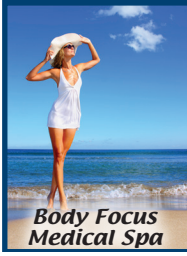




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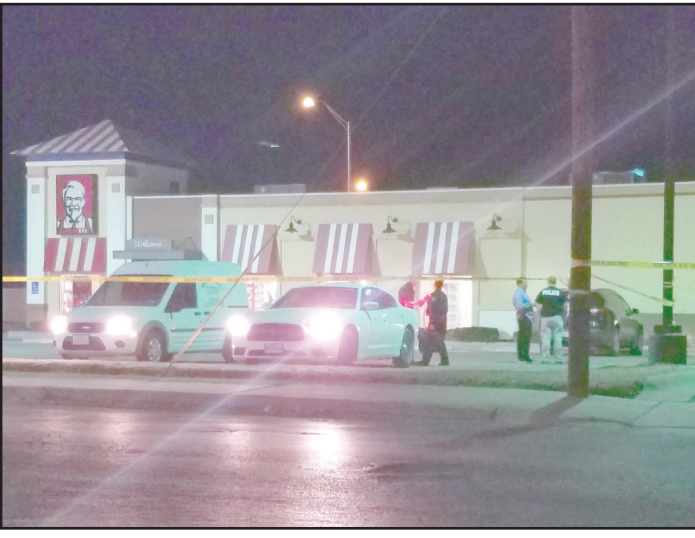
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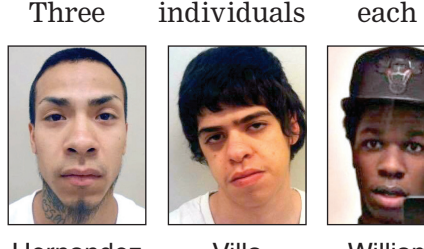
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KFC shooting suspects indicted



By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer



charged with two counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon for the March 16 shooting at Big Spring's KFC restaurant were indicted by the 118th District Court grand jury Thursday.
 Rafael Jesus Hernandez, 20; Angel Junior Villa, 20; and Mar-

qavion Don'Shay Williams, 17; were each true billed on two counts of the crime, a second-degree felony punishable by two to 20 years in prison.
 All three defendants are currently jailed in the Howard County Detention Center. Assistant District Attorney Lindsay Phillips presented the cases to the grand jury.
 At about 7:25 on March 16, Big Spring Police were alerted to the shooting at the KFC, 1711 S. Gregg St. Upon arrival, witnesses told officers that the occupants of a tan SUV, later reportedly identified as Villa and Hernandez, opened fire on two passenger cars, one white and one black. One occupant of each target vehicle was injured:

an adult male and a 2-year-old female. The two cars fled the scene with the SUV in pursuit, according to witness reports to police after the incident.
 The injured child was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center and later flown to Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock, where she was in serious condition Saturday night. The injured man was located in the 1000 block of East 20th Street, where his vehicle was disabled. He was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center and was reported in stable condition Saturday.
 Villa and Hernandez were arrested March 20 in Colorado

HERALD file photo
 Police investigate the scene of a shooting at KFC, 1711 S. Gregg St, March 21. Three suspects in the crime were indicted by the 118th District Court grand jury Thursday.

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Drink a little coffee, learn a little something, get your blood pressure checked



Courtesy photo
 Mark Richardson spoke at Kindred Coffee Hour at Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Yellow Rose Cafe Friday about Thank a Veteran Day, proclaimed by the Big Spring City Council to be the 15th of every month. Every Friday, Kindred Coffee Hour features a different guest speaker who speaks on a variety of topics. There is something different in store each week for guests of the Kindred Coffee Hour, and free blood pressure checks are always on the menu. Kindred Coffee Hour is every Friday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the Yellow Rose Cafe.

Support United Way while you run for fun



By **TYLER SCHELLIE**
 Staff Writer

The United Way of Big Spring and Howard County is hosting its first ever 5k and 1k Family Fun Day at Comanche Trail Park, Saturday, July 14 from 8 a.m. to 1p.m.
 There will be prizes for first-, second- and third-place runners in the 5k and 1k races. All participants in the race will receive a pass to Russ McEwen Water park.
 A variety of booths with food, refreshments, fun games and bounce houses for children will be available for people who aren't participating in the races.

All funds raised from booths and races will go to the 2019 United Way of Big Spring and Howard County's fundraising campaign. The United Way is a non-profit organization that helps support health and human service agencies in Howard County to help make positive changes for those in need.
 To register for the race, visit <https://www.raceentry.com/races/ united-way-family-fun-run/2018/> register
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Ex-Trump campaign chairman Manafort jailed ahead of trial

By **CHAD DAY**
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Onetime Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort has been sent to jail after a federal judge revoked his house arrest over allegations of witness tampering in special counsel Robert Mueller's Russia investigation.

The order Friday by U.S. District Judge Amy Berman Jackson.

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son adds to the pressure on Manafort in connection with the federal interference into the 2016 election and possible coordination with Trump aides.
 Manafort, 69, now loses the relative freedom he enjoyed while preparing for two criminal trials. He faces the possibility, if tried and convicted, of spending the rest of his life in prison. Still, it's unclear whether the move will push Manafort to cooperate with prosecutors.
 Manafort witnessed several key episodes under investigation by Mueller's team. But he has not shown a willingness to help investigators, maintaining his innocence and attacking his prosecution as illegitimate. Prosecutors have given no indication they are pursuing a plea deal or consider his testimony essential



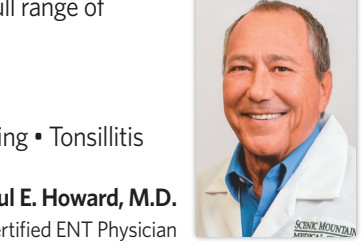
AP photo
 Paul Manafort goes through security as he arrives at federal court, Friday, June 15, 2018, in Washington.

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Texas governor's plan after school shooting meets pushback

By PAUL J. WEBER

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Republican Texas Gov. Greg Abbott on Friday told his party that gun rights are safe on his watch amid worries by some conservatives over his response to last month's mass shooting at a high school near Houston that killed 10 people.

Abbott headlined the Texas GOP Convention in San Antonio at the end of a week in which school police chiefs, gun-control activists and an alliance of U.S. education groups pushed back on parts of his wide-ranging safety recommendations after the Santa Fe High School shooting.

The plan calls for arming more teachers, mental health spending and "hardening" campuses with extra police or metal detectors. Also mentioned are potential "red flag" laws that keep guns away from people deemed a danger to themselves or others, which is a non-starter for some gun-rights groups and firebrand conservatives in the Texas Legislature.

Abbott, who is heavy favorite to win a second term in November, didn't touch on his plan during his speech to Republican delegates in what is

largest state party convention in the U.S. But he relayed what he said was a message from a tiny Texas community where a church gunman killed more than two dozen people in November.

"The people of Sutherland Springs, they looked me in the eye and they insisted, they said, "Governor, do not let them use this to take away our guns," Abbott said.

Nearly a month after the May 18 attack that was the deadliest high school shooting in Texas history, Abbott's plan is treading a familiar path of others like it in the wake of mass shootings: slow-moving debates, criticism from gun-control activists and uncertainty over whether new proposed safeguards or spending will pan out.

The plan contained no major restrictions on firearms. But "red flag" laws and changes to gun storage laws have worried some gun-rights groups and a small caucus of hardline Republicans in the Texas House who met with Abbott last week.

"We shared specific and in-depth concerns regarding changes to gun-storage laws and other measures affecting gun ownership," the Texas Freedom Caucus said after the meeting.

That was a softer tone than comments last month by freedom caucus member Rep. Jonathan Stickland, who tweeted, "The idea of regulating and enforcing the storage of firearms is a nightmare. I will fight it forever."

"The governor said, 'Hey, this isn't a finished document. This is a conversation starter,'" said Republican state Rep. Matt Krause, who attended the meeting with Abbott.

The Texas GOP convention comes days after Texas Legislature — which has expanded gun laws under Abbott — held its first hearings since the Santa Fe shooting and heard from school police chiefs that installing metal detectors would be ineffective. An alliance of top U.S. education groups that pushed Congress to triple the size of an education block grant also expressed alarm about those dollars being eligible to "harden" campuses.

Texas expects to get an additional \$62 million under the grant, and Abbott said the priority for the money should be school safety. But Education Department Elizabeth Hill said a school district can generally not spend all the money under the program for that sole purpose.

Rhonda Hart, whose 14-year-old

daughter, Kimberly Vaughan, was among the students who died in the Santa Fe shooting, said she called Abbott's office this week after seeing Texas lawmakers appearing to embrace suggestions to arm more teachers. Hart, who has been outspoken on the need for more gun control, said she also told President Donald Trump that she did not support arming teachers when they met last month.

Hart said she agreed with Abbott's focus on mental health. But she suggested time is wasting.

"The kids are out of school now," Hart said. "So stop talking and get some metal detectors installed where there are no kids."

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City; while Williams turned himself in to police on March 26.

Indictment on charges is not the same as a "guilty" verdict; Hernandez, Villa and Williams are presumed innocent until convicted at trial.

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MANAFORT

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to the probe given the amount of evidence — and other cooperators — they've amassed in the last year.

No one on the campaign, including Manafort, has been charged with a crime directly related to Russian attempts to sway the election.

President Donald Trump criticized Jackson's decision, even as he sought to distance himself from Manafort by saying the former chairman worked for other prominent Republicans and worked for his campaign for only "49 days or something? A very short period of time." In fact, Manafort served there for nearly five months.

Trump also tweeted with sarcasm that he "didn't know Manafort was the head of the Mob" and asked: "What about Comey and Crooked Hillary and all of the others? Very unfair!" Those were references to James Comey, whom Trump fired as FBI director, and Hillary Clinton, the 2016 Democratic presidential nominee.

The president incorrectly referred to Manafort's pretrial detention as a "tough sentence." Manafort hasn't been convicted of any crimes or sentenced.

In issuing her ruling, Jackson said she had struggled with the decision to jail Manafort while he awaits trial and considered alternatives.

But she couldn't "turn a blind eye" to his conduct or ensure he would abide by her orders if he remained on house arrest.

"You have abused the trust placed in you six months ago," she said.

Jackson's ruling came in response to an indictment handed up last week charging Manafort, and longtime associate Konstantin Kilimnik, with obstruction of justice and conspiracy to obstruct justice, adding to the multiple felony counts he already faced.

Manafort pleaded not guilty to the latest indictment on Friday. Kilimnik, who prosecutors say lives in Russia, did not appear in court or respond to an email seeking comment Friday. Mueller's team has said that Kilimnik has ties to Russian intelligence agencies, a claim he has denied.

Prosecutors say the two men tried to get two witnesses to say that lobbying work on behalf of Ukraine and carried out by clandestinely paid former politicians occurred only in Europe and not the U.S., a contention the witnesses said they knew was false.

The distinction matters because unregistered foreign lobbying in the U.S. is a crime, while lobbying solely in Europe would be outside the special counsel's jurisdiction.

Manafort's lawyers have accused prosecutors of conjuring a "sinister plot" out of "innocuous" contacts. They filed a memo written by one of the witnesses for Manafort that his attorneys say shows the work of the group, known as the Hapsburg group, was European-focused.

In response, prosecutors filed additional documents showing extensive lobbying contacts by the group in the U.S., which they said showed "the falsity of his representation." One document was a 2013 memo from Manafort to former Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich. It described how Manafort had designed a program that used the Hapsburg members to lobby U.S. lawmakers and influence American public opinion including meetings on Capitol Hill.

Manafort lawyer Richard Westling said his client had "largely" complied with Jackson's orders. And he argued that Manafort could not have known the men he contacted were witnesses.

