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Obituaries

Betty Jean Smith



Betty Jean Smith, 88 of Big Spring, formerly of Snyder, died Saturday, Nov. 4, 2017, in a Big Spring hospital. Family graveside services will be at a later date.

She was born March 22, 1929, in Oklahoma and married Jake Smith May 22, 1967, in Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Jean was the assistant director of the Scurry County Senior Citizens Center in Snyder for many years. She came to Big Spring in 2002.

She was a member of Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring.

Survivors include her husband, Jake Smith of Big Spring; five children, Randy Duncan and wife, Donna of Lovington, New Mexico, Linda Park of Big Spring, Diane Biggers and husband, Randy of Levelland, Debra Lowder and husband, Mike of Early, and Jay Smith and wife, Brenda of Katy; one brother, Orthar Dean Furrh; and numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and two sons, Terry Duncan and Woody Duncan.

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

Paid obituary

Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 63 inmates at the time of this report.

- **ASHTON LOU-RIS-SA AKIN**, 23, was arrested by BSPD on the warrant of theft of prop-

erty less than \$100.

- **CYNTHIA MARIE AIDERSON**, 31, was arrested by DPS on the charge of possession of controlled substance less than one gram.
- **SEVERIANO LAWRENCE CORDOVA**, 34, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of sentenced/SAFPF
- **ANGELA Y. MEY-**

ERS, 30, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of theft of shoplifting less than \$100.

- **JOHN A. MIER**, 29, was arrested by BSPD on the warrant aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- **ABEL JAVIER PADILLA**, 53 was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- **CHRISTOPHER LANCE ROBERTS**, 30, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of driving while license invalid, speeding, violate promise to appear.
- **ROSEMARY SILVA SANCHEZ**, 42, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of theft in between \$500 to \$1,500.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wright Ave. One person was transported to Scenic Moun-

tain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of Leatherwood Rd.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 100 block of N Broadway.

One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 Block of Scurry St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of S Runnels St. One person was transported to Scenic Moun-

tain Medical Center.

- **TRAUMA CALL** was reported on Chapman Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Alabama St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Take Note

- The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains.
- The corps provides spiritual services to Howard County residents and visitors in crisis situations.
- Prospective chaplains don't require any specific experience or education to qualify for the position, just a calling from God and a willingness to devote time to the program, which requires a 24- to 30-week training program and dedication of one day per week for emergency call-outs. Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Joel Miller at 432-213-1221.
- Big Spring's Centennial Lions Club is holding a drive to collect books for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club.
- Books for kids in kindergarten through about 10th grade will be accepted, with special preference for books for younger children in kindergarten through third grade.
- Cash donations to allow the Lions to purchase additional books are also appreciated.
- Books or donations can be taken to the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., or to the home of Lions member Ken Lawhon at 1707 E. 15th St.

For more information, contact Lawhon at 214-998-9716 or Lions member David Stives at 432-270-2251.

- Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food.
- It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.
- If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.
- Each week Kindred offers free health checks from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Corner House Coffee Shop, 1701 Scurry St.
- Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at

the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted.

There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat.

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

- Howard County Republicans meet the second Monday of each month.
- Club members meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College at 11:30 a.m. for Dutch treat lunch and meeting at 12 p.m.
- The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Tuesday of each month a 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **ROSEMARY SILVA SANCHEZ**, 42, of 2310 Roemer St., was arrested on a warrant of another agency.
- **ANGELA Y. MEYERS**, 30, of 1008 Goliad St., was arrested on a charge of theft of shoplifting less than \$100.
- **ABEL JAVIER PADILLA**, 29 of 2402 S Main St., on a charge of public intoxication.
- **CHRISTOPHER LANCE ROBERTS**, 30, of 2402 Carol Dr., was arrested on three warrant of different agencies.
- **JOHN ANTHONY MIER**, 29, of 1614 Cardinal St., was arrested on the warrant aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- **ASHTON LOU-ROSSA AKIN**, 23, of 709 Pine St., was arrested on the warrant of theft of property less than \$100.
- **THEFT**, was reported in the 200 block of W FM 700, the 500 block of E FM 700, the 1800 block of S Gregg St.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE**, was reported in the 3600 block of W Highway 80.
- **DISTURBANCE**, was reported in the 2900 W Highway 80.

