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City Council approves fire truck bid



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Big Spring Mayor Larry McLellan, right, stands with Big Spring's January Star Employees Angela Brown, Gene Rodriguez, and Albert Valle at the Big Spring City Council meeting Tuesday evening. The three earned the award by acting quickly and efficiently to facilitate and provide sewer repairs at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer
 Yep, Big Spring's getting a new fire truck after all. Big Spring City Council members voted unanimously at their meeting Tuesday evening to approve the purchase of a new pumper truck for the Big Spring Fire Department. The decision comes just two weeks after the council's previous meeting, at which it tabled approving a bid on a new pumper because the company who submitted the recommended

bid had since sold the truck in question. Big Spring Fire Chief Craig Ferguson said that, during the intervening fortnight, the city requested and received all new bids. "We had to go back and get new bids and get updated bids, because the prices have changed since last time," Ferguson said. "Thankfully the companies were very understanding and had their prices ready to go."

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Kick off Relay with the Brunch and Fashion Show



HERALD file photo

Survivors and supporters fill their plates at the first-ever local Relay for Life Brunch and Fashion Show in 2018, presented by Home Hospice. This year's Brunch and Fashion Show will be slated for Saturday, Feb. 16, at the First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

By AMBER MANSFIELD
 Staff Writer

The kickoff for Relay For Life of Howard and Glasscock Counties will be the 2019 Brunch and Fashion Show presented by Home Hospice on Saturday, Feb. 16, at the First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. "We are honoring all of the survivors of Howard County and Glasscock County," said Beverly Grant from Home Hospice, Survivor Chair for the Relay for Life of Howard and Glasscock Counties. "We are trying to get as many as survivors at the show as they can. The event is free for survivors." According to Grant, the fashion show will feature different survivors who will get to showcase different clothing from all of the boutiques around town and strut their stuff along the catwalk. Grant also stated that Merle Norman has wigs and scarfs available for free for any survivors who are dealing with hair loss from treatment. "We pick a survivor and send them to a boutique or clothing store here in town. The store personnel will help them pick out what they will get to wear during the fashion show," said Grant. "If you know any survivors, or if you are a survivor, please come be a part of our Fashion Show and celebrate life!" She also stated that this year, survivors have the option to

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TXU Energy provides support for furloughed federal workers



HERALD file photo

Diana Martinez, executive director of the Howard County Resource Center, formerly the Northside Community Center, stands outside the organization's building at 110 N.E. Eighth St. Unpaid federal workers can apply for assistance from TXU at the Center.

Special to the Herald

IRVING, Texas - TXU Energy, the energy retail subsidiary of Vistra Energy, has announced a series of energy assistance programs intended to assist customers who have been adversely impacted by the extended federal government shutdown. The announcement is intended to expand awareness of these efforts, respond to customer inquiries, and ensure impacted customers are informed and able to avail themselves of all available options. This support is similar to the company's previous customer assistance programs. "We understand that our customers may have had

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New faces at Kindred Personal Home Care Assistance

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer



Ornelas Deleon

A local home assistance agency has hired some new personnel, and want to let you know about it. Big Spring residents are probably familiar with Kindred at Home, a company that provides a variety of health-related services, including in-home care and hospice. Another branch of the company, Kindred Personal Home Care Assistance, provides non-medical help for people who need a little help with daily care tasks. "We assist our clients with their daily living activities, so they can stay in the comfort of their home," said Kindred Personal Home Care Assistance Administrator Nick Ornelas. "We do light housekeeping, sweeping, mopping,

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Obituaries

Gary Grant



Gary Grant, 71, of Coahoma, died Sunday, Jan. 20, 2019, in Midland. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Coahoma Cemetery.

Gary was born March 13, 1947, in Colorado City to Gertrude Soles Grant and Albert Grant Sr. He was a veteran of the Army and Navy, serving two tours in Viet Nam. Gary married Marsha Johnson in 1974. She preceded him in death in 1983. He worked as a truck driver for oil companies and most recently Blue Streak. He loved the Dallas Cowboys, fishing and being with his people. Most people called him "Uncle Gary".

He is survived by two sons, Jeremy Grant and his wife Deanna of Big Spring and Ronnie Grant and his wife Brooke of Big Spring; one daughter,

Tracy Johnson and her husband Eric of Farmington, Minnesota; grandchildren, Brittany Grant, Micayla Demuth, Bailee Larson and her husband Brandon, Breanna Grant, Madison Grant, Landon Grant, Cassie Grant, Izzy Johnson, and Bentley Grant; great grandchildren, Grant Larson, Rylan Hall, and Kaeli Rodriguez; two brothers, Jeters Grant and his wife Beverly of Coahoma and Keith Grant and his wife Sharon Sand Springs; one sister, Pamela Grant of Big Spring.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four brothers, Tony Grant, Albert Grant, Randy Grant, and Jimmy Grant.

Pallbearers will be Tommy New, James Bailey, Tooter Hudgins, Chris Jones, Jerry Mann, Mike Grant, Bobby Reid, Joe Jackson, Dubb Grigg and Edward Roach in honor of the late Jerry Roach. Honorary Pallbearers will be Alvin Baker and Rick "Scooter" Hicks.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Paid Obituary

Frances Hernandez



Frances Hernandez, 59, of Big Spring died Saturday, Jan. 19, 2019, in Lubbock. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born Jan. 1, 1960, in Big Spring to Herminnia Hernandez and Juan Cruz Hernandez. She had worked at the Big Spring State Hospital, retiring due to ill health. She loved taking care of her grandchildren.

She is survived by two sons, Feliciano Hernandez and his wife Elizabeth of Big Spring and Nick Hernandez of Big Spring; two sisters, Dora Hernandez

and her husband Ernest Rodriguez of Big Spring and Leticia Lopez and her husband Ricky of Big Spring; three brothers, Gilbert Hernandez and his wife Sue of Big Spring, Joe Hernandez and his wife Lennet of Amarillo and Abel Hilario and his wife Jennifer of McAllen; six grandchildren, Jacob Hernandez, Marcus Hernandez, Marissa Hernandez, Nick Hernandez, Jr., Phyliscia Ochoa, and Dominique Ochoa.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Esther Hernandez and Lydia Hernandez; and one brother, John Hernandez.

Pallbearers will be Gilbert Hernandez, Joe Hernandez, Marcus Hernandez, Ernest Rodriguez, Rickey Lopez, and Timothy Horton.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Paid Obituary

Teresa "Tessa" Webb



Teresa "Tessa" Webb passed away on Saturday, Jan. 12, 2019, at Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo, Texas, after fighting her short illness valiantly with grace and dignity. She was 67.

Tessa was born "in the valley" at Donna, Texas, on March 3, 1951, to Corinne and Walter Sam Williams.

Tessa is survived by her devoted loving husband and soul mate Larry, of Colorado City, Texas. Her

two sons, Ian Heath and wife Allison of Odessa, Texas, Casey Webb of Oxford, England; daughter Stacey Doss and husband Robert of Midlothian, Texas; and 11 grandchildren. She also leaves a brother David Williams of McAllen, Texas, and four great-grandchildren as well as a multitude of loyal and loving friends and family.

The memorial service for Tessa will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 27, 2019, at Myers & Smith Chapel in Big Spring Texas.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Paid Obituary

James Alton Cope

James Alton Cope, 81, of Garden City, died Sunday, Jan. 20, 2019, at his residence. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

Ruben Vega



Ruben Vega, 48, of Big Spring died Sunday, Jan. 20, 2019. A funeral service will be held 2 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 24, 2019, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Deacon Johnny Arguello and Capt. Josh McCain officiating.

A rosary will be held 7 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2019 at the Rosewood Chapel.

Ruben was born March 1, 1970, in Big Spring and has been a life-long resident. Ruben worked at Burrito Express.

Ruben is survived by his mother, Irene Vega of Big Spring; two daughters, Megan Vega and Chelsea Aguilar both of Odessa; three sisters, Estrella Dominguez of Big Spring, Mary Lou Burns of Waco, and Arlene Rodriguez and husband, Rocky of Lubbock; and four brothers, Mike Vega, Jesse Vega, Tony Vega and Frank Vega all of Big Spring.

He is preceded in death by two brothers, Francisco Vega and Carlos Vega; his grandmother, Concha Vega; and an uncle, Manuel Vega.

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

Paid Obituary

Evelyn Zellars

Evelyn Zellars, 87, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2019, at her residence. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of S 1st St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

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

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of E 6th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of W 17th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 100 block of S Gregg St. No one was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported on I-20 MM 169 E. No one was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. No one was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Police, Sheriff Reports

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **DEMETREUS DEON PHILLIPS**, 32, was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana less than two ounces, possession of controlled substance less than one gram, possession of controlled substance in between 3 to 28 grams, and on possession of dangerous drug.

• **VICTOR MANUEL DEHOYOS**, 38, was arrested on charges of possession of dangerous drug, and two counts of possession of controlled substance, and on a warrant of parole violation.

• **JACOB GARCIA**, 21, was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

• **AKKEY MCVAE**, 20, was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 82 inmates at the time of this report.

• **PEDRO CHAVARRIA**, 48, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of failure to appear-grand jury, and prohibited substance in correction.

