reply to your takeout double does not promise any strength at all. You hope to hear from partner again, but if he passes, it is highly unlikely that your side can make a game.

2. **Three hearts.** With your excellent trump fit, 17 high-card points and singleton club, you don't need

much more than K-10-x-x of hearts in partner's hand to have a good play for game. A two-heart bid would be too pessimistic, and four hearts too optimistic. Three is just about right.

3. **Two hearts.** Again you have 17 high-card points, but your distribution is not nearly as good as in the previous hand. There is no singleton club here, and that makes a world of difference. Moreover, the raise to two hearts is in itself a very positive move; it tells partner you had more than a minimum double, as well as a good trump fit, and that is really just about all you have in this case.

4. **One notrump.** This may seem unduly conservative, but since partner has promised no strength, one notrump is as far as you should want to go. If you were to jump to two notrump instead, you would be contracting single-handedly for 62 percent of the tricks with only 45 percent of the points in the deck, and you would thus be placing yourself in distinct jeopardy. The one-notrump bid, on the heels of your takeout double, indicates a hand of at least opening notrump strength.

Tomorrow: South finds the way.

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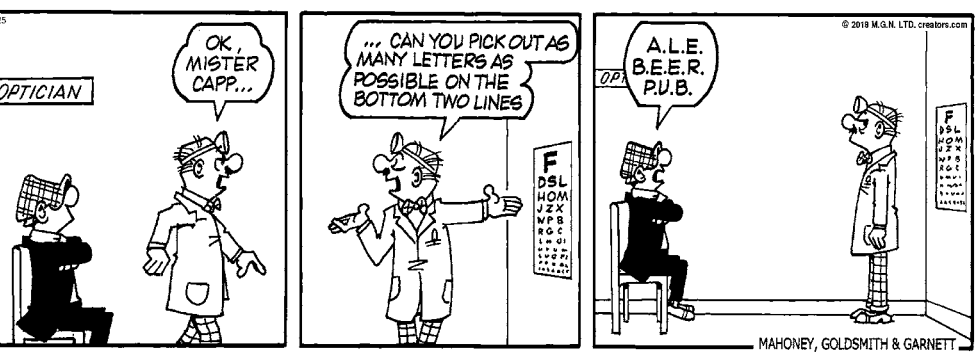
Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

5	9	8	2	3	1	6	7	4
7	1	3	4	8	6	2	5	9
2	6	4	9	6	7	8	1	3
3	2	7	4	1	9	5	8	6
4	1	8	4	7	9	3	6	2
6	5	9	3	2	8	1	4	7
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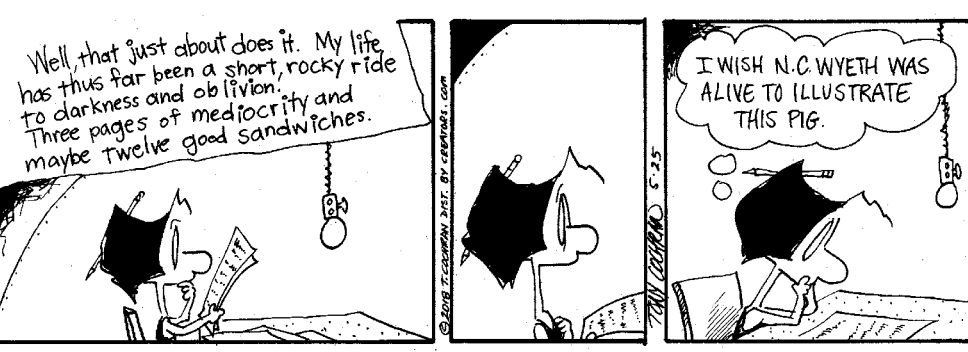
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5:30 PM	Local 2	P. Luche	Broke Girl	CBS 7	Tele	News	Dr. Young	Euromaxx	Hawaii	American	Fam. Guy	NCIS: New Orleans	SportsCenter		Texas Insider	Law & Order: SVU		BattleBots
6:30 PM	Jeopardy!	Rosa de	Big Bang	CBS 7	Caso Cerado	News	Think Red	PBS News-Hour	M*A*S*H	Fam. Guy	Burgers	NCIS: New Orleans	College Softball	NHRA	Law & Order: SVU		BattleBots	
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8:30 PM	Shark Tank	Papá a toda madre	PHENOMS	Hawaii Five-0	Al otro lado	Dateline NBC	Light of Southwest	Great Performances	G. Pyle WKRP	Life Sentence	We're the Millers, Will Poulter (DVS)	Movie: The Other Guys, Eva Mendes (DVS)	College Softball		Law & Order: SVU	Live PD	Bering Sea Gold	
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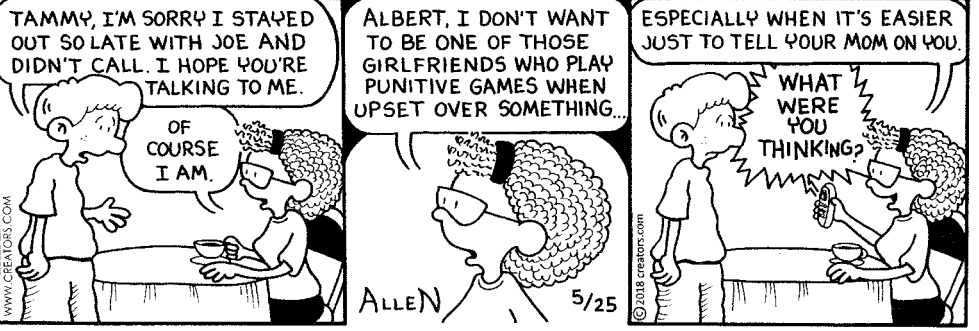
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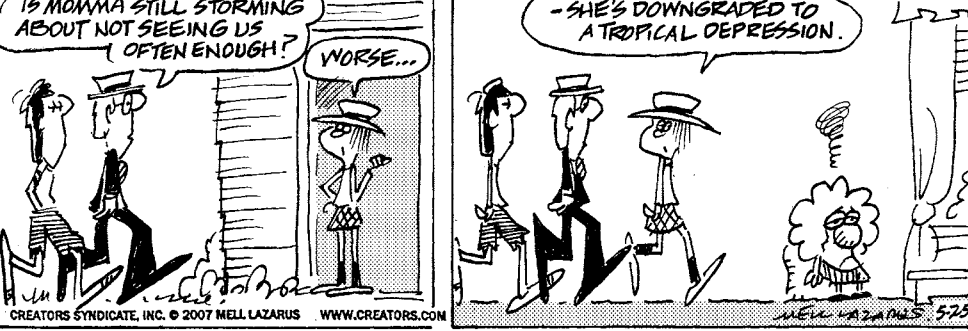
ONE BIG HAPPY