Support Groups

WEDNESDAY

- **RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy)** a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY

- **GriefShare** is a biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support). Weekly 10/5/17 through 01/11/18; 6:00 - 8:00 pm at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for more information.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

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

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

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Duck said the total number of outstanding ballots is exactly five.

"There's always a chance that it could swing the other direction," she said. "What we have in the office right now is, I have 4 ballots-by-mail and one provisional. That makes it real interesting, doesn't it?"

Duck said she doesn't have the authority to look at the ballots, so she doesn't know whether they were cast by Coahoma voters or not.

"I do not know," she said. "The board will have to look at those and decide. I don't see those ballots, the board does."

Below is a list of the Constitutional amendments, all of which passed; along with local totals and state-wide totals. All totals are unofficial until the ballots are canvassed:

- Proposition 1: Authorizes tax exemption for property of partially disabled veterans or their spouses, received as donations from charity. Local: For: 898 votes (86.68 percent), Against: 138 votes (13.32 percent). State: For: 749,076 votes (85.99 percent), Against: 122,014 votes (14.01 percent).
- Proposition 2: Makes changes to home equity loan provision of the Constitution. Changes include lowering the cap on home equity loan-related fees from 3 to 2 percent, but excluding certain additional fees from counting toward the cap; allowing home equity loans against agricultural property; allowing refinancing of a home equity loan with a purchase money loan; and allowing advances on a home equity line of credit as long as the principal amount remained below 80 percent of the fair market value of the borrower's

house. Local: For: 777 votes (75.29 percent), Against: 255 votes (24.71 percent). State: For: 588,271 votes (68.61 percent), Against: 269,176 votes (31.39 percent).

- Proposition 3: Provides that unsalaried officials appointed by the governor with consent of the Senate cannot be in office beyond the end of the legislative session following the expiration of their terms. Local: For: 895 votes (86.47 percent), Against: 140 votes (13.53 percent). State: For: 717,353 votes (83.14 percent), Against: 145,442 votes (16.86 percent).
- Proposition 4: Allows the legislature to pass laws requiring courts to inform the state attorney general of a legal challenge to the constitutionality of a state law. Local: For: 780 votes (76.40 percent), Against: 241 votes (23.60 percent). State: For: 549,360 votes (64.34 percent), Against: 304,509 votes (35.66 percent).

- Proposition 5: Expands the definition of "professional sports team" for the purpose of deciding which charitable foundations are allowed to hold raffles. The proposal specifies sports teams that are members of various organizations such as Major League Baseball, the National Basketball Association, the National Hockey League, the National Football League, and several others; a person hosting a motorsports racing team event sanctioned by NASCAR, INDYcar, etc., at a venue with seating for 75,000 or more; an organization hosting a Professional Golf Association event; or "any other professional sports team defined by law"; legally as "professional sports teams." Local: For: 587 votes (58.18 percent), Against: 422 votes (41.82 percent). State: For: 506,902 votes (60.34 percent), Against: 333,172 votes (39.66 percent).

- Proposition 6: Provides property tax exemptions for residence homes of surviving spouses of first responders killed in the line of duty. Local: For: 890 votes (85.66 percent), Against: 149 votes (14.34 percent). State: For: 733,925 votes (84.63 percent), Against: 133,307 votes (15.37 percent).
- Proposition 7: Authorizes the legislature to allow banks, credit unions, and other financial institutions to promote savings by offering their customers prizes drawn at random. Local: For: 668 votes (65.43 percent), Against: 353 votes (34.57 percent). State: For: 507,797 votes (59.67 percent), Against: 343,175 votes (40.33 percent).