Westling did not propose adding any conditions to Manafort's house arrest, only asking that the judge clarify whom he was or wasn't allowed to contact. He also asked the judge to consider the burden it would place on Manafort to prepare for two criminal trials from jail.

Prosecutor Greg Andres said it was "inconceivable" that Manafort didn't know the men were potential witnesses, noting that he had specifically reached out to them to discuss allegations made in an indictment against him.

Andres said Manafort had carried out a "sustained campaign" over five weeks to influence the witnesses' testimony, which he said was part of Manafort's "history of deception in this case."

For example, he said, the government had discovered Manafort was trying to hide his communications by using a technique called "foldering" in which multiple people have access to the same email account and communicate by saving messages in a drafts folder rather than sending them.

Jackson said she was "very troubled" by Manafort's contacts with witnesses. She also refused to lay out which witnesses were off-limits.

"This is not middle school. I can't take his cellphone," she said, noting that if she listed 56 witnesses, she couldn't be certain he wouldn't contact the 57th.

Manafort will remain

in jail while he awaits trial in both Washington and Virginia over the next few months. He faces several felony charges — including tax evasion, bank fraud, money-laundering conspiracy and acting as an unregistered foreign agent — related to his Ukrainian political work, money he funneled through offshore accounts and loans he took out on property in the U.S.

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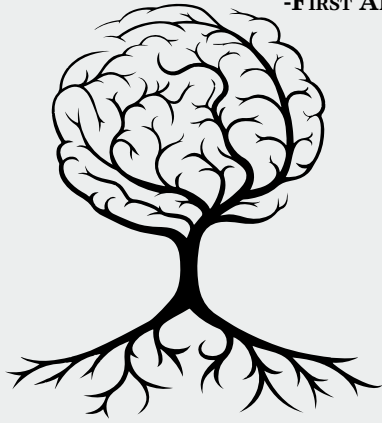
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DAILY PRAYER

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

A few stories from Billy

Billy Langford has lived in or near Carthage all his life.

“My parents were share croppers. I grew up on a farm owned by a judge. I went to a school that had one teacher. The school was called Potlicker and had 21 students in the whole school.”

Living conditions were primitive.

“We lived in a two room shack that had a tin roof. It was used tin. Had holes in it. When it rained my mother would go get pots and pans and put them on the bed to keep the rain from wetting the bed. She knew where to put them.

“Our house had a wood floor and she washed it. The floor had cracks in it. We had a few old hens that stayed under the floor. They’d be scratching around under there and would get wet when mother washed the floor.”

Billy spent a lot of time with his grandfather.

“We’d go to town on Saturdays. The newest car he ever had was a 1936 Terraplane made by Hudson

Motor Company. Roads were terrible. The county was broke and had no money to work the roads.

People couldn’t pay their taxes because they didn’t have any money. Before we could go to town on Saturday we had to go work on the roads. We’d fill up holes with dirt to try to keep from getting stuck in the ruts and the clay.

“When we got to town on Saturday afternoons, my grandfather usually gave me a nickel. I’d

take that nickel and go to Billy Grimes’s ice cream parlor and get three dips of orange pineapple ice cream for a nickel. That’s where my money always went.

“One time one of my grandfather’s farmer friends, Mr. Carl Marcum came up to me, pulled out his pocketbook and said ‘Billy Boy, do you have any money?’ I told him I did. He asked me to show what I had and I pulled out my buffalo nickel and showed it to him. He pulled a dime out of his pocketbook and said he would trade his dime for my



TUMBLEWEED SMITH



June's bustin' out all over...

A childish “giddiness” engulfs my Uncle Mort annually about this time. Maude says his behavior is as predictable as the arrival of hummingbirds to the colorful feeders the couple hang each summer.

“Come to think of it, Mort goes for the ‘red stuff,’ too,” she said. “But his weakness is for the season’s first delectable watermelons.”

The old couple learned long ago that May melons don’t usually measure up, serving only to make the buckets heavy when they “slop” the hogs....

Mort freely admits that a big slice of watermelon-eaten in the shade of a tree on a hot summer day--is a fore-taste of glory divine.

He claims he tries not to view the cutting and slicing of the first melon each season.

“If I look at it too much before I get my first big bite, my mouth starts watering,” he contends. “And I don’t want to dilute the taste none.”...

My uncle, who’ll celebrate his 106th birthday on July 4, brags often about his “double-barrel wins” in the thicket’s annual watermelon-eating contests held during his youth. Sure enough, there on his mantel are a dozen trophies, each inscribed with his “double-barrel” watermelon supremacy.

“Not only was I able to eat the most watermelon, I proved each year to be the most level-headed guy in the thicket.”

Perhaps I’d do better not to question him about his boasts,

which he always claims to be “on the level.” He said by the time he chomped down on his third bite, the fruit’s luscious liquid was streaming from each corner of his mouth at exactly the same rate. “Only a level-headed guy could do that,” he cackled....

Mort says he often finished last in the seed-spitting contest, however.

He remembers it required too much concentration, thus limiting his time for “chatter.” This is easy to believe, since not much gets between Mort and his domination of conversations.

When he was really “revved up” at one of his parties, his “yakking” was clocked at 175 words per minute, with gusts to 200....

These days, he’s planning for his upcoming July 4th birthday, and he’ll be mailing invitations to his outdoor party in the thicket soon. He isn’t revealing too many of his plans, but by the looks of his invitation, it will have a “watermelon theme.”

He always tries to work in some patriotic references, and the same is true this year. Maude has purchased white and blue napkins, and watermelons will add the color red.

Each invitation will have a watermelon seed attached, reminding celebrants that everyone who attends will take home a watermelon....

A farmer neighbor with a bumper crop of melons this year has offered Mort an “in-the-field” price of 75 cents each.



DR. DON NEWBURY

nickel. I had never had a dime. It’s too small for me. I thought it was like trading a big piece of cake for a smaller piece. So I didn’t trade with him. He told my grandfather about what happened. On the way home that evening my grandfather told me that if I had traded with him I could have had two nickels. I remembered that.”

Mr. Langford became a successful businessman and civic leader in Carthage. He says the lessons he learned as a boy about taking care of money guided him through all his business dealings, using truth and honesty as his guidelines. Growing up he was not afraid of hard work. As a teenager he heard about a construction job at Beckville about 15 miles away. His family had no car so he got up at 4 o’clock in the morning and started walking, getting to the job site about 10 o’clock. When the man in charge found out the youngster had walked all that way he hired Billy. The man lived in Carthage so Billy got to ride to and from work with him.

“I’m going to buy 50, with an option to pull a few more during the party if everyone in the thicket shows up.”

From time to time, invitations have included wordage about gifts “not being expected.” So many bring them anyway, Mort surmises, he thinks he’ll change wording to say, “Each guest bringing a gift will take home a free watermelon.”...

I mentioned to him that I didn’t realize that he and his farmer neighbor were such close friends.

He responded with a friendly, blunted “jab,” clearly conveying that I was “wrong again.”

“On the contrary,” he said. “There’s nothing he wouldn’t do for me, and nothing I wouldn’t do for him. So consequently, we do little for each other,” he laughed....

Mort knows his friends will attend. They always do, with a “good time to be had by all.”

And, no matter how much he emphasizes watermelons, Maude will bake a humongous birthday cake. She’s always been as good as it gets in the kitchen.

They say whatever she bakes is always watery, and her cakes have been described by innumerable friends as “the best they’ve ever lapped lips over.”...

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SNAPSHOTS

By: Dan Holt's Daughter



GENTLE AND KIND

Being raised by a grandmother, mother and older sisters who were both loving and kind made an everlasting imprint on Daddy's heart. He treated all women young and old with respect. He was often heard to comment on how a man should 'treat a Lady.' His tender heart covered children and animals in particular when dealing with any level of pain or suffering.

'The Remedy'

Both she and 'Little Brother' were healthy kids having been raised on lots of West Texas fresh air and sunshine.

When the rare 'flu bug' or just a common cold hit one of them, it was Daddy who knew just what to do. The country store at Vincent had all the ingredients needed for 'the Remedy'; Campbell's Tomato Soup, Premium Saltine Crackers and 7UP. Whether the 'Remedy' actually cured anything was debatable; however:

"Sis. Do ya feel better now?"

"I sure do Daddy. I feel a whole lot better."

"I knew ya would. I just knew you would."

(When she had children of her own, 'the Remedy' was part of her medical toolbox. A generation later when her first grandbaby, Christopher, came along and got sick; his young mother asked: "What do I do?" With a knowing smile, she answered: "Don't worry Dear, I know just what's needed.")

'Her One and Only Whoppin'

It was late one afternoon. Daddy was out watering the small patch of grass in the backyard. She and 'Little Brother' were playing with the Boy Next Door. The two boys were wrestling all good natured when before she realized it, a burst of anger erupted.

"Ya got him pinned down now, Monty." She said.

"Daddy said to her: "GET IN THE HOUSE NOW!!!"

She didn't know what was wrong.

He said after they were inside the house: "I won't have you taking sides against your brother!"

(He was too upset to hear her say: "Daddy, I thought they were just playin'")

"Go to your room. You're gonna get a whoppin'"

He took off his belt and took one swat across the back of her legs. He then put the belt on the bed and walked into the bathroom. She could hear him throwing up. After a bit there he stood leaning on the frame of the bathroom door all pale and shaking: "I'LL NEVER HIT HER AGAIN!"

She felt really bad that he thought she didn't take sides with 'Little Brother.' That day she learned a valuable lesson about loyalty. Love and loyalty to family are very important. She determined in her heart to never do that again even if it's just playin'.

'Bitsy'

It was a happy day when Bitsy, a tiny black and white Fox Terrier came into her life. She was just the cutest little thing she ever saw. It was love from the moment she held Bitsy in her hand. She solemnly promised to take good care of her.

All was well until one day Bitsy got sick.

That morning Daddy said: "Don't worry Sis. I'll take her to the vet. You go on ta school. Ever thang's gonna be alright."

She worried all day while at school. Daddy was waiting for her when she got off the bus.

"Sis. Bitsy's very sick. She has Distemper. That's very bad especially for a little dog. I had to leave her at the vet's. He's gonna do ever thang he can to help her. We'll know more tomorrah."

His tender heart was sorely tried by her tears. He could not bring himself to tell her that the vet offered little or no hope for Bitsy's recovery recommending that she be 'put down.' He was up all that night worrying.

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Texas heart transplant program resumed after suspension

By JUAN A. LOZANO

Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston hospital announced Friday that it has reactivated its renowned heart transplant program after a two-week suspension of all medical procedures following the deaths this year of several patients.

Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center's decision to temporarily halt its program came after a series of joint reports by the Houston Chronicle and ProPublica revealing the departure of several top physicians and an unusually high number of patient deaths in recent years.

In a statement, the hospital said a review of two recent patient deaths didn't identify systemic problems with the program.

"We are confident that the program is ready to move forward and to serve the critically ill patients and their families who have placed their trust in us," Doug Lawson, CEO of Catholic Health Initiatives Texas Division, which owns St. Luke's, said in a video posted by the hospital.

The hospital said it has made several changes, including reorganizing the transplant surgery team and expanding the role of Dr. Gabriel Loor, who is co-chief of adult cardiac surgery and surgical director of the lung transplant program.

Other changes include refining how patients are selected for the program and reorganizing the multidisciplinary approach to patient care.

Also, a special committee has been set up to study other changes that could be made to improve the heart transplant program and to ensure that the hospital transparently communi-

cates with patients and their families, according to the statement.

"Baylor St. Luke's believes strongly that improvement is a never-ending process," Dr. Paul Klotman, president and CEO of Baylor College of Medicine, said in a statement. "Although this voluntary pause in the program is complete, we will continue to recruit additional surgical and clinical expertise, refine procedures and practices, and implement improvements as soon as we identify opportunities."

