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Big Spring and Forsan's Graduation Ceremonies



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Graduates of the Big Spring High School senior class of 2018 all rise during their graduation ceremony on Friday, May 25 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.



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The Forsan High School class of 2018 throws their caps in the air during their graduation ceremony on Friday, May 25 at the Forsan High School Gymnasium.



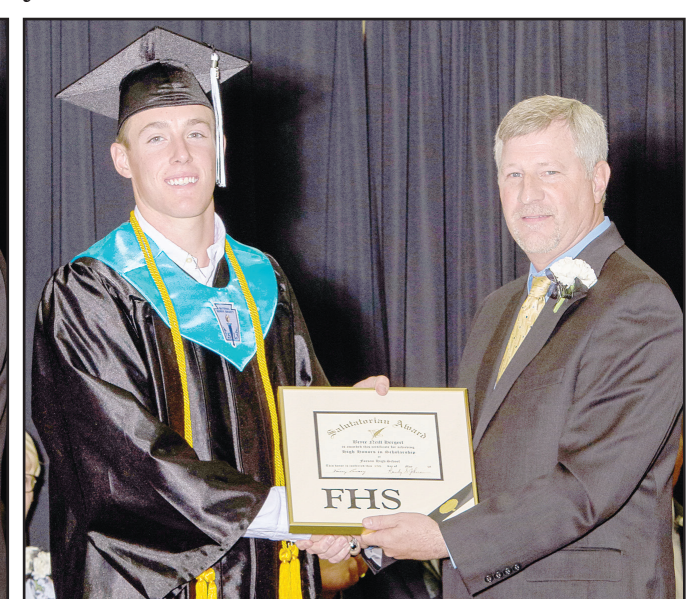
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Valedictorian Abbey Bryan (left) and BSHS Principal Mike Ritchey (right) sit as Salutatorian Britney Tan (center) delivers a speech at their graduation on Friday, May 25 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.



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Elizabeth Long receives her Valedictorian certificate from Forsan ISD Superintendent Randy Johnson during their graduation ceremony on Friday, May 25 at the Forsan High School Gymnasium.



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Bryce Hergert receives his Salutatorian certificate from Forsan ISD Superintendent Randy Johnson during their graduation ceremony on Friday, May 25 at the Forsan High School Gymnasium.

EMS Week pancake breakfast



Courtesy photos

Big Spring's Air Evac Lifeteam, located at 3300 Rickabaugh Drive at the McMahan-Wrinkle Airport, hosted breakfast for all Emergency Medical Services, Fire Department and Volunteer Fire Department employees this week on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in celebration of National EMS Week. Emergency responders from Garden City EMS and from Heart of Texas EMS south of Abilene were among some of those served at the event.

Above left, Air Evac staff served pancakes and sausage each morning to about 25 to 30 people each morning. Here, Big Spring Fire Department EMS personnel enjoy their breakfast. Above right, Air Evac Flight Medic Kevin Briley cooks up some pancakes for the event.

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Big Spring Community Services Director, Spring restoration organizer Wegman retiring



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Shown above is Debbie Wegman sitting at her desk.

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

Big Spring's longtime Community Services Director, Debbie Wegman, is retiring next month.

Wegman, who announced her retirement at Tuesday's Big Spring City Council meeting, has worked to improve Big Spring's image and quality of life for 13 years.

"I started out as the CVB coordinator and then I moved into the director's position - they created the new department, Community Services Department, five years ago. We brought the facility scheduling under this department. Expanded it a little."

Wegman's last day is June 12, she said. What will she do

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Police blotter

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- **DAVID CORNELLIUS WESTBROOK**, 44, of 630 Caylor Dr., was arrested on a warrant of another agency.
- **KENNETH JOHN GUZMAN JR.**, 32, of 2514 Langley Dr., was arrested on three counts of warrants of another agency.
- **LUCIE BELLE VOGEL**, 53, of 800 Pine St., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **CHRISTI DAWN MENZEL**, 39, of 1213 Ridgeway Dr., was arrested on charges of evading arrest/detention with vehicle, driving while license suspended/invalid, possession of marijuana less than or equal to two ounces, on a warrant of another agency, and on an accident involving damage to

vehicle less than \$200.

- **HALEIGH JORDAN ELIZONDO**, 22, of 217 Sandlin Rd., was arrested on a warrant of another agency.
- **ADRIANA MARIE HARRISON**, 29, of 1100 Pickens St., was arrested on warrant of two counts failure to appear felony.
- **BRIAN KEITH STROUD**, 34, of 985 Five Oaks Rd., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1700 block of E FM 700, and in the 1900 S Gregg St.
- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the 700 block of E FM 700, and on Goliad and 11th Place.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 200 block of W FM 700.

Take Note

• 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 in 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 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 a sponsor Marcy House, 2301 Wasson Road.

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

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

• Big Spring Centennial Lion's Club has changed its meeting time. The club now meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday and the fourth 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 ½ 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 can assist with a variety of functions, including The Chalet Resale Shop, various fund-raisers and patient events.

For more information, contact Dee Lindsey, Big Spring State Hospital Director of Community Relations, (432) 268-7535 or danielle.lindsey@dshs.state.tx.us

• Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to visit patients. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Beverly Grant at 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

• Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you would like to donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Maria at 816-6474.

• Crossroads Hospice needs volunteers for patient care. Contact Eva at 263-5300.

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence.

Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours of day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed.

If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

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

• Bring Everyone Into the Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a Veteran based peer group. The purpose of this group is to provide peer to peer support to Service Members, Veterans, and families SMVF), especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), Military Sexual Trauma (MTS), and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ Meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane.

For more questions and information email, francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org or call 432-268-3003.

• 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 May 24 through Aug. 24, 6 p.m. 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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North and South Korean leaders hold surprise 2nd summit

By KIM TONG-HYUNG

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and South Korean President Moon Jae-in met for the second time in a month on Saturday, holding a surprise summit at a border truce village to discuss Kim's potential meeting with President Donald Trump, Moon's office said.

Kim and Moon met hours after South Korea expressed relief over revived talks for a summit between Trump and Kim following a whirlwind 24 hours that saw Trump cancel the highly anticipated meeting before saying it's potentially back on.

The quickly arranged meeting seemed to demonstrate Kim's urgency to secure a summit with Trump, which may provide his best shot at saving his economy from crushing sanctions and win security assurances in a region surrounded by enemies, analysts say.

It remains unclear whether Kim would ever agree to fully abandon his nuclear arsenal in return. Moon has insisted Kim can be persuaded to abandon his nuclear facilities, materials and bombs in a verifiable and irreversible way in exchange for credible security and economic guarantees.

Moon, who brokered the summit between Washington and Pyongyang, likely used Saturday's meeting to confirm Kim's willingness to enter nuclear negotiations with Trump and clarify what steps Kim has in mind in the process of denuclearization, said Hong Min, a senior analyst at Seoul's Korea Institute for National Unification.

"While Washington and Pyongyang have expressed their hopes for a summit through published statements, Moon has to step up as the mediator because the surest way to set the meeting in stone would be an official confirmation of intent between heads of states," Hong said.

South Korean presidential spokesman Yoon Young-chan said Moon will reveal details of his meeting with Kim on Sunday.

Koh Yu-hwan, a North Korea expert at Seoul's Dongguk University and a policy adviser to Moon, said the two leaders likely discussed bridging the gap between Washington and Pyongyang on what a deal on the North's nuclear weapons would look like.

U.S. officials have talked about a comprehensive one-shot deal in which North Korea fully eliminates its nukes first and receives rewards later.



AP photo

In this photo provided by South Korea Presidential Blue House via Yonhap News Agency, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, left, and South Korean President Moon Jae-in embrace each other after their meeting at the northern side of the Panmunjom in North Korea, Saturday, May 26, 2018.

But Kim, through two summits with Chinese President Xi Jinping in March and May, has called for a phased and synchronized process in which every action he takes is met with a reciprocal reward from the United States.

WEGMAN

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with all her free time?

"My standard answer to that is, 'What I want, when I want,'" she quipped. "I'll still be active in the community, you know. Be on boards and Rotary and do all the things I do outside my job anyway, so I won't just disappear. I'll be around."

The city job was Wegman's second career; she worked for the Health and Human Services Department of the State of Texas for 26 years, she said.

During her time on the job for the city, Wegman has overseen several areas, linked in that they are ways the city works to improve the lives of Big Spring residents.

"Under the Community Services, we do have the Convention and Visitors Bureau, which includes the Visitor's Center," she said. "We have our facility scheduling, so all of the facilities that are owned by the city, we schedule them here. The Municipal Auditorium, everything, even the ball fields. Even though we don't supervise the Parks Department, we schedule all of the facilities. Then I also supervise all of the Senior Center staff."

Wegman looked back at her career, remembering several of her accomplishments.

"One thing, actually, just growing this department. I started doing visitors' literature. The first visitors' brochure we had published, I did. I didn't do it myself, but I had a publisher work with me to do that brochure," she said. "I think just doing advertising and getting Big Spring out there. I was an active member of the Texas Plains Trail Board for a number of years, served as the president of that. We got the Quanah Parker Arrow, that was kind of a big thing. We brought that here."

Other accomplishments included the move of the Senior Center to the Dora Roberts Community Center and the creation of the Big Spring Visitors Center, Wegman said.

"I moved the Senior Center from the old building out at the airport, which was really in bad, bad shape. We moved them to the Dora Rob-

erts," she said. "When I first started working, I had the Dora Roberts Community Center and did a lot of improvements out there, and continued to work on that. I'm glad we got to move the Senior Center out there. I think it's a much better facility for them. Another thing I feel like I did was, we opened the Visitors Center. When I started I was a one-person department at City Hall. Then they allowed me to hire an administrative assistant, and I didn't have any room for it at City Hall. So I moved to the Chamber of Commerce. Me and my assistant were housed there for a while, and then three years ago we got to open this facility. We get so many compliments from people coming to the facility. The girls at the office, we all kind of had ideas, and then we had the city workers, Nick Reyna, mainly, that helped get this office in the shape it's in now. We just love it here. People do stop by and see us on a regular basis. We do get visitors come in almost every day. The gift shop has been a big hit."

Of course, recently, Wegman's time recently has been spent on overseeing the organization of the Historic Spring Renovation Project. The idea for the project came from Big Spring Planning and Zoning Committee member Aubrey Weaver Jr., Wegman said.

"Aubrey had a friend who had come out who was a songwriter. He wanted to go see the Spring and have his picture made out there. They went out there and Aubrey felt like it just didn't look good. It wasn't well-maintained out there," she said. "So Aubrey came to me and said 'Can we use Hotel Tax money to do a restoration out there?' And we could, because historic restoration is one of the area that Hotel Tax fund can be used for. So we found Kelly Cook, the architect. It's been four years. It was four years in the works by the time we started meeting with Kelly and we put together a committee of city staff and interested individuals and some city council members. We put together that group and continued to work with Kelly and then we put it out for bid and got the contractor, and the rest is history now."

Phase One of the project, including the restoration of the spring itself and construction of the stage, amphitheater and observation areas at the site, were completed largely using city hotel and motel taxes, Wegman said. Phase 2, under construction now, has been completely funded with grants and donations from area foundations, businesses and individuals, she said.

Wegman said the completion of Phase 2 is coming up.

"It's probably going to be the end of June, early July before it's complete," she said. "They've been doing a lot of concrete and prep work. The bridge was put in, and that's pretty cool. But once construction on the pavilion starts, it should go pret-

ty quickly."

After her retirement, Wegman said the job will probably be handled by an interim director while City Manager Todd Darden and the mayor and city council work to fill the position.

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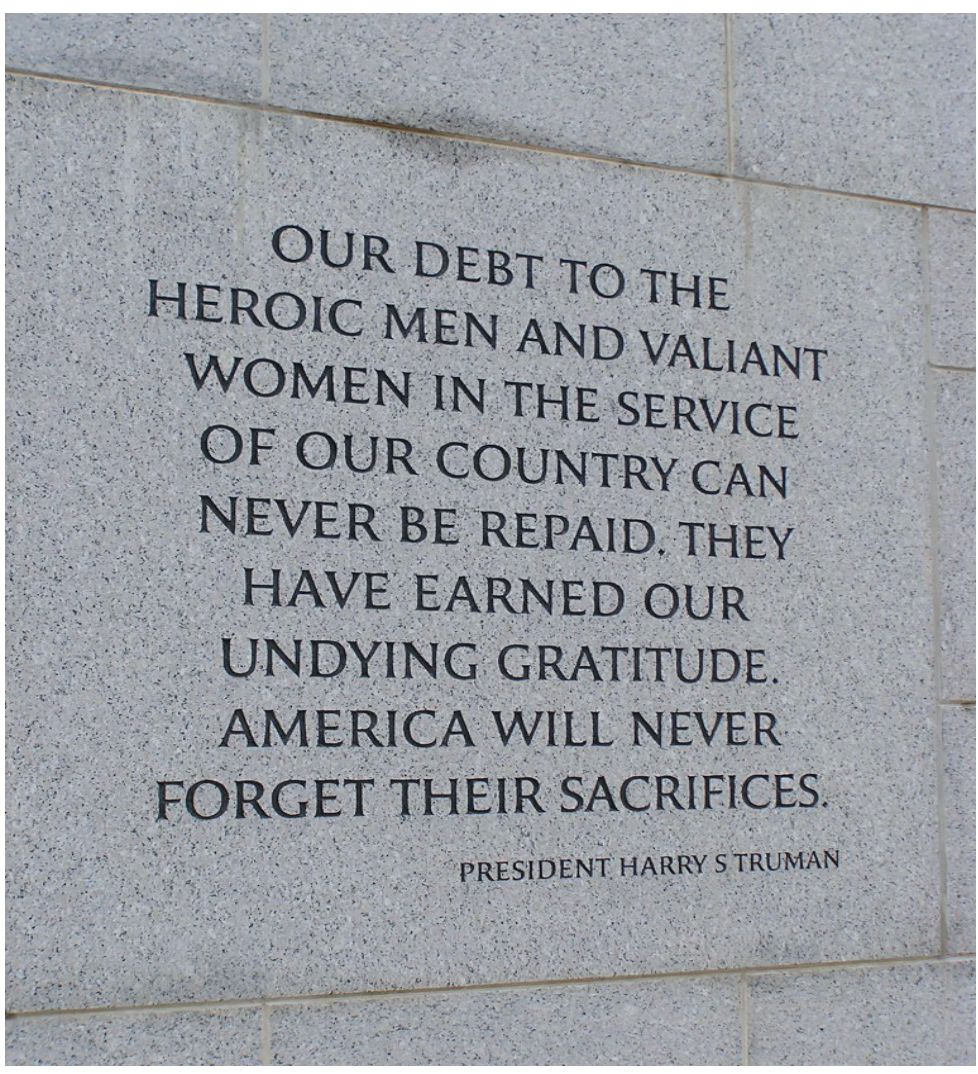
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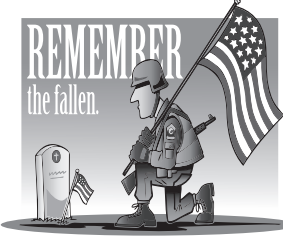
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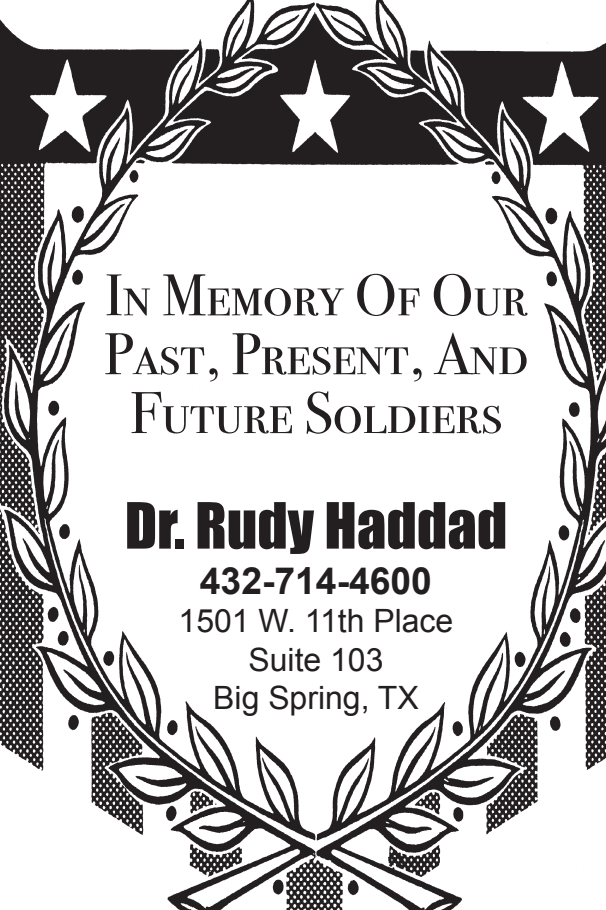


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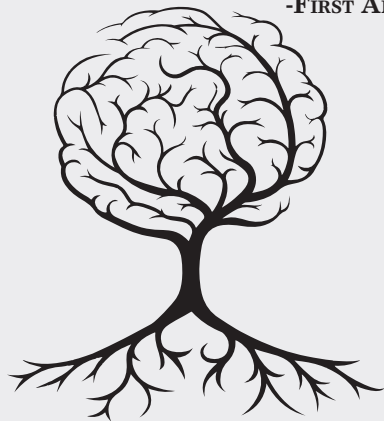


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Wildlife in Liberty County

Liberty County has a wildlife refuge that provides some fascinating sounds at night.