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

Woman charged with murder warned against forced marriage



AP photo

In this Monday, Oct. 30, 2017 photo, 21-year-old Aasia Bibi and her boyfriend, Shahid Lashari, are presented to journalists, at police station in Muzaffargarh in Pakistan. Pakistani police arrested Bibi, a newly married woman, who was married against her will in September, on murder charges after she allegedly poisoned her husband's milk and it inadvertently killed 17 other people in a remote village.

By IRAM ASIM

Associated Press

BASTI LASHARI, Pakistan (AP) — Aasia Bibi had warned her parents time and again that if they forced her to marry her cousin, a man she disliked, she would be capable of going to any length to exit the union. She was already in a relationship, she said, and should be allowed to marry the man of her choice.

Now, investigators in this tiny, remote island village in central Pakistan believe the recently married 21-year-old was enticed by her boyfriend in a plot to kill her husband, Mo-

hammad Amjad, by poisoning his milk with rat killer. Amjad did not drink the milk, but his mother used the tainted liquid the following day to make a traditional yogurt drink that she then tragically served to 27 family members, including Amjad.

Amjad and 17 others were sickened and subsequently died at a district hospital, including eight children aged 7 to 12. Among the dead were Amjad's two brothers, his three sisters-in-law and some distant relatives.

"I repeatedly asked my parents not to marry me against my will as my

religion, Islam, also allows me to choose the man of my choice for marriage but my parents rejected all of my pleas and they married me to a relative," Bibi told a judge at her initial hearing Oct. 31 following her arrest.

Aasia Bibi and her boyfriend Shahid Lashari were charged with murder and are scheduled to return to court Nov. 14. Pakistani police said Wednesday they also arrested Bibi's aunt, 49-year-old Zarina Begum, for her involvement in the alleged plot in this small, remote island village in central Pakistan.

Local police chief Zulfiqar Ali said the deaths quickly drew the attention of police, who quietly began an investigation and were able to expose the plot. He said Aasia Bibi was among those who did not drink the traditional Lassi, which is made with water and yogurt.

"Her husband was in critical condition at a hospital and she looked as if nothing had happened and she was cool and calm at her home and it raised suspicions," he said.

Ali said police first arrested Lashari and he confessed to supplying the rat poison to his girlfriend. He said Lashari also told officers that Bibi's aunt Zareena, who used to arrange for the couple to meet at her home, was aware of the plot to kill Amjad.

Ali said that before detaining Aasia Bibi, police collected her cell phone data enabling investigators to surmise that she was in constant contact with Shahid after the attempted poisoning. He said Bibi confessed to her role in the killings upon seeing Shahid in hand-cuffs at a police station.

Relatives bringing condolences were still arriving in the dusty, isolated village on Tuesday when an AP reporter crossed the shallow Indus River to the island by boat. Sitting among the mourners on a cot in an open area, village elder Abdul Majid vowed to behead the newly married woman and her boyfriend if he got hold of them.

Majid said the couple,

who were married in late July, deserved to be killed to restore the village's honor.

"If I see them, I will behead them with a wood saw," he said, as the jailed bride's father sat nearby.

Zohra Yousaf, a top human rights activist based in Karachi, said Aasia Bibi is among countless Pakistani women who are forced by their parents to marry against their wishes, but that it is rare for a wife to kill her husband. She said she believed Bibi's actions show that she suffers from depression and anxiety.

Many parents in Pakistan arrange marriages for their daughters against their will and nearly 1,000 Pakistani women are killed each year by close relatives in so-called "honor killings" for marrying against the family's consent or attempting to flee the forced unions.

According to a report released this year by the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan, "hundreds of women and girls were murdered in 2016 by family members on the pretext of defending the

family honor." It is also common in Pakistan for village councils or elders to order killings or rapes in the name of honor.