The hospital said it is notifying the more than 60 patients who are on a donor waiting list that the heart transplant program has resumed.

The program is one of the nation's most respected. It was at St. Luke's that famed surgeon Denton Cooley performed some of the world's first heart transplants back in the 1960s.

But staffers have recently raised concerns to hospital leaders about the program's direction.

Some St. Luke's cardiologists grew so troubled by the program's direction in 2016 that they referred some patients to other hospitals for transplants.

Officials at St. Luke's and its affiliated Baylor College of Medicine have vigorously defended the program, saying they made improvements after a string of patient deaths in 2015. Officials said the program's one-year survival rate after heart transplants had reached 94 percent in 2016 and 2017.

But of nine patients who received heart transplants at St. Luke's since the start of 2018, at least three have died, according to the Chronicle and ProPublica. Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center said that two of the deaths warranted review during the two-week suspension.

Permian Basin to double crude oil volumes by 2023



HOUSTON (AP) — The Permian Basin in West Texas is expected to become the third-largest oil producing region in the world.

The Houston Chronicle reports that research shows the Permian is on track to produce more oil within five years than any OPEC nation except

Saudi Arabia. Crude volumes from the region are projected to more than double by 2023.

Most of the oil is headed to refineries and ports near Houston and Corpus Christi. U.S. crude exports are expected to spike to nearly 5 million barrels a day by 2023.

IHS Markit Vice Chairman Daniel Yergin says the Permian's production in the past two years has grown far more than any country in the world. The consulting firm estimates that \$308 billion in new spending is needed to drill more than 40,000 new wells to meet projections.

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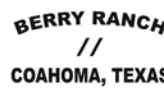
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FBI report: Anti-Trump texts 'cast a cloud' over email probe

By **MARY CLARE JALONICK**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — As the FBI investigated both candidates running for president in 2016, two FBI employees exchanged thousands of personal texts and messages that included a running political commentary — including newly released messages in which one of them expressed a desire to "stop" the election of Donald Trump.

In a highly anticipated report released Thursday, the Justice Department's internal watchdog said those messages sullied the FBI's reputation and "cast a cloud" over its investigation into Democrat Hillary Clinton's emails, even if they did not affect the investigation itself. The report, which faulted former FBI Director James Comey for his handling of the probe, also cited anti-Trump communications sent by three other unnamed FBI employees.

The messages between FBI agent Peter Strzok and FBI lawyer Lisa Page — both of whom worked on special counsel Robert Mueller's Russia probe — have also given Republicans ample fodder to criticize the Clinton investigation, which eventually cleared her, and to question the department's ongoing probe into Russian election intervention and whether President Donald Trump's Republican campaign was involved. That investigation, now led by Mueller, is also looking into whether Trump obstructed justice.

"Peter Strzok should not have a job anywhere near our Justice Department," said North Carolina Rep. Mark Meadows, a Republican who is close to Trump, after a briefing on the report. The House Judiciary Committee said Thursday they would subpoena Strzok to testify.

Both Strzok and Page worked on the Clinton probe. Strzok was a respected, veteran counter-intelligence agent who helped lead that investigation. Page, who has now left the agency, was less well-known.

The two also had roles on the Mueller investigation. Strzok was removed from the Russia probe in the summer of 2017 after the department found out about the texts. Page only briefly worked on Mueller's team and left before the texts were discovered.

Texts between the two included their observations of the 2016 election and criticism of Trump. They used words like "idiot," "loathsome," "menace" and "disaster" to describe him. In one text four days before the election, Page told Strzok that the "American presidential election, and thus, the state of the world, actually hangs in the balance."

Many of the texts had already been made public after the FBI sent them to Congress. But in a new, inflammatory text revealed in the report, Page wrote Strzok in August 2016: "(Trump's) not ever going to become president, right? Right?"

Strzok responded: "No. No he won't. We'll stop it."

The inspector general's report said that exchange "is not only indicative of a biased state of mind but, even more seriously, implies a willingness to take official action to impact the presidential candidate's electoral prospects. This is antithetical to the core values of the FBI and the Department of Justice."

Trump weighed in on the exchange on Twitter Friday morning, tweeting: "Doesn't get any lower than that!"

Still, investigators said they did not find "documentary or testimonial evidence" that the bias affected the probe — a point echoed by Strzok's lawyer, Aitan Goelman, on Thursday.

"After a year-long investigation that included a review of millions of communications and interviews of scores of witnesses, the IG concluded that there is no evidence that the political views of Special Agent Strzok and others in the FBI impacted the handling of the Clinton email investigation," Goelman said in a statement.

In interviews included in the report, both Strzok and Page acknowledged that some of their texts could be read as showing their bias against Trump, both during the early stages of the collusion investigation and after Trump assumed office in January 2017.

But both insisted bias played no part in their motivations.

FBI Director Christopher Wray said that "conduct in the report" had already been referred to the department's disciplinary arm, but he would not say which employees had been referred or for what conduct.

In addition to Strzok and Page, the report identifies another FBI attorney who had sent anti-Trump messages and had been assigned to the Clinton investigation and also the investigation into Russian interference. The report says this attorney, called "FBI Attorney 2," was "the primary FBI attorney assigned to (the Russia) investigation beginning in early 2017" and had also worked for Mueller after he was appointed. The report says the attorney left that investigation in late February 2018, shortly after the inspector general provided Mueller with some of the instant messages they had discovered.

The report describes some of those messages, including one the day after the election in which he lamented the results and said he was "so stressed about what I could have done differently." He also wrote to a colleague, "I just can't imagine the systematic disassembly of the progress we made over the last 8 years." In another message, he called then-Vice President-elect Mike Pence "stupid."

The report also details anti-Trump instant messages between other employees assigned to the Clinton case. In one case, a male agent and a female agent who are now married exchanged messages in which the female agent called Trump's Ohio supporters "retarded" and later messaged, "f--- Trump." On Election Day, the male agent messaged "I'm ... with her," referring to one of Clinton's campaign slogans. The male agent was one of two agents who had interviewed Clinton for the investigation.

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4.37 miles northeast of Knott
A-1106, Section 14, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,000 feet
Latitude 032.430605, Longitude -101.573438. Datum: NAD

378' FNL, 1298' FWL of 475.86-acre lease
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Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
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A-532, Section 7, Block 34, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey
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1416' FNEL, 1937' FSEL of 644.6-acre lease
1416' FNEL, 1937' FSEL of the survey

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Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-39235
9.90 miles east of Vealmoor
A-198, Section 39, Block 31, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 12,000 feet
Latitude 032.521850, Longitude -101.401041. Datum:

5957' FNL, 245' FEL of 796.8-acre lease
1985' FSL, 2392' FWL of the survey
SWR 36 (H2S)

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Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-39638
0.42 miles northeast of Knott
A-1674, Section 18, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey

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X=722710, Y=295123. Datum: NAD 27
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#1944WA Waco Kid "A", drill horizontal, API #42-227-

Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
3.28 miles southeast of Big Spring
A-1062, Section 18, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,500 feet
X=773519, Y=218601. Datum: NAD 27
1091' FSL, 1875' FWL of 522.92-acre lease
1091' FSL, 1875' FWL of the survey
Rule 37 Exception

#1945WA Waco Kid "B", drill horizontal, API #42-227-

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About 2,000 minors separated from families

By COLLEEN LONG

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly 2,000 children have been separated from their families at the U.S. border over a six-week period during a crackdown on illegal entries, according to Department of Homeland Security figures obtained Friday by The Associated Press.

The figures show that 1,995 minors were separated from 1,940 adults from April 19 through May 31. The separations were not broken down by age, and included separations for illegal entry, immigration violations or possible criminal conduct by the adult.

Under a "zero tolerance" policy announced by Attorney General Jeff Sessions, Department of Homeland Security officials are now referring all cases of illegal entry for criminal prosecution. U.S. protocol prohibits detaining children with their parents because the children are not charged with a crime and the parents are.

Sessions announced the effort April 6, and Homeland Security began stepping up referrals in early May, effectively putting the policy into action.

Since then, stories of weeping children torn from the arms of their frightened parents have flooded the media and the policy has been widely criticized by church groups, politicians and children's advocates who say it is inhumane. A battle in Congress is brewing in part over the issue.

Some immigrant advocates have said women were being separated from their infants — a charge Homeland Security

and Justice officials flatly denied. They also said the children were being well cared for and disputed reports of disorder and mistreatment at the border.

On Thursday, Sessions cited the Bible in defending the policy, arguing the recent criticisms were not "fair or logical and some are contrary to law."

"I would cite you to the Apostle Paul and his clear and wise command in Romans 13, to obey the laws of the government because God has ordained them for the purpose of order," he said.

The new figures are for people who tried to enter the U.S. between official border crossings. Asylum seekers who go directly to official crossings are not separated from their families, except in specific circumstances — such as if officials can't confirm the relationship between the minors and adults, if the safety of the children is in question, or if the adult is being prosecuted.

There were an additional 35 minors separated at ports of entry in May through June 6. There were more than 50 at the official crossings in April and March each, according to the figures.

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105' FNL, 1133' FEL of 485.97-acre lease
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Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
9.21 miles southeast of Vealmoor

A-274, Section 23, Block 32, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9000 feet
Latitude 032.430575, Longitude -101.453776. Datum: NAD 27
422' FSL, 265' FEL of 626.11-acre lease
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Rule 37 Exception

#4SH Priscilla "23-14", drill horizontal, API #42-227-39576
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
9.21 miles southeast of Vealmoor

A-274, Section 23, Block 32, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9000 feet
Latitude 032.430561, Longitude -101.453839. Datum: NAD 27
422' FSL, 285' FEL of 626.11-acre lease
422' FSL, 285' FEL of the survey
Rule 37 Exception



AP photo
Jonathan Wilson, 33, of Scranton, Pa., holds a sign outside of a Lackawanna College where U.S. Attorney Jeff Sessions spoke on immigration policy and law enforcement actions, Friday, June 15, 2018, in Scranton, Pa. Attendees who took part in listening to the speech cross the street at right.

NASA's record-breaking spacewoman retires as astronaut



AP photo

In this Dec. 3, 2016 photo made available by NASA, astronaut Peggy Whitson poses for a photo in the cupola of the International Space Station, with the Earth in the background. On Friday, June 15, 2018, NASA announced Whitson, who has spent more time off the planet than any other American, has retired. The 58-year-old biochemist joined NASA as a researcher in 1986 and became an astronaut in 1996.

By MARCIA DUNN

AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA's record-breaking astronaut, Peggy Whitson, retired Friday less than a year after returning from her last and longest spaceflight.

She's spent more time off the planet than any other American: 665 days over three space station missions. She's also the world's most experienced female spacewalker, with 10 under her spacesuit belt.

Whitson was the first woman to command the International Space Station, holding the position twice, and the oldest woman ever to fly in space. She was also the only woman to have served as chief of NASA's male-dominated astronaut corps.

Fellow astronauts called her a "space ninja."

"It's been the greatest honor to live out my lifelong dream of being a @NASA Astronaut," Whitson said via Twitter, thanking "all who have supported me along the way."

"As I reminisce on my many treasured memories, it's safe to say my journey at NASA has been out of this world!"

The 58-year-old biochemist, who

grew up on an Iowa hog farm, joined NASA as a researcher in 1986 and became an astronaut in 1996. Her last spaceflight, spanning 2016 and 2017, lasted close to 10 months.

Only Russian men have spent more time in space: Gennady Padalka holds the record with 879 days over five missions.

NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine called Whitson an inspiration, citing her determination and dedication to science, exploration and discovery.

"She set the highest standards for human spaceflight operations," Brian Kelly, director of flight operations at Johnson Space Center in Houston, said in a statement, "as well as being an outstanding role model for women and men in America and across the globe."