“O, gosh, in the middle of the night you’ll hear a lot of frogs, but there’s one that kind of sounds like a crazy person laughing. You can hear cute little frogs, and bullfrogs that sound like someone is right behind you walking. You can also hear coyotes howling and hoot owls screeching like banshees. Certain times of hear you can hear alligators with their deep bass growls. There’s a lot to hear out there at night, but the best sounds are the creepy ones that make your skin crawl when you hear them for the first time.”

Laurie Gonzales is a wildlife biologist at the Trinity River National Wildlife Refuge, which covers thirty thousand acres in Liberty County.

“Hunters can always come out here to hunt deer or hogs. Fish-

ermen can always come fish in Champion Lake or hikers can always hike along our trails. People who are interested in wildlife photography and wildlife observation can come out and see us any day of the year and it’s free. We have one area for those who are confined to a wheelchair or are blind.”

She has a master’s degree in wildlife science, but says her best education comes from working at the refuge for 12 years because there’s always something new to learn. She has always been inter-

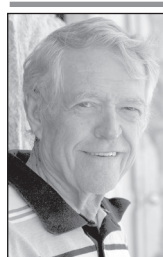
ested in wildlife. “I was that kid that was always dragging around some poor cat or patching up some poor dog in the neighborhood. I’ve always loved animals and was always playing with bugs.”

She had intended to become a veterinarian but when she was studying ground squirrels she found out what she really liked

to do. “They started biting me. The fleas that they carried bit me. I got sunburned working in the sun for long periods of time. I got thorns in my rear end from squatting down to work on these animals and I thought to heck with veterinary medicine this is where it’s at. I love this. When I’m taking kids through the refuge I’ll grab a handful of mud and just spread it across my shirt and tell them I like my job because I can get dirty. They get a kick out of that.”

Laurie’s main job at the refuge is conservation, providing a proper habitat for the animals and birds. Her nickname is Possum.

“That came from my husband on one of our first dates. We were driving and saw a possum cross the road. My husband stopped the car, jumped out and caught this possum and brought it to me. I knew right then and there this was the guy for me. Later he started calling me possum.”



TUMBLEWEED SMITH



Mere Words Don't Stand a Chance

They came up with clever nicknames, many of them adopted after much head-scratching and some the result of “blind hog luck.” One came on opening day of Yankee Stadium in 1923, when baseball darling George Herman (Babe) Ruth blasted one of his longest-ever homeruns. What a happy day for Yankee fans in the “house that Ruth built!”

He became “the sultan of swat.” Fans also called him “The Babe,” another grandiose moniker honoring his 22 colorful years in major league baseball. Baseball fans weren’t surprised when he was given a \$70,000 annual contract in 1932. Non-fans were shocked, however, one pointing out that his salary was larger than President Herbert Hoover’s. “The Babe” found such an observation laughable, saying he’d “had a better year than the president.”

Nearly a century has passed since Ruth’s name was splashed across sports pages, but J. J. Watt is a current footballer whose star glistens in the sports galaxy. Maybe he’ll be even better known than Ruth—or all other sports figures—not only for the way he does sports, but the way he does life.

Wise beyond his years, he’s a humanitarian with a generous spirit like Mother Teresa. He’ll be remembered more for what he’s done for others than for the havoc he has inflicted on football foes of his Houston Texans.

The veteran defensive genius’

off-the-field generosity led to his being named 2017 “co-sports-person of the year” by Sports Illustrated. While great, his on-the-field numbers don’t tell the whole story. (He shared the award with the Houston Astros’ José Altuve.) Injuries limited him to play in eight games during the past two seasons, but what he has done to encourage and support tens of thousands of folks with lives disrupted by Hurricane Harvey earns his placement on a higher plane.

Watt takes life seriously. He believes it is more blessed to give than to receive, and fully demonstrates the validity of a wonderful challenge of charity: “Don’t give ‘till it hurts; give ‘till it feels good!”

So impressed am I by Watt’s generosity that has led to multiplying gifts from others, I can’t cheer against the Houston Texans, at least as long as he’s a part of the team.

Never dreamed I’d feel this way—what with my being a lifelong Dallas Cowboys fan—but his latest act of generosity is the tipping point.

Within hours of the tragedy invoked by the Santa Fe, TX, high school gunner, Watt offered to cover the cost of funerals for all 10 victims. The man isn’t looking for publicity, nor trying to endear himself, period. He is no part “show boat” and isn’t running for sainthood.

His “seed gift” for Harvey victims—a pledge to match the first \$100,000 contributed—ballooned to more than \$37 million, includ-

ing a \$5 million gift from H-E-B, a grocery chain well-known for its charitable participation.

Much ink goes to athletes who disappoint by their abuses and excuses. We shake our heads, wondering what some of them will do next to embarrass themselves and their teams.

Watt is well-known for selfless acts.

A few years ago, Christian young people wore wristbands bearing the letters “WWJD,” initials for “What Would Jesus Do?”

If Watt’s teen fans had “WWJJD” letters on their bracelets, Jesus would probably be fully okay with it.

Whether he makes another tackle or signs another contract, Watt already has proven he values what is most important: Giving back.

He is to Texan fans what recently-retired Jason Witten is for Dallas Cowboys’ faithful. They were both first-round NFL draft choices. Watt and Witten are about the same size, and even have the same initials.

On the football field, Watt stars defensively; Witten was an offensive stand-out.

In the game of life, both of these heroes have heartbeats for humanity. They’re always lined up on the right side of the ball.

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DAILY PRAYER

When we pray, Lord, You remove our fears and worries and let us know that You have a plan for good in our lives. Amen.

Alberto it is: First named tropical system chugs toward Gulf

MIAMI (AP) — A storm moving slowly through the Caribbean Sea is threatening to bring heavy rainfall, mudslides, and flash floods to parts of Mexico, Cuba, Florida and the eastern U.S. Gulf Coast this weekend.

Subtropical Storm Alberto - the first named storm of the 2018 hurricane season - was

roiling parts of coastal Mexico and Cuba with rip currents and dangerous surf on Friday. Both countries issued tropical storm watches for portions of their coastlines, with rain totals in some isolated areas of up to 25 inches.

At 2 p.m. EDT, the National Hurricane Center in Miami said Alberto was located

about 60 miles (95 kilometers) south of Cozumel, Mexico, with maximum sustained winds of 40 mph (65 kph) with higher gusts. A gradual strengthening was expected through the weekend.

The U.S. was expected to start feeling Alberto's effects Saturday. The

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Permian Basin UWCD Water Level Averages

STANTON - Each year the Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District (PBUWCD) conducts measurements on observation wells in Howard and Martin Counties. The results of those measurements help determine the annual change of the aquifers in this area.

The difference of the average water level measurements between 2017 and 2018 is a drawdown of -1.93 ft. for the District.

For more information regarding water levels, please call the PBUWCD office at 432-756-2136.

H-E-B Voluntarily Issues a Precautionary Recall

H-E-B Ode to Olives Sliced Salad Olives being recalled for potential glass in the product

Special to the Herald

Committed to the quality of its products, H-E-B is voluntarily issuing an all-store precautionary recall for H-E-B Ode to Olives Sliced Salad Olives in 10-ounce glass jars with a best by date of Nov. 3, 2019 due to the possible presence of glass in the product.

There have been no injuries reported due to this incident, which customers reported to

H-E-B. All products related to this recall were sold at our Texas stores and have been removed from store shelves.

H-E-B is working closely with its H-E-B Ode to Olives Sliced Salad Olives manufacturer to ensure all safety measures are being taken when manufacturing the product.

The voluntary recall impacts the following product with the Best By date Nov. 3, 2019



SNAPSHOTS

By: Dan Holt's Daughter

The Drought

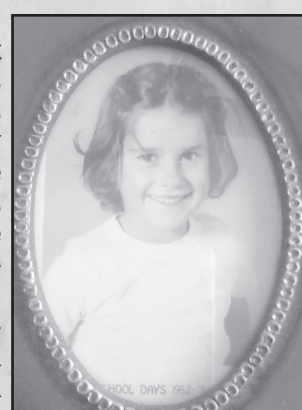
The worst drought in the history of Texas lasted for seven years from 1950 to 1957. By the time she was 7, the landscape of West Texas was brown, every shade of brown distinguishable to the human eye. Every spring, farmers faithfully plowed their fields and planted their seeds hoping and praying daily as they checked the parched ground for any sign of even the smallest sprouts of green to peek through. There was nothing to hold back the soil from being lifted up by the Moriah Winds and carried hundreds of miles eastward blanketing farms, ranches and towns in its path. Hills of sand blocked roadways and railroad tracks bringing travelers to a halt. Women hung wet blankets in the windows and doors in an effort to protect their homes from the relentless onslaught of dirt. When the mighty mesquite trees lost their green, hope turned brown as well. Many farms and ranches were abandoned. Some landowners returned, but most did not, leaving their misfortune in the hands of bankers.

Returning from a trip to town, she said pointing towards the west: "Daddy, What's that?"

Turning his head, "OH MY LORD!!! That's New Mexico coming right at us! We gotta hurry up and get home before it hits! Hang on Sis."

The ol' pickup groaned as it picked up speed. No way could it outrun that wall of boiling sand. It hit them full force. The windshield wipers labored to do the impossible; make the hood ornament visible. She noticed his hands gripping the steering wheel so tight that his knuckles were white. Sweat was dripping down his face. The roar of the wind was deafening.

It seemed like it took a lot longer



to get home than it actually did. After pulling up in the driveway, he just sat there in silence with his head bowed. Finally, when he was able to catch his breath, he said: "Sis, I think the worst is over." He went around to her side of the pickup, opened the door and lifted her out and carried her as he ran into the house.

Safely inside, she noticed tears in his eyes. "It's all right Daddy."

Later she overheard him tell Lissie: "I've never been so scared in my whole life."

Ever evening the two stood out on the back porch searching the sky for any sigh of clouds until the sun set. With a half smile, he'd say: "Well, Sis. Might as well go on in. Nothin's happenin' today."

Weeks turned into months which turned into years. The clouds that did show up brought no hope, just thunder.

The year she turned eleven, relief came in a spectacular way. Jumping off her bicycle, she runs into the house soaking wet. "Daddy, Daddy come see. Come see."

Out the door he heads to be welcomed by rain, REAL RAIN! They danced around in the front yard celebrating this momentous event; the first time she saw rain, REAL RAIN!

Laughing she says: "Rain feels wonderful!"

"It sure does, Sis. It sure does."

**"Rain, Rain, Rain
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Handcuffed Weinstein faces rape charge in #MeToo reckoning



AP photo

Harvey Weinstein arrives at the first precinct while turning himself to authorities following allegations of sexual misconduct, Friday, May 25, 2018, in New York.

NEW YORK (AP) — It was the moment the #MeToo movement had been waiting for: Harvey Weinstein in handcuffs.

His face pulled in a strained smile and his hands locked behind his back, the once-powerful Hollywood figure emerged from a police station Friday facing rape and criminal sex act charges, a searing reckoning for the man who became a symbol of a worldwide outcry over sexual misconduct.

"This defendant used his position, money and power to lure young women into situations where he was able to violate them sexually," Manhattan Assistant Attorney Joan Illuzzi-Orbon said later, in words that brought raised eyebrows from the otherwise stony-faced Weinstein.

The charges stem from encounters with two of the dozens of women — some famous, some not — who have accused him of sexual misdeeds. The rape charge involves a woman who has not

come forward publicly; the other is a onetime aspiring actress who was among his first accusers.

Weinstein has consistently denied any allegations of nonconsensual sex.

His lawyer, Benjamin Brafman, said Friday that he would fight to get the charges dismissed.

And he began to take aim at the accusations and accusers, noting that the alleged attacks weren't reported to police when they happened and suggesting potential jurors wouldn't believe the women.

"Assuming," he added, "we get 12 fair people who are not consumed by the movement that seems to have overtaken this case."

Asked about the raft of other allegations against Weinstein, Brafman said the case was a question of crime, not bad behavior.

"Mr. Weinstein did not invent the casting couch in Hollywood," the attorney said.

high winds come rough seas and a threat of rip currents from Florida to Louisiana that can sweep swimmers out to sea.

Red flags warning of dangerous surf conditions are already flying along some beaches. Jordan Sawmiller of Ohio tells WALA-TV that he was approaching the water with caution in Gulf Shores, Alabama.

"It will hit you pretty hard . and it sucks you right back out. So, I don't like getting in there very far," Sawmiller said.

A hotel owner in Panama City Beach, Florida, tells the Panama City News Herald that her family's five hotels are normally full on Memorial Day weekend. But Julie Hilton said people are cancelling because of the weather and room reservations are down about 20 percent.

Heavy rain could also be bad news for farmers. Georgia Peanut Commission Chairman and farmer Armond Morris and Tyron Spearman with the National Peanut Buying Points Association inspected a south Georgia peanut field Thursday. They told WALB-TV that farmers are worried about already-soaked young plants.

"Just hopeful that all the peanut stands will be OK, but we may have to replant some peanuts," said Morris.

Only 65 percent of the 2018 Georgia peanut crop has been planted.

"The crop is not growing as well as it should be," said University of Georgia Tifton peanut agronomist Scott Monfort. "So we are getting some cases of yellow peanuts just not growing."

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3.02 miles southwest of Vealmoor
A-347, Section 27, Block 33, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9000 feet
Latitude 032.499584, Longitude -101.615395. Datum: NAD 27
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875' FSL, 309' FWL of the survey

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Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
2.90 miles northwest of Luther
A-267, Section 9, Block 32, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey
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Latitude 032.273932, Longitude -101.300252. Datum: NAD 27
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#4201H Guitar South "4-7-A", drill horizontal, El: NA
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4.80 miles southwest of Big Spring
A-550, Section 1, Block A, Bauer & Cockrell survey
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A-1067, Section 6, Block 32, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,000 feet
Latitude 032.459279, Longitude -101.548784. Datum: NAD 27
323' FSL, 365' FWL of 959.46-acre lease
2308' FNL, 365' FWL of the survey

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Weinstein was released on \$1 million bail, with constant electronic monitoring and a ban on traveling beyond New York and Connecticut.