• **VICTOR MANUEL DEHOYOS**, 38, was arrested by BSPD on charges of possession of dangerous drug, and two counts of possession of controlled substance, and on a warrant of parole violation.

role violation.

• **DAMONN STEVEN FRENCH**, 46, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of driving while intoxicated.

• **JACOB GARCIA**, 21, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of bail jumping and failure to appear.

• **AKKEY MCVAE**, 20, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **DEMETREUS DEON PHILLIPS**, 32, was arrested by BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana less than two ounces, possession of controlled substance less than one gram, possession of controlled substance in between 3 to 28 grams, and on possession of dangerous drug.

Take Note

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

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• Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary is looking for new members. If you have a heart for serving people, have at least four hours a week to spare, SMMC Auxiliary might be the fit for you. Duties include working in the gift shop, delivering newspapers to inpatients, hospitality services, popcorn and more.

To find out more about opportunities available

with the SMMC Auxiliary, contact Amy Miramontes at 268-4809 or April Arms at 268-4907.

• The Crossroads Young Marines is taking applications for an-

other boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.

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COUNCIL

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The new recommended bid was submitted by Lone Star Emergency Group Inc., and is for \$391,782, more than \$50,000 in excess of the amount the city had set aside for the purchase in its annual budget. While another bid came in at \$354,844, significantly less than the Lone Star offer, Ferguson made the case for accepting the higher bid.

"I am not recommending the low bid because it is a lease with a 13-month to 15-month delivery on it. We really could use this truck, like, yesterday," Ferguson said. "The next bid (from Lone Star) meets all the specs. They can deliver it in a timely manner, 30 to 60 days, because it is pretty much already on the ground. It is in line with the rest of the trucks; it is a Ferrara brand fire truck that Lone Star has, and that is what the rest of the fleet is. Our service center has a mechanic certified in these fire trucks and can work on the engines, and is very familiar with them, and that's why we'd like to go with the bid."

In other business, the council voted to approve two other major bids, one for a large industrial trash compactor for the landfill, and the other for lighting at a baseball field at the Roy Anderson Sports Complex.

The trash compactor will set the

city back \$544,542, while the lighting project will cost \$195,400.

The council debated for about 20 minutes on whether to approve an agreement with engineering firm Freese and Nichols Inc. for engineering services for Perimeter Road at the Airpark. Council members voted to award the contract to another company who hadn't submitted a bid, before deciding to instead table the matter until the company could be contacted to see whether they can, and want to, take on the project.

During discussion on the agreement, Councilman Jim DePauw of District 6 suggested giving the work to TGB Group LLC, a smaller civil engineering firm.

"I think this is a perfect opportunity to hire a smaller engineering firm," DePauw said. "It's a small contract and for years and years we were locked in with Parkhill Smith and Cooper. Now, Jacob and Martin has quite a few projects with us, and TGB has done all the rail work out at the Airpark. They know the rail park better than anyone, and I just think this would be a great opportunity to help us grow another engineering firm in this area."

DePauw actually made a motion to award the contract to TGB, who had not submitted a bid or formally expressed interest in the project. Before the bid was seconded,

Councilman Raul Benavides, District 5, objected to the suggestion on grounds that it amounted to micromanagement.

"I have a question for Mr. (City Manager Todd) Darden," Benavides said. "Mr. Darden, this is getting down to micromanagement, would you agree?"

"To doing my job, yes sir," Darden replied.

Nevertheless, Councilman Doug Hartman seconded DePauw's motion and the council voted 4 to 2 to award the contract to TGB.

At that point, the city's attorney Marianne Banks stepped in.

"Can I just ask a question from my perspective?" Banks said. "I'm not sure what we approved, because we don't have a proposal or anything from TGB."

In response to Banks' question, DePauw moved to set aside the vote and instead table the issue until TGB's opinion on their ability and willingness to undertake the contract could be sought. The council approved the motion unanimously.

In other business, the council:

- Presented the January Star Employees award to Angela Brown, Gene Rodriguez, and Albert Valle. The three acted quickly and efficiently to facilitate and provide sewer repairs at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- Rejected the lone bid on irrigation services at the Golf Course; the city

now plans to receive competitive quotes from companies which will hopefully be less than the \$50,000 threshold, allowing for a competitive quote process rather than necessitating a sealed bid process.

- Approved an ordinance calling for May 4 mayoral and city council elections.

- Approved various resolutions in support of federal workers currently unpaid due to the government shutdown. These include a resolution authorizing the city manager to waive penalties and shut off provisions, and providing extensions to pay for utility services for unpaid federal workers; providing a noon meal for unpaid federal workers at the Big Spring Senior Center; and a resolution urging state officials to grant extensions of time to pay property taxes without incurring penalties or interest.

- Approved restoration of the Parks and Recreation Committee and the Traffic Commission.

- Approved a joint election agreement with the Big Spring Independent School District for the May 4 election.

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RELAY

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allow a young person to take their place as a model for the fashion show, so they can sit back and enjoy the event.

During the brunch, Home Hospice will serve drinks and finger foods for attendees to enjoy along with the show.

The whole event will last for about two hours long, and there are limited tickets for this event, so don't delay.

"They are \$10 a ticket, which will buy you brunch and a seat for the Fashion Show," said Grant. "All of the proceeds made from this event will go back to Howard and Glasscock County's Relay for Life."

If you want to purchase tickets for this event, please call Debbye ValVerde at the Chamber of Commerce at 432-263-7641. You can also get tickets from Home Hospice, or if you're a survivor or know a survivor who would want to be a part of the Fashion Show, please call Home Hospice at 432-264-7599.

"Here at Home Hospice and Relay For Life, we think that you become a survivor from the very

first moment you are diagnosed with cancer," said Grant. "This show is for them and to honor them for their courageous acts, for being mentors to others, and to show how much we appreciate them. Come show your appreciation and support too by attending the Brunch and Fashion Show."

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Police capture pair of runaway emus in coastal Texas



AP photo

In this Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2019, photo Dr. Richard Henderson, a veterinarian with Galveston Veterinary Clinic, checks over one of two emus caught by animal control officers at Parker Elementary School in Galveston, Texas.

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — Police in coastal Texas have captured a pair of runaway emus that had been on the lam for a day after escaping their

owner's backyard.

Emus aren't permitted in Galveston, but police say a man recently brought the large, flightless birds to the island after the death of his mother. She'd owned them at her home near Houston.

The Galveston County Daily News reports the emus escaped their new owner's backyard sometime Monday. Police recaptured the birds near an elementary school Tuesday morning.

Officials say the birds' owner didn't realize Galveston had a ban on emus and that he's working with authorities to find an off-island home for them.

closely with the VA as well. If they have any questions, they can feel free to call the administrator — me — and I can discuss everything with the client.

While insurance is generally not accepted by the Home Care Assistance branch of Kindred, long-term care is often another story, Ornelas said.

"At our agency, we do not take insurance, but if they do have long-term care, some of that is paid by long-term care," he said.

The other branch of Kindred in Big Spring, Kindred Home Health, located at 1900 S. Scurry, offers in-home medical care, including skilled nursing and rehabilitation.

For more information about Kindred Personal Home Care Assistance, call 432-606-6265.

"Or they can reach me on my work cell at 432-213-1316," Ornelas said.

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TXU

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their steady paycheck or regular income disrupted because of the furlough," said Scott Hudson, president of TXU Energy. "In these circumstances, we believe in stepping up and doing our part to provide customers with some relief. We also want to remind customers who are experiencing financial hardship about TXU Energy Aid."

New program details for impacted, eligible federal workers include:

- Waiving late fees.
- Extending payment due dates for these customers, including working with all eligible customers by offering deferred payment arrangements upon request.
- Support also remains available through TXU Energy Aid. For information on which social

service agency assists in their area, customers may call 211 and ask for bill payment assistance.

In Big Spring, furloughed federal workers can apply for aid at the Howard County Resource Center, located at 110 N.E. Eighth St. To receive assistance, workers must bring the following:

- Texas Driver's License
- Income Verification for all household members
- Social Security/Disability Award Letter
- Child Support
- Employment — check stubs for the last 30 days
- Food Stamp Verification
- HUD Verification
- Expenses per month. Must bring copies of the actual bills, including but not limited to, cable bill, car insurance, car payment, car repairs, child care, dental bill, electric bill, gas bill, health insurance, home insurance, home repair, loan payment, life insurance, medical bills (only if paid), rent (receipt or lease), phone bill and water bill

For any information regarding assistance to furloughed government workers, or for any services that Howard County Resource Center offers, please call 432-263-2673.

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Ronald "Ronnie" Thompson, 71, died Thursday. Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. today at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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running errands, laundry. We do medication reminders...we do days, we do overnights, and we do 24-7 care."

Ornelas is one of the new faces at Kindred's Personal Home Care Assistance office, located at 609 S. Gregg; the other is Staffing Manager Jackie Deleon.

"Things have been going really great," Ornelas said. "We are currently trying to get new clients in and make the public aware of the services we provide."

Ornelas and Deleon have been on the job about five months.

Ornelas said Kindred Personal Home Care Assistance's services don't require a doctor's referral, and do not require the patient to be home-bound.