Before leaving the space station last September, Whitson said she would miss the orbiting outpost — an "awe-inspiring creation" — and the views from 250 miles up.

"I will miss seeing the enchantingly peaceful limb of our Earth from this vantage point. Until the end of my days, my eyes will search the horizon to see that curve," she said.

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A trade war looms as Trump slaps tariffs on Chinese imports

By PAUL WISEMAN and KEN THOMAS

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump brought the world's two biggest economies to the brink of a trade war Friday by announcing a 25 percent tariff on up to \$50 billion in Chinese imports to take effect July 6.

Beijing quickly responded that it would retaliate with penalties of the same scale on American goods.

In announcing the U.S. tariffs, Trump said he was fulfilling a campaign pledge to crack down on what he contends are China's unfair trade practices and its efforts to undermine U.S. technology and intellectual property.

"We have the great brain power in Silicon Valley, and China and others steal those secrets," Trump said on "Fox & Friends." "We're going to protect those secrets. Those are crown jewels for this country."

The prospect of a U.S.-China trade war jolted financial markets Friday. The Dow Jones industrial average was down more than 220 points in mid-afternoon trading. Other stock averages also sank.

The U.S. tariffs will cover 1,102 Chinese product lines worth about \$50 billion a year. Included are 818 items, worth \$34 billion a year, from a list of 1,333 the administration had released in April. After receiving public comment, the U.S. removed 515 product lines from the list, including TVs and some pharmaceuticals, according to a senior administration official who briefed reporters on condition of anonymity.

The administration is targeting an additional 284 Chinese products, which it says benefit from Beijing's strong-armed industrial policies, worth \$16 billion a year. But it won't impose those tariffs until it gathers public comments. U.S. companies that rely on the targeted imports — and can't find substitutes — can apply for exemptions from the tariffs.

The Trump administration has sought to protect consumers from a direct impact from the tariffs, which amount to a tax on imports. The tariffs target mainly Chinese industrial machinery, aerospace parts and communications technology, while sparing such consumer goods as smartphones, TVs, toys and clothes that Americans purchase by the truckload from China.

These tariffs will impose higher costs on U.S. companies that use the equipment. And over time, those costs could be passed on to consumers. But the impact won't be as visible as it would be if consumer products were taxed directly.

By contrast, the Trump administration earlier this year imposed steep tariffs on imported washing machines. By May, the cost of laundry equipment had jumped 17 percent from two months earlier, according to government data.

The administration characterized the tariffs it announced Friday as entirely proper.

"It's thorough, it's moderate, it's appropriate," U.S. Trade Rep. Robert Lighthizer said on Fox Busi-

ness Network's "Mornings With Maria."

Lighthizer added, "Our hope is that it doesn't lead to a rash reaction from China."

But Beijing's Commerce Ministry retorted in a statement: "The Chinese side doesn't want to fight a trade war, but facing the shortsightedness of the U.S. side, China has to fight back strongly. We will immediately introduce the same scale and equal taxation measures, and all economic and trade achievements reached by the two sides will be invalidated."

A ministry statement gave no details of what U.S. goods would be hit by Beijing's retaliatory tariffs. But China in April had announced possible targets, including light aircraft, orange juice, whiskey, beef and soybeans — an economically and politically important export from America's heartland.

Trump has already imposed tariffs on steel and aluminum imports from Canada, Mexico and European allies, sparking anger and retaliatory threats from some of America's closest longtime allies. But his proposed tariffs against China risk igniting a damaging trade war involving the world's two biggest economies.

Trump's decision follows his summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. The president has coordinated closely with China on efforts to pressure Pyongyang to eliminate its nuclear arsenal. But he signaled that whatever the implications for that or other issues, "I have to do what I have to do" to address China's trade policies.

By June 30, the administration is expected to finish writing rules to restrict China's ability to invest in U.S. technology.

Most of all, the U.S. tariffs are a response to China's attempts to supplant U.S. technological dominance, including outright theft of trade secrets and its requirement that U.S. companies share technology in exchange for access to the Chinese market.

The Trump administration has also argued that Beijing subsidies favored industries, encouraging them overinvest and overproduce. The result: China has flooded world markets in steel, aluminum,



AP photo
President Donald Trump speaks to reporters on the North Lawn of the White House, Friday, June 15, 2018, in Washington.

solar panels and products, thereby undercutting prices and putting foreign rivals out of business.

The Trump administration sent mixed messages as it tried to resolve the dispute with China. Last month, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin emerged from talks with Chinese officials in Washington and declared any trade war "on hold" after China had agreed to buy billions more in U.S. products, especially in energy and agriculture. But critics said the deal was too vague, and Trump quickly backed away. His hard-line trade adviser, Peter Navarro, called Mnuchin's conciliatory comments "an unfortunate sound bite."

Wall Street has viewed the escalating trade tensions with concern, fearful that they could strangle economic growth and undermine the benefits of the tax cuts Trump signed into law last year.

"Imposing tariffs places the cost of China's unfair trade practices squarely on the shoulders of American consumers, manufacturers, farmers, and ranchers," said Thomas Donohue, president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. "This is not the right approach."

Political reactions to Friday's announced tariffs cut across party lines. Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said Trump was "right on target."

"China is our real trade enemy, and their theft of intellectual property and their refusal to let our companies compete fairly threatens millions of future American jobs," Schumer added.

But Rep. Dave Reichert, R-Wash., said he disagreed with the action because "Americans will bear the brunt instead of China."



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Forsan Student Qualifies to Compete at the World's Largest Junior High Rodeo

By JORDAN PARR
Sports Editor

Cade Wallis, an eighth grade student at Forsan Junior High has earned a position on the Texas state Nation Junior High rodeo team and will be traveling with fellow teammates to Huron, South Dakota, June 24 through June 30 to compete at the 14th annual Nation Junior High Finals Rodeo (NJHFR) in the team roping competition as a heeler with his partner Cooper Meador who is the teams header.

Cade and Cooper placed 4th at the Texas State Finals this year in Gonzales, Texas earning them a spot in the NJHFR. Cade also competes in calf roping and the NUT doggen (Jr rodeo wrestling) as well as team roping and has qualified for state in all three events in three consecutive years.

Cade and Cooper will be competing in one of the largest Jr rodeos in the world, featuring roughly 1,000 contestants from 43 state, five Canadian provinces, as well as Australia and Mexico. In addition

to competing for more than \$80,000 in prizes, NJHFR contestants will also be vying for more than \$200,000 in college scholarships and the chance to be named a Nation Junior High Finals Rodeo World Champion. To earn this title, contestants must finish in the top 20 - based on their combined times/scores in the first two rounds - to advance to Saturday evening's final round. World Champions will be determined based on their three-round combined times/scores.

This year the Saturday Championship performance will be televised nationally as part of the Cinch High School Rodeo Tour telecast series on RFD-TV. Live broadcasts of all NJHFR performances will air on: www.RidePass.com. Performance times are 7 p.m. on June 24th and 9 a.m. & 7 p.m. each day thereafter.

Congratulations to Cade and Cooper on such an outstanding accomplishment. Good luck at the World Championships, we are all rooting for you!



Courtesy photo/Mary Wallis

Cade Wallis catching the heels of a steer during competition earlier this year. Wallis will hope to continue his success with the help of his partner as they head to the World Championships at the end of the month.



Courtesy photo/Mary Wallis

Cade Wallis and Cooper Meador working together to get a good time. Wallis and Meador placed 4th at the Texas State Finals this year in Gonzales, Texas earning them a spot in the NJHFR.



Courtesy photo/Mary Wallis

Cade Wallis, an eighth grade student at Forsan Junior High sits his horse waiting his turn to rope at the Texas State Finals in Gonzales, Tx earlier this year.

Titans Take USSSA Texas Title



Courtesy photo/Paul Diaz

The Titans shown above are now the 12U AA West Texas State Champs after playing outstanding ball throughout the 2018 USSSA West Texas Baseball State Tournament in Midland. Front Row: Devin Mier, Bryce Davis, Kevin Kligora, McCray Jacobs, and Christian Martinez Middle Row: Austen Raines, Billy Bailey, Isaiah Diaz, Eric Aguilar, Ian Galan, and Reece Harris Back Row Coaches: Jason Martinez, Paul Diaz, and Robert Galan



By JORDAN PARR
Sports Editor

The Titans Competed in the 2018 USSSA West Texas Baseball State Tournament in Midland last weekend and brought home the State Championship in dominant fashion. With 12 teams in their age bracket and only one winner, the Titans from Big Spring brought home the bragging rights.

The Titans played outstanding ball and are now the 12U AA West Texas State Champs! Teams from Midland, Grapevine, Andrews, Snyder, Levelland, Seminole, Denver City, McCamey, Lubbock, and Canyon Texas all competed in the tournament, but it was our home town Titans that took home the title. These young men went 5-0 in the tournament and let their bats do the talking throughout. The Titans scored 50 runs on 57 hits while defensively they gave up only 16 runs in the entire tournament.

Congratulations Titans you represent the future of Big Spring baseball and that future looks bright in your hands!

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Ronaldo with chance to prove he can also thrive at World Cup

By TALES AZZONI

AP Sports Writer
SOCHI, Russia — After conquering Europe with his club and his country, Cristiano Ronaldo is out to show he can also dominate on the world stage.

The Portugal forward hasn't been at his best in past World Cups, but his opening hat trick in Russia is a sign that things are starting to change.

Ronaldo carried his national team on Friday, scoring all three goals in a 3-3 draw against Spain in Sochi.

"I'm happy, it's my best performance in a World Cup," Ronaldo said after the Group B match.

After only one game in Russia, Ronaldo has already doubled his total goals from previous World Cups. And with matches against Morocco and Iran coming up, he is already in good position to contend for this year's "Golden Boot" trophy.

In the last 10 World Cups, only once has the top scorer had more than six goals in a single tournament — Brazil forward Ronaldo in 2002 with eight. Colombia midfielder James Rodriguez ended up with six goals in Brazil four years ago.

Ronaldo's third goal at Fisht Stadium was a remarkable 88th-minute free kick



AP photo
Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo, second from left, celebrates after he scored his third goal with a free kick during the group B match between Portugal and Spain at the 2018 soccer World Cup in the Fisht Stadium in Sochi, Russia, Friday, June 15, 2018.

that salvaged the draw. The perfectly taken shot — with the ball going over the wall and into the top corner — was the talk of the World Cup on Friday.

"When you play against a player like Cristiano Ronaldo, that kind of thing can happen," Spain coach Fernando Hierro said. "With Cristiano, one moment of inspiration can be enough."

The goal allowed Ronaldo to join Ferenc Puskas as Europe's top international scorer with 84 goals, matching a

record that was set more than six decades ago. Ronaldo's first goal had already allowed him to become the fourth player to score in four World Cups, joining Pele, Miroslav Klose and Uwe Seeler. He celebrated that goal by apparently implying he is the greatest player of all time.

"This is the work of many years," said the 33-year-old Ronaldo, who became the oldest to score a hat trick at the World Cup.

The World Cup hasn't been where Ronaldo has impressed

the most, though. While he was crucial for Portugal when it won the European Championship for the first time two years ago, and has been nearly unstoppable with Real Madrid in the Champions League in recent seasons, Ronaldo had only one goal in each of the last three World Cups.

He had yet to produce a blockbuster World Cup performance like the many he had over the years with Real Madrid in the Champions League, a tournament in

which he is the all-time leading scorer with 120 goals — 20 more than Lionel Messi.

Ronaldo had nine goals in the four European Championships in which he played, including three in the title-winning campaign in France. One of his goals opened the way for the team's 2-0 win over Wales in the semifinals.

"Cristiano has great physical strength but his mental strength is very impressive as well," Portugal coach Fernando Santos said. "He has played at the highest level for a long time now."