As he surrendered, the 66-year-old Weinstein found himself surrounded by lights and cameras in a spectacle he couldn't control.

"You sorry, Harvey?" came a shout from a throng of media as the once powerful movie mogul was led into a lower Manhattan courthouse.

Asked "what can you say?" Weinstein mildly

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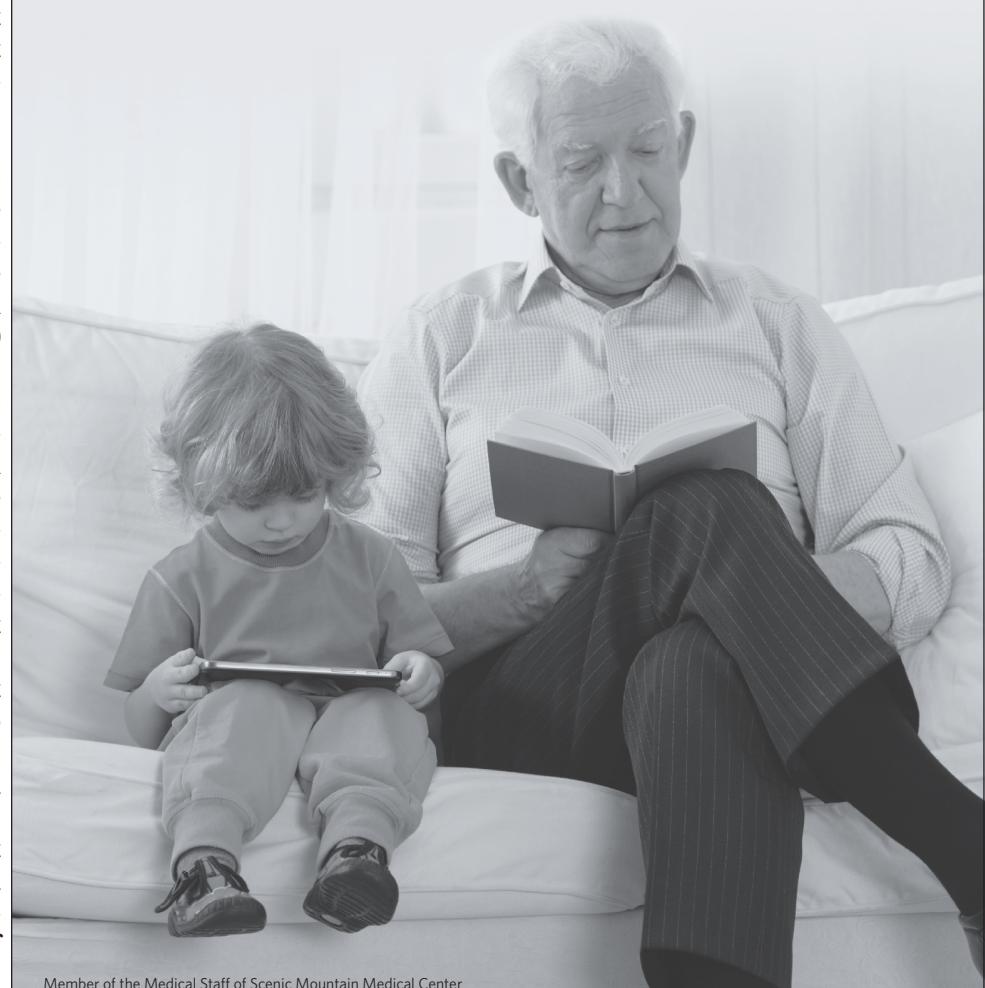
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hurricane center said up to 12 inches of rain was possible across the Florida Keys and southern and southwestern Florida. Residents in the storm's expected path were advised to monitor the storm's progress.

"Flooding potential will increase across this region early next week as Alberto is forecast to slow down after it moves inland," the hurricane center said.

The National Weather Service said a flash flood watch would be in effect from Saturday evening through Tuesday evening for southeastern Mississippi, southwestern Alabama, and the western Florida Panhandle.

A subtropical storm has a less defined and cooler center than a tropical storm, and its strongest winds are found farther from its center. Subtropical storms can develop into tropical storms, which in turn can strengthen into hurricanes. Alberto comes ahead of schedule: the six-month hurricane season doesn't begin until June 1.

Parts of Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana have already seen heavy rain this week, and further deluges could leave those areas vulnerable to flash flooding and river flooding. Some beachfront and riverfront communities are already handing out sandbags.

The downpours could dampen Memorial Day, the unofficial start of the summer tourist season along Gulf beaches. Along with heavy rains and

Texas school shooting victim family sues attacker's parents



AP photo

Tyler Morrison, student at Santa Fe High School, Texas, standing center, speaks during a roundtable discussion in Austin, Texas, Thursday, May 24, 2018, hosted by Texas Gov. Gregg Abbott to address safety and security at Texas schools in the wake of the shooting at Santa Fe. Thursday's roundtable included victims, students, families and educators from the Santa Fe, Alpine and Sutherland Springs communities.

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The family of one of the students killed in a Texas high school shooting filed a lawsuit against the alleged gunman's parents, claiming the shooter's father didn't properly secure the weapons and were negligent in entrusting him with firearms.

Authorities charged Dimitrios Pagourtzis, a 17-year-old student Santa Fe High School, with capital murder in the May 18 attack that killed eight students and two substitute teachers. Investigators said Pagourtzis used a shotgun and pistol belonging to his father that had been kept in a closet.

Texas law states that guns can't be made accessible to children under 17, with exceptions such as hunting or when under parent supervision. Parents can be charged with a misdemeanor punishable by up to one

year in jail and \$4,000 in fines if the child fires the weapon and causes serious injury or death.

Christopher Stone and Rosie Yanas, whose son Chris Stone, 17, was killed, filed a lawsuit in Galveston County on Thursday. Stone's funeral was Friday.

The lawsuit also argued that Pagourtzis' parents didn't obtain mental health counseling for their son and didn't warn the public about his "dangerous propensities." Dimitrios Pagourtzis posted a photo of a T-shirt emblazoned with the phrase "Born to Kill" on social media, and Gov. Greg Abbott has said the teenager had journals with writings indicating he planned the attack.

Pagourtzis family attorney Nicholas Poehl said he only represents them in the criminal

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Parsley Energy Operations, LLC #4302H Guitar South "4-7-A", drill horizontal, El: NA
303 Colorado, Suite 3000 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-39625
Austin, TX 78701-0000 4.80 miles southwest of Big Spring
Johnnethan Washington, Reg. Tech A-550, Section 1, Block A, Bauer & Cockrell survey
(512) 600-8855 Total Depth: 8470 feet
Latitude 032.237203, Longitude -101.567085. Datum: NAD 27
407' FNL, 1122' FWL of 946.8-acre lease
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Rule 37 Exception

Surge Operating, LLC #2SH Gardner Unit "15-10", drill horizontal, El: NA
7850 N. Sam Houston Pkwy West Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-39626
Suite 300 12.30 miles northwest of Big Spring
Houston, TX 77064-0000 A-325, Section 15, Block 33, T&P RR Co. survey
Gayle Foord, Regulatory Analyst Total Depth: 10,000 feet
(832) 333-2332 Latitude 032.423116, Longitude -101.578207. Datum: NAD 27
2505' FSL, 860' FEL of 491.53-acre lease
2505' FSL, 860' FEL of the survey

Surge Operating, LLC #6AH Moby Dick Unit "A 31-30", drill horizontal, El: NA
7850 N. Sam Houston Pkwy West Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-39627
Suite 300 7.93 miles northwest of Big Spring
Houston, TX 77064-0000 A-290, Section 31, Block 32, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Gayle Foord, Regulatory Analyst Total Depth: 10,000 feet
(832) 333-2332 Latitude 032.503665, Longitude -101.552870. Datum: NAD 27
341' FSL, 620' FEL of 361.38-acre lease
2295' FNL, 2176' FEL of the survey
Rule 37 Exception

Magellan Pipeline Company, L.P. #01 29.5, drill, El: NA
P.O. Box 22186 Wildcat Field (cathodic protection well)
Tulsa, OK 74121-2186 7.50 miles southwest of Big Spring
Phone #: NA A-367, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 500 feet
Latitude 032.170415, Longitude -101.567989. Datum: NAD 27
50' FSWL, 2596' FSEL of 1-acre lease
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SWR 36 (H2S)

Magellan Pipeline Company, L.P. #01 33.5, drill, El: NA
P.O. Box 22186 Wildcat Field (cathodic protection well)
Tulsa, OK 74121-2186 4.50 miles southwest of Big Spring
Phone #: NA A-369, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 500 feet
Latitude 032.187755, Longitude -101.501691. Datum: NAD 27
1800' FNWL, 50' FSWL of 1-acre lease
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Scurry County
#5507W Sharon Ridge Canyon Unit, re-enter, El: NA
Diamond "M" (Canyon Lime Area) Field, API #42-415-01151
16.80 miles southwest of Snyder
A-2513, Section 76, Block 25, H&TC RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 7400 feet
Latitude 032.362548, Longitude -101.090478. Datum: NAD 27
3312' FEL, 4847' FSL of 15,598.52-acre lease
660' FWL, 1980' FNL of the survey
SWR 36 (H2S)

Glasscock County
#17H Cheatham Houston "B", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-173-37892
20 miles northwest of Garden City
A-382, Section 11, Block 36, T-2-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,200 feet
X=1557792.6, Y=862195.6. Datum: NAD 27
677' FWL, 160' FSL of 641.2-acre lease
1937' FEL, 160' FSL of the survey
#18H Cheatham Houston "B", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-173-37893
20 miles northwest of Garden City
A-382, Section 11, Block 36, T-2-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,200 feet
X=1557836.3, Y=862206.5. Datum: NAD 27
722' FWL, 160' FSL of 641.2-acre lease
1892' FEL, 160' FSL of the survey

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shook his head and softly said "no."

Earlier, he lumbered into a police station carrying books that harkened to his show-business roots: one on the Broadway songwriting team of Rodgers and Hammerstein, and another about famed film director Elia Kazan.

During a half-hour in a cell, officials said, he sat on the floor and flipped through the Kazan biography. Later, in a courthouse booking area, he complained he felt faint and his handcuffs were too tight. Officers used three, linked sets to put his hands behind his back — a common procedure for heavyset prisoners. Other suspects who recognized him yelled out, "Yo, Harvey!"

The top charges against him carry the potential for up to 25 years in prison.

He's accused of confining a woman in a Manhattan hotel room and raping her in 2013, according to a court complaint.

The criminal sex act charge stems from a 2004 encounter between Weinstein and Lucia Evans, a then-aspiring actress who told The New Yorker magazine he forced her to perform oral sex during a daytime meeting in his office.

"We are relieved and

grateful that justice is coming, but we also mourn the cases where it didn't," her lawyer, Carrie Goldberg, said in a statement to The Associated Press.

More than 75 women have accused Weinstein of wrongdoing, and authorities in California and London are also investigating assault allegations. Brafman also has said that Weinstein was a "principal target" of an investigation being conducted by the U.S. attorney's office in Manhattan.

New York City police have also been investigating allegations by "Boardwalk Empire" actress Paz de la Huerta, who told police last fall that Weinstein raped her twice in 2010.

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case against the son and declined comment on the civil lawsuit. He did not know when the family would have attorney in the civil matter.

The lawsuit is not the first of its kind following a mass shooting.

Most recently, the family of one of the four people killed in a shooting at a Waffle House restaurant in Nashville, Tennessee, sued the suspected gunman's father, accusing the Illinois man of negligence. In that case, police said the gunman had displayed signs of mental illness before his Illinois gun card was revoked in 2017. His guns were transferred to his father, but police said the father returned them to his son at some point.

Texas law requires gun owners to "take steps that a reasonable person would take to prevent the access to a readily dischargeable firearm by a child, including but not limited to placing a firearm in a locked container or temporarily rendering the firearm inoperable by a trigger lock or other means."

Abbott, a staunch supporter of gun rights, said this week he's open to strengthening laws on gun storage and reporting lost or stolen weapons. But that suggestion is already drawing resistance from some gun rights lawmakers who said they would resist efforts for more government control of what happens inside the home.

"The idea of regulating and enforcing the storage of firearms is a nightmare. I will fight it forever," tweeted Republican Rep. Jonathan Stickland.

Alice Tripp, legislative director of the Texas State Rifle Association, met with Abbott this week during the governor's roundtable talks on school safety and mass shootings. Tripp said attendees were told that authorities have used the law to charge parents 62 times since it was first enacted in 1995.

On Friday, a group of Santa Fe High School students called for stronger home gun storage laws. They spoke at an event organized by March For Our Lives, which formed after the deadly February shooting at a high school in Parkland, Florida.

The students also called for enhanced security at schools and mental health background checks for anyone trying to buy a firearm.

Student Bree Butler said she supports gun ownership and her family owns guns, but they are locked safely away and she doesn't have combination to the gun locker.

"It's so important that we understand that none of us are trying to take your guns away," Butler said.

Three of the Santa Fe victims were buried Friday.

Mourners gathered in the Houston suburb of Crosby for 15-year-old Christian Riley Garcia. Friends and family described him as brave "far beyond his years" and said he often put the needs of others before himself. Friends said Garcia used his body as a barricade against a closet door in a classroom to keep the shooter from entering.

Stone was buried in League City. Substitute teacher Cynthia Tisdale, who was married for nearly 40 years and had three children and eight grandchildren, was buried in Dickinson.

NOT REAL NEWS: A look at what didn't happen this week

A roundup of some of the most popular but completely untrue headlines of the week. None of these stories is legit, even though they were shared widely on social media. The Associated Press checked these out. Here are the real facts:

NOT REAL: American Restaurant Granted Permission to Sell Dog Meat!

THE FACTS: A long-circulated false article about a California restaurant putting canine flesh on its menu offers this new twist: the sales are going forward as a court considers whether selling dishes of dog is protected in the U.S. as part of freedom of religion. But the Los Angeles County public health department says there's no such restaurant there called Puchow de Manila Eatery and Fine Dining, and they noted it's illegal in the state to sell dog meat for human consumption. The most recent version of the story, which has circulated since at least 2014, alleges an unnamed "Filipino group" asked an unspecified Supreme Court to lift the ban because it violated members' religious rights. The article on the grandmeli site said that in the meantime, the restaurant had "provisional permission" to serve the meat. The site couldn't be reached for comment, as it published no contact information and registered the page through a third-party service.

NOT REAL: The U.S. District Attorney Has Announced That He Will Be Pursuing Charges of Treason Against the Former President Barack Obama

THE FACTS: A website is recirculating an inaccurate story claiming an FBI official announced he's investigating former President Barack Obama for treason. The latest version of the story appeared on a site called webviners. It alleged FBI



AP photo

In this Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2015 file photo, a rat sits on the ledge of a Times Square subway platform in New York. On Friday, May 25, 2018, The Associated Press has found that stories circulating on the internet that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration warned consumers that about 1 million pounds of rat meat being sold as boneless chicken wings are untrue.

general counsel Dana Boente will pursue such charges, but Boente never made such an announcement. Also, the piece incorrectly identified him as "the U.S. District Attorney." The article also erred in claiming Obama demoted Boente at some unspecified time during his administration, removing him from a Justice Department position that was second in line behind the attorney general, and that President Donald Trump reversed that action. Obama nominated Boente in 2015 to lead federal prosecutions in Virginia's eastern district, and Boente remained in that job through the rest of Obama's term. After Trump took office in January 2017, the new president brought Boente to the Justice Department in Washington, where he has served in several senior roles. He officially left the prosecutor's job in Virginia in October.