"The good thing is, they don't have to have any kind of a doctor's order. We are a private-duty agency. We do work

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Texas news briefs

Man with gunshot wound crashes car into school bus

SPRING, Texas (AP) — Authorities say no students were hurt after a man suffering from a gunshot wound crashed a car into a school bus near Houston on Tuesday morning.

Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez says investigators believe the man had been shot earlier Tuesday at an apartment complex north of Houston. Gonzalez says the wounded man then got into a car, drove off and eventually crashed into the school bus carrying teenagers from the Spring Independent School District.

Gonzalez says no one on the bus was hurt, and the man with the gunshot wound is in stable condition.

The sheriff says authorities are still investigating what led to the shooting.

Former NFL player McFadden arrested in Texas on DWI charge

DALLAS (AP) — Authorities say former NFL player Darren McFadden has posted bond after he was arrested on a drunken-driving charge when he fell asleep in the drive-thru lane at a fast-food restaurant in suburban Dallas.

Collin County court records show the 31-year-old was charged with driving while intoxicated and resisting arrest after being found

early Monday at a Whataburger in McKinney. McFadden was taken to the county jail.

McFadden played 10 years in the NFL. He was a running back at the University of Arkansas before being drafted in 2008 by the Oakland Raiders. He spent seven seasons with the Raiders then signed with the Dallas Cowboys, where he played for three seasons before retiring in 2017.

A phone number for McFadden couldn't be found and it's unclear if he has an attorney.

Buc-ee's opens first store outside Texas

LOXLEY, Ala. (AP) — A company known for its massive convenience stores has come to Alabama to open its first location outside of Texas.

Buc-ee's unveiled its new location on Interstate 10 near the Alabama coast Monday.

Located along a beach express highway at Loxley, the store has more than 50,000 square feet (4645 square meters) and 124 fuel pumps. The chain is known for its extensive food offerings and massive restrooms.

Buc-ee's founder Arch Aplin attended the opening. He tells WKRG-TV the company is looking at additional sites in Alabama east of Birmingham in Leeds on Interstate 20 and in Auburn on Interstate 85.

The company was founded in 1982 and is based in Lake Jackson, Texas. Its 34 other stores are mostly clustered around cities in eastern Texas, particularly Houston.

Thousands attend Houston's dueling MLK parades

HOUSTON (AP) — Thousands of people lined the streets in Houston as two competing parades were held on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Nine-year-old Addison Water attended a parade Monday with her family. She told the Houston Chronicle she hopes people continue spreading King's message. She says, "He brought white people and black people and all people of the world together."

Derrick Askew, who attended a parade with his grandchildren, says, "It's important to let our family know that there's a better sense of community than the community we are seeing on the news."

Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner had hoped to have only one parade this year, so the city officially supported the Original MLK Jr. Day Parade — the nation's oldest such event honoring King. But the MLK Grande Parade carried on as well.

Vietnam vets reunite in Texas, mourn soldier killed in 1970

AP photo
From left, Edwin "Doc" D. Ayres, Perry Dotson, Ernie Levesque, Ignacio Amaro, Tim "Porky" Roland, and Armando Moralez, who served in the same platoon on the front lines in Vietnam, gather for a reunion in San Antonio, on Sunday, Jan. 13, 2019. The last time these soldiers of Bravo Company, 2nd Platoon, were together, they were tromping through the jungles of Vietnam on enemy patrol.

By VINCENT T. DAVIS
San Antonio Express-News

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The last time these soldiers of Bravo Company, 2nd Platoon, were together, they were tromping through the jungles of Vietnam on enemy patrol.

The San Antonio Express-News reports they were the core group of 37 men whom 2nd Lt. Perry Dotson led for four harrowing months in 1970.

On a recent Saturday in a San Antonio hotel, 49 years later, they gathered to remember a fallen brother-in-arms and renew a connection that time and distance could not break. They came from across the country, bringing wives and children with them.

San Antonio resident Ignacio Amaro, 67, and his wife, Irene. Edwin "Doc" Ayers, 71, of South Carolina and his daughter, Stacy Ayers Williams. Ernie Levesque, 70, of Massachusetts. Bill Steele, 68, of California. Armando Moralez, 68, of Indiana and his son, Jesus. Tim "Porky" Roland, 70, of McAllen and his wife, Carmen.

As they walked into the room, the men swarmed Dotson, 71, whom they hold in high regard. He helped them survive those hellish days in 1970, they said, thousands of miles from loved ones.

"The camaraderie was something," Levesque said. "You got everybody pulling together."

There was one notable absence among the friends: Pfc. Leonard Nitzsche, killed in action by an enemy sniper in 1970.

The reunion gave the Vietnam veterans a safe space to talk and celebrate their survival. The meeting was set in motion years ago when Dotson sought out Nitzsche's grave site in Chester, Illinois. He said it was his duty to give the private who was in his command the proper farewell he didn't receive when he was felled by a sniper's bullet.

He found his first clue online, identifying a cemetery in Southern Illinois as Nitzsche's possible resting site.

In October 2017, he traveled to the small town and, with the help of the town clerk and a librarian in Ellis Grove, found the site where Nitzsche was buried. Dotson laid flow-

ers at the tombstone, with a note: To friends and family of Leonard Nitzsche: "Len, we all appreciated your courage and selflessness. We will never forget you. Perry Dotson, Leonard's platoon leader."

"I don't want to ever lose the pain," Dotson said. "I don't want to lose his memory."

The clerk and librarian also helped him find Nitzsche's relatives. Last year, he returned to Illinois to speak with Nitzsche's sister, Linda Rader, and other family members.

The completion of his search set off phone calls and texts from other platoon members and relatives. Roland's wife saw a newspaper story online about Dotson's visit and contacted Rader, who gave her Dotson's phone number. Amaro and Roland had been keeping up with each other over the years. In September, the pair sent a selfie and text to Dotson that read, "Hey Lieutenant ... remember us?"

As word spread about a possible reunion, four more joined in. The group of seven convened in San Antonio, where the winters are warm.

"It's just a gift to get together," Dotson said. "It's indescribable. You take care of your buddy, we all go home, and that's what these guys did."

The men, with 2nd Platoon, Bravo Company, 2nd Battalion/3rd Infantry, 199th Light Infantry Brigade, operated 40 miles northwest of Saigon. They walked in single file, charged with adrenaline, ready to react to any movement.

They depended on each other and followed the lead of the young lieutenant from St. Paul, Minnesota. In October 1969, Dotson had caught a puck hit off hockey star Bobby Orr's stick at a game between the Boston Bruins and the Minnesota North Stars. On patrol, he carried the black disk for luck in the pocket over his heart.

Ayers recalled that on his second day in country, he took off his fatigue shirt and hung it on a tree branch. Dotson told him if he raised up to get it, he would get a

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round in his head or his



Federal workers in Houston can seek vouchers during shutdown

HOUSTON (AP) — Federal workers in Houston who are without pay during the partial government shutdown can now seek financial assistance through a city partnership with local nonprofits.

Furloughed workers can apply for a \$100 voucher through nonprofit Houston Relief Hub, starting Tuesday, according to Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner. The city isn't spending any money on the arrangement with Houston Relief Hub, which will coordinate the aid and collect donations, the Houston Chronicle reported.

"We hope to ease the burden of federal employees who, through no fault of their own, are being forced to make a huge personal sacrifice," Turner said in a statement.

The nonprofit isn't sure how many federal workers will seek help as the standoff in Congress endures over President Donald Trump's request for \$5.7 billion to fund a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border. But volunteers will try to keep the voucher program going as long as the federal government is shut down, said Mario Castillo, who has volunteered at Houston Relief Hub since its formation after Hurricane Harvey in August 2017.

The organization is partnering with other local groups, including Houston Helping Hands, United Way of Greater Houston and the YMCA.

"The longer this drags on, the more folks are going to be in need of assistance," Castillo said.

The shutdown has led to the closure of a terminal at Houston's George Bush Intercontinental Airport due to a shortage of federal Transportation Security Administration workers, while NASA Johnson Space Center employees held a protest last week. Food banks across the city have been receiving calls from furloughed workers, according to volunteers.

"We are getting some phone calls from people who identify as federal employees," said Adele Brady, a spokeswoman for Houston Food Bank. "We're expecting an increase in phone calls and directing people to their neighborhood pantries."

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Man linked to 4 killings suspected of being in US illegally



By MICHELLE L. PRICE and KEN RITTER

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A man suspected of being in the U.S. illegally shot and killed four people in Nevada over the past few weeks, including an elderly Reno couple, authorities said, and the slayings added fuel to the immigration debate.

Wilbur Martinez-Guzman, 20, from El Salvador, has been jailed in Carson City since Saturday on possession of stolen property, burglary and immigration charges. Authorities said they expect to file murder charges against him in the shooting deaths of the couple and two women in the nearby town of Gardnerville.

AP photo

This undated photo provided by the Carson City Sheriff's Office in Carson City, Nev., shows suspect Wilbur Martinez-Guzman. Authorities investigating four recent Nevada killings say murder charges are pending against Martinez-Guzman, suspected of being in the U.S. illegally.

Carson City Sheriff Ken Furlong said that federal immigration authorities told his office that Martinez-Guzman was in the country illegally. Immigration and Customs Enforcement did not have details on his entry

into the U.S.