Ronaldo's performance against Spain came despite him arriving in Russia surrounded by distractions about his club future and a tax-fraud accusation back in Madrid.

On the eve of the match, Spanish media reported that Ronaldo agreed to plead guilty and pay a fine of 18.8 million euros (\$21.8 million). Earlier, he had already been criticized for not saying whether he would continue at Real Madrid after the World Cup.

"People who criticize him must have some kind of a problem," Spain striker Diego Costa said. "Every season he is scoring 40 or 50 goals. Cristiano is Cristiano, there's nothing else to say about him."

Brazil, Germany face high expectations at World Cup

By TALES AZZONI

AP Sports Writer
MOSCOW — Brazil's quest for World Cup redemption begins Sunday. So does Germany's title defense.

The nations are forever linked by Germany's 7-1 humiliation of host Brazil in the 2014 World Cup semifinals. This year's Brazil squad is stacked with talented strikers as usual, while top-ranked Germany is a threat to become the first repeat winner since Brazil went back-to-back in 1958 and 1962.

Brazil coach Tite has rebuilt his team since 2014 to ease the burden on star forward Neymar. Gabriel Jesus, the 21-year-old Manchester City striker, will make his World Cup debut after leading the team with seven goals in qualifying.

"Of course Neymar is a great player. Everyone knows that," forward Willian said before departing for Russia. "But I think if we play like a team, as a team, we can beat, I think, every team in the world. So I think we go with that mentality."

Tite appears to have settled on a starting lineup that includes Neymar, Coutinho, Casemiro, Paulinho and Willian forming a semicircle around Gabriel Jesus as the center forward. The defenders in front of goalkeeper Alisson are Danilo, Thiago Silva, Miranda and Marcelo. Brazil sported a tight defense as it became the first team to qualify for this year's tournament.

Brazil faces a tricky initial opponent in Switzerland, which is playing in its fourth consecutive World Cup and has ambitions of reaching the quarterfinals for the first time in 64 years. Switzerland took finalist Argentina to extra time in the round of 16 four years ago.

The Swiss are sixth in the FIFA world rankings, four places behind Brazil, and they won nine of their 10 qualifying matches. Coach Vladimir Petkovic favors a midfield-heavy lineup, with Haris Severovic as the lone striker.

Midfielder Valon Behrami, a 33-year-old who's playing in his fourth World Cup, said his team can't get too fixated on stopping Neymar.

"Sure, we hope that he has a bad day and we have a good day," Behrami said. "One player alone cannot stop him, because he is so fast and technically strong. We have to face him as a team."

Brazil and Switzerland meet in their Group E match at 9 p.m. (2 p.m. EDT; 1800 GMT) in Rostov-on-Don in southern Russia.

A look at Sunday's other matches:

COSTA RICA VS. SERBIA

4 p.m. (8 a.m. EDT; 1200 GMT)

The day begins in Samara, about 650 miles (1,050 kilometers) east of Moscow, with the other teams



AP photo
The players of the German national soccer team run during a training session at the 2018 soccer World Cup in Vatutinki near Moscow, Russia, Friday, June 15, 2018.

in the deep Group E. Serbia is the lowest-ranked team in the group at No. 34, and Costa Rica is 23rd.

This year's Ticos won't sneak up on anybody. After all, they are unbeaten in their last five World Cup matches.

Costa Rica made a surprising run to the quarterfinals in 2014, and then played to a scoreless draw against the Netherlands before the Dutch advanced on penalties. Because the Ticos didn't lose in Brazil, they can tie the CONCACAF record for a World Cup unbeaten streak with a win or draw against Serbia.

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The star of that run was goalkeeper Keylor Navas, who now plays for Real Madrid. The 31-year-old started in goal for the team's 3-1 victory over Liverpool in this year's Champions League final. Costa Rica also has six players from Major League Soccer in its squad, including defender and Minnesota United captain Francisco Calvo.

Serbia has a striker to watch in 23-year-old Aleksandar Mitrovic, who had a hat trick to lead his team to a 5-1 friendly win over Bolivia.

Other standouts on coach Mladen Krstajic's team are defender Branislav Ivanovic, who is making his second World Cup appearance; midfielder Nemanja Matic, who plays for Manchester United; and tall and talented midfielder Sergej Milinkovic-Savic, who was crucial to Serbia's victory over Brazil in the 2015 under-20 World Cup.

GERMANY VS. MEXICO
6 p.m. (11 a.m. EDT; 1500 GMT)

Germany launches its title defense in Moscow's Luzhniki Stadium against Mexico and its boisterous, sombrero-wearing fans, who've been highly visible in the Russian capital.

The Germans breezed through qualifying but endured a recent slump in friendly matches, with draws against England, France and Spain and a loss to Brazil that ended a 22-game unbeaten run.

"We're not as good as we're made out to be, or as some think we are," midfielder Toni Kroos said. "There's huge room for improvement."

Kroos, who plays for Real Madrid, anchors an experienced midfield that also includes Juventus' Sami Khedira, Mesut Ozil, Thomas Mueller and Marco Reus. The team has 10 players who hoisted the trophy in 2014.

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Roadrunners and Whiptails: 'Speed Demons of West Texas'

By Judy Tereletsky

Howard SWCD District Clerk

When I was a child, "Beep, Beep!" meant the Roadrunner cartoon on the television. Although this state bird of New Mexico didn't really have an ongoing battle with the coyote who could mail order some interesting devices, I still found the Roadrunner fascinating in regards to his speed. In real life the roadrunner's running speed has been clocked at fifteen miles per hour.

The roadrunner, also called a Chaparral or Paisano (like the Paisano Pete statue that welcomes all to Fort Stockton), has interesting tracks that look like an "X." Their feet have two toes pointing forward and two pointing back creating this pattern. Though this arrangement enables them to climb and grasp, it makes it hard to determine whether the bird is coming or going by looking at their tracks. The roadrunner and its tracks have inspired many beliefs and superstitions. The Pueblo Indians of New Mexico drew the bird's track on the ground near the tent of their dead to mislead evil spirits trying to follow the departed soul of their tribal member. Roadrunners living near a home is a sign of good luck. Early travelers also believed that if a lost person found and followed a roadrunner he would be led to a trail. This probably has some basis in fact as the roadrunner is known to hunt for insects in the vegetation along roads and animal trails.(1)

The roadrunner will eat anything from insects to small birds or mammals, as well as fruits, seeds and prickly pear. It was one of the last bird species to be given state protection because of the mistaken belief that roadrunners were a threat to declining quail populations. (2) The bird is fond of lizards, scorpions, and snakes including young rattlesnakes. To kill a snake the roadrunner circles the snake and by using its speed and agility repeatedly leaps in the air coming down and stabbing the snake with its beak. Repeated blows will stun the snake until the roadrunner can grab it and slam it against the ground or rock to crush the bones in the snake's head and body. Once killed and softened the roadrunner will eat the snake. If it can't swallow it all at once it will carry the snake around in its beak until it can finish its meal. Sometime two roadrunners will work together to kill a snake then share the meal with their offspring. Roadrunner pairs form lifelong bonds that they renew each spring with a series of elaborate courtship steps and calls. Their nesting site is three to ten feet off the ground on a horizontal branch of a sturdy bush, cactus or small tree and often located near a path or streambed so it is easier to carry nest building materials or food for the young. (2)

One of the roadrunner's basic dietary treats is the lizard. Here in Texas one of the most prevalent lizards is the Texas spotted whiptail. One of eleven species of "racerunners" that live in Texas, it arguably has the largest area of distribution. It can be observed statewide, except for a small portion of the Texas and Louisiana border.

The Texas spotted whiptail is an elongated reptile that is covered with small granular scales of equal size along its back and sides. It is one of the larger whiptail species that occur in Texas, with adults reaching an average size of seven inches. The background coloration is tan or brown, and the back is adorned with either seven or eight light stripes that run lengthwise from the neck to the tail. These lines can be white, yellow, or occasionally faint green. There are numerous light spots that appear in random order in between these light stripes, giving this animal the common name. The long tail, which can be up to 65 percent of the animal's total length, is either brown or orange in coloration. Texas spotted whiptails, like other lizard species, are "cold-blooded". This means that they do not generate heat from the inside of their body, as mammals and birds do, but rather are dependent on outside sources for heating and cooling. They are active throughout the day from March to November, and unlike many other reptile species, the high metabolism of this lizard enables it to be observed during the hottest part of the summer afternoons.

This species of lizard's diet is primarily small beetles, ants, grasshoppers and other arthropods, but it will occasionally feed on certain leaves and flowering blossoms like the dandelion. The Texas spotted whiptail is oviparous, which is a fancy way of saying that it lays eggs. After mating, the female will lay a small clutch of eggs (between two and six) in moisture retaining soil. After approximately two months of incubation, the delicate young emerge prepared to care for themselves.

These lizards are nervous and constantly on the move, foraging for food in the ground cover and loose soil. Occasionally they will stop to bask in the sun between meal items,



Courtesy Photo

In the bottom photo shows the Spotted Whiptail. The Texas Spotted Whiptail is found in yards throughout Texas.



but their metabolism is such that they will begin to look again for food within minutes of stopping. Their movement is based on short bursts of speed, rarely more than a few feet at a time unless they feel threatened. (4) Look to observe this speedy lizard in and around city parks, nature trails and your own yard. Sources are from, www.tpwd.texas.gov, www.tamu.edu, www.allaboutbirds.org, www.oaoa.com.



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Roadrunners have been known to kill and eat small rattlesnakes. For the most part, the lizards eat spiders, termites, antlions, beetles, and short-horned grasshoppers. Their dominant foods vary little over time



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Happy 100th Birthday Verle Miller

Verle Miller (formerly of Ackerly) celebrated her 100th birthday on June 1. Family and friends joined in the fun at Park Place Assisted Home in Bryan, where Ms. Miller now resides. Memories and photos of day's past were shared by all.



Five generations gathered in Bryan, Texas on June 1 for birthday celebration of Verle Miller seated in front: (right to left) Linda Thurmond, daughter (of Tahoka); Grant Thurmond, grandson Brittany Thurmond, great granddaughter and Maliyah Hughes, great, great granddaughter (all of Lubbock)

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The family of Austin Ryan Cantu would like to extend our sincere thanks for your kindness, for the condolences and support we received. It brought us comfort during this difficult time.

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The world welcomes baby Pepper Maeshann Nunez



Rick Nunez and Kayla Henyan proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Pepper Maeshann Nunez, born at University Medical Center, Lubbock, Texas on May 30, 2018. At birth Pepper weighed 6lbs 12 oz and 19 1/2 inches long.

She was welcomed by her sister Paisley.

Proud grandparents are Rick and Pat Nunez of Big Spring and Tracy Henyan and Cynthia Bushell of Lubbock, Texas

Going to the Chapel



Bride and groom, Tina M. Buchanan and Luis G. Flores are excited to announce their wedding day for, July 21, 2018. Both live here in Big Spring. Tine works at The Salvation Army, and Luis Retired BSISD/TSA.

The wedding will take place in Big Spring, and the Maid of Honor is Ada Jackson and the Bestman is Dennis Knecht. Tina and Luis are excited to share their big day with family and friends.

Club News Keep Big Spring Beautiful

Keep Big Spring Beautiful held their monthly meeting June 4, 2018. President Eric Escamilla called the meeting to order. After the pledge, Tammy DePauw led the invocation.

Gloria McDonald made a motion to accept the May 2018 minutes. It was seconded by Liz Hafley and all approved.

Jim DePauw gave the treasurer's report. Peggy Skiles made a motion to purchase a new KBSB sign for our projects. Gloria McDonald seconded the motion and all approved.

Eric Escamilla gave a report on various art projects in the city as well as possible new projects. A fundraiser for the arts was discussed.