The webviners site administrators could not be reached for comment.

NOT REAL: Million Pounds Of Rat Meat Being Sold As Chicken Wings In U.S.

THE FACTS: The U.S. Food and Drug Administration hasn't issued a warning to consumers about 1 million pounds of rat meat being sold as boneless chicken wings and officials didn't seize any such meat from China at the Port of San Francisco. Such claims have circulated on social media for more than a year. The latest version appeared on the Gun Society site. In an email this week, FDA spokesman Peter Cassell said the story isn't true. While the tale has been published in the past as satire, the Gun Society site didn't present it that way and did not offer contact information for a response.

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Houston Astros rally vs Miller

By STEVE HERRICK

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — The Houston Astros kicked off a late rally Friday night against relief ace Andrew Miller, then put their entire offensive arsenal on display.

Jose Altuve tied it with a two-run double off Miller in the eighth and then scored the go-ahead run on Marwin Gonzalez's squeeze bunt, and the Astros scored 11 times in the final two innings to beat the Cleveland Indians 11-2.

Altuve dived across home plate to score on Gonzalez's bunt against Cody Allen, who then loaded the bases and walked in a run.

Altuve had been hitless in his last 11 at-bats before the clutch double.

"We won the latter half of the game pretty convincingly," Astros manager A.J. Hinch said. "We continued to have good at-bats. If you put up those kind of at-bats against Miller and Allen, that's a good sign."

Houston has won 13 of 16 and is 4-1

Miller was pulled after allowing Altuve's double, and Gonzalez then laid down a perfect bunt toward the mound off Allen. Allen picked up the ball, but his flip to catcher Yan Gomes



Houston Astros' Jose Altuve celebrates after hitting a two-run double off Cleveland Indians relief pitcher Andrew Miller during the eighth inning of a baseball game Friday, May 25, 2018, in Cleveland.

AP photo

was too late to get Altuve as he dived across the plate.

"Marwin is as good as anybody we have at that play, and we have one of the fastest runners in baseball at third base," Hinch said.

Houston has won 13 of 16 and is 4-1

against Cleveland this season.

Miller escaped a seventh-inning jam by getting pinch-hitter J.D. Davis to hit into a pinch-play with the bases loaded. The left-hander was charged with three runs in two-thirds of an inning. Allen loaded the bases and then

walked Max Stassi.

Miller has struggled since missing two weeks with a strained hamstring. Springer led off the eighth with a double and Alex Bregman walked. Both runners scored when Altuve doubled into the left field corner.

"I'm definitely not sharp," Miller said. "I wish I had the answers. I think there's flashes of it, but it's been a pretty big grind lately."

Joe Smith (2-1) recorded the final out in the seventh.

Corey Kluber and Dallas Keuchel locked up in a battle of AL Cy Young Award winners. Kluber pitched 6 1/3 scoreless innings and Keuchel gave up two runs in six innings.

Kluber was the Cy Young winner in 2014 and last season, while Keuchel won the award in 2015.

Cleveland scored in the third on Jose Ramirez's RBI double and again in the sixth on Jason Kipnis' groundball with the bases loaded.

Cleveland's bullpen continued to struggle. A solid outing by Kluber was wasted and even the two best relievers struggled in the latest loss.

"You're struggling pretty good," manager Terry Francona said. "It was 2-0 and (Kluber) gets you into the seventh. We got out of that OK. After that, boy, we didn't have an answer of anything."

Rangers defeat Royals 8-4

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Ronald Guzman insists he isn't a home run hitter. The Kansas Royals might not believe that.

The rookie first baseman homered in his fourth straight start and drove in three runs, leading the Texas Rangers over the Royals 8-4 on Friday night.

Guzman finished 2 for 4, including his sixth home run of the season. Guzman started three games against the New York Yankees earlier this week and homered in each, but struck out as a pinch-hitter against the Royals on Thursday night.

Before that, Guzman was batting just .187 with two homers in 91 at-bats. Since then, he's

7 for 15 (.467) with the four homers and eight RBIs.

"I've been working real hard in the cages. I'm seeing the pitches a lot better," Guzman said. "I'm just trying to see the ball for more time, so I'm loading a little earlier now and that helps me to see the ball better."

The 23-year-old had his minor league career high of 16 homers in 2016, and manager Jeff Banister expects more.

"I know the power was not necessarily the thing in the minor leagues, but he was a good hitter," Banister said. "This is a big, strong guy."

Nomar Mazara also had a homer and three RBIs for Texas, which has won three of the first five games of a seven-game homestand.

Mike Minor (4-3) gave up home runs to Mike Moustakas and Jorge Soler, but earned the victory that ended Kansas City's season-best three-game winning streak. Minor allowed four runs and seven hits in six innings.

"I feel like it's just OK," Minor said. "I think I should be a lot better. Lately, it's just keeping the ball in the park."

Keone Kela retired Salvador Perez on a fly-out with the bases loaded for his 11th save in as many opportunities.

Royals lefty Eric Skoglund (1-5) allowed three home runs, all to left-handed batters. Shin-Soo Choo hit a solo homer in the first inning, Guzman gave the Rangers their first lead with a two-run shot in the fourth and Mazara added his 12th of the season in the fifth.

"I just missed up in the zone," Skoglund said. "Wasn't able to establish the fastball."

Moustakas had given the Royals a 2-0 lead in



Texas Rangers' Hanser Alberto (2) leaps to high-five Ronald Guzman (67) after Guzman's home run during the fourth inning against the Kansas City Royals in a baseball game Friday, May 25, 2018, in Arlington, Texas.

AP photo

the top of the first with his 11th home run, a liner to right field.

Choo brought Texas within a run in the bottom of the inning with a line drive into the corner of the right-center field bullpen.

The Rangers tied it in the third when Delino DeShields led off with a triple and scored as Mazara beat a double-play relay to first base on what would have been the third out.

Soler's two-out solo homer in the top of the fourth restored Kansas City's lead at 3-2.

"It was just bad pitches, really," Minor said. "They took advantage of it. A hanging slider and a get-me-over fastball away."

With two outs in the bottom of the fourth, Guzman hit a two-run homer, a towering fly ball into the right-field seats, to put Texas ahead for good at 4-3.

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LeBron pushes Cavs to Game 7 vs. Celtics

By TOM WITHERS

AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND — LeBron James chose Boston as the place he'll play next.

Game 7 is on. And any talk about James' future is on hold.

Delivering another performance for the ages, James scored 46 points and preserved his reign atop the Eastern Conference for at least one more game as the Cleveland Cavaliers shook off losing All-Star Kevin Love with a head injury and beat the Celtics 109-99 on Friday night to force a decisive climax to this back-and-forth series.

James, playing in perhaps his final game for the Cavs in Cleveland, added 11 rebounds and nine assists while playing all but two minutes — to avoid elimination and delay any decisions about where he'll continue his remarkable career next season.

"Greatness," Cavs coach Tyronn Lue said. "Championship pedigree. Giving it his all. We needed that, especially when Kevin went down. We had to play 'Bron as many minutes as he had to. He delivered. He was up for the challenge. He carried us home as usual."

The king is not dead, and he still has a chance to make his eighth straight NBA Finals.

This series, in which home court has meant everything, will have a fitting conclusion Sunday at TD Garden, where the Celtics are 10-0 this postseason.

"It's a Game 7," James said. "It's something that you wish you had when you're done playing, but more than that, it's just basketball for me. I know what I'm capable of doing, and I'm going to trust everything I put into it."

George Hill added 20 points, and Jeff Green 14 for the Cavs, who lost Love in the first quarter after he banged heads with Boston rookie Jayson Ta-



AP photo

Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James reacts after making a 3-point shot during the second half of Game 6 of the team's NBA basketball Eastern Conference finals against the Boston Celtics, Friday, May 25, 2018, in Cleveland. The Cavaliers won 109-99.

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Terry Rozier paced the Celtics — now 1-6 on the road — with 28 points, and Jaylen Brown had 27.

The Celtics were still within seven in the final three minutes before James made consecutive 3-pointers, punctuating the second by pounding his chest with both fists and screaming along with 20,562 others.

"The love of the game," James said, explaining his reaction. "It's a feeling you can't explain."

Just for good measure, he added a three-point play and then was taken out of the game to a rousing ovation and chants of "Cavs in 7!"

Boston's improbable run through the postseason without injured stars

Kyrie Irving and Gordon Hayward will now take the Celtics back home, where they play with more intensity, togetherness and before fans hungry to see an 18th title banner raised to their arena's rafters.

"It's not going to be pretty," Celtics guard Marcus Smart said. "We've got to come out ready to get our nose bloody and our mouth bloody. We've got to come out ready to fight. You've got to find a way, whatever it takes."

Love went out with a head injury in the first quarter, forcing Lue to juggle his rotations and keep James on the floor longer than he wanted to. The three-time champion played the first 35 minutes without a break and then endured the final eight while nursing

a right leg.

James didn't know until after the game that teammate Larry Nance Jr. had banged into him.

"I felt some pain throughout my entire right side of my ankle into my leg," he said. "I was just hoping for the best, obviously, because I've seen so many different injuries, and watching basketball with that type of injury, someone fall into one's leg standing straight up. Luckily, I was able to finish the game."

Hill, who came over in a deadline trade, has been awed by what James has done in this postseason.

"I've been in the league for some years and ran across him on the other side and really hated his guts," said Hill, who was on Indiana teams eliminated by James. "But to have him on our side, it kind of lets me take a deep breath of fresh air. It's just something that you really can't explain what he's doing night in, night out. It's just something special."

"I thought the best was when he always put us out. But to actually see it when he's on your team, I can't even put it into words."

The real possibility that James was playing his last game in Cleveland hung over the game — and this city — in the hours leading to tip-off. Everyone had an opinion on what James will do next and that discussion filled the sports talk radio airwaves, bars and barber shops.

The 33-year-old has said several times since coming home in 2014 that he wants to retire with the Cavaliers, but fans are uneasy because he can opt out of his \$35.6 million contract this summer and test free agency.

And, of course, he left in 2010.

James has said he'll sit down after the season ends to decide next move, and he's already being courted in Philadelphia, Los Angeles and New York where fans can only dream of him joining their rosters.

For now, he's only going to Boston.

Cavs' Love has head injury, status for Game 7 unknown

By TOM WITHERS

AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND — Kevin Love's troubled season has twisted again.

The Cavaliers All-Star forward, who has battled injuries and criticism while revealing he suffered panic attacks in the past, may have to sit out Game 7 of the Eastern Conference finals after injuring his head Friday night during the first quarter of Cleveland's 109-99 win over the Boston Celtics.

Love was kept out of the second half of Game 6 following his violent collision with Celtics rookie Jayson Tatum.

Cleveland's medical staff checked Love for a concussion, and the team announced at halftime the 29-year-old would not return to the game as a precaution.

Love has not been placed in concussion protocol, but that could change if he has an onset of symptoms — headaches, dizziness, sensitivity to light — in the hours ahead.

He will be re-examined Saturday before the team flies to Boston.

Cavs coach Tyronn Lue did not know if he would have his second-best player for the season's biggest game as the Cavs try to win their fourth straight conference title.

Following Game 6, Love told a reporter it was "a toss-up" whether he would be able to face the Celtics.

Love is Cleveland's most reliable scoring option after LeBron James, who scored 46 points in another tour-de-force performance in Game 6 — possibly his last game with the Cavs.

James, too, is hurting.

Teammate Larry Nance Jr. fell into James' right leg in the fourth quarter, and the three-time champion said there was a moment when he feared his injury was serious.

"I felt some pain throughout my entire right side of my ankle into my leg," said James, who played 46 of 48 minutes. "I was just hoping for the best, obviously, because I've seen

so many different injuries, and watching basketball with that type of injury, someone fall into one's leg standing straight up. Luckily, I was able to finish the game."

James doesn't have much time to recover, and sleep will be imperative.

"It'll be around-the-clock treatment, and we'll see what happens," he said.

James walked slowly, almost shuffling his feet as he left Quicken Loans Arena early Saturday morning.

Love and Tatum inadvertently collided midway through the quarter and both immediately dropped to the floor. Love, who has a history with concussions, raised his left arm as if to signal he needed help. He stayed down for several minutes and sat rubbing his head before he was pulled to his feet.

Love walked unsteadily to the bench with guard George Hill holding one of his arms. He spent a few moments on the bench before heading to the locker room for further

evaluation. Love didn't score and had five rebounds before getting hurt.

Tatum was checked on the bench and stayed in the game.

"I didn't see him coming, it was bad," Tatum said. "I have a knot on the back of my head, I should be all right. I wish the best for Kevin Love because he's a great player, and it's been a long season."

The Cavs appeared to be in big trouble when he went out in Game 6, but Cleveland got 20 points from Hill, 14 from Jeff Green and 10 from Larry Nance Jr. to offset losing Love.

"Very encouraging," Lue said of the contributions. "I think when you lose an All-Star like Kevin and our second go-to guy, pivotal part of what we try to do, and when he goes down and then you help your brother up, that's what they did. Kevin left the game. He didn't come back, and guys got together and they played. They played for Kevin. They played for each

other and were able to get the win."

For Love, who missed most of the 2015 playoffs with a separated shoulder, the head injury is the latest blow in what has been a challenging few months.

In March, he disclosed that he had suffered a panic attack during a game in November, and he experienced a similar episode in January. Following the second incident, several players challenged Love in a team meeting that came shortly after he had left that game and missed a subsequent practice.

Love, who has suffered at least two prior concussions, was also sidelined seven weeks with a broken left hand.

He's had a fairly steady 2018 postseason, averaging 14.8 points and 10.4 rebounds but his critics have often insisted he should be doing more.

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New York	32	15	.681		
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13-8					
Toronto	24	27	.471		
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12-10					
Tampa Bay	23	26	.469		
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Baltimore	17	34	.333		
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Detroit	22	28	.440		
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Chicago	15	33	.313		
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San Francisco (Stratton 5-3) at
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HERALD photo/Amber Mansfield
The photos above show the Abstract Photography facility here in Big Spring, located at 213 E 3rd St. across from the Hotel Settles.

By: AMER MANSFIELD
Staff Writer

A photographer's perception of the world around them is generally different than most. Photographers not only see what other see, but they also notice the colors, lightings, contrast, as well as the compositions of the world around them. As photographers see life through the lens of a

camera, that's how one local photographer, Ashley Garza, looks at life as well.

Ashley was born and raised in Big Spring, Texas, and has many skill sets such as an artist, graphic designer, teacher, and photography. She has always had a passion for photography, creating moments for herself, and found she loves doing it for strangers as well. This passion of Ashley's didn't spark over night. It's been in the making for years, molding her into the person she is today.

"I remember how important each event was to me. Still to this day as I look back at albums and pictures with my family, my parents have a story for every photograph," said Garza. "I am passionate about the details that come together to create a work of art. I seek out those special moments whether it's filled with laughter and excitement, or tears of overwhelmed happiness." Garza's passion of photography is so fierce that she decided to open up her own place of business so she can do it for a living.

"I started out having a studio in my house in the spare bedroom, and just having a business through Facebook," said Garza. "Then my husband and

I found out I was pregnant and I was like 'Oh! I might need to find a new studio.'" It was then that she went and bought the Abstract Photography building with the old timey gas pumps outside of it, that can be seen on 3rd St. across from the Settles.