The investigation is ongoing, the sheriff said, and it was too early to comment on a possible motive.

Martinez-Guzman did not yet have an attorney who could comment on his behalf, Furlong said.

President Donald Trump seized on the killings as evidence of the need for his proposed U.S.-Mexico border wall.

"Four people in Nevada viciously robbed and killed by an illegal immigrant who should not have been in our Country," Trump said Monday in a tweet. "We need a powerful Wall!"

The killings are the latest crimes Trump has cited to bring attention to the wall, which is at the center of his battle with Democrats that has shut down much of the federal government.

Trump tweeted last month about allegations that a man from Mexico who was living in the U.S. illegally fatally shot a California police officer.

In Nevada, Connie Koontz, 56, was found dead Jan. 10 in her home. Three days later, 74-year-old Sophia Renken

was found dead in her home about a mile (1.6 kilometers) from where Koontz lived, authorities said.

On Jan. 16, the bodies of 81-year-old Gerald David and his 80-year-old wife, Sharon, were found in their home on the southern edge of Reno.

The two were remembered as "jovial" and easy to get along with by Tom Cates, a longtime friend who knew the Davids through Reno's rodeo and equestrian scene.

Cates said Gerald David used his time as the rodeo association president in 2006 to promote a breast cancer awareness campaign by getting the group's cowboys to show they were "tough enough to wear pink shirts."

"Jerry was probably one of the finest leaders that I've ever met," Cates said. "You walk into a room and his presence will just command attention. He was a true leader."

Sharon David, he said, was "exuberant, bubbly, loved animals to the hills" and was a former director of the rodeo, Cates said.

Judge rejects GOP victory claim in disputed N. Carolina race

By EMERY P. DALESIO

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — A North Carolina judge ruled Tuesday that there weren't grounds for him to step in and declare victory for the Republican in the country's last undecided congressional race amid an investigation into whether his lead was boosted by illegal vote-collection tactics.

Superior Court Judge Paul Ridgeway rejected a lawsuit by Republican Mark Harris insisting he be declared the winner. Harris narrowly leads Democrat Dan McCready in the 9th district contest, but the numbers have been clouded by doubt due to allegations that mail-in ballots could have been

altered or discarded by a Harris subcontractor.

Harris' attorneys asked the judge to step in because they said the district in south-central North Carolina urgently needs a representative in Washington, D.C. The Republican's attorneys also argued they were forced into court because the now-disbanded elections board was supposed to have declared him the winner in November, delayed acting to sort out ballot-fraud allegations, and missed all the deadlines specified in state law to certify him as the winner.

An unrelated lawsuit led to the old elections board disbanding last month, but the staff's investigation into accusations of

ballot fraud by an operative hired by Harris' campaign continues. A revamped elections board will officially be in place as of Jan. 31.

It is that board that "will be in the best position to weigh the factual and legal issues" to conclude the rightful winner, Ridgeway said after two hours of arguments. "The court concludes that the petitioners have not shown a clear right to the extraordinary relief" Harris requested.

Democrats who this month took control of the U.S. House said they wouldn't seat Harris without an investigation into the allegations, and suggested

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AP photo

Senior Resident Superior Court Judge Paul C. Ridgeway issues his ruling following a hearing during the Mark E. Harris v. NC State Board of Elections hearing on Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2019, in Superior Court in Raleigh, N.C.

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round in his head or his chest. The lieutenant slid onto the ground and quickly pulled the shirt down. "It was a training opportunity," Dotson said. "Fuel them with a little confidence and people survive."

The unofficial mission was fighting to stay alive for 365 days — the length of their tour of duty.

"The ultimate goal was to get on the freedom bird and get back to the world," Levesque said.

The men said Nietzsche, a big, quiet farm boy with a slight smile, wanted to be the point man, the soldier who walked up front and kept an eye out for danger.

"The guys who walk point, in their hearts they know they're taking care of their buddies," Dotson said. "He wanted to do his share."

On April 8, 1970, the soldiers knew they were near a bunker complex. They were cautious as they walked down a shallow incline, when shots rang out from across a stream. Lynn Becker, the slack man behind Nietzsche, yelled, "Leonard's hit!" Dotson and Roland, the radio man, ran to the front but were pinned down by sniper fire.

"We're not going to leave him here," Dotson recalled the soldiers said at the time.

With suppressive gunfire from a Cobra helicopter overhead, and smoke grenades between them and the bunker, they were able to retrieve the soldier. The men kept an eye out for the enemy as Doc cleaned the body.

Twenty minutes later, the helicopter departed with Nietzsche. There was no time to say goodbye to their comrade. The men pushed their grief aside and continued their patrol.

"It was serious business," Ayers said. "A man just died. It brought us closer together."

After the war, the men went on with their lives. Ignacio worked for the U.S. Postal Service; Doc became a college professor and counselor; Dotson was a construction executive; Steele became a respiratory therapist; Morales worked for a phone company and Levesque drove commercial trucks.

They carried the nightmares of the war home with them. They woke up slowly, were wary in areas that looked similar to Vietnam and grappled with the loss of those who never made it home.

Roland's wife said all she could do was listen and ask how she could take away his pain.

Morales's son said many people have negative

thoughts of Vietnam. For him, it's how his mother met his father, who was attending the wedding of a soldier he knew in Vietnam.

"I'm actually here because of the war," Jesus Morales said.

Ayers' daughter said the reunion helped the men settle old anxieties from the conflict.

"I think it was really good therapy for all of them," Williams, 35, said. "It was long overdue."

The men still have one more task: to share their meeting with Nietzsche's sister and family. Their goal is to visit his gravesite as a group.

"It's amazing to me, the human spirit," Morales said, his voice breaking. "You do what you have to do."

GLASSCOCK COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT						
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES						
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS						
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2018						
Data	10	50	60	Other	Total	
Control	General	Debt Service	Capital	Funds	Governmental	
Codes	Fund	Fund	Projects		Funds	
REVENUES:						
5700	Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 26,613,524	\$ 1,819,738	\$ 1,017	\$ 77,707	\$ 28,511,986
5800	State Program Revenues	512,113	1,130	-	10,190	523,433
5900	Federal Program Revenues	-	-	-	161,407	161,407
5020	Total Revenues	27,125,637	1,820,868	1,017	249,304	29,196,826
EXPENDITURES:						
Current:						
0011	Instruction	2,914,525	-	-	64,356	2,978,881
0012	Instructional Resources and Media Services	81,020	-	-	-	81,020
0013	Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	3,143	-	-	-	3,143
0023	School Leadership	312,955	-	-	-	312,955
0031	Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	71,566	-	-	-	71,566
0033	Health Services	68,260	-	-	-	68,260
0034	Student (Pupil) Transportation	333,751	-	-	-	333,751
0035	Food Services	6,156	-	-	350,152	356,308
0036	Extracurricular Activities	306,256	-	-	-	306,256
0041	General Administration	467,239	-	-	-	467,239
0051	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	1,096,383	-	-	-	1,096,383
0052	Security and Monitoring Services	1,000	-	-	11,782	12,782
0053	Data Processing Services	97,112	-	-	-	97,112
0061	Community Services	70,825	-	-	-	70,825
Debt Service:						
0071	Principal on Long-Term Debt	-	740,000	-	-	740,000
0072	Interest on Long-Term Debt	-	726,850	-	-	726,850
0073	Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	-	1,440	-	-	1,440
Capital Outlay:						
0081	Facilities Acquisition and Construction	774,700	-	374,917	-	1,149,617
Intergovernmental:						
0091	Contracted Instructional Services Between Schools	19,958,766	-	-	-	19,958,766
0093	Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	44,232	-	-	-	44,232
0099	Other Intergovernmental Charges	256,442	-	-	-	256,442
6030	Total Expenditures	26,864,331	1,468,290	374,917	426,290	29,133,828
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	261,306	352,578	(373,900)	(176,986)	62,998
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):						
7915	Transfers In	-	-	-	176,986	176,986
8911	Transfers Out (Use)	(176,986)	-	-	-	(176,986)
7080	Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(176,986)	-	-	176,986	-
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	84,320	352,578	(373,900)	-	62,998
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	7,560,524	996,290	373,900	-	8,930,714
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 7,644,844	\$ 1,348,868	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,993,712

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Singer Chris Brown detained in Paris after rape complaint



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In this Sept. 21, 2018 file photo, singer Chris Brown performs during Philipp Plein's women's 2019 Spring-Summer collection, unveiled during the Fashion Week in Milan, Italy. Two police officials say U.S. singer Chris Brown and two other people are in custody in Paris after a woman filed a rape complaint.

By ANGELA CHARLTON

Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — U.S. singer Chris Brown and two other people were ordered to remain in custody in Paris on Tuesday after a woman filed a rape complaint, French officials said.

The Grammy-winning singer was detained Monday on potential

charges of aggravated rape and drug infractions, a judicial official said. According to the same official, Brown and the other suspects were still in custody Tuesday evening.

Investigators have another two days to decide whether to let him go or file preliminary charges.

Brown's publicists at Sony Music wouldn't comment Tuesday on the

complaint or say what Brown, 29, was doing in Paris. His U.S. attorney, Mark Geragos, didn't immediately respond to requests for comment.