NEST HEAD



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This Date In History

Today is Friday, May 25, the 145th day of 2018. There are 220 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 25, 1968, the Gateway Arch in St. Louis was dedicated by Vice President Hubert Humphrey and Interior Secretary Stewart Udall.

On this date:

In 1521, Martin Luther was branded a heretic and had his writings banned by the Edict of Worms (vohrms) because of his religious beliefs.

In 1787, the Constitutional Convention began at the Pennsylvania State House (Independence Hall) in Philadelphia after enough delegates had shown up for a quorum.

In 1793, Father Stephen Theodore Badin became the first Roman Catholic priest to be ordained in the United States during a ceremony in Baltimore.

In 1810, Argentina began its revolt against Spanish rule with the forming of the Primera Junta in Buenos Aires.

In 1916, the Chicago Tribune published an interview with Henry Ford in which the automobile industrialist was quoted as saying, "History is more or less bunk."

In 1935, Babe Ruth hit his last three career home runs — nos. 712, 713 and 714 — for the Boston Braves in a game against the Pittsburgh Pirates. (The Pirates won, 11-7.)

In 1942, U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Joseph Stilwell, frustrated over being driven out of Burma by Japanese forces during World War II, told reporters in Delhi, India: "I claim we got a hell of a beating."

In 1957, the third tube of the Lincoln Tunnel connecting New York and New Jersey was opened to traffic.

In 1961, President John F. Kennedy told Congress: "I believe that this nation should commit itself to achieving the goal, before this decade is out, of landing a man on the moon and returning him safely to the earth."

In 1979, 273 people died when an American Airlines DC-10 crashed just after takeoff from Chicago's O'Hare Airport. Six-year-old Etan Patz (AY-tahn payts) disappeared while on his way to a school bus stop in lower Manhattan. (In April 2017, former store clerk Pedro Hernandez, convicted of killing Etan, was sentenced to at least 25 years in prison.)

In 1986, an estimated 7 million Americans participated in "Hands Across America" to raise money for the nation's hungry and homeless.

In 1992, Jay Leno made his debut as host of NBC's "Tonight Show," succeeding Johnny Carson.

Ten years ago: A tornado tore through the Parkersburg, Iowa, area, killing nine people. NASA's Phoenix Mars Lander arrived on the Red Planet to begin searching for evidence of water; the spacecraft confirmed the presence of water ice at its landing site. Seven crashes and spinouts marred the first Indianapolis 500 since the two warring open-wheel series (CART and IRL) came together under the IndyCar banner; Scott Dixon stayed ahead of the trouble to win the race. The French film "The Class" won top honors at the Cannes Film Festival. J.R. Simplot, Idaho's billionaire potato king, died in Boise at age 99.