She specializes in family photography and newborns, and loves to travel for sessions. She will even make a book highlighting newborn's first year leading up to their one year birthday party with a cake to smash to go with it. Garza also teams up with Glam Salon here in Big Spring, and has a Boudoir Bash for any lovely ladies who want to get dolled up and feel elegant with a splash of sexiness.

"Some ladies love to give it to a special someone as a gift or just because, but I love when ladies come to me during the Boudoir Bash and want to do it just for them," said Garza. "This is something I love to do. When you create your own moments through photographs it is something that can be passed down and shared for a life time, or even kept as a special time and moment

for you."

The famous photographer, Ansel Adams, who captured landscapes once said, "You don't make a photograph just with a camera. You bring to the act of photography all the pictures you have seen, the books you have read, the music you have heard, and the people you have loved."

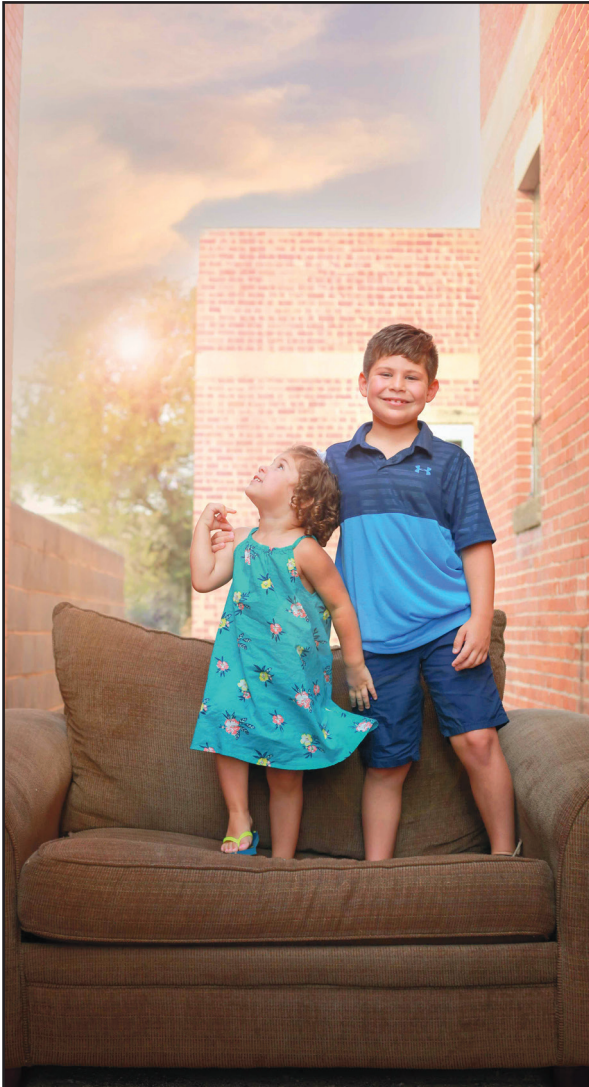
The art of photography is about making photographs, not taking snapshots or clichéd photographs.



HERALD photo/Amber Mansfield
In the photo above, Ashley is hard at work in her studio during a photoshoot.



HERALD photo/Amber Mansfield
Ashley examines her photos on her camera during a photoshoot at her studio.



Courtesy photos
Here are just a few examples of how some of Garza's photographs turn out. Garza specializes in newborns and family photos.



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The couple met in Oklahoma City and married March 15th 1968, and have moved and lived in several different cities and states, experiencing what

life and marriage had to offer. They have had one daughter and three sons, and they have eight grandkids and five great grandkids.

Know the couple are both retired Loren, from the oilfield, and Gerri, substitute teaching. They attend Big Spring Full Gospel Fellowship Church and are both involved in Ministry. Loren teaches Adult Bible Study. Gerri is involved in music and Youth Ministry. Jesus is the most important person in their lives, and their secret to a long a happy marriage.

Both still in love and ready for 50 more.


Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself.
George Bernard Shaw

A New Journey



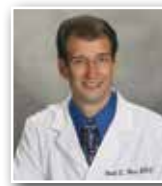
Sawyer Jordan Roberts, and Hailey Nicole Parks will exchange wedding vows this weekend in Abilene, Texas. Tom Parks, father of the bride will give Hailey away to her new family to start hew new journey. Hailey is teacher at Runnels Christian Academy and Sawyer is now a coach and teacher at Big Spring Junior High.

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Wylie High School student wins Congressional Art Competition

Special to the Herald

Congressman Jodey Arrington (TX-19) today announced Audrey Orson of Wylie High School as the winner of the 2018 Congressional Art Competition for the Nineteenth District of Texas. Audrey's piece, titled "Grounded Generation," will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol Building for one year.

"With cotton being so important to our region's identity and economic success, it is encouraging to see a younger generation of West Texan not only appreciate cotton's impact on our region and to the nation, but to translate that into art," said Arrington. "Audrey's artwork will reflect West Texas, the largest cotton patch in the world, in the halls of our nation's Capitol building, and we look forward to seeing her God-given talent displayed alongside the best pieces from across the country!"

Each spring, members of the U.S. House of Representatives host a nation-wide high school

arts competition is sponsored by Congressional Institute. The Congressional Art Competition is an opportunity to recognize and encourage the artistic talent in the nation, as well as in Texas's 19th Congressional District, and began in 1982, bringing in more than 650,000 high school participants.

The competition is open to all high school students in our district. The exhibit in Washington will include the winning artwork from all participating districts from around the country. Her artwork will also be featured on House.gov's Congressional Art Competition page.

Congressman Jodey Arrington is a member of the U.S. House of Representatives serving the Nineteenth Congressional District of Texas. He serves as a member of the House Agriculture Committee, House Budget Committee, and Chairman of the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.



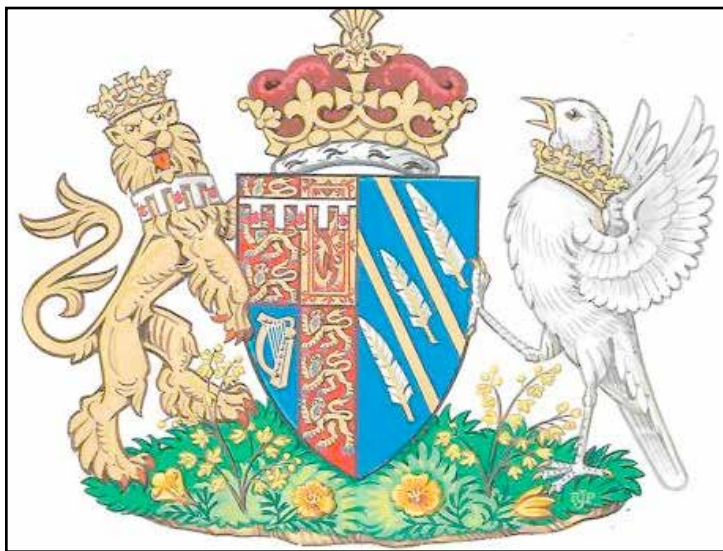
The photo above shows the art work created by Audrey Orson, for the 2018 Congressional Art Competition. Her piece of work, along with a few chosen others, will go on display at the U.S Capitol Building for one year.

Coat of Arms is revealed for the new Duchess of Sussex

LONDON (AP) — Britain's Kensington Palace has given details of the newly created Coat of Arms for the former Meghan Markle — an honor which is accorded by tradition to the nobility.

The Coat of Arms for the Duchess of Sussex, as she is now formally known, includes symbols that invoke the former actress' background and look to her future.

It features a blue background that represents the Pacific Ocean and golden rays of sunshine reminiscent of California, her home state in America. The shield includes three quills, representing the power of words. A collection of golden poppies, Cali-



fornia's state flower, sit on the grass beneath the shield together with wintersweet, which grows at Kensington Palace.

Officials said Meghan, who wed Prince Harry on May 19 in a spectacular ceremony at Windsor Castle, worked closely with the College of Arms in London to create the design.



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Roger's Reviews - Solo: A Star Wars Story

"I'm Han Solo, captain of the Millennium Falcon. Chewie here tells me you're looking for passage to the Alderaan system." With these words, Harrison Ford slid into his bar table seat and into our hearts as the sarcastic, egotistical smuggler on the silver screen for the first time. That was 41 years ago.

This week, the movie "Solo: A Star Wars Story" hit theaters with Alden Ehrenreich in the title role. While he's no Harrison Ford — which you almost have to be to play Han Solo well — he does a fairly credible job, and the movie provides enough Star Wars nostalgia to bridge the gap. At least it did for me; your parsec count may vary.



ROGER CLINE

The film picks up on the streets of Corellia, a full-planet industrial and urban jungle, where young street rat hoodlums pull capers under the guidance of the gang boss Lady Proxima (Linda Hunt). When a simple exchange with another gang goes bad, young Han steals a landspeeder and flees back to Proxima's headquarters, where he meets up with his girlfriend Qi'ra (Emilia Clarke). He has concealed a small canister of hyperspace fuel, which he plans to sell to buy passage off the planet for himself and Qi'ra, but members of Proxima's crew confront the pair and drag Han to meet with Proxima, who turns out to be a water-dwelling slug-like creature. After her goons beat him a while for his failure at the exchange, Han has had enough and fights back, escaping with Qi'ra. The two flee toward the spaceport, but Proxima's thugs are in pursuit. Eventually they make a deal with a ticket seller and flee for the door to board their ship, but the thugs catch Qi'ra and drag her back inside as the doors close. Han vows to return for her when he can, and flees.

At his destination, Han is unsure how to proceed. He sees an ad for the Imperial Navy, so decides on a whim to join up and learn how to fly a spaceship. This is a nice scene for Star

Wars fans — watch closely; the recruiter gives young Han something kind of important.

When we next see Han Solo, he's in the middle of some military engagement, not in a spaceship, but on the ground, being shot at from all sides. He jumps in a crater for cover, where he bumps into Captain Tobias Beckett (Woody Harrelson) and his crew (Thandie Newton as Val Beckett, Tobias' wife; and Jon Favreau as Rio Durant, their alien pilot). The trio are disguised as Imperial soldiers, but are actually running a heist to steal Imperial military equipment.

Recognizing them for what they are, Han tries to blackmail them into letting him join the crew, but Tobias orders some Imperial soldiers to arrest Han. They throw him in with "The Beast." Guess who the Beast turns out to be? None other than a certain large walking carpet of a Wookiee by the name of Chewbacca (Joonas Suotamo). Chewie is being held in a pit. Han is thrown in, but luckily he speaks a little bit of Wookiee and manages to convince Chewbacca to team up with him. Chewie knocks out a support pole, causing the guards to tumble into the pit while Han and his new friend escape. They run to meet up with Beckett at his spaceship, hoping that Han's demonstrated resourcefulness and the addition of Chewie's muscles will convince the smuggler to take them on as crew members. They agree, and off they all fly.

I'll stop the narrative there. Also look out for Donald Glover as gambler and smuggler Lando Calrissian; Phoebe Waller-Bridge as L3-37, Lando's droid co-pilot, who has some distinct opinions about droid rights; Paul Bettany as Dryden Vos, a crime lord and the leader of the powerful "Crimson Dawn" gang; Erin Kellyman as Enfys Nest, the leader of a



pirate gang; and Warwick Davis as Weazel, part of her gang. Also look for Ray Park reprising a certain role voiced by Sam Witwer; and, though you won't recognize him, Anthony Daniels as Tak, a Wookiee slave.

I guarantee Star Wars purists will be disappointed with "Solo." Ehrenreich, as I've said, is no Harrison Ford, and there are fans of the franchise who won't be satisfied with anyone else in the role. There are a couple of flaws with this theory; one, Harrison Ford couldn't have played a Han Solo this young. Because he's old. Two, Han Solo in "Solo" isn't the same Han Solo we know from "A New Hope"; he's younger, more naive, less cynical. This movie shows part of the experiences that molded him into the character we all know and love. This is the movie that taught him to "shoot first."

There's a lot of Star Wars questions answered in this film: How did Han and Chewie meet? How did Han come

to own the Millennium Falcon? What is the Kessel Run? How did Han meet Lando Calrissian? Where did Han get his iconic blaster pistol? How did Han get mixed up with Jabba the Hutt? That kind of "filling in the gaps" is pure gold to a Star Wars fan.

It's not a perfect movie, but it's enjoyable and nostalgic enough to this Star Wars fan for me to give it eight and a half stars out of 10.

Solo: A Star Wars Story
Director: Ron Howard
Writers: Jonathan Kasdan and Lawrence Kasdan; based on characters by George Lucas

Production company: Lucasfilm Ltd.
PG-13; 2 hrs. 15 min.; Action/Adventure/Fantasy; May 25, 2018

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

Tommy Chong reflects on pot's evolution as he turns 80

By JOHN ROGERS

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Yeah man, Tommy Chong says he always knew he'd live to see the day marijuana legalization would be sweeping America.

He knew when he and partner Cheech Marin pioneered stoner comedy 50 years ago, a time when taunting the establishment with constant reminders that they didn't just play hippie potheads in the movies — they really were those guys — could have landed them in prison. He even knew in 2003 when Chong was imprisoned for nine months for conspiring to distribute handcrafted artisanal bongos the government declared drug paraphernalia.

"Oh yeah, I saw it coming," he says of cannabis being legal in some form in about two-thirds of his adopted country's 50 states.

"In fact, I kind of planned the whole thing out," he jokes. "Well, maybe I was a little premature with that bong thing. But other than that, I was pretty much right on point." So much so that when the High Priest of Stoner Comedy turns 80 on Thursday — that's right, 80 — he expects his Chong's Choice brand of marijuana, available in legal dispensaries in several states, will be consumed in abundance at the parties his family is planning.

"Tommy likes to say he tests every single batch. Which obviously he does. And he really enjoys it," his son Paris Chong says with a laugh.

"For this one, make sure that whatever you have to eat around the house is healthy because you'll find yourself munching away like crazy," the elder Chong says as he holds up a jar containing a dozen or so choice green buds.

"Oh, and we have chocolates too," he says, reaching for a package of candies that vaguely resemble Tootsie Rolls. Not that he was ever a heavy pot user, Chong says, just a consistent connoisseur.

"When I was 17, a jazz musician gave me a Lenny Bruce record and a joint at the same time, and it changed my life," he recalls. "I quit school I think a week later and went on the road and became a blues musician and eventually a comedian, and the rest, as they say, is history." His group Bobby Taylor and the Vancouvers was signed to Motown, and Chong co-wrote the band's only hit, "Does Your Mama Know About Me," a smooth R&B tune that rose to No. 29 on the Billboard Hot 100 in 1968.

When no other hits followed, Motown dropped the group, and the Canadian-born Chong returned to Vancouver, British Columbia, where he ran a pair of strip clubs with his brother. There he crossed paths with Richard Marin, a Mexican-American art student from Los Angeles eight years his junior, who asked to join the house band. The pair began warming up audiences with stoner jokes, and a comedy team was born. After some discussion of what to call themselves — Chong says "Richard

and Tommy" and "Chong and Marin" were quickly rejected — they settled on Cheech, Marin's nickname, and Chong. By then, Motown had helped Chong obtain a green card, and the two headed to fame and fortune in Los Angeles. On a recent early morning, Chong answers the door for a photo shoot at his longtime home in the hills overlooking L.A.'s wealthy Brentwood section, arriving in gray jeans, sandals and a black T-shirt advertising the name of a Colorado cannabis dispensary he recently visited. He offers to change into another shirt for the photos before deciding to stick with the original.

"Don't want to ruin my image," he concludes with a smile. As a photographer sets up, Chong polishes off a breakfast of oatmeal topped with sliced banana. In recent years, he's become a vegetarian, although he backslides.