Brown has been in repeated legal trouble since pleading guilty to the felony assault in 2009 of his then-girlfriend, Rihanna. He completed his probation in that case in 2015, but has continued to have run-ins with police.

The woman who filed the Paris complaint said she met Brown and his friends overnight Jan. 15-16 at the club Le Crystal in the 8th arrondissement near the Champs-Élysées, and then they all went to the Mandarin Oriental Hotel near the Concorde Plaza in central Paris, according to a police official.

The Mandarin Oriental wouldn't comment on the investigation, and Le Crystal couldn't immediately be reached. There was no unusual activity outside either site.

One of Brown's bodyguards is among the others detained in the Paris investigation, according to the official. They are being held by judicial police in the 17th arrondissement of northwest Paris, the official said.

Neither official was authorized to be publicly named to discuss the investigation.

The detention was originally reported by French gossip magazine Closer.

Brown, who burst onto the music scene as a teen, won a Grammy Award in 2011 for best R&B album for "F.A.M.E." and has nominations for other works. His hits include "Look at Me Now," "Run It," and numerous collaborations with other stars,

including "Post to Be" and last year's "Freaky Friday" with Lil Dicky.

He released a new single earlier this month and has a new album coming this year. Six of his albums have gone platinum.

He retains a huge following of devoted fans, including nearly 50 million followers on Instagram. He posted an Instagram photo Monday from Paris appearing to show him at a nightclub, among several recent posts. Followers responded with mixed messages to the rape accusation.

It's the latest legal trouble for Brown, who was arrested at the end of a concert last year to face a felony battery charge involving a nightclub photographer.

In 2013, Brown was charged with misdemeanor assault after he was accused of striking a man outside a Washington hotel. He was ordered into rehab but was dismissed for violating facility rules. Brown spent 2½ months in custody.

After he completed court-ordered anger-management classes, Brown was accused of throwing a brick at his mother's car following a counseling session.

After Brown posted a picture to his Instagram followers in January 2018 showing his 3-year-old daughter, Royalty, cuddling with a pet monkey, California fish and wildlife agents seized the capuchin monkey named Fiji from his home in Los Angeles.

Brown was later handed a misdemeanor charge for lacking a permit for the primate. He is scheduled to be arraigned Feb. 6 in Los Angeles.

6 remain missing after Black Sea ship fire



AP photo

In this video grab provided by the Kerch.fm web portal, the two vessels, the Maestro and the Candy, on fire near the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov, in Kerch, Crimea,

MOSCOW (AP) — Ambulance crews on the Crimean Peninsula transported a dozen survivors of a ship fire to hospitals on Tuesday while six of their crewmates have remained missing in the Black Sea. At least 14 sailors died in the tragedy.

Two Tanzanian-flagged tankers caught fire Monday while liquefied petroleum gas was being pumped from one tanker to another. The blaze spread quickly, prompting the crews to jump overboard. The ships were about 30 kilometers (15 nautical miles) off the Crimean coast when the fire started.

Russian authorities said 12 of 32 crewmembers were rescued Monday

in a salvage effort complicated by rough seas. Sea temperatures of about 10 C (50 F) made it hard for the crew to hold out for long.

Emergency officials said they recovered 11 bodies from the water and saw another three dead but failed to recover them.

Strong winds prevented a quick transfer of survivors ashore, but on Tuesday they were finally taken to hospitals in Crimea, which Russia annexed from Ukraine in 2014.

The two vessels crews consisted of Turkish and Indian citizens.

The ships have continued burning. Russian media reports said both tankers, the Maestro and the Candy,

belonged to a Turkish company, Milenyum Denizcilik Gemi. It was sanctioned by the U.S. in 2015 for fuel deliveries to Syria.

The U.S. have also placed both vessels on its sanctions lists, making any company that deals with them subject to penalties — restrictions that might explain the ship-to-ship fuel transfer at sea.

Russian shipping registers indicate, however, that both tankers have made repeated calls at Russian ports recently. The Maestro sailed out of the Russian port of Temryuk on Sunday, and another vessel last called there last month.

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they may examine the dispute no matter what the state elections board does.

Lawyers for McCready and the state elections board wanted the lawsuit dismissed and for the incoming elections board to ensure a completed investigation.

McCready attorney Marc Elias, who represents Democrats around the country in election disputes, said some states such as Florida have laws placing a priority on elections being determined quickly, while other states such as Minnesota allow more time for resolutions that conclusively decide the rightful winner.

"North Carolina has made a judgment to be a get-it-done-right state. In doing so, it has set forth a very, very clear set of deadlines that are put on pause, or on hiatus, pending a protest," Elias said.

North Carolina's since-disbanded elections board twice made bipartisan decisions in late November

to withhold finalizing the Harris-McCready election under a provision in state law that allows it to act if it suspects balloting was tainted by some type of fraud or corruption.

Harris' lawyers said he and his wife have submitted to interviews by investigators and his campaign has turned over documents to ensure the investigation is done right and his name can be cleared. But the elections board also can't operate on its own timetable, attorney Alex Dale said.

"They cannot do this open-endedly," he said.

The questions surround a political operative in rural Bladen County, Leslie McCrae Dowless, who worked for Harris' campaign at the candidate's insistence. Dowless has declined interviews. A statement by his attorney said he is innocent of any wrongdoing.

More than a dozen witnesses signed sworn affidavits alleging that Dowless or people working for him collected incomplete and unsealed ballots from voters. It's illegal for anyone other than a close relative or guardian to take a person's ballot.

Harris, the former Baptist pastor of a Charlotte megachurch, said he didn't learn until late last month that the state elections board investigated Dowless and others potentially involved in ballot fraud in 2016.

"I would later learn that obviously there had been things that should have been looked into, but everything that had been looked into had come out just perfectly fine," Harris said in one of several television interviews he conducted earlier this month. Neither Harris nor McCready have responded to interview requests from The Associated Press.

The state elections board, which has no power to prosecute election cases, forwarded its evidence from the 2016 election to the federal prosecutor's office in Raleigh, which has not said whether it will pursue charges.

McCready, an Iraq War veteran and head of a solar-energy investment firm, said last week that Harris should be prosecuted if he participated in election misconduct.



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Kaye Ballard, boisterous singer and actress, dies at 93



AP photo

In this Feb. 27, 1984 file photo, actress Kaye Ballard appears with her dog, Big Shirley, during an interview in her New York apartment. Marguerite Gordon, a friend of Ballard says the actress of the TV series "The Mothers-in-Law," died Monday, Jan. 21, 2019, at her home in Rancho Mirage, Calif. she was 93. A boisterous comedian and singer as well as an actress, Ballard appeared in Broadway musicals and nightclubs from New York to Las Vegas.

By LYNN ELBER

AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Kaye Ballard, the boisterous comedian and singer who appeared in Broadway musicals and nightclubs from New York to Las Vegas and starred with Eve Arden in the 1960s TV sitcom "The Mothers-In-Law," has died. She was 93.

Ballard died Monday night at her home in Rancho Mirage, California, after a fight with kidney cancer, her friend Marguerite Gordon said Tuesday.

"The Mothers-In-Law," in which Ballard starred with Arden (of the 1950s sitcom "Our Miss Brooks"), aired from 1967 to 1969. It marked a high point in a career that began

when Ballard was 12 and lasted into the 21st century.

She was on hand last week when a documentary on her life and career premiered at the Palm Springs International Film Festival.

"She was so excited to be able to tell her story," said Dan Wingate, the film's director. "She was really anxious for young people, especially, who are going into the arts to understand the full breadth of a life in the arts, the ups and downs."

The audience's response was gratifying for her, "to hear that applause and feel that love," Wingate said, and she was thrilled when the documentary was singled out for festival honors.

"The Mothers-In-Law" was set in a

Los Angeles suburb and featured its stars as women who become thorns in their married children's lives, with comedic results influenced by the screwball style of "I Love Lucy."

Desi Arnaz, who starred with wife Lucille Ball in that classic sitcom, produced and directed 24 episodes of the Ballard-Arden show. The "I Love Lucy" team of Bob Carroll Jr. and Madelyn Pugh Davis were the show's creators and lead writers.

Ballard made a mark in every form of show business except movies. She did appear as a secondary player in a few films, including 1958's "The Girl Most Likely" starring Jane Powell and in 1964's "A House Is Not a Home," but her high-octane personality may have been too potent for the big screen of that era and its more restrictive portrayals of women.

Movie stardom was her first dream, as it was for others of her generation, filmmaker Wingate said, and he wanted the documentary to be seen on the big screen to help fulfill that goal.

But even falling short of a big film career, "she was able to reach and endear herself to so many people," he said.

Ballard's first real break came when she was singing in a Detroit nightclub, The Bowery. Comedy bandleader Spike Jones dropped in one night and quickly drafted the exuberant young singer into his musical contingent. For two years she toured with Jones' troupe, singing, playing the flute and tuba and engaging in the band's antics. She also sang with the bands of Vaughn Monroe and Stan Kenton.

In 1945 she moved to New York and sought work in theater, appearing on Broadway in a small part in the revue "Three to Make Ready." She toured in summer stock and finally made a dent in New York as a madcap Helen of Troy in 1954's "The Golden Apple," drawing applause with her song "Lazy Afternoon." One critic called her performance "a wonder of insinuation."