Five years ago: Making his first official trip to sub-Saharan Africa, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry demanded that Nigeria respect human rights as it cracked down on Islamist extremists and pledged to work hard in the coming months to ease tensions between Sudan and South Sudan. A French soldier, Cedric Cordier, was wounded in the throat in a busy commercial district outside Paris; a suspect was later arrested. Marshall Lytle, 79, the original bass player for Bill Haley & His Comets, died in New Port Richey, Florida.

One year ago: Surrounded by stone-faced allies, President Donald Trump rebuked fellow NATO members for failing to meet the military alliance's financial benchmarks. Republican Greg Gianforte won a special election for Montana's sole U.S. House seat a day after being charged with assaulting a reporter.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Ann Robinson is 89. Former White House news secretary Ron Nessen is 84. Country singer-songwriter Tom T. Hall is 82. Actor Sir Ian McKellen is 79. Country singer Jessi Colter is 75. Actress-singer Leslie Uggams is 75. Movie director

and Muppeteer Frank Oz is 74. Actress Karen Valentine is 71. Actress Jacki Weaver is 71. Rock singer Klaus Meine (The Scorpions) is 70. Actress Patti D'Arbanville is 67. Playwright Eve Ensler is 65. Musician Cindy Cashdollar is 63. Actress Connie Sellecca is 63. Rock singer-musician Paul Weller is 60. Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., is 58. Actor-comedian Mike Myers is 55. Actor Matt

Borlenghi is 51. Actor Joseph Reitman is 50. Rock musician Glen Drover is 49. Actress Anne Heche (haych) is 49. Actresses Lindsay and Sidney Greenbush (TV: "Little House on the Prairie") are 48. Actor-comedian Jamie Kennedy is 48. Actress Octavia Spencer is 48. Actor Justin Henry is 47. Rapper Daz Dillinger is 45. Actress Molly Sims is 45. Singer Lauryn Hill is 43.

Actress Erinn Hayes is 42. Actor Cillian Murphy is 42. Actor Ethan Suplee (soo-PLÉE) is 42. Rock musician Todd Whitener is 40. Actor Corbin Allred is 39. Actress-singer Lauren Frost is 33. Actress Ebonee (cq) Noel is 28. Musician Guy Lawrence (Disclosure) is 27. Olympic gold medal gymnast Aly Raisman is 24.

Thought for Today:

"There is nothing final about a mistake, except its being taken as final."

Phyllis Bottome (buh-TOHM)
English author
(1884-1963).

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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS

- "Uncle!"
- Scriptural pronoun
- Benefits
- Harmonic and melodic
- Something stored in sheds
- Desktop font
- Eastern European capital
- Energy Star org.
- Brit WWII leader
- See to completion
- Org. with the Colts and Browns
- "Looky here!"
- April 1, in 2018
- Phrase in grocery
- 5-to-500 currency
- Go after
- Minor misunderstanding
- Streaming-lecture acronym
- Quick bite
- "Without delay" directive
- Southern pie filling
- Nursery rhyme home
- The Two Fridas painter
- It spans 11 time zones
- Be smashing at stand-up
- Action-film art
- ___ clip (bike pedal part)
- Kids' programming designation

DOWN

- That thing's
- Lose one's temper with
- Sharp, as a snapshot
- Resort west of Denver
- Mideast flag carrier
- "Pinball Wizard" rock band
- Get moving
- Shout of approval
- "American" Pacific territory
- Stir up
- 14th-century BC ruler's nickname
- Diner sign's suggestion
- Conniving
- "How exciting!"
- Navigation hazards
- Roll-call response
- Pretzel shape
- Winning streak
- Toppers of org charts
- Subject of lots of Clancy plots
- Knockoff
- Be vociferous
- The way
- Norm
- Exotic wool source
- Normally
- Quantity of coins created
- Inscribed
- Hair stylist's tool
- Auto in Disney comedies
- Texter's astonishment
- Tequila plants
- Small keepsakes
- Delay deciding
- Anew
- Fontana di Trevi locale
- Augustan Age poet
- Caesarean quote starter
- UV-related rating
- Mud bath site

Answer to previous puzzle

SALE EBAY RECON
TRAM RULE ALONE
ROMULUS ANDREUS
AMA OPTS RECESS
PARROTS CURT
OKS TOM SURF
SPOOF GURUS ROO
CASTOR AND POLLUX
ATL RUSES TASTY
BLOG BED CHI
LEIS PREDAWN
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Trump pardons late boxer Jack Johnson a century later

By JILL COLVIN

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump has granted a rare posthumous pardon to boxing's first black heavyweight champion, clearing Jack Johnson's name more than 100 years after what many see as his racially charged conviction.