"Especially if you put a plate of dim sum in front of me. Of course, that's my cultural heritage." Chong, whose father emigrated from China before World War II, mostly identifies culturally as Chinese, although he's equally proud of his Scotch, Irish and Native American ancestry from his mother's side. Married for more than 40 years to his wife, Shelby, he's a family man with six grown children, three grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

More than just a stoner comedian, he's been a passionate marijuana advocate for decades. He used cannabis during a bout with prostate cancer 10 years ago and more recently during treatment and recovery from colorectal cancer.

He finds it ironic that if the U.S. government hadn't outlawed marijuana in the early 20th cen-

ture, he and Marin might never have had a comedy career.

Before the pair's bitter 1980s breakup, Cheech and Chong dominated comedy for 15 years. They released five Grammy-nominated, best-selling albums between 1971 and 1976, winning the 1973 Grammy for "Los Cochinos." Turning to films, they wrote and starred in a half-dozen, beginning with 1978's "Up in Smoke."

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Above, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce representatives oversee a ribbon cutting ceremony at Marcy Place Enlivant Community, 2301 Wasson Rd. Below, Chamber representatives present a thank you banner to The Salvation Army of Big Spring, 811 W. Fifth St., for their investment in the local community.



Stocks dip as oil prices and energy companies fall sharply

By MARLEY JAY

AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Energy companies and oil prices took their worst losses in months Friday on reports OPEC countries plan to produce more oil soon. Stock indexes finished an indecisive week with small losses.

U.S. crude oil sank 4 percent after multiple reports indicated that Russia and OPEC could start producing more oil soon. They cut production at the start of 2017 following a big buildup in supplies that had pushed prices lower.

In November they extended that cut through the end of 2018, but according to reports this week, they might agree to start raising production in June. U.S. crude finished at a three-year high Monday and has fallen 6 percent since then.

The drop in the price of oil has meant sharp losses for energy companies, but it gave airlines a boost as investors anticipated lower fuel costs. Bond yields declined again, which hurt banks but helped dividend-payers like household goods makers.

Wall Street also focused on quarterly results from retailers. Gap plunged after it said its namesake brand is still struggling, but Foot Locker soared after it said sales of premium shoes improved.

Terry Sandven, chief equity strategist at U.S. Bank Wealth Management, said energy companies and oil prices had made big gains lately and were due to slow down. He said the growing global economy is going to help the industry in the longer term.

"If you look at the sectors that are outperforming, it's those that tend to be pro-growth," he said, especially technology and consumer-focused companies. Over the last month that growth, and the strong company profits that come with it, have not translated into gains for stocks. Sandven said that could change when companies start reporting their second-quarter results in July.

The S&P 500 index slid 6.43 points, or 0.2 percent, to 2,721.33. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 58.67 points, or 0.2 percent, to 24,753.09. The Nasdaq composite climbed 9.42 points, or 0.1 percent, to 7,433.85 as consumer-focused companies moved higher. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks lost 1.29 points, or 0.1 percent, to 1,626.93.

U.S. markets will be closed Monday for the Memorial Day holiday.

U.S. crude dropped to \$67.88 a barrel in New York. Brent crude, used to price international oils, fell 3 percent to \$76.44 a barrel in London. Increased oil production and lower prices could reduce profits for energy companies. Exxon Mobil fell 1.9 percent

to \$78.71 and Chevron gave up 3.5 percent to \$122.19. Among airlines, Delta gained 2.7 percent to \$55.87 and American rose 3.1 percent to \$44.91. The stocks have skidded over the last few months as the rising price of oil increased their fuel costs and cut into their profits. Delta stock is flat in 2018 and American Airlines has fallen 14 percent.

Bond prices kept rising. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 2.93 percent from 2.98 percent.

The falling yields helped household goods makers break out of their recent struggles. Toothpaste maker Colgate-Palmolive added 2 percent to \$63.75 and cereal maker Kellogg rose 2.7 percent to \$65.23. The stocks, and others that pay large dividends, have lagged behind the rest of the market as investors found technology firms and consumer-focused companies more attractive thanks to signs of strong growth in the U.S. economy.

Gap dropped 14.6 percent to \$28.15 following a drop in sales for Gap brand stores. Gap has been shifting focus away from the namesake brand because it's not connecting with shoppers and has struggled to separate itself from rivals. Its Old Navy and Banana Republic brands fared better. Elsewhere, discount retailer Ross Stores gave up 6.8 percent to \$77.34 after it gave disappointing forecasts for the current quarter and the full year.

Foot Locker blew past estimates and said sales of premium shoes continue to improve, which has been a major concern for it and other sporting goods companies. The stock jumped 20.2 percent to \$54.74. Shoe Carnival leaped 20.7 percent to \$31.80 after it beat expectation in the first quarter. It, too, said athletic shoe sales improved.

Fiat Chrysler fell 2 percent to \$21.82 after saying it's recalling 4.8 million vehicles in the U.S. because in rare circumstances drivers may not be able to turn off the cruise control. The company warned owners not to use cruise control until the vehicles can be fixed with a software update. Drivers can still stop the cars using the brakes.

Wholesale gasoline slid 2.3 percent to \$2.18 a gallon. Heating oil lost 2.5 percent to \$2.21 a gallon. Natural gas remained at \$2.94 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Gold slipped 0.1 percent to \$1,303.70 an ounce. Silver lost 0.8 percent to \$16.55 an ounce. Copper fell 0.6 percent to \$3.08 a pound.

The dollar rose to 109.37 yen from 109.28 yen. The euro fell to \$1.1669 from \$1.1727.

Germany's DAX rose 0.6 percent and the CAC 40 in France fell 0.1 percent. Britain's FTSE 100 rose 0.2 percent. Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 index rose 0.1 percent and South Korea's Kospi lost 0.2 percent. Hong Kong's Hang Seng shed 0.6 percent.



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- Leslie Grantham, 1001 Lancaster, com re-roof, Val: \$3,300, Fee: \$30
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- Dana Kohl Rodriguez, 1701 Purdue Ave., construction, Val: \$754, Fee: \$25
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- Olsen Craig, 1401 Dixie Ave., res gas, Val: \$500, Fee: \$32
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Source: Trump administration has cut deal with China's ZTE



AP photo

Workers move a sign near facilities for producing polypropylene at the Sinopec Yanshan Petrochemical Company on the outskirts of Beijing, Friday, May 25, 2018. The facility, part of the Chinese state-owned oil giant Sinopec, opened its doors to journalists on Friday as the U.S. and China continue talks aimed at averting a trade war between the two countries. The sign reads "Vehicles strictly forbidden to pass through."

By PAUL WISEMAN

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Trump administration has told Congress that it's reached a deal that would allow Chinese telecommunications giant ZTE Corp. to stay in business, a source familiar with the talks who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss a confidential matter said Friday.

A resolution of the ZTE case could clear the way for the United States to make progress in its high-stakes trade talks with China. But news of the agreement drew immediate fire on Capitol Hill.

Under the agreement, ZTE would oust its management team, hire American compliance officers and pay a fine. The fine would come on top of the roughly \$1 billion ZTE has already paid for selling equipment to North Korea and Iran in violation of U.S. sanctions.

In return, the Commerce Department would lift a seven-year ban on ZTE's purchase of components that the Chinese firm depends on from U.S. companies. The ban, imposed earlier this month, threatened to put ZTE out of business.

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After Amazon Echo misfire, ways to protect your privacy

By BARBARA ORTUTAY and ANICK JESDANUN

AP Technology Writers

NEW YORK (AP) — Revelations that an Amazon Echo smart speaker inadvertently sent a family's private conversation to an acquaintance highlights some unexpected risks of new voice-enabled technologies.

According to Amazon, the fault was an "unlikely" series of inadvertent vocal cues that triggered the speaker, caused it to begin recording and then led it to interpret subsequent conversation as a "send message" request.

There's no way to eliminate these sorts of privacy risks short of unplugging entirely. But you can minimize the odds of unpleasant privacy surprises with these tips:

— **KILL THE MIC:** Most smart speakers have a physical button to disable the microphone, so a private conversation can't be recorded to begin with. You can hit that when you're having sensitive conversations. The button on the Echo will turn red; other devices have similar cues. It doesn't make sense to keep the mic disabled throughout the day, though. If the Echo can't hear you, it won't be able to order you more toilet paper or play smooth jazz.

— **LIMIT THE MIC:** Disabling the microphone isn't practical on a smartphone, but you can limit what apps have access to it. Go to the settings and turn off mic access to all but essential apps such as voice recorders or video conferencing. Netflix doesn't really need voice access; you can simply type the name of the show you're searching for.

— **ABOUT THAT CAMERA:** Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg famously puts a piece of tape over his laptop's camera to prevent spying if anyone were to hack his device. Buy yourself a roll. Or use bandages. If you have a home-security

camera that's connected to the internet, turn the camera to the wall when you're home. Just remember to turn it back before you leave, or you defeat the point of having a security camera.

— **BLOCK THE SIGNALS:** For smartphones and other gadgets you carry with you, a "Faraday bag" that blocks electromagnetic waves can help prevent unwanted spying. The good ones will block cellular and other signals, meaning privacy-compromising information such as your location won't leak out either. Just remember, your phone won't get any calls while it's in the bag — that's the whole point.

— **BE INFORMED:** Apple, Samsung and other tech companies have worked over the years to ensure that their products work "out of the box," without users having to pore through lengthy manuals and operating instructions. The downside is that users are often unaware of all the things their gadgets can do, good or bad. Checking reputable online reviews, how-to guides and even instructional videos will help you get the most out of new technologies. They'll also tell you about any known glitches and risks.

Of course, the safest approach is not to buy a new gadget in the first place. That might not be practical for smartphones these days, but do you really need a smart speaker or a television set that's connected to the internet? (As it turns out, it's actually difficult to buy a TV without "smart" capabilities these days, but nothing says you have to connect it at home.)

If companies can dream it up, it's out there. Companies often release smart gadgets without thinking through the risks and ensuring their security. This makes them easy targets for malicious hackers. This is especially true with manufacturers that aren't well known or that specialize in toys and other non-tech businesses.

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- Brian Wilson Sanbria, 37, and Diane Diaz, 44, both of Big Spring.
- David Lee Campbell, 57, and Peggy Ann Daratt, 65, both of Big Spring.
- Daltan David Smith, 26, and, Lacy Jill McMurtrey, both of Big Spring.
- Raul Sanchez, 28, and, Sonia Garcia, 26, both of Big Spring.
- Sawyer Jordan Roberts, 25, and, Hailey Nicole Parks, 22, both of Big Spring.
- John Andrew DeLaGarza, 32, and, Melissa Lorraine Lopez, 33, both of Big Spring.
- Bradley Dean Dunn, 24, and Emily Elizabeth Hatfield, 21, both of Big Spring.
- Derek Glen Chapman, 45, of Midland, and, Ginger Ann Silva, 41, of Forsan.

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- Respondent: Kendrick Harris
- Type of Case: Seizure
- Date: May 11, 2018

- Plaintiff: Amanda A/N/F A.G McClure
- Respondent: Johnny Mobley
- Type of Case: Protective Order
- Date: May 11, 2018

- Plaintiff: Lubbock County Hospital District
- Respondent: Carolyn Slack, Michael Slack
- Type of Case: Contract-consumer
- Date: May 15, 2018

- Plaintiff: Bayview Loan Services, LLC
- Respondent: Humberto Mier Jr.
- Type of Case: Contract-consumer
- Date: May 15, 2018

- Plaintiff: Joseph Robles
- Respondent: Diamondback Energy, Inc.
- Type of Case: Injury/Damage
- Date: May 16, 2018

- Plaintiff: Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC
- Respondent: Luis Melendez
- Type of Case: Contract-consumer
- Date: May 16, 2018

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- Defendant: Edrion P. Houston
- Offense: Evading Arrest/detention
- Sentence: \$100 fine, \$267 in court cost, 60 days in jail.
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For CEOs, \$11.7 million a year is just middle of the pack

By STAN CHOE

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Chief executives at the biggest public companies got an 8.5 percent raise last year, bringing the median pay package for CEOs to \$11.7 million. Across the S&P 500, compensation for CEOs is often hundreds of times higher than typical workers.

The pay increase matches the bump that CEOs received in 2016, according to salary, stock and other compensation data analyzed by Equilar for The Associated Press.

For the first time, the government required companies to show in their annual proxy statements just how much more bosses make than the typical employee. The typical CEO made 1,358 times the median pay of their employees, according to Equilar's analysis.

Because the government gave companies wide leeway in how they calculated the median pay of their workers, and because some industries rely heavily on part-time workers, the CEO-to-worker pay ratios are imperfect and make comparisons difficult. Despite pushback, Congress forced companies to publish the data as a way to shine a spotlight on income inequality.

A debate has already ensued about the significance of this newly released data.

"High pay ratios send a dispiriting message to the workforce," said Liz Shuler, secretary-treasurer of the AFL-CIO, which has been calculating its own tally of CEO-to-worker pay ratios for years. "Companies are asking their workers to do more with less, at the same that CEO pay is on the rise."

Detractors among business groups, academics and compensation consultants say the ratio can give a false im-

pression. For example, some companies exclude some of their lower-paid foreign workers, which regulations allow. And companies with large part-time workforces will show much greater disparity between the CEO's pay and median pay.

At Yum Brands, CEO Greg Creed's pay of \$12.3 million was 1,358 times higher than the company median of \$9,111. The employee who earned that amount, on an annualized basis, was a part-time employee at a Taco Bell restaurant.

Even at United Rentals, where the median pay was \$77,127 last year, it would take a worker earning that amount 166 years to match the \$12.8 million in compensation that CEO Michael Kneeland made last year.

So far, shareholders seem OK with the pay packages for CEOs. At both

Yum Brands and United Rentals, more than 95 percent of shareholders approved their CEOs' pay for last year. Likely buoying that support was the 31.1 percent return for Yum

fiscal years at their respective companies, which filed proxy statements between Jan. 1 and April 30. Some companies with highly paid CEOs did not fit these criteria, such as Oracle, and were excluded.

THE TOP FIVE

The highest-paid CEO in Equilar's analysis was Hock Tan of Broadcom, who made \$103.2 million. The vast majority of Tan's compensation came in the form of a stock grant, valued at \$98.3 million. He'll receive the shares if the stock hits certain performance targets over the next four years. The company said in a filing with regulators that the figure looks substantial but the amount Tan earns will "only be exceptional if our (stock returns relative to other companies) is exceptional."

The second-highest paid CEO was Leslie Moonves of CBS. He made \$68.4 million, including a \$20 million bonus. CBS stock fell in 2017, but the company's board highlighted how CBS is producing more premium content where it has an ownership stake, among other accomplishments.

No. 3 was W. Nicholas Howley at TransDigm, which designs and produces aircraft components. He earned \$61 million, including \$51.2 million of payments from the company on stock options he holds, as if they had earned dividends. Howley, a TransDigm co-founder, left his position as CEO last month. He is now executive chairman.