In 2002, a village council ordered the gang rape of Mukhtar Mai, a young woman who later took her rapists to court. The case gathered international attention and she later opened a school for rural girls.

Sitting in her mud-brick home in this village of just 45 dwellings about 450 kilometers (270 miles) south of Multan, Bibi's mother Zakia Begum sobbed Tuesday night, saying she was wrong to force her daughter to marry a man she did not like.

She urged other Pakistani parents to give their daughters the right to marry the person of their choice.

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number of kids competing," he said.

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Texas massacre is seized on by both sides in gun debate



AP photo

Kevin Blomstrum, left, and Kyle Dahlberg visit a makeshift memorial for victims near the scene of a shooting at the First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs, Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017, in Sutherland Springs, Texas. A man opened fire inside the church in the small South Texas community on Sunday, killing more than two dozen and injuring others.

By LISA MARIE PANE and MARTHA BELLISLE
Associated Press

Gun-rights supporters have seized on the Texas church massacre as proof of the well-worn saying that the best answer to a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun. Gun-control advocates, meanwhile, say the tragedy shows once more that it is too easy to get a weapon in the U.S.

To no one's surprise, many Americans on opposite sides of the gun debate are using the latest mass shooting to reaffirm their opinions about firearms, drawing very different lessons from the rampage that left 26 people dead.

The bloodbath is proving to have elements both sides of the gun debate can use: Dozens were killed, from babies to the elderly. The slaughter took place in a house of worship. The killer had a history of domestic violence that legally should have prevented him from buying his guns.

And a National Rifle Association member pulled out his own rifle and wounded the killer, helping to end the danger.

"Both sides are following the respective scripts that we have seen many times before," said Robert Spitzer, chairman of political science at the State University of New York at Cortland and an expert on firearms and Second Amendment issues.

On Sunday, Devin Patrick Kelley, 26, traveled to a Baptist church in Sutherland Springs and opened fire with a Ruger AR rifle with a 30-round magazine, going from aisle to aisle as he shot parishioners. He killed himself after being shot and chased down by a church neighbor.

Kelley was able to buy the rifle and three other weapons even though the former Air Force man was convicted at a court-martial of choking his wife and cracking her son's skull and was given a bad-conduct discharge in 2014.

It turned out the Air Force did not submit his criminal history to the FBI database that is used to conduct background checks for gun shops.

President Donald Trump, a longtime supporter of the gun lobby and the first president since Ronald Reagan to address the NRA, said the attack was the work of a mentally ill man.

He said that rather than use the shooting as justification to restrict access to firearms, it should be seen as a shining example of the benefits of gun ownership. If the neighbor who confronted the gunman hadn't had a rifle, Trump said, "instead of having 26 dead, you would have had hundreds more dead."

That thought resonated with gun owners around the country.

"There's an old saying: 'The best answer for a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun,'" said Tiffany Teasdale-Caufer, owner of Lynnwood Gun and Ammunition in Lynnwood, Washington.

Former Special Forces Col. Jim Patterson in San Antonio said "an armed society is a polite society."

"I get the emotional argument — let's ban all guns — but you're imposing a law on people who disobey the law to begin with," he said. "We are free men and women and we control our destiny. When seconds count, the police are minutes away. What do you do in those minutes? Do you hide under a table or do you retain your right to protect yourself?"

But Stephanie Ervin of Civic Ventures, an advocacy group in Seattle, said having more guns in public settings such as stadiums is "a recipe for tragedy" and increases the risk of something bad happening.

The problem of mass shootings won't be solved "by grandmas bringing guns to church in their handbags," she said. "It will be resolved by introducing and passing more laws that keep people from accessing firearms in a

moment of crisis."

Since Trump's election, gun-rights advocates are feeling emboldened for the first time in nearly a decade, while gun-control activists fear the unraveling of restrictions on firearms.