She also won critical praise for her role as "The Incomparable Rosalie," the magician's assistant and mistress in 1961's "Carnival!," a musicalized version of the movie "Lili." She sang "Always, Always You" while stretched out in a box the jealous magician was piercing with swords.

Ballard began working on TV in the early 1950s, becoming an in-demand performer on network variety programs including "The Mel Torme Show" and those of Ed Sullivan and Perry Como. She also became a favorite of talk show hosts, making repeat appearances with Jack Paar, Merv Griffin and Johnny Carson.

She was a regular on "The Doris Day Show" in the 1970s and the 1990s TV series "Due South."

Her nightclub act played in first-

class venues including the Blue Angel in New York, Mr. Kelly's in Chicago, the Flamingo in Las Vegas and the hungry i in San Francisco.

She was born Catherine Gloria Ballota to Italian immigrant parents in Cleveland, Ohio, on Nov. 20, 1925, according to her 2006 memoir "How I Lost 10 Pounds in 53 Years." (She noted she had always said she was born in 1926.)

She changed her name to Kaye Ballard when she entered show business. On the advice of a numerologist she switched to Kay in midcareer.

"He said my luck would change if I dropped the 'e'," she told a reporter in 1983. "It did. It went steadily downward."

She eventually returned to being Kaye.

Determined to become an actress, she would not be discouraged by a high school teacher who rejected her for a drama class, concluding she "wasn't pretty enough," nor her parents, who didn't understand the business.

She sang at service clubs and appeared at a "Stage Door Canteen" in Cleveland. After graduating from high school she worked at a burlesque theater, not as a stripper but as a straight woman in comedy sketches. She went on the road with her act of songs, comedy and impressions of famous stars and in Detroit made the fortuitous connection with Jones.

In the early 2000s, Ballard toured with other stars in a musical comedy "Nonsense" and joined the touring company of the Broadway hit "The Full Monty" as piano player for six men who stripped to make money with a musical show.

Ballard was engaged four times but never married.

"I didn't want to," she told The Associated Press in 1999. "I could have, many times. But I just wanted a career too much. I was smart enough to know, if you get married and have children, that's it. Being Italian and raised as a Catholic, I took children seriously. Maybe I made a mistake. Who knows?"

She purchased her Southern California desert home from Arnaz in the early 1940s.

"It's a stone's throw from Gerald Ford," she said of her presidential neighbor in a 1981 interview. "When he moved in, he upped my property value. It made me think of becoming a Republican."

A non-starter was ever leaving show business, even as the years passed.

"I'm not going to retire. I don't believe in retiring," she told the AP in 2001. "I do take more time off now to enjoy life and my three dogs and house. But if something wonderful comes up, I'm ready."

'Rambo,' 'Total Recall' producer Andy Vajna dies at 74

By PABLO GORONDI

Associated Press

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) — Andy Vajna, a Hungarian-American film producer who worked on several "Rambo" movies with Sylvester Stallone, "Total Recall" with Arnold Schwarzenegger and Madonna's "Evita," has died. He was 74.

Vajna, who produced many other films, died Sunday at his Budapest home after a long illness, Hungary's National Film Fund said.

Schwarzenegger remembered Vajna as "a dear friend and a revolutionary force in Hollywood."

"He proved that you don't need studios to make huge movies," Schwarzenegger posted on Twitter. "He had a huge heart, and he was one of the most generous guys around. I'll miss him."

Stallone paid tribute to Vajna on Instagram, calling him "a pioneer" and "the man that made Rambo" happen. Vajna believed in "First Blood," the first Rambo film, "when no one else did. This truly breaks my heart," Stallone said.

Vajna was also owner of the TV2 Group, a Hungarian company which owns several television channels, including TV2, one of Hungary's two main broadcasters and politically aligned closely with Prime Minister Viktor Orban's government.

"We are bidding farewell to the greatest Hungarian film producer," Orban posted on his Facebook page. "Hasta la vista, Andy! Thank you for everything, my friend!"

Since 2011, Vajna had been a commissioner in

the Orban government, in charge of developing Hungary's film industry.

Hungarian films have won several top prizes at recent international festivals. In 2016, "Son of Saul," financed mostly by Hungary's National Film Fund, won the Oscar for best foreign language film.

Vajna, who enjoyed a state-granted monopolistic concession on Budapest casinos, was recently listed by the Hungarian edition of Forbes magazine as the 18th richest Hungarian, with a net worth estimated at nearly \$240 million. He also owned Radio 1, a radio station popular across the country.

The producer was born Andras Gyorgy Vajna in Budapest on Aug. 1, 1944, and escaped Hungary's communist regime in 1956 with help from the International Red Cross. After some time in Canada, he was reunited with his family in Los Ange-

les.

After studying at UCLA, Vajna operated cinemas in Hong Kong, where he also established a successful wig-making company.

In the mid-1970s, Vajna set up Carolco, a film production firm, with Mario Kassar. Besides the Rambo series, the two men were also behind films like "Victory" — starring Stallone, Michael Caine and Pele; "Red Heat" and "Total Recall," starring Schwarzenegger; and "Angel Heart" and "Johnny Handsome" with Mickey Rourke.

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Dobbs and Glover earn 1st and 2nd respectively at C-City powerlifting meet



Courtesy photo/Lyndel Moody
Cailey Glover poses with her medal after finishing 2nd in her weight class this past weekend in the C-City powerlifting meet.



Courtesy photo/Lyndel Moody
Keegan Dobbs poses with his medal after finishing 1st place in his weight class this past weekend in the C-City powerlifting meet.

Special to the Herald

COLORADO CITY — Keegan Dobbs turned more than a few heads Saturday at the Colorado City High School powerlifting meet by lifting a total of 1,235 in his weight class.

His combined effort of 505 on squat, 275 on bench, and 455 on deadlift was enough for the Coahoma High School junior to finish in 1st place in his weight class. Compared to last week's meet at Big Spring, Dobbs lifted 45 more pounds in total weight at the Colorado City invitational.

For the Coahoma girls team, Cailey Glover also showed gains in her overall strength and her effort ended with a 2nd place medal in her weight class. She lifted 25 more pounds in total weight compared to her first meet of the season at Big Spring. In all, Glover lifted 290 in squat, 140 on bench, and 265 on deadlift with a total weight of 695 for the meet.

Rounding out the top medal placers for the CHS team, Alejandro Gonzales and Josh Ruiz both placed third in their individual weight class. Daniel Vela-Wences and Bobby Zambrano placed 4th.

Boys

- 114 Class, 4th Daniel Vela-Wences, 425 TW (total weight)
- 132 Class, 8th, Mason Hudgins, 640 TW
- 148 Class, 3rd, Josh Ruiz, 865 TW, Damian Rains, 610 TW
- 165 Class, 15th, Patrick Gutierrez, 775 TW
- 198 Class, 1st, Keegan Dobbs, 1,235 TW
- 242 Class, 4th, Bobby Zambrano, 1,235
- 275 Class, 14th, Justin Marsh, 905 TW
- SHW Class, 3rd, Alejandro Gonzales, 1,265 TW

Girls

- 132 Class, 2nd, Cailey Glover, 695 TW; 6th, Megan McDonald, 455 TW.
- 148 Class, 7th, Sydney Rinard, 590 TW; 19th, Delia Rawls, 410 TW.
- 165 Class, Kirah Kimball, 6th, 575 TW.

Steers and Ladysteers both come up short against district rival Snyder



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Big Spring's Alexis Starr shoots for three points during the Lady Steer's 58-37 loss on the road to division rival Snyder on Tuesday, January 22, 2019.



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Big Spring's Abel Clark takes a three point attempt during the Steer's 66-48 road loss to district rival Snyder on Tuesday, January 22, 2019.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Venus Luck and Heart Equity

Given the Venus and Jupiter alignment, it's a lucky day to make an investment, especially one that involves something other than money. Mental equity is worth much more than dollars, but is not nearly as valuable as heart equity. Favored activities include: letter writing, stating a case, clearing things up and assembling a team.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). This plan you had is working, mostly because you steered it well, without imposing total control. Because you don't have to be in control of absolutely everything for things to go right.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A dream isn't a dream unless it's a little off. Bigger than life. Smaller. Stranger. You'll head into the day reasonably enough, but it's when you introduce the dreamy element that things start to get really interesting.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You tell yourself to do something, and then you do the opposite. Why? The complexities of will are confounding! But you can be certain there's a rebel child in you who doesn't trust authority, even if that authority is you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The way to power is not taking more and more; that's the way to destruction. True power is knowing what you can



influence and accepting what you can't.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There's no such thing as a mediocre goal. Is it beyond where you are now by an inch? Half an inch? A foot? It's progress. Count everything. It's the kind of day when you need every win you can get.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). How do you know if you're being arrogant? You don't. That's the disease of arrogance. You're checking yourself, so you're probably in the clear. People who are truly arrogant usually forget that step.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Remember when sleeping seemed like a luxury, money was scarce and you weren't sure where you were getting the extra energy to forge forward but you did it anyway? It was a test that made you strong. Appreciate it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You may think that someone has "arrived" but that is a perception based on a criteria of success that is subjective. The important thing is not to act weird when people achieve things and other people don't. Be cool.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The hard work is coming up next. But don't worry; you're ready. In fact, on some level, you've been looking forward to this. Bonus: You're about to find out which of your colleagues the worthiest.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Good relationships are built on mutual trust. Right now, you're reaping the benefits of doing something as simple as showing up when you say you will and doing what's expected.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Even though you don't have a ledger telling you how much you owe and are owed, in some way you're keeping track. You're noticing an imbalance in the give and take department. Start thinking about how it might be rectified.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll be dealt a wildcard. Think carefully about how you want to play it. Much depends on the others at the table. Make your best guess about their hand.

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Annie's Mailbox

A Lying Abuser

Dear Annie: Recently, you published a letter from someone whose good friend was being abused by a girlfriend physically, verbally and financially. I agree with your advice to the letter writer to keep in contact with her abused friend. My issue is this: My boyfriend is telling his mother that I am abusing him, and I am not; he is the mean one. I am in the process of getting out of the relationship. We both have lots of ties -- homes, two businesses and more. Because of what we have on our

shared plate, it is easier to say that I should get out ASAP, but it's harder to actually do it. We are in separate rooms and living areas of our large home, which helps during the breakup process. Anyway, my boyfriend is not telling his mother that he is the abusive one. He tells her that I call him names. He doesn't tell her my anger comes from how he acts like a bully. He busts doors all over our beautiful home, for one. Also, he recently spat out a mouthful of carrots all over the table while we were out for dinner because he was mad! I was embarrassed that he did that in

public. I finished my meal and left. He since has angrily spit food all over the place twice. He calls me really foul and demeaning names -- saying I'm a miserable you-know-what. I tell him anyone in a relationship with him would be miserable. Would it be OK to spill the beans to his family about what he is really doing and has done? Or would it be best to just walk away when I am finally organized in a smart enough way to leave? I really want to spill the beans to his mother. -- Apprehensive

Dear Apprehensive: Spilling the beans

wouldn't get you anything except more of a mess. Continue preparing yourself to make an exit. Seeing as you have properties and businesses together, be sure to consult a lawyer, if you haven't already. I'd also encourage you to stay with family or friends or to get a short-term rental if at all possible. Breakups are always rough, but breaking up while continuing to live together? That's torture.

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ANSWER:

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Getting your ducks in order

West dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A Q 4
♥ A J 8
♦ 8 7 6 2
♣ K 6 4

WEST
♠ K 9 7 6
♥ 6
♦ Q J 10 9
♣ Q 10 9 8

EAST
♠ J 10 8 5 2
♥ K 3
♦ 5 4 3
♣ A J 3

SOUTH
♠ 3
♥ Q 10 9 7 5 4 2
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The bidding:
West North East South
Pass 1♦ Pass 1♥
Pass 1NT Pass 4♥
Opening lead — queen of diamonds.

When declarer has a choice of plays to make, the order in which he makes them is often of critical importance.

Here is a typical situation. South wins the diamond lead and has four potential losers. He has three different plays to consider. He can take a spade finesse, a heart finesse or lead a club to the king.

Since there is no urgency about leading spades or clubs, South starts by taking a trump finesse. If West has

the king, South's troubles are over. However, East wins dummy's jack with the king and returns a diamond. Declarer wins, plays a trump to the ace and ruffs a diamond. This brings him to the point where he must decide whether to broach the clubs or spades next.

It should not take South long to see the advantage in leading a spade and finessing the queen, even though he has only a singleton spade. In the actual deal, the spade finesse wins and assures the contract, since South can discard a club on the ace of spades. He later loses two club tricks, but winds up making four. However, as can be seen, if declarer tackles clubs ahead of spades, he loses three clubs and goes down one.

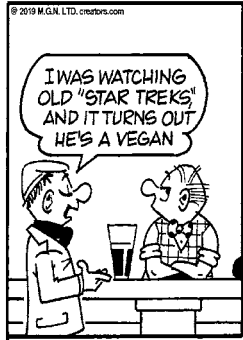
There are two good reasons for taking the spade finesse before leading clubs. First, it costs nothing to try the finesse. If it is unsuccessful, declarer loses a spade trick unnecessarily, but is sure to get the trick back because the ace of spades is still available to take care of one of his club losers.

But the chief reason for playing spades first is that if the finesse fails, South retains his chance that West may have the ace of clubs, while if he tackles clubs first and the king loses to the ace, he goes down with a club return by East.

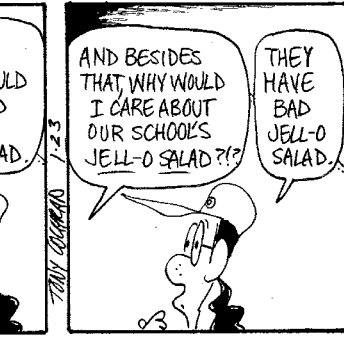
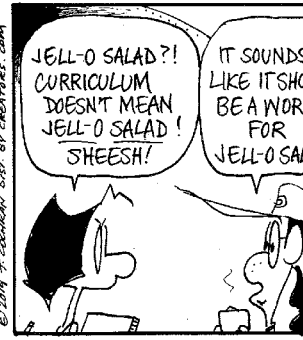
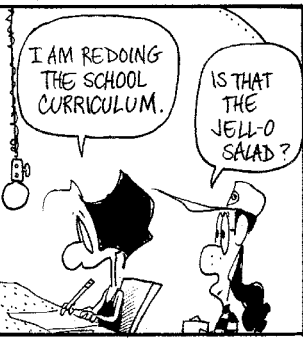
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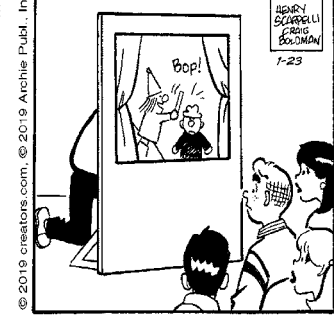
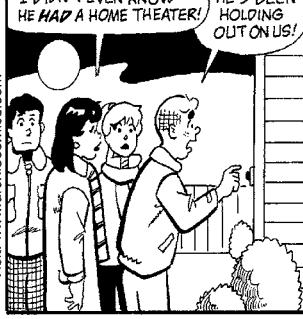
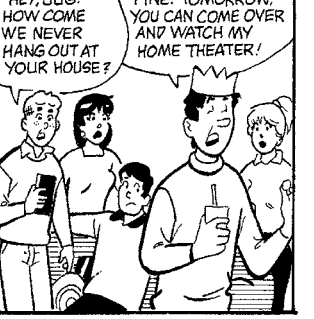
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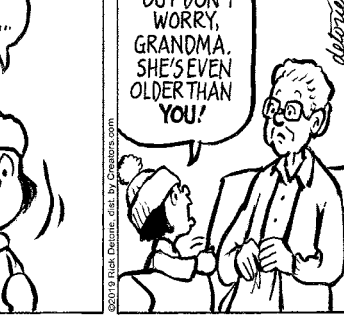
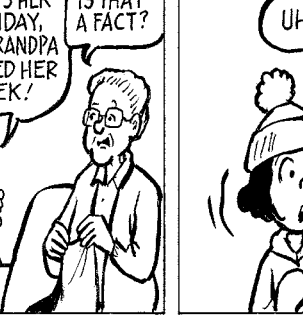
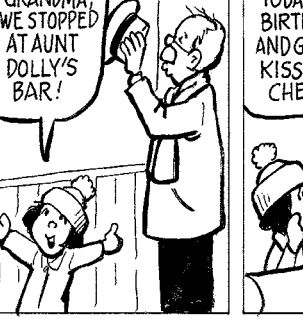
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 23, the 23rd day of 2019. There are 342 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 23, 1845, Congress decided all national elections would be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. On this date: In 1368, China's Ming dynasty, which lasted nearly three centuries, began as Zhu Yuanzhang was formally proclaimed emperor following the collapse of the Yuan dynasty. In 1789, Georgetown University was established in present-day Washington, D.C. In 1932, New York Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt announced his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination. In 1933, the 20th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, the so-called "Lame Duck Amendment," was ratified as Missouri approved it. In 1950, the Israeli Knesset approved a resolution affirming Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. In 1962, Jackie Robinson was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in his first year of eligibility. Tony Bennett recorded "I Left My Heart in San Francisco" in New York for Columbia Records. In 1964, the 24th Amendment to the United States Constitution, eliminating the poll tax in federal elections, was ratified as South Dakota became the 38th state to endorse it. In 1968, North Korea seized the U.S. Navy intelligence ship USS Pueblo, commanded by Lloyd "Pete" Bucher, charging its crew with being on a spying mission; one sailor was killed and 82 were taken prisoner. (Cmdr. Bucher and his crew were released the following December after enduring 11 months of brutal captivity at the hands of the North Koreans.) In 1978, rock musician Terry Kath, a key member of the group Chicago, accidentally shot himself to death following a party in Woodland Hills, California; he was 31. In 1989, surrealist artist Salvador Dali died in his native Figueras, Spain, at age 84. In 1998, a judge in Fairfax,