Jeffrey Bewkes of Time Warner was the fourth-highest paid CEO at \$49 million. Time Warner rejiggered its compensation formulas for executives following its deal to be acquired by AT&T, which was announced in 2016 but is still awaiting government

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TOP PAYING FIRMS	MEDIAN EMPLOYEE PAY	LOWEST PAYING FIRMS	MEDIAN EMPLOYEE PAY
Incyte	\$253,015	Philip Morris International	\$19,170
Facebook	240,430	Royal Caribbean Cruises	18,320
Vertex Pharmaceuticals	211,511	A. O. Smith	17,687
Nektar Therapeutics	198,865	Robert Half International	17,340
Alphabet	197,274	Leggett & Platt	16,403
Valero Energy	192,837	Chipotle Mexican Grill	13,582
Netflix	183,304	Dollar General	13,387
Everest Re Group	183,050	Align Technology	12,764
DTE Energy	173,839	L Brands	12,673
VeriSign	171,615	Cognizant Technology Solutions	12,187
Phillips 66	170,988	Amphenol	12,179
FirstEnergy	170,299	The TJX Companies	11,243
Consolidated Edison	168,028	Under Armour	10,686
Hess	161,039	Ross Stores	9,437
Anadarko Petroleum	160,251	Yum Brands	9,111
ConocoPhillips	158,943	Kohl's	8,976
Intuitive Surgical	157,491	Foot Locker	8,554
Affiliated Managers Group	157,384	McDonald's	7,017
AbbVie	157,347	Aptiv	5,464
Andeavor	151,793	Gap	5,375

Note: Companies have flexibility in calculating what their median employee pay is, which can make comparisons difficult. They can exclude some of their foreign workers, for example or they can also include a cost-of-living adjustment, but these numbers look only at unadjusted pay.

SOURCE: Equilar

say they are tying more of their executives' compensation to how the company is performing, and they need to pay the going rate to keep talented executives.

The AP's CEO compensation study includes pay data for 339 executives at S&P 500 companies who have served at least two full consecutive

nents for seven years, having concluded that ZTE deceived U.S. regulators after it settled charges last year of violating sanctions against Iran and North Korea. The ban amounted to a virtual death sentence for ZTE, which relies on U.S. parts, and it also hurt ZTE's U.S. suppliers.

On the eve of broad trade talks last week with a Chinese trade envoy, Trump waded into the ZTE case: He tweeted that he was working with President Xi Jinping to put ZTE "back in business, fast" and save tens of thousands of Chinese jobs.

He later tweeted that the ZTE talks were "part of a larger trade deal" being negotiated with China.

Word of a reported ZTE agreement comes nearly a week after the U.S. and China suspended plans to impose tariffs on as much as \$200 billion of each other's goods. In doing two, the two nations pulled back from the brink of a trade war over Chinese demands that U.S. companies hand over some of their technology as the price of doing business in China.

Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross is scheduled to travel to Beijing on June 2 for further discussions over China's aggressive push to challenge U.S. technological dominance. Resolving the ZTE case — a company that employs more than 70,000 Chinese — could make the talks go more smoothly.

ZTE

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"This is a law enforcement action being handled by Commerce," said Lindsay Walters, the deputy White House press secretary. "We are making sure ZTE is held accountable for violating U.S. sanctions, pays a big price and that we are protecting our security infrastructure and U.S. jobs."

The Commerce Department did not immediately respond to a call seeking further details about the agreement.

On Capitol Hill, one senior congressional source said leaders have not yet received formal notification.

Lawmakers have warned the administration not to go easy on a company that brazenly violated U.S. sanctions against two rogue nations that were pursuing nuclear weapons production.

"If the administration goes through with this reported deal, President Trump would be helping make China great again," said Democratic Sen. Chuck Schumer of New York.

Schumer added: "Both parties in Congress should come together to stop this deal in its tracks."

"ZTE presents a national security threat to the United States — and nothing in this reported deal addresses that fundamental fact," said Sen. Chris Van Hollen, D-Md. "If President Trump won't put our security before Chinese jobs, Congress will act on a bipartisan basis to stop him."

Republican Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida tweeted: "It is a great deal ... for #ZTE & China ... Many hoped this time would be different."

Congress, Rubio said, "will need to act."

The Commerce Department last month blocked China's ZTE from importing American compo-

RECORDS

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Offense: Theft of property \$100 to \$750.
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$317 in court cost.
Date: April 18, 2018

Defendant: Humberto Barreto
Offense: Interfere with emergency request for assistance
Sentence: Sentence: \$100 fine, \$267 in court cost, 20 days in jail.
Date: April 3, 2018

Warranty Deeds
Grantor: Joellen Canales
Grantee: Jason Allen Pittman
Property: Being out of and part of lot number two in block number two, in Wrights' Second Addition
Date: April 24, 2018

Grantor: Mark Anthony Sanchez
Grantee: Cruz Sanchez
Property: All of that certain lot, tract, parcel of land located in Howard Count, being all of lot number four, in block number eight, in the Settles Heights Addition.
Date: April 26, 2018

Grantor: Richard Shane Lackey
Grantee: Guadalupe De Jesus Vallejo and Maria Magdalena Sanchez
Property: Lot eight, block 10. Wrights

Airport Addition
Date: May 1, 2018

Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien
Grantor: Arturo Del Valle
Grantee: Michael Nairn
Property: Lot five, block three, Ridgelea Terrace Addition, to the City of Big Spring.
Date: May 7, 2018

Grantor: Craig Olson
Grantee: Michael Zamora and Anastasia Zamora
Property: All of lot three, block five, Wasson Place Addition
Date: May 7, 2018

Grantor: Dale Patterson and Linda S. Patterson
Grantee: Turnbough Investments Group, LLC
Property: Being a 0.288 acre tract of land, more or less, the South 121.0 feet of lot three, Harvery's Subdivision, a subdivision of a 6.43 acres of land located in the NW/4 of section 45, block 31, T-1-N, T and P Railroad Co. Survey
Date: May 4, 2018

Grantor: Private Properties, LLC
Grantee: Kyhooya Partnership, LLC
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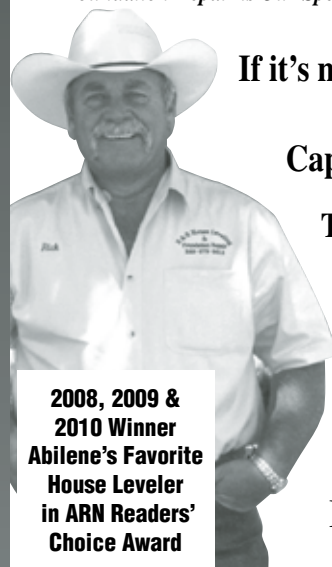


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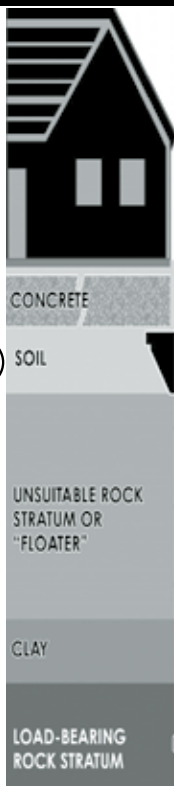
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Sharp Image Energy, Inc is offering a \$3,500 reward for information leading to the recovery of the tubing and arrest and conviction of the perpetrators. If you are a forklift operator who was paid to load the tubing, please call us to collect the reward. If you have any information regarding this stolen tubing that belongs to Sharp Image Energy, Inc. please call us at 432-267-3126 in Big Spring.

#9809 May 20 - June 1, 2018

LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICE

English as a Second Language Summer School Program

As part of the total Big Spring ISD Summer School Program, the district will offer 120 hours of Summer School instruction for English Language Learners (ELLs) entering Kindergarten or 1st Grade in 2018-19. This program is provided to students who meet the requirements of the district's English as a Second

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Language (ESL) Program.

Dates: Mon, June 4, 2018 - Fri, June 29, 2018 and Mon, July 9, 2018 - Fri, August 3, 2018. Monday through Friday

Time: 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. Place: Marcy Elementary School Transportation will not be available.

Students will receive instruction in the areas of language arts and math - designed to prepare them to be successful in Kindergarten or 1st grade.

For registration information: Call the Special Programs Office Phone: (432) 264-4106 Carol Walston, Federal/ Special Programs Director

Programa de Inglés como Segundo Idioma Escuela de Verano

Como parte del programa total de la escuela de verano de Big Spring ISD, el distrito ofrecerá 120 horas de instrucción de la escuela de verano para estudiantes del idioma inglés (ELL) entrar a Kinder o 1st grado en 2018-19. Este programa se ofrece a los estudiantes que reúnan los requisitos de Inglés del distrito como un Programa de Segunda Lengua (ESL). Fechas: lunes, 4 de junio 2018 - viernes, 29 de junio 2018 lunes, 9 de julio 2018 - viernes, 3 de agosto 2018, de lunes a viernes. Hora: 8 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. Lugar: Escuela Primaria Marcy. El transporte no estará disponible.

Los estudiantes recibirán instrucción en las áreas de lenguaje y matemáticas - designadas para prepararlos para tener éxito en Kinder o 1st grado. Para información de registro: Llame a la Oficina de Programas Especiales Teléfono: (432) 264-4106 Carol Walston, Directora de Programas Especiales/Federales

#9812 May 20 & 27, 2018

PUBLIC NOTICE

SUBJECT: School credit by examination without prior instruction.

Big Spring ISD offers examinations for credit without prior instruction for each primary school grade level and each secondary school academic subject as approved by the Board of Education. Students in grades K-12 may be accelerated by taking advantage of this provision. There will be no charge for the administration of the examination. If a parent requests an alternative examination, the District may administer and recognize results of a test purchased by the parent or student from Texas Tech University or the University of Texas at Austin.

The District shall accelerate a student in grades 1-5 in the following manner:

1. The student scores 80 percent or above on a criterion-referenced test for the grade level to be skipped in each of the following areas: language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies;
2. A District representative recommends that the student be accelerated; and
3. The student's parent or guardian gives written approval of the acceleration.

The District shall give a student in grades 6-12 credit for an academic subject in the following manner:

1. A three or higher on a College Board advanced placement examination;
2. A scaled score of 50 or higher on an examination administered through the College-Level Examination Program;
3. Eighty percent or above on any other criterion-referenced test.

If such credit is given, the District shall enter the examination score on the student's transcript and the student is not required to take an end-of-course (EOC) assessment instrument for the course.

Procedures to allow a student who is five years old at the beginning of the school year to be placed initially in

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the first grade are as follows:

1. Scores on readiness test(s) and/or achievement test(s) that may be administered by appropriate District personnel;
2. Recommendation of the kindergarten or preschool the student attended;
3. Chronological age and observed social and emotional development of the student; and
4. Other criteria deemed appropriate by the principal and Superintendent.

A student planning to take an examination for acceleration is required to register with the principal or designee of the school in which he is assigned at least 30 days prior to the scheduled testing date. Testing dates for 2018 are by appointment during April 1 and June 30, July 1 and September 30, and October 1 and December 31. Testing dates for 2019 fall during January 1 and March 31, and April 1 and June 30.

Ref: Board Policies EHDC (Legal & Local)

AVISO PÚBLICO

SUJETO: El crédito de la escuela por la examinación sin la instrucción anterior.

Big Spring ISD ofrece las exámenes para el crédito sin la instrucción anterior para cada nivel del grado de la primaria y cada tema académico de la escuela secundaria según aprobado por la Junta de Educación. Los estudiantes en grado K-12 pueden ser acelerados aprovechándose de esta provisión. No habrá cargo para la administración de la examinación. Si un padre requiere una examinación alternativa, el Distrito puede administrar y puede reconocer resultados de una prueba comprada por el padre o el estudiante de Universidad de Tejas Tech o la Universidad de Tejas en Austin.

El Distrito acelerará a un estudiante en los grados 1-5 en la siguiente manera:

1. Las cuentas del estudiante sean 80 por ciento o arriba de un criterio refirieron de la prueba para que el nivel de grado sea pasado en cada uno de las siguientes áreas: artes de idioma, las matemáticas, la ciencia y los estudios sociales;
2. Un representante del distrito recomienda que el aceleren al estudiante; y
3. Los padres del estudiante o el guardián da la aprobación escrita de la aceleración.

El Distrito acelerará a un estudiante en grados 6-12 en la siguiente manera; Al tres o mas en un examen administración colegial de nivel avanzado; Las cuentas del estudiante 50 por ciento o arriba en el criterio referencia de la prueba para la aceleración para el curso aplicable. Si tal crédito es dado, el distrito entrara en la cuenta de la examinación en el transcripción del estudiante; Ochenta por ciento o mas en otro examinación.

Si el estudiante tiene el crédito es dado, el Estudiante no tiene que tomar el examen al fin del año.

Los procedimientos para permitir que a un estudiante no seis años de edad a principios del año escolar a ser colocados inicialmente en el primer grado estan como sigue;

1. Los cuentas en la prueba de preparación(s) y / o la prueba(s) de logro que se pueden administró por la personal apropiado del Distrito;
2. La recomendación del kindergarten o el preescolar al que el estudiante asistió;
3. Edad Chronological y desarrollo social y emocional observado del estudiante; y
4. Otros criterios estimados apropiados por el director de escuela y Superintendente.

Un planeamiento del estudiante tomar una examinación para la aceleración se requiere para registrarse con el principal de escuela o el designado de la escuela en la cual él está asignado por lo menos 30 días antes de la fecha programada de la prueba. Fechas de la prueba para 2018 son por cita durante el mes de 1 de abril y el 30de

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junio. Otras fechas son 1 de julio y 30 de septiembre y 1 de octubre y 31 de diciembre. Fechas para la prueba en el ontono del año 2019 son durante el 1 de enero y el 31 de marzo otras fechas son el 1 de abril y el 30 de junio.

Ref: Políticas de la Junta EHDC (el Legal y Local)

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT

H20 Midstream Permian LLC 3151 Briarpark Ste 825 Houston, Tx, 77042

is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a commercial permit to inject fluid into a formation which is not productive of oil or gas. The Applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Grayburg, San Andres, formation, Callie 42B SWD well 1. The proposed injection wells is

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located 8 miles North West of Big Springs, in the Sprayberry (Trend Area) field in Howard County Texas. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2531 to 4875 feet.

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 further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Underground Injection Control Section, Oil and Gas Division, RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS, Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas, 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792).

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL DISPOSAL OF WELL PERMIT

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is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a commercial permit to inject fluid into a formation which is not productive of oil or gas. The Applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Ellenburger, formation, Newton 22 SWD well 1. The proposed injection wells is located 7 miles North West of Big Springs, in the Sprayberry (Trend Area) field in Howard County Texas. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 10000 to 12000 feet.

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 further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Underground Injection Control Section, Oil and Gas Division, RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS, Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792).

#9821 May 27, 2018

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is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for commercial permit to inject fluid into a formation which is not productive of oil or gas. The Applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Ellenburger, formation, Newton 8 SWD well 1. The proposes injection wells is located 9.5 miles North East of Big Springs, in the Sprayberry (Trend Area) field in Howard County Texas. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 9400 to 12000 feet.

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.

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LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICE Pre-Kindergarten Notice

Big Spring ISD offers free Pre-Kindergarten classes for students at least four years of age by September 1, 2018, if the following criteria are met:

1. Child is unable to speak or comprehend the English language and/or;
2. Child comes from an economically/educationally disadvantaged family according to standards set by the State Board of Education. (Qualify for food stamps or the Free or Reduced Lunch Program) and/or;
3. Child is homeless.
4. Child of an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States.
5. Child of a member of the armed forces of the United States who was injured or killed while serving on active duty.
6. Child is under the care of Child Protective Resources and/or in Foster care.

If you know a child whom you feel meets these qualifications, please call (432) 264 4130. A minimum

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of 15 qualified students is required before the class will be offered.

Pre-Kindergarten
Registration is July 23rd-27th and July 30th-Aug 3rd. 8:00 am-4:00 pm. at Kentwood Early Childhood Center, 2500 Merrily Drive.