Pat Simmons discusses code patrol and passed out maps of the various city districts. Everyone is encouraged to work with code patrol.

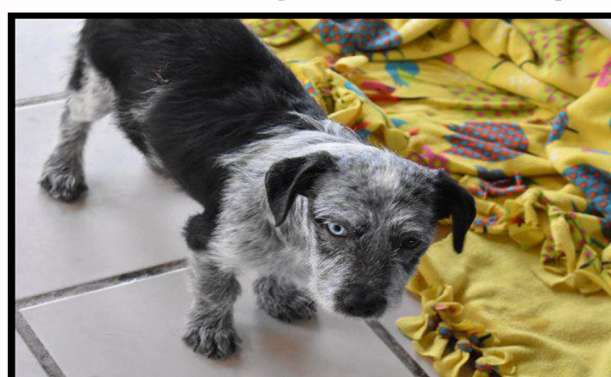
Signup sheets were passed out for three big upcoming events: Library Day-June 27th, Pops In The Park-July 3rd and Love Our Lake-August 18th. Everyone is urged to sign up and participate.

Our next meeting will be July 2, 2018. We meet at Howard College at noon. We will be in the Cactus Room. Visitors are always welcome.

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Roger's Reviews - *Incredibles 2*

After 14 years, they're back. And they haven't aged a day.

We first met the Parr family, Bob, aka Mr. Incredible (Craig T. Nelson); Helen, aka Elastigirl (Holly Hunter); Violet (Sarah Vowell), Dash (voiced by both Eli Fucile and Maeve Andrews), in 2004. Now, they're back on the big screen, voiced by the same actors except for Dash (now voiced by Huck Milner) and Jack Jack (now voiced exclusively by Fucile).

These are the Incredibles, of course, now back in their second movie from Pixar Studios - "Incredibles 2."

After defeating the megalomaniac Syndrome in the first movie, the Incredibles are a real superhero team... though the kids often get stuck with duty babysitting Jack Jack. As the movie opens, they're battling the evil Underminer (John Ratzenberger), who's trying to use his enormous drill mining machine to steal the Metroville Bank. When the Incredibles - assisted by familiar family friend Frozone/Lucius Best (Samuel L. Jackson) - fail spectacularly and also fail to stop catastrophic amounts of collateral damage in the process, superheroes are once again shut down by the government. Adding to the catastrophe, Violet's crush Tony Rydinger (Michael Bird) sees her in her superhero outfit without her mask. As Bob and Helen contemplate getting real jobs to earn a living, the government agent Rick Dicker ("Better Call Saul's Jonathan Banks) erases Tony's memories of seeing Violet without her mask...and inadvertently, of Violet altogether.

Fortunately, the day is saved (For Helen and Bob anyway) when millionaire tech tycoons Winston and Evelyn Deavor (Saul himself, Bob Odenkirk; and Catherine Keener) start a campaign to bring the superheroes back, and want to hire Elastigirl as their poster girl. This leads to Helen heading to the big city to fight crime in defiance of the law, and Bob staying home taking care of the kids.

The game is afoot - and careening through the air - when the villainous Screenslaver tries to steal a new futuristic hover-train by using hypnotic computer images, and Elastigirl, armed with her new Elasti-bike, comes to the rescue.

Other characters include Edna Mode (Brad Bird), tele-portal generating Voyd (Sophia Bush), telekinetic crusher Krushauer and electrical



Helectrix (Phil LaMarr); the Ambassador (Isabella Rossellini); and Frozone's wife Honey Best (LaTanya Richardson Jackson, Samuel L.'s real life wife).

"Incredibles 2" is a worthy successor to its incredible predecessor, which, despite (or perhaps because of) its animated status, is one of the best superhero movies of all time.

"2" successfully builds on "The Incredibles" trick of mixing super-powered action with domestic life. Where the first installment made much comedy out of Bob trying to be an insurance agent, fitting his oversized frame into a tiny cubicle and a tiny car, and being a very bad salesman; "Incredibles 2"'s main source

of humor is indisputably the antics and super-power discoveries of the toddler Jack Jack. The child is constantly exploding into flame, vanishing, splitting into multiple copies of himself, floating through the air, etc., at the most inopportune (or, alternatively, opportune) times. I'll let you discover the fun yourself, but I have to say...watch for the raccoon. When you see the raccoon, some real hilarity is about to start.

There's not too much downside to "Incredibles 2," but I personally think the villain is not quite as well-done as the first movie's bad guy. But it's not by a wide margin.

I had a blast. I'm giving "Incredibles 2" nine stars out of 10.

Incredibles 2
 Director: Brad Bird
 Writer: Brad Bird
 Production company: Walt Disney Pictures, Pixar Animation Studios
 PG; 1 hr. 58 min.; Animation/Action/Adventure; June 15, 2018



ROGER CLINE

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.

Stephen Hawking's ashes buried in Westminster Abbey

By JILL LAWLESS

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — The ashes of Stephen Hawking were buried Friday in a corner of Westminster Abbey that honors some of Britain's greatest scientists, between the graves of Charles Darwin and Isaac Newton.

More than 1,000 people attended a service of thanksgiving in the ancient abbey for the physicist, who died in March at age 76 after decades of living with motor neuron disease. When he was diagnosed, aged 22, he was given only a few years to live.

Hawking conducted groundbreaking research

deepen our understanding of space and time.

"Millions have had their horizons widened by his books and lectures, and even more worldwide have been inspired by a unique example of achievement against all the odds," Rees said.

Hawking's first wife Jane and daughter Lucy were among an eclectic crowd that included scientists and schoolchildren; politicians including U.K. Culture Secretary Matt Hancock and Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn; Chic guitarist Nile Rogers; actress Lily Cole; comedian David Walliams; and talk-show host Piers Morgan.

Guests also included 1,000 members of the public selected by ballot from 25,000 applicants. A private funeral service was held in March in Cambridge, where Hawking lived and worked for decades.

The service included biblical readings by actor Benedict Cumberbatch, who played Hawking in a BBC drama, and Hawking's daughter Lucy. Astronaut Tim Peake read from "Queen Mab" by poet Percy Bysshe Shelley, which evokes the wonders of the universe.

Kip Thorne, a Nobel prize-winning American physicist, paid tribute to "by far the most stubborn friend I ever had."

"He absolutely refused to let his physical disability get in the way of doing great science or get in the way of having great fun," Thorne said.

The 900-year-old abbey is the resting place of a pantheon of British historical figures, including kings and queens, political leaders and writers including Geoffrey Chaucer and Charles Dickens.

Hawking was interred in the abbey's Scientists' Corner, beneath a stone inscribed: "Here lies what was mortal of

Stephen Hawking" — an English translation of the Latin words on the nearby grave of Newton, the 17th-century scientist who discovered the laws of gravity. The stone is also inscribed with one of Hawking's equations describing the entropy of a black hole.

After the service, Hawking's words, set to music by Greek composer Vangelis, were being beamed into space from a European Space Agency satellite dish in Spain. Hawking's daughter, Lucy, said the music would be aimed at "the nearest black hole,

1A 0620-00," more than 3,000 light years from Earth.



AP photo

The ashes of Professor Stephen Hawking are laid to rest during his memorial service at Westminster Abbey in London, Friday June 15, 2018. Hawking will take his place among Britain's greatest scientists when his ashes are buried in Westminster Abbey, between the graves of Charles Darwin and Isaac Newton.

into black holes and the origins of the universe, and gained global fame as a popularizer and communicator of science. His book "A Brief History of Time" sold 9 million copies — even if many readers didn't finish it — and he appeared on "Star Trek: The Next Generation," "The Big Bang Theory" and "The Simpsons."

"His name will live in the annals of science," Astronomer Royal Martin Rees told the memorial service. "Nobody else since Einstein has done more to

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US stocks and bond yields dip amid trade worries



AP photo

In this April 26, 2018, file photo, Vincent Pepe stands outside the New York Stock Exchange where he works in the Financial District in New York. The U.S. stock market opens at 9:30 a.m. EDT on Friday, June 15.

By STAN CHOE

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. stocks closed out a whirlwind week with a modest loss Friday as markets gauged how much to fret about the Trump administration's decision to step up the trade dispute between the world's two biggest economies.

The White House announced tariffs on \$50 billion of imports from China, and China's almost-immediate response was a promise to retaliate with its own of the same scale. Stocks sank from the start of trading, and the S&P 500 was down 0.7 percent at one point before paring its loss as the day progressed.

At the close, the S&P 500 was down 3.07 points, or 0.1 percent, at 2,779.42. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 84.83, or 0.3 percent, to 25,090.48, and the Nasdaq composite dropped 14.66, or 0.2 percent, to 7,746.38.

The worst-case scenario for investors is that an escalating trade war between the United States and China will leave the global economy as collateral damage. Barriers to trade could result in higher prices at stores for all kinds of products, weaker profits for companies and slower growth around the world. President Donald Trump has railed against the United States' trade deficits with other countries as unfair.

Investors generally don't expect the worst-case scenario to occur. The expectation for many is that the tariffs are merely a tool to spur the creation of new trade deals rather than as an end in itself.

"It's something that could hurt the economy if followed through on, but for now, markets seem to be assessing this as just a negotiation that is out there for everyone to see," said Matthew Miskin, market strategist with John Hancock Investments.

That belief helped to temper Friday's losses, and the day's trading was reminiscent of April 4, when stocks plunged at the opening bell on concerns about a U.S.-China tariff tiff only to end the day higher.

Tariffs weren't the only thing moving markets following a busy week full of encouraging reports on the U.S. economy and policy announcements

from the world's biggest central banks.

Attention is focused on central banks because they're in various stages of pulling away from the emergency stimulus put in place following the Great Recession. The Bank of Japan decided on Friday to keep its stimulus program on track, for example. A day earlier, the European Central Bank said it would halt its bond-buying program after the end of the year, though it also pledged to hold off on rate increases through the summer of 2019.

The Federal Reserve is further along this path. On Wednesday, it raised its benchmark rate for the fourth time in the last year and indicated two more increases may be on the way in 2018, which was more aggressive than some investors expected. It's making the moves because of the stronger economy, and that may mean something counterintuitive for the lay investor: The stronger the economy becomes, the more likely the Federal Reserve will be to raise interest rates quickly, and that would hurt stock prices.

"Stocks and the economy might go separate ways," Miskin said. "The economy might actually feel good for the first time in a decade, but the problem is that those tend to be the periods at the end of the cycle."

The biggest losses Friday came from the energy sector, where stocks fell with a sharp drop in the price of oil. Crude sank amid speculation that oil-producing countries could push to increase production at next week's OPEC meeting.

Benchmark U.S. crude fell \$1.83 to \$65.06 per barrel. Brent crude, the international standard, lost \$2.50 to \$73.44 per barrel. That helped drag energy in the S&P 500 down 2.1 percent for the largest loss among the 11 sectors that make up the index.

Markets abroad were also generally weaker. In Europe, the DAX in Germany lost 0.7 percent, and the CAC 40 in France dipped 0.5 percent. In London, the FTSE 100 lost 1.7 percent. In Asia, South Korea's Kospi shed 0.8 percent, and the Hang Seng in Hong Kong fell 0.4 percent. Japan's Nikkei 225 index was an outlier and rose 0.5 percent.

Treasury yields fell for a second straight day, and

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New Mexico national forest says no to geothermal drilling



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the yield on the 10-year Treasury sank to 2.91 percent from 2.94 percent late Thursday. Gold dropped \$29.80 to settle at \$1,278.50 per ounce, silver fell 78 cents to \$16.48 per ounce and copper lost 8 cents to \$3.14 per pound. Natural gas rose 6 cents to settle at \$3.02 per 1,000 cubic feet, heating oil lost 7 cents to \$2.09 per gallon and wholesale gasoline fell 7 cents to \$2.02 per gallon. The dollar rose to 110.62 Japanese yen from 110.57 yen late Thursday. The euro rose to \$1.1607 from \$1.1591, and the British pound inched up to \$1.3282 from \$1.3281.