Virginia, sentenced Aimal Khan Kasi (eye-MAHL' kahn KAH'-see) to death for an assault rifle attack outside CIA headquarters in 1993 that killed two men and wounded three other people. (Kasi was executed in November 2002.) In 2005, former "Tonight Show" host Johnny Carson died in Los Angeles at age 79. Ten years ago: President Barack Obama quietly ended the Bush administration's ban on giving federal money to international groups that performed abortions or provided information on the option. New York Gov. David Paterson chose Democratic Rep. Kirsten Gillibrand (KEHR'-sten JIL'-uh-brand) to fill the Senate seat vacated by Hillary Rodham Clinton. Five years ago: Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel ordered immediate actions to define the depth of trouble inside the nation's nuclear force, which had been rocked by disclosures about security lapses, poor discipline, weak morale and other problems. A fire at a seniors' home in L'Isle-Verte, Quebec, Canada, killed 32 people. Pop star Justin Bieber was arrested in Miami Beach, Florida, on charges of driving under the influence, resisting arrest and driving with an expired license. (Bieber later pleaded guilty to careless driving and resisting arrest under a deal that spared him jail time.) One year ago: An early-morning shooting at a high school in Benton, Kentucky, left two 15-year-old students dead and more than a dozen others injured; authorities charged a 15-year-old classmate with murder and assault. LeBron James, at 33, became the youngest player in NBA history with 30,000 career points, reaching that mark during the Cleveland Cavaliers' 114-102 loss to the San Antonio Spurs; he was the seventh player to score that many points in his career. "The Shape of Water" led the way with 13 Academy Award nominations, including one for best picture. Today's Birthdays: Actress

Chita Rivera is 86. Actor-director Lou Antonio is 85. Jazz musician Gary Burton is 76. Actor Gil Gerard is 76. Actor Rutger Hauer is 75. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jerry Lawson is 75. Sen. Thomas R. Carper, D-Del., is 72. Singer Anita Pointer is 71. Actor Richard Dean Anderson is 69. Rock musician Bill Cunningham is 69. Rock singer Robin Zander

(Cheap Trick) is 66. Former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa (vee-yah-ry-GOH'-sah) is 66. Princess Caroline of Monaco is 62. Singer Anita Baker is 61. Reggae musician Earl Falconer (UB40) is 60. Actor Boris McGiver is 57. Actress Gail O'Grady is 56. Actress Mariska Hargitay is 55. Rhythm-and-blues singer Marc Nelson is 48. TV host

Norah O'Donnell is 45. Actress Tiffani Thiessen is 45. Rock musician Nick Harmer (Death Cab for Cutie) is 44. Actress Lindsey Kraft is 39. Christian rock musician Nick DePatie (Kutless) is 34. Singer-actress Rachel Crow is 21.

Thought for Today: "The trouble is that hardly anybody in America goes to bed angry at night." George J. Stigler American economist (1911-1991).

Newsday Crossword

THREE-DIMENSIONAL by Fred Piscop Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS 1 Piece of garlic 6 Thyme or sage 10 Carpeting meas. 14 Dollars and cents 15 By-mouth 16 Tra- (singing sounds) 17 Coffee-and-milk drink 18 Ship of 1492 19 Author unknown: Abbr. 20 Ballpark sandwich 23 Musical ability 24 Needing to rest 25 Banged-in, as a fender 29 Actor Alda 32 T.S. who inspired Cats 33 "Dream on!" 34 Carpeting measure 38 Denver's NFL locale 41 Pays a visit to 42 Profound 43 British cavalry sword 44 Supervisor 45 Old Testament strongman 46 Green pasta sauce 50 Haul to a garage 51 Footwear marked "EEE" 58 "Absolutely!" 59 East of (Steinbeck novel) 60 Withdrew, with "out" 62 Praiseful poems

- 63 Open-handed hit 64 Spear in jousting 65 Creates a seam, say 66 Semester 67 Make very happy DOWN 1 950, in old Rome 2 Bread package 3 Not fooled by 4 Presidential rejection 5 Upper-jaw canines 6 Pay tribute to 7 Leprechaun land 8 Tolled 9 Lacking excitement 10 Candidate list 11 Press conference, for short 12 Elevator stop 13 Strong-tasting 21 Young fellow 22 Hold title to 25 FDR and JFK 26 Writer Wiesel 27 Africa's longest river 28 Tips of socks 29 Barbecue residue 30 Talk like Daffy Duck 31 Outboard motor's place 33 Eras 34 First man 35 Barbecue serving 36 Coin in Spain

- 37 Congregation's comeback 39 Courtroom promise 40 Taken together 44 Squeezing serpent 45 Maritime distress signal 46 Coins in Mexico 47 Radiate, as charm 48 Scatter about 49 Long lock of hair 50 TV news hour 52 Toward sunset 53 Doing nothing 54 Beloved 55 Whitish gemstone 56 Sicilian volcano 57 Splinter group 61 Poor grade

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K-State's defense stifles No. 14 Texas Tech in 58-45 win

By AVERY OSEN

Associated Press
MANHATTAN, Kan. — Kansas State and Texas Tech have two of the four highest-rated defenses in the country. They didn't disappoint Tuesday night.

In a preview of the tough test that awaits Big 12 opponents, the Wildcats ground down the 14th-ranked Red Raiders 58-45 on Tuesday night. Kansas State held Tech to a season low in points and hasn't allowed a team to score more than 71 this season.

"First of all, it is about K-State's defense," Texas Tech coach Chris Beard said. "One team has broken 70 on them this year, and we knew it was going to be a difficult game to score so we set up a game plan."

That game plan didn't work. Barry Brown Jr. had 15 points, Dean Wade scored 13 and Mike McGuirl added nine as K-State hit big shot after big shot.

"Everyone is coming to win and play their best game," Brown said. "Especially knowing you've won five straight, everyone is trying to stop your momentum."

The Big 12's top-ranked defenses combined to force 30 turnovers. The Wildcats (15-4, 5-2) held Texas Tech to 33-percent shooting and never let the Red Raiders get their offense rolling.

Jarrett Culver led Texas Tech (15-4, 4-3) with 17 points. Tariq Owens had 12.

The Wildcats outrebounded Texas



Texas Tech's Jarrett Culver, left, tries to steal the ball from Kansas State's Dean Wade during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2019, in Manhattan, Kan. Kansas State won 58-45.

AP photo

Tech 33-25 overall and 27-18 on the defensive side, limiting second-chance points.

The Red Raiders struggled to contain Brown in the first half. He had two step-back 3-pointers and 11 points. Wade was a mismatch as well, with Red Raider big man Norense Odiase called for three fouls in the first half. He only played five minutes.

Owens scored seven points off the bench in Odiase's absence, keeping Texas Tech in it, but Kansas State led

32-24 at the half.

"They made shots," Beard said. "They were aggressive, they got to the free-throw line and late in the game when we were trying to come back from a deficit they got good looks."

The Wildcats led 46-38 midway through the second half before Wade made two free throws and Xavier Sneed hit a 3. The Red Raiders got back within eight but couldn't get any closer.

"I think the biggest improvement

we've made from the start of the season is passing the ball and slowly I think we are becoming a better offensive team," coach Bruce Weber said.

After Tuesday night, the teams seem to be going in different directions. K-State has won five straight while the Red Raiders have lost their last three games after starting 4-0 in Big 12 play. Beard thinks the Wildcats are built for a title run this year and was quick to give them credit after the loss.

"This is one of the best teams in the country," he said. "Now they have won five straight, which is a direct reflection of the character of the guys they have on their team."

K-State is in a tie for first in the conference with Kansas, which has won 14 straight regular-season titles. The Wildcats will clash with the Jayhawks for the first of two meetings on Feb. 5th at home.

"Well we dug out of the hole and not only were we 0-2, but we were down 21 points to West Virginia," Weber said. "There's a lot more coming up and as I said, these next two road games are very, very important."

BIG PICTURE
Texas Tech has lost three straight games after starting 4-0 in conference play. They will need to get the ship going back in the right direction soon. Kansas State has won five straight and looks to be one of the best teams in the Big 12.

Dallas Wings star Liz Cambage asks to be traded

By DOUG FEINBERG

AP Basketball Writer
NEW YORK — Liz Cambage is looking to play elsewhere next season.

"Liz Cambage has communicated through her representation a desire to play elsewhere in the WNBA during the 2019 season," Dallas Wings president and CEO Greg Bibb said in a statement Tuesday. "While Liz is currently under contract with the Dallas Wings, we will work to resolve this issue while keeping the interest of our organization the priority."

The 27-year-old Cambage finished second behind Breanna Stewart in WNBA MVP balloting this past year. She set the league single-game scoring record last season when she had 53 points against New York. She averaged 23 points and 9.7 rebounds last year.

The 6-foot-8 Australian star was the No. 2 pick in the 2011 draft. She played that season and in 2013 for the Tulsa Shock but sat out in 2012 and again from 2014-2017. The franchise moved to Dallas in 2016. Cambage returned to the WNBA last season with Dallas and really hit it off with Wings coach Fred Williams.

Cambage took it hard when Williams was fired a few weeks before the end of the season. Her former coach signed on as an assistant with the Los Angeles Sparks on Tuesday.

After last season ended, Cambage left the door open to not returning to the WNBA this year,

citing the league's low salaries. She excelled for Australia in the FIBA World Cup this fall, helping the team earn a silver medal. Cambage told the AP at the World Cup that she was going to take some time to decide whether she wanted to return to the WNBA.

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