Big Spring ISD ofrece clases gratis de Pre-Kindergarten para estudiantes que cumplen los cuatro años de la edad antes del primero de septiembre de 2018:

1. Niño incapaz de hablar o comprender el idioma inglés y/o;

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2. Niño que vienen de una familia desventajada económicamente según el conjunto de estándares por el Consejo de Educación del Estado. (Si califica para la tarjeta de Lone Star o el Programa Libre or Reducido de Almuerzo) y/o,

3. Niño sin hogar.
4. Niño que tiene padres activos en el servicio armadas de los Estados Unidos.

5. Niño que tiene padres danado o a fallecido en los servicios armadas de los Estados Unidos.

6. El niño está bajo cuidado de los Recursos Protectores y/o en case de cuidado.

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Si usted sabe de un niño o niños que califican para este programa por favor de llamar al numero (432) 264-4130. Un mínimo de 15 estudiantes calificados seran escogidos antes que la clase se ofrecerá.

Registro para Pre-Kindergarten es del julio 23rd-27th y julio 30th-agosto 3rd. 8:00am – 4:00pm. Por favor regístrese en Kentwood Early Childhood Center, 2500 Merrily Drive.

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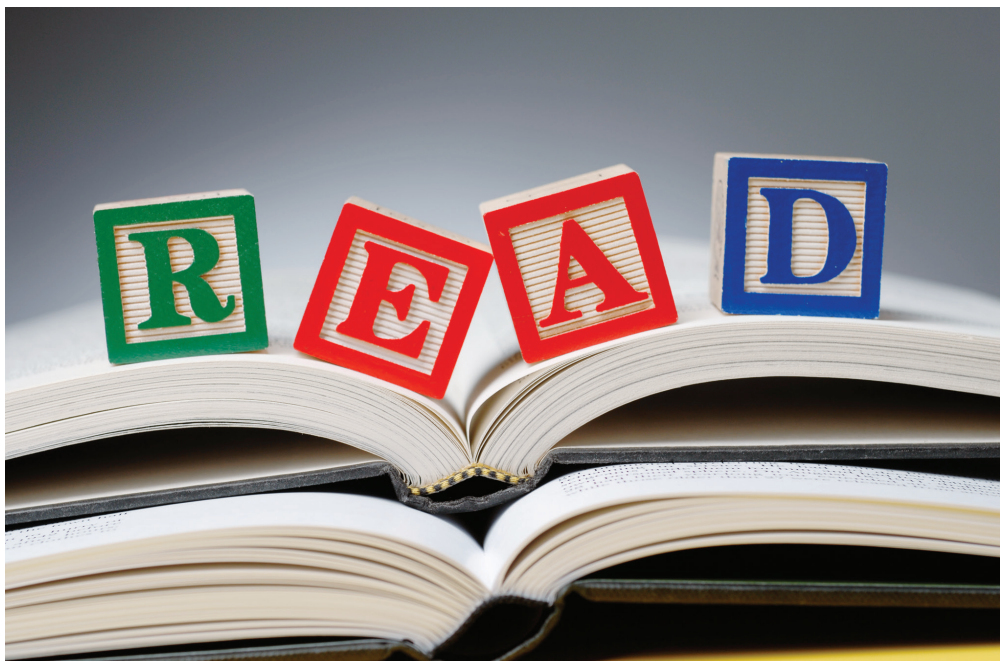
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3	6	5	4	7	8	9	2	1
8	9	1	2	6	3	5	7	4
4	2	7	5	1	8	6	3	9

ANSWER:

Tomorrow's Horoscope

By HOLIDAY MATHIS



Cosmic Call to Character

Are we really born with inalienable rights? If so, why do so many of those who boldly declare it restrict those rights to humans different from them? Unfortunately, human outcomes are often a matter of strength, not justice. Those of high character will be called to fight the good fight for those who can't during this Venus-Jupiter opposition.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The path of normalcy is well-worn and comfortable to walk. Yet you'll veer off -- brave the weeds and rocks, the unsure dips and precarious climbs, all in the name of knowing your own wilderness.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Some illusions are fun to keep, and if there also happens to be nothing to gain by breaking their spell, what's the harm in letting them spin a little magic into your world?

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There are those who bond by putting themselves on a pedestal and criticizing the rest of the world. It's not a lasting model. Sooner or later, someone falls off and/or is usurped. Beware of bonding in ways that are hard to sustain.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It will be on you to keep the morale of the group buoyant. This will be made so much easier by choosing the right topics of conversation and avoiding the wrong ones.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When the schedule or lineup changes, flow with it. People will drop in and out of the planned order, and all of these twists will wind up being for the

best, as long as you don't resist.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Whatever helps you step out of a typical perspective will be lucky for you today. This could be a piece of entertainment, a new venue, a conversation with someone very different from you, or something else.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Maybe you don't even realize it, but there's a bit of work you've been avoiding. If you can get to the bottom of your secret reasons for not wanting to tackle this, you'll handle the work with little effort.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Because of your open-minded approach to problem-solving, your awareness will sail high and plunge low in service of the solutions. You'll see answers, consequences and benefits that others don't.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You resist doing what everyone else is doing because it's more fun for you to find your own way. Your way may not be any better or worse, but you'll love it more because it's all yours.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Lopsided situations get your attention -- the ones that feel like a slog, one person pulling the other along or

both awkwardly forcing the relationship into an arrangement no one really wants. Honesty is what's needed now.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). One aspect of your life is getting old. Something will take its place. Look around. You're in a position to "shop" for the habits, practices and lifestyle enhancements to align with the you that you want to become.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You may find that you crave more attention than you usually feel you need, and there's nothing wrong with this. You deserve to be acknowledged and cared for!

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 27). All the attention and praise you get in the early part of this solar return will render it unnecessary to hang on to situations that were only there to serve your ego. You've a true desire to serve others, perhaps by being a leader in thought and deed toward a brighter tomorrow. Your means increase, and so will your vitality. Libra and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 9, 11, 49 and 16.

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Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- Studio with the all-time highest average global gross
- Cloud storage document
- Stop working at cross purposes
- Alaskan city with a Santa Claus Lane
- Eminem's Missouri birthplace, familiarly
- White House tree-house dweller
- Bash
- #3 nation in natural gas reserves
- Strong affinity
- Real hoot
- In now
- Nautical nickname
- What Dr. King said "confuses life"
- Numerous Mozart "free-standing" works
- What many a train case holds
- Oversaw
- Capitale del Piemonte
- Nobody's fool
- Descriptor for breads or pubs
- A real hoot
- Augmentation
- Server with Speer, 1947-1966
- "Let It Go" singer in Frozen
- Lunch with beefsteak, perhaps
- Captain America in Marvel films

DOWN

- They're not so tough
- Nearby
- Incumbent successor of Mao
- Greatly
- "Springing up like weeds"
- African lions, vis-à-vis Californians
- Title character of the 1958 Nobel novel
- #30's nickname
- Shylock, for example
- Participate
- Empty of significance
- Marathoner's munch
- Proves the value of
- Start to mend
- Tear up
- "I think that's enough"
- NBA's "Big Baryshnikov"
- Either of a culinarily picky pair
- Big-win, high-odds game
- What Fat-Free Pringles were made with
- Fritz's running mate in '84
- What Freud called the ego
- Frat letter
- Focus of Genesis 7
- Gym event
- Opposite of 4 Down
- Minimal groups
- Small denomination
- Warm up, perhaps
- Brats' cousins
- Too eager to please
- Beneficiaries of many 1 Across releases
- XXIV hours
- Iron ___
- Keats' "friend to man"
- Real hot one
- "Take this away!"
- It's slashed for everyone
- Spa favored by Proust
- Reliever
- Look unhappy
- Cap
- Impediment to advancement
- Sunset intersector
- Encouraging word
- Corny creation
- Taking after

SATURDAY STUMPER by Anna Stiga
Edited by Stanley Newman
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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
It only hurts for a minute

West dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K J 10 9 3
♥ A 6 3
♦ Q 9
♣ A K Q

EAST
♠ A 7 2
♥ 8 5
♦ K 5 2
♣ 9 8 5 3 2

SOUTH
♠ Q 6
♥ K Q 4 2
♦ 10 7 6 3
♣ J 10 4

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass 1♠ Pass 1NT
Pass 3NT

Opening lead — jack of hearts.

To be a good player, you must acquire the habit of making assumptions. Often an assumption will turn out to be wrong, but that doesn't mean it was wrong to make it; only by making assumptions can you put yourself in a position to win when it is possible to win.

Here is a typical case. Let's say you're East and partner leads the jack of hearts against three notrump. South wins with the queen and leads the

queen of spades. It doesn't matter when you take your ace; what does matter is what you play next.

It's easy to see — if you look at all four hands — that if you return a low diamond, your side can snatch four diamond tricks to set the contract. But if you don't return a low diamond at trick three — perhaps because you were taught not to lead away from a king, or always to return your partner's suit — declarer finishes with 10 tricks.

Regardless of what you might have been taught, however, the fact is that in this case you must assume West has the ace of diamonds to give yourself any chance of beating the contract.

To assume that South has the ace of diamonds — or to ignore entirely the question of who has the ace — and blindly return a heart would be giving up. It is obvious that declarer will score at least nine tricks — four spades, two hearts (you can't be sure who has the king) and three clubs — if you play "safe" and return a heart.

It is true that West must have somewhat more strength in diamonds than just four to the ace — he must have at least the jack with it — but this is merely an extension of the original assumption.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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Answer to previous puzzle

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Veterans, discharged and jobless, seek hiring-rules changes



In this May 9, 2018 photo, Iraq War veteran Kristofer Goldsmith poses for a photo at a campus park after his last final exam of the semester at Columbia University in New York. Military veterans with less-than-honorable discharges from the military say they often can't get jobs, and they hope a recent warning to employers by the state of Connecticut will change that. Goldsmith says that for veterans with bad paper, their service record looks more like a criminal record to potential employers.

By JENNIFER McDERMOTT

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PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Military veterans who were discharged for relatively minor offenses say they often can't get jobs, and they hope a recent warning to employers by the state of Connecticut will change that.

The state's human rights commission told employers last month they could be breaking the law if they discriminate against veterans with some types of less-than-honorable discharges. Blanket policies against hiring such veterans could be discriminatory, the commission said, because the military has issued them disproportionately to black, Latino, gay and disabled veterans.

At least one other state, Illinois, already prohibits hiring discrimination based on a veteran's discharge status, advocates say, but Connecticut appears to be the first to base its decision on what it deems discrimination by the military. Regardless of the state's reasons, veterans say, the attention there could at least educate employers.

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sex, critics say.

And they either won't hire bad-paper veterans or won't give them preferences an honorably discharged veteran would get, the Veterans Legal Services Clinic at Yale Law School told the Connecticut commission.

The clinic, acting on behalf of the Connecticut chapter of the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, showed the commission job postings that require applicants who have served in the military to have been honorably discharged.

It also cited a 2017 report by the advocacy organization Protect Our Defenders that found black service members were more likely to be disciplined than white members. And the commission's guidance to employers notes thousands of service members have been discharged for their

"You may as well be a felon when you're looking for a job," said Iraq War veteran Kristofer Goldsmith, who said the Army gave him a general discharge in 2007 because he attempted suicide.

An honorable discharge is the only type that entails full benefits. A dishonorable discharge is given after a court-martial for serious offenses, which can include felonies. Other types of discharges in between — known by veterans as "bad paper" — are issued administratively, with no court case, and can stem from behavior including talking back, tardiness, drug use or fighting.

The commission says its guidance focused on that middle class of discharges.

Sometimes such discharges are given to veterans whose violations stemmed from post-traumatic stress disorder, like Goldsmith's, or brain injuries. Many private employers may not be aware of those extenuating circumstances or understand the differences between discharges

sexual orientation.

Employers might require an honorable discharge as an easy way to narrow the pool and get strong applicants, said Amanda Ljubicic, vice president of the Chamber of Commerce of Eastern Connecticut.

"At face value it seems like a simple, logical cutoff to make as an employer," she said. "Certainly this new policy forces employers to think about it differently and to think about the complexities."

The Vietnam Veterans of America asked for a presidential pardon for bad-paper veterans. President Barack Obama didn't respond as he was leaving office, nor did President Donald Trump as he was entering, said John Rowan, the organization's president. He was unsure whether activists would ask Trump again.

More than 13,000 service members received a type of discharge for misconduct, known as other than honorable, between 2011 and 2015, despite being diagnosed with PTSD, a traumatic brain injury or another condition associated with misconduct, the U.S. Government Accountability Office found.

The Department of Veterans Affairs, under an order from Congress, expanded emergency mental health coverage to those veterans for the first time last year.

Passing new laws to address the effects of bad paper is probably not the best solution, said U.S. Sen. Chris Murphy, a Connecticut Democrat who pushed for the changes; rather, he said, the military should stop issuing bad-paper discharges to injured veterans.

Goldsmith, 32, said he developed PTSD after his first deployment to Iraq. He was set to leave the military and go to college when the Army extended his active-duty service and ordered him back in 2007. Goldsmith said he attempted suicide shortly before he was due to deploy.

Because of his general discharge, Goldsmith lost his GI Bill benefits. He didn't know how he'd find a job. If he didn't mention his military service, he would have a four-year gap on his resume. But if he did, he would have to disclose medical information to explain why he left.

A friend eventually hired him to work at a photo-booth company, and Goldsmith began contacting members of Congress to press for health care for veterans with bad paper.

"Things like addressing employment discrimination on the national level are so far from possible," he said, "I don't think any of us in the advocacy community has put enough pressure on Congress to handle it."

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This photo combination shows the five highest-paid CEOs at big U.S. companies for 2017, as calculated by The Associated Press and Equilar, an executive data firm. From left: Hock E. Tan, Broadcom, \$103.2 million; Leslie Moonves, CBS, \$68.4 million; W. Nicholas Howley, TransDigm, \$61 million; Jeffrey Bewkes, Time Warner, \$49 million; and Stephen Kaufer, TripAdvisor, \$43.2 million.

approval. Bewkes received restricted stock valued at \$32 million.

No. 5 was TripAdvisor's Stephen Kaufer, at \$43.2 million. He received grants of options and restricted stock valued at \$42.1 million, and the company said it does not expect to give him another stock grant as long-term incentive compensation until 2021.

CEOs MAKE HOW MUCH MORE?

This is the first year that companies had to report the median pay for their employees. Median is the midpoint of the pay scale. Across the S&P 500, the median compensation last year was \$70,244, according to Equilar. That's higher than the average pay for all U.S. workers, at \$47,792, because the S&P 500 is full of big, multinational companies. Last year's median pay for the U.S. is not yet available.

Companies in the pharmaceutical, technology and energy sectors were on the high end of the S&P 500 for worker pay. At Facebook, for example, the median compensation was \$240,430. On the low end were retailers and fast-food restaurant chains, which tend to have more part-time workers.

Coming into this year, many companies had big concerns about the reaction to their CEO-to-worker pay

ratios, particularly among their own employees. But after publishing the numbers, the backlash wasn't that big, said Melissa Burek, a partner at Compensation Advisory Partners.

"I have clients in the Midwest, where they're the largest employer in town, and I would have thought those would get more attention," said Daniel Laddin, another partner at Compensation Advisory Partners. "But no one seems to be getting too upset about it."

All the leeway companies had in calculating their ratios helped many to avoid being an outlier, on either the high end or the low end, said Kelly Malafis, also a partner at Compensation Advisory Partners. The real value in these ratios may come years from now, as investors and workers track how the ratios change over time, said Ethan Rouen, an assistant professor at Harvard Business School who studies income inequality.

It may not make much sense to compare Yum Brands' ratio with Facebook's, but is each company's ratio rising or falling through the years? In particular, will the figures get better or worse when the next economic downturn hits, whenever that may be?

"I think five years down the road," he said, "this measure will be more useful than it is right now."

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(Back row from left - Jonas Turnbough, Fletcher Mashburn, Landyn Young, Adam Brito, Brayden Worley
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