In this Sept. 3, 2010, file photo, the East Fork of the Jemez River cuts through Valles Caldera National Preserve, in N.M. Underground pockets of boiling water and steam that could have been tapped to produce electricity are now off limits as the Santa Fe National Forest that borders Valles Caldera National Preserve in northern New Mexico has said no to the prospect of geothermal development.

By SUSAN MONTOYA BRYAN
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Underground pockets of boiling water and steam that could have been tapped to produce electricity are now off limits as one national forest in northern New Mexico has said no to the prospect of geothermal development.

The decision by the Santa Fe National Forest follows years of study and public testimony after a Nevada-based company and others had shown interest in leasing areas with geothermal resources within the Jemez Mountains — a tourist draw that includes a national preserve and a neighboring monument.

Santa Fe National Forest wrote in a decision made public Thursday that the area also includes places held sacred by Native American tribes.

Forest Supervisor James Melonas' decision covers more than 300 square miles (785 square kilometers) of the mountain-

ous terrain even though the companies had interest in only a fraction of that.

Melonas said geothermal energy development could have potential effects on forest resources, recreational opportunities and tribal cultural and spiritual interests. His office consulted with more than 30 tribes from around the American Southwest and held two listening sessions with tribal leaders.

"The tribes are committed to preserving their cultural ties to this sacred landscape," the decision states. "They made it clear that they will not sanction man-made disturbances at the scale required for energy production."

The decision comes as the National Park Service weighs a proposal that would allow for extra federal protection to limit or prevent any negative effects from tapping geothermal energy on land surrounding the Valles Caldera National Preserve in the heart of the Jemez Mountains.

If approved, the preserve — dubbed the

"Yellowstone of the Southwest" — would become the 17th U.S. park unit with designated thermal features.

Yellowstone, Crater Lake and Hawaii volcanoes already are on the list of parks with federally protected geothermal features.

Ernie Atencio with the National Parks Conservation Association said that although geothermal energy is a valuable resource, development in the Jemez Mountains could dry up many of the features that make Valles Caldera so unique.

Efforts to tap the steam beneath the caldera and the surrounding area date back decades, with the energy crisis of the 1970s spurring the first major wave of interest in the nation's geothermal resources.

The U.S. Energy Department, Union Oil Co. and Public Service Co. of New Mexico spent millions of dollars looking into the feasibility of developing a geothermal

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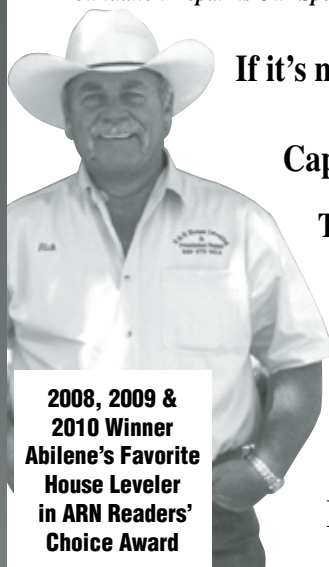
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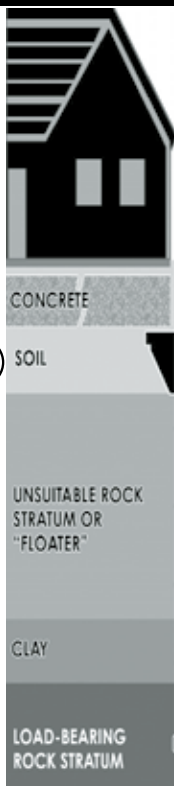
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Annie's Mailbox

Unwanted in the Workplace

Dear Annie: I am not a fan at all of potlucks at work. First of all, I think it is rude to ask employees who have worked all day to bring food into work the next day. Secondly, I am concerned about the food that some people bring to work. Is it old? Has it been prepared in a hygienic environment? I feel that companies should have food delivered to their employees and not burden the employees with buying food, preparing food and dragging large slow cookers and trays of food into work. When the potluck circumstances arise, I think it would be best for employees to share the expense and have the food delivered. I am hoping others in the workplace see this and realize that a lot

of people do not want to be burdened with the potluck ordeal. Could it be that I am just not a team player? Please advise.
-- Potlucked Out

Dear Potlucked Out: There's a simple social contract for potlucks: Bring food if you want to eat; don't eat if you don't bring food. They're optional by definition, so next time, opt out. You might find that a few of your co-workers follow suit. You probably aren't the only one who doesn't enjoy going home after a long day at the office only to do more work in the kitchen.

If management gives you any grief about not participating, pitch your idea of organizing a group takeout order from a nearby restaurant so you can all bond over a shared meal without the additional labor. Sometimes being a

good team player means suggesting some changes to the playbook.

Dear Annie: I was a victim of office bullying for years. An older woman felt the need to always comment about my hair (if it was still damp, I got to hear about it) and makeup (how I didn't wear enough of it), sometimes even in front of other employees. She took turns talking negatively about each employee. It was draining, as I was stuck in the office with her. (I had nowhere to run for years.) Others wouldn't even stick up for me or themselves; they would end up just leaving the company. I wish I had stood up for myself, because this woman made my workdays -- which made up such a big part of my life -- so long and terrible. Now I work with

positive people who don't make daily digs or repeated negative comments, and it is great.

I guess the question I have is, Can I get over this? Why was this allowed for so long? Aren't there laws against harassment in the workplace? I am sure others have had this experience. I hope no one else allows it for as long as I did. -- Harassed for Years

Dear Harassed for Years: Harassment, verbal or otherwise, should be documented and reported, in writing, to management and human resources. If bullying is based on discriminatory grounds (such as sex, race or disability), you can file a complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (<https://www.eeoc.gov>).

It's in companies'

best interest to weed out toxic behavior in the workplace. As the Harvard Business Review reported, a 2015 study from Harvard Business School found that "avoiding a toxic employee can save a company more than twice as much as bringing on a star performer. ... Specifically, avoiding a toxic worker was worth about \$12,500 in turnover costs, but even the top 1 percent of superstar employees only added about \$5,300 to the bottom line."

If thoughts about past harassment persist, you might consider seeking counseling. A counselor could help you talk through your experience and unpack any emotional baggage this office bully saddled you with.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



Lionhearted Father's Day

The father of one's youth may not be the father of one's adolescence or adult life, as relationships change through the year. This Father's Day, the moon is in Leo, the sign of children. A return to early family dynamics is to be expected. Leo also rules the heart. Gestures of love (and what's written in cards) will count for far more than gifts.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your purpose needn't be lofty to be great. To grow something or someone, to get along, to give smiles -- these are purposes that will make a better world.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Share your vision of the future and you'll inspire others. Your loved ones don't need to be managed so much as led. They will do what is appropriate, useful and honorable, as long as they can see where it's all headed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're a leader and a nurturer. Yet when it comes to relationships, the most helpful way will be to see people the

way they are now, not where you think they will be later. Because now is where the love is.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There are so many kinds of intelligence, and success in any given situation will depend on a match of the particular sort of intelligence most relevant to the problem at hand.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Beauty loses its power when it becomes too familiar. Be strategic in your placement of beautiful things and in your embodiment of beauty. Surprise is an essential element.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A prescient image will pop to mind. How do you know the difference between psychic vision and just plain making stuff up? Indeed, these two states are closely linked and sometimes overlapping.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The celebrity success secret for working crowds and groups is to keep moving -- always keep moving. This will apply to you today as you spread goodwill one short interaction at a time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The lesson is lessened when everything goes correctly. Getting it right the first time is something of a robbery. What is there that you can learn from?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Today's formula will be bittersweet. Recognize a bad choice; make a better one. Then give yourself credit for the correction. That last step will be key. Don't forget that one!

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Those who live in humid, verdant places know that often the worst bug bites come from the bugs that are invisible to the eye. No matter where you live, this is a time to take precautions against invisible menaces.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You give and they appreciate, so you give more, and they appreciate more. This is the cycle of your increasing power -- and also your increasing responsibility.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Does it really matter how they see you? Even if it does, your intention matters more. And your intention is for fun and celebration of humanity. You're truly on the lighter side of things today.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 17). You're a giver. Lavishing another person with attention fulfills you, but it's not so easy for you to accept heaps of love. You'll get plenty of practice with that this year, and you'll get better at it. A contract favors you in October. Practical relationships become emotional and magical, fortifying you in new ways. Libra and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 20, 33, 38 and 41.

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Newsday Crossword

SATURDAY STUMPER by Brad Wilber Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS**
- 1 Modernized, maybe
 - 9 Like many movie speakeasies
 - 15 "Mother of the Blues" who sang with Satchmo
 - 16 Something you want to turn over
 - 17 Guy discomfited by progressive attitudes
 - 18 Discomfited episodes
 - 19 Signs not to sing
 - 20 Medal rec'd by Earhart and Lindbergh
 - 22 Nautically agile
 - 23 Canoe-building tool
 - 24 Tips off
 - 27 Play Asimov called "immortal for that one word"
 - 28 Sack with malice
 - 30 Historic event
 - 32 Pollen pouch
 - 35 Mosquito look-alike
 - 36 Make an important delivery
 - 37 Science of versification
 - 39 Kitchen sink attachment
 - 41 Go easy
 - 42 Capital near Lake Titicaca
 - 44 Recently reconstituted protest org.
 - 45 Word from the Hindi for "viceroy"
 - 46 Ten-time Pro Bowl quarterback ('50s and '60s)
 - 48 Inventory, for short
 - 49 Mysterious to most
- DOWN**
- 1 Dark part of a sunspot
 - 2 Made shorter or leaner
 - 3 German Dada artist
 - 4 Finn, memorably
 - 5 Distresses
 - 6 Latter-day case breaker
 - 7 Oral "OMG"
 - 8 Lenten art project
 - 9 Duck, say
 - 10 Malia __ Obama
 - 11 Apt name for a pet Mexican lizard
 - 12 Makes chaotic
 - 13 Charged or invested
 - 14 Those spurning their outfits
 - 21 Slot-machine bonus
 - 24 Antonym of "apathetic"
 - 25 One on the winner's side, supposedly
 - 26 Milanese patron of da Vinci
 - 29 Rather small swimmer
 - 31 Whom Gershwin dedicated his "I Got Rhythm" Variations to
 - 32 Bilingual mashup
 - 33 Ant eater cousin
 - 34 Four-lettuce entrée
 - 38 Gradual, in product names
 - 40 What's under your hat
 - 43 Find rain in Iran, e.g.
 - 47 Stairlike
 - 50 Metaphor for management
 - 52 Swashbuckling sound
 - 53 "Make getting together effortless" site
 - 54 Ostentatious, in Oxford
 - 56 Whom Philbin calls "Pippa"
 - 58 Popular Super Bowl party centerpiece
 - 60 Drift away
 - 62 Cognac companion
 - 63 Keep away

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Harvard, Asian-Americans group spar over data in bias case



AP photo

In this March 7, 2017 file photograph, rowers pass the campus of Harvard University as they paddle down the Charles River in Cambridge, Mass. Harvard and the group Students for Fair Admissions will file dueling analyses of the Ivy League school's admissions data in a lawsuit alleging discrimination against Asian-American applicants.

By **COLLIN BINKLEY**

Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — In a federal court case deciding if Harvard University discriminates against Asian-American applicants, both parties say the evidence is firmly on their side.

Harvard and the group Students for Fair Admissions filed dueling reports from outside economists Friday, each studying six years of Harvard admissions data and each reaching wildly different conclusions.