At the top of the gun-rights agenda is winning passage in Congress of "national reciprocity," which would allow concealed-carry gun permits issued in one state to be valid in all others. The gun lobby also wants an easing of restrictions on silencers.

With each mass shooting, gun-control advocates have seized on the events to point to what they see as failings or loopholes in the law.

When a gunman in Las Vegas slaughtered 58 people last month in the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history, there was talk of outlawing "bump stocks," the device he used to enable his semiautomatic rifles to fire like fully automatic weapons.

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Texas church gunman once escaped from mental health center

By JIM VERTUNO, WILL WEISSERT and PAUL J. WEBER
Associated Press

SUTHERLAND SPRINGS, Texas (AP) — The gunman who killed 26 people at a small-town Texas church was treated at a mental health center in New Mexico and briefly escaped in 2012, according to a police report.

Devin Patrick Kelley

was also caught trying to bring guns onto Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico when he was stationed there, according to an El Paso police report obtained by several media outlets.

Kelley, who was 21 at the time, had made death threats against superior officers, the report said.

He was committed to a mental health facility in Santa Teresa, New Mexico, but at

some point escaped and was later found by police at a bus station in downtown El Paso in June 2012.

Meanwhile at the First Baptist Church in tiny Sutherland Springs, investigators continued analyzing a gruesome crime scene and tried to gain access to the shooter's cellphone, a longstanding challenge for the FBI in thousands

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Gunman checked each aisle, shot babies at point-blank range

SUTHERLAND SPRINGS, Texas (AP) — The Texas church gunman went aisle by aisle through the First Baptist pews looking for victims and shot crying babies at point-blank range, a couple who survived the attack said.

Rosanne Solis and Joaquin Ramirez were sitting near the church entrance Sunday when they heard what sounded like firecrackers and realized someone was shooting at the tiny wood-frame building in the small town of Sutherland Springs.

In an interview with San Antonio television station KSAT, Solis said congregants began screaming and dropped to the floor.

She could see bullets flying into the carpet and fellow worshippers falling down, bloodied, after getting hit.

For a moment, the attack seemed to stop, and worshippers thought that police had arrived to confront the gunman, later identified as Devin Patrick Kelley.

But then he entered the church and resumed "shooting hard" at helpless families, Solis said.

The gunman checked each aisle for more victims, including babies who cried out amid the noise and smoke, Ramirez said.

The couple survived by huddling close to the ground and playing dead. Solis was shot in the arm.

Ramirez was hit by shrapnel.

"The lord saved me because I know it was my last day," Solis told the station.

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of other cases.

Authorities aimed to conclude the crime-scene investigation at the church by Wednesday evening. Investigators have no reason to believe anyone conspired with Kelley, who acted alone, said Texas Department of Public Safety Regional Director Freeman Martin.

Martin repeated earlier statements that the shooting appeared to stem from a domestic dispute involving Kelley and his mother-in-law, who sometimes attended services at the church but was not present on Sunday.

"We don't know what he was thinking or what was in his mind," Martin said. "There was conflict. He was upset with the mother in law."

The gunman's phone was flown to an FBI lab for analysis, but agents have yet to access it, said Christopher Combs, who is in charge of the agency's San Antonio division.

The inability to access the shooter's phone highlights a longstanding frustration of the FBI, which said it has been unable to retrieve data from half the mobile devices it tried to access in less than a year.

Director Christopher Wray said last month that in the first 11 months of the fiscal year, agents were unable to access the content inside more than 6,900 mobile devices, an issue he said stymies investigations.

The FBI and other law enforcement officials have long complained about being unable to unlock and recover evidence from cellphones and other devices seized from suspects even if they have a warrant. Technology companies have refused to help, insisting they must protect customers' digital privacy.

The long-simmering debate was on display in 2016, when the Justice Department tried to force Apple to unlock an encrypted cellphone used by a gunman in a terrorist attack in San Bernardino, California. The department eventually relented after the FBI said it paid an unidentified vendor who provided a tool to unlock the phone