"I am taking this very righteous step, I believe, to correct a wrong that occurred in our history and to honor a truly legendary boxing champion," Trump said Thursday during an Oval Office ceremony. He was joined by WBC heavyweight champion Deontay Wilder, retired heavyweight titleholder Lennox Lewis and actor Sylvester Stallone, whom Trump credited with championing the pardon.

Trump said Johnson had served 10 months in prison "for what many view as a racially-motivated injustice."

"It's my honor to do it. It's about time," the president said.

Johnson, a prominent athlete who crossed over into popular culture decades ago with biographies, dramas and documentaries, was convicted in 1913 by an all-white jury for violating the Mann Act for traveling with his white girlfriend. That law made it illegal to transport women across state lines for "immoral" purposes.

Trump had tweeted in late April that Stallone, a longtime friend, had brought Johnson's story to his attention in a phone call.

"His trials and tribulations were great, his life complex and controversial. Others have looked at this over the years, most thought it would be done,



AP photo
A boxing belt presented to President Donald Trump, sits on the desk in Oval Office of the White House in Washington, Thursday, May 24, 2018, where Trump granted a posthumous pardon to Jack Johnson, boxing's first black heavyweight champion.

but yes, I am considering a Full Pardon!" Trump wrote then.

The Oval Office ceremony was a celebratory scene, bringing together boxing greats past, present and fictional. The guests brought with them a colorful boxing championship belt, which sat front and center on the president's Resolute Desk as he spoke. At one point, Trump jokingly asked Lewis

whether he could "take Deontay in a fight" if he really started working out.

Lewis said Johnson had been an inspiration to him personally, while Stallone said Johnson had served as the basis of the character Apollo Creed in his "Rocky" films.

"This has been a long time coming," he said. Trump has a personal history with the sport, and hosted matches in the 1990s at his hotels.

After Johnson's conviction, he spent seven years as a fugitive, but eventually returned to the U.S. and turned himself in. He served about a year in federal prison and was released in 1921. He died in 1946 in an auto crash.

His great-great niece, Linda E. Haywood, had pressed Trump for a posthumous pardon, and Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., and former Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., had promoted Johnson's case for years.

The son of former slaves, Johnson defeated Tommy Burns for the heavyweight title in 1908 at a time when blacks and whites rarely entered the same ring. He then beat a series of "great white hopes," culminating in 1910 with the undefeated former champion, James J. Jeffries.

McCain previously told The Associated Press that Johnson "was a boxing legend and pioneer whose career and reputation were ruined by a racially charged conviction more than a century ago."

McCain, who is often at odds with Trump, praised him late Thursday for the pardon.

"I applaud President Trump for issuing a posthumous pardon of boxing legend Jack Johnson, whose reputation was ruined by a racially charged conviction over a century ago," he said in a tweet.

NFL

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"Pretty much. I think that's part of it. It seems that way," Wilson said. "But I think a policy right or wrong is not going to fix our problems."

The new policy allows teams to adopt their own workplace rules, which many players interpreted as a backhanded way of subjecting them to fines, suspensions or loss of jobs should they carry on with the protests.

Players are also frustrated the league didn't consult with the players' association before announcing the policy.

"I mean, they weren't ever going to engage us anyway. When you really think about it, why would we have a say-so?" Denver linebacker Brandon Marshall said. "I think they should have, right, but I guess they don't look at us like that, to have a say-so or input in this policy."

Others around the league didn't see the policy as a potential issue.

"I'm really not too worried about it. I would expect that everybody's gonna be out there with their hand over their heart, showing respect to the flag and to the country," New Orleans quarterback Drew Brees said.

But teammate Demario Davis had mixed emotions about the policy. His father served in the military, but he also understands why players have been protesting.

"I just think that when you love something — you care about it — you want to work to get it right. I love my children. When they do wrong things, I'm going to let them know they're doing wrong things. I'm not just going to sweep it under the rug because I love them," Davis said.

"I think that's the difference between patriotism and nationalism. Nationalism is loving your country just to love it, you know, even when it's right or wrong, you're going to take the side of your country. Patriotism is loving it enough to sacrifice for it, but also to call it (out) when it's wrong."

"The people who are speaking up for the people who are hurting have a deep love and devotion for

our country. That's kind of gotten misconstrued at times. But it's important for people to understand that."

The decision by the owners was an attempt to quell a firestorm by moving protests away from the public eye and potentially lure back disgruntled fans. But in the process they may have disgruntled their employees and rekindled what appeared to be an issue that was dying down.

"With this policy, with the inflammatory statement that Roger Goodell put out (Wednesday) again you opened the door for response and again to my point earlier, I think they missed it on that one," Baldwin said.

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