The reports were filed in Boston's federal court as both parties attempted to persuade a judge to end the suit before it reaches trial, which has been scheduled to start in October.

It marks a step forward in a lawsuit that has lasted nearly four years and raises implications for many other colleges that, like Harvard, say they consider race as one of many factors to gather a diverse mix of students.

Edward Blum, a legal strategist who founded Students for Fair Admis-

sions, issued a statement saying his group's filing "exposes the startling magnitude of Harvard's discrimination."

Harvard countered with a statement calling the group's analysis "incomplete and misleading," saying it paints a "dangerously inaccurate picture" of the school's admissions process.

Both sides built their cases on records detailing Harvard's admissions decisions for individual students who applied from 2010 through 2015.

Students for Fair Admissions relied on an analysis from Peter Arcidiacono, a Duke University economist who says he found evidence of bias against Asian-Americans.

Arcidiacono's study concluded that if Harvard relied only on the academic scores it assigns to each applicant, more than half of admitted students would have been Asian-American

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power plant on what was then private property. The idea was ultimately abandoned in the 1980s.

Experts have said the caldera is still hot enough to produce steam and could generate electricity if harnessed.

Interest in New Mexico's geothermal resources picked up again about a decade ago after the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management issued an environmental review aimed at facilitating geo-

thermal development in a dozen western states.

California has two of the largest geothermal reservoirs in the U.S., and land managers say Nevada has 18 operating geothermal power plants with federal interest and that more exploration and development is underway in that state.

Utah has two geothermal plants, and the Forest Service is reviewing leasing proposals for more projects there.

In New Mexico, the Bureau of Land Management confirmed it has not received any new expressions of interest for geothermal development since 2015,

when the forest's environmental review process began.

Environmentalists are touting the Santa Fe Forest's decision against geothermal development as a win, saying well pads, pumps and other infrastructure don't belong in such a heavily visited area.

"This outcome is a direct result of New Mexicans standing together to say with a collective voice that this area is too special to be harmed," said Mark Allison, executive director of New Mexico Wild.

The case spurred several hundred comments to be submitted to the Santa Fe National Forest.

RECORDS

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John Wayne Metcald, 60, of Coahoma, and Wanda Lea Mc Daniel, 54, of Big Spring.

James Randle Gonzalez, 33, and Vanessa Teresa Alvarez, 31, both of Big Spring.

Justin Todd Darden, 30, and Crista Carolyn Coker, 28, both of Big Spring.

Derek Calvin Llyod, 27, and Victoria Ann Granados, 27, both of Big Spring.

Aquel Bin Abdullah Baaqeel, 33, and Rachel Ann Hunter, 43, both of Big Spring.

Julius Cordell Watson, 57, and Autry M. Watson, 57, both of Big Spring.

Luis Gallegos Flores, 59, and Tina Marie Buchanan, 50, both of Big Spring.

Jacob Mathew Martinez, 28, and Mara Magdalena Rodriguez, 26, both of Big

Spring.
Enrique Escobedo, 35, and Janie Galaviz, 46, both of Big Spring.

County Court Judgements
(The State of Texas is listed as the prosecutor in all county court judgements)

Defendant: Thaddeus Straughter,
Offense: Evading arrest/detention
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$317 court cost, 20 days in jail.
Date: May 3, 2018

Defendant: Kevin Williams
Offense: Criminal trespass
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$267 court cost, 20 days in jail.
Date: May 3, 2018

Defendant: George Robinson
Offense: Theft of property in between

\$20 to \$500
Sentence: 12 months of probation
Date: May 3, 2018

Warranty Deeds
Grantor: Joyce W. Gaston
Grantee: Jennifer Denise Bowman
Property: Lot one, block six, Kentwood Add, unit number one, to the City of Big Spring
Date: May 14, 2018

Grantor: Vincent Solis and Maria Solis
Grantee: Rafaela Davila Solis
Property: The North 50 feet of lot number three, in block number 80 in the original town of Big Spring.
Date: May 14, 2018

Grantor: Terry Payne and Angela Payne

Grantee: The City of Coahoma
Property: 200 South Adams St., Coahoma Texas
Date: May 16, 2018

Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien
Grantor: Ricky L. Spencer
Grantee: Elmo Martin
Property: A tract containing, more or less out of the NE/4 of Section 46, block 31, T-1-N, T and P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County
Date: May 17, 2018

Grantor: Braden Wegner and Miranda Wegner
Grantee: Silas W. Hipner
Property: A tract of land out of the NW/4 Section six, block three, T-1-S T and P, Co. Survey Howard County
Date: May 17, 2018



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When, not if: US poised to quit UN's human rights council



This is a Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2008 file photo, showing a general view of the Human Rights Room (Room XX) at the European headquarters of the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland. Diplomats say the United States is about to quit the United Nation's main human rights body, primarily over Washington's claim that the Human Rights Council is biased against Israel. The move would be the Trump administration's latest snub of the international community. The U.S. State Department said Friday, June 15, 2018 no decision has been made to leave.

By JAMEY KEATEN and
EDITH M. LEDERER

Associated Press

GENEVA (AP) — The United States is about to quit the United Nation's main human rights body, primarily over Washington's claim that the Human Rights Council is biased against Israel, a Western and a U.S. diplomat say.

The move would be the Trump administration's latest snub of the international community. The U.S. State Department said Friday no decision has been made to leave.

But diplomats who requested anonymity said it appears more a matter of when, not if, the pullout threatened last year by the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Nikki Haley, will happen.

Never in the 12 years of the Human Rights Council, which is tasked with spotlighting and approving investigations of suspected rights abuses, has a serving member dropped out voluntarily. Seven years ago, in the midst of the Arab Spring, Moammar Gadhafi's Libya was kicked out with the approval of the U.N. General Assembly, which has final say.

The 47-member council opens the second of its three annual sessions Monday, when U.N. human rights chief Zeid Ra'ad al-Hussein makes his last address to a regular meeting before stepping down in August. The United States could announce its decision as early as Tuesday, a U.S. of-

ficial said.

The official, who was not authorized to publicly discuss the matter and requested anonymity, said it was "all but decided" that the U.S. will pull out.

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo could opt for a full withdrawal from the council — the option preferred by Haley — or remain in the room as an observer, without the right to vote on the dozens of resolutions the human rights body considers each session.

A Western diplomat said the U.S. will leave the council despite the efforts of countries to keep it in, but that the timing of the move was "elastic." The diplomat, speaking on condition of anonymity because discussions have been private, said Haley was the driving force behind the exit.

Diplomats and activists say the U.S. has apparently given up on its efforts since Haley's trip to Geneva a year ago to convince the council to end its systematic scrutiny of Israel's alleged abuses against Palestinians.

Israel is the only country in the world whose rights record comes up for discussion at every council session, under "Item 7" on the agenda.

"As we have said numerous times, the U.N. Human Rights Council must be reformed to ensure it has the ability to realize its important mission," the State Department said Friday.

"At its best, the HRC calls out human rights violators and encourages positive action. However, all too fre-

tracurricular activities, 26 percent of the admitted class would have been expected to be Asian-American. Instead, 19 percent were.

Blum's group says the report is proof of intentional discrimination and that Harvard "killed the study and quietly buried the reports."

Harvard counters that the study was never intended to evaluate possible discrimination and that it was "incomplete, preliminary and based on limited inputs."

University officials have painted the lawsuit as an attack on their ability to consider race in admissions, which they say is necessary to ensure diversity on campus.

In 2016, the Supreme Court examined the topic and upheld race-conscious admissions at the University of Texas, but the justices warned that other colleges still must be able to prove affirmative action is the only way to meet diversity goals.

Blum also was a driving force behind that case, helping Texas student Abigail Fisher sue the university. Fisher is also an executive in Students for Fair Admissions, according to the group's tax filings.

Friday's court filings followed a recent battle over a trove of Harvard data reviewed by lawyers during the discovery process.

Harvard argued that its records initially should be filed confidentially to protect students and the admissions process. Blum's group said the public should have access to the records, and the U.S. Education Department — which is also looking into Harvard's use of race in admissions — weighed in to agree.

The judge ultimately sided with Harvard, but Blum said Friday that he believes the rest of the records will be released "in the next few weeks."

quently it fails to address critical situations for political reasons — and undermines its own credibility," it added.

A full pullout by the U.S. would leave the council without one of its traditional defenders of human rights. In recent months, the United States has participated in attempts to pinpoint rights violations in places like South Sudan, Congo and Cambodia.

The U.S. leaving also could ease pressure on China. At times single-handedly, the U.S. has been the main country willing to stand up against China, which has been flexing its diplomatic muscle and growing more assertive internationally — even as it intensifies a crackdown on rights defenders at home, rights groups say.

The "America First" Trump administration has already run afoul of the international community over its decisions to quit agreements like the Paris climate accord and the Iran nuclear deal, and to slap tariffs on steel and aluminum against key trading partners.

It previously withdrew the United States from the U.N. cultural and educational agency, UNESCO, and angered many with its decision to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital, defying an international consensus.

The United States has opted to stay out of the Human Rights Council before: the administration of President George W. Bush did so when the council was created in 2006. Item 7 on "Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories" has been part of the council's regular business almost as long as it has existed.

Efforts by Haley and other American diplomats to end or to water down the routine scrutiny of Israel have

failed in recent months at the U.N. General Assembly in New York.

During her visit to Geneva a year ago, Haley denounced the council as a "forum for politics, hypocrisy and evasion." She accused member countries such as Venezuela, Cuba, China, Burundi and Saudi Arabia of failing to fulfill their duties to "uphold the highest standards" of human rights, while emphasizing what she said was the council's anti-Israel bias.

Haley said then that the United States didn't want to leave the council, but would do so if it did not change.

"It is up to any state to determine whether they would like to be a member of the council," council President Vojislav Suc said Wednesday. "The U.S. has been very active in the council in the previous years, including this year, with many initiatives."

Suc said he had received no information to indicate that the United States was poised to pull out of the council, which he said benefits from the "continued constructive engagement of all delegations — including the United States."

Human Rights Council spokesman Rolando Gomez said there have been "a lot of rumors and a lot of speculation" about a U.S. pullout, but "we have no indication" that the U.S. might not attend the three-week session that begins Monday.

A pullout could be largely symbolic: The United States' current term on the council ends next year, when it could revert to the observer status held by other countries that are not members. In that situation, the U.S. would be able to speak out on rights abuses, but not to vote.

A key question will be where a U.S. pullout would leave Israel if its biggest and most powerful defender abandons its voting rights or drops out of the council altogether.

The State Department's web site says protection of fundamental human rights was a "foundation stone" for the United States' creation over two centuries ago and that promoting respect for human rights since has been a "central goal" of U.S. foreign policy.



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in the six years in question. Instead, they made up just 22 percent.

To blame, he wrote, are subjective rating categories for which Asian-American applicants consistently received lower scores than their white peers.

Asian-Americans, for example, received lower scores than any other racial group in a category for "personal qualities," and they fared worse than whites in an overall rating category that isn't based on any particular formula.

Yet Harvard alumni who interview applicants and provide their own ratings generally scored Asian-Americans higher than whites, a contrast that Arcidiacono says suggests bias.

The university attacked his analysis, saying it's flawed because it excludes applicants believed to have an advantage regardless of race, including relatives of alumni and athletes recruited by the school.

Instead, Harvard sought its own study from David Card, an economist at the University of California, Berkeley, who found no evidence of discrimination against Asian-Americans.

Looking at a wider pool of applicants and admissions factors, Card found that the effect of being Asian-American was "statistically indistinguishable from zero."

Both sides also are sparring over a 2013 internal study at Harvard exploring the racial makeup of the admitted class. The inquiry, uncovered by Blum's group, was conducted amid earlier allegations of discrimination against Harvard.

The study found that even considering factors like legacy status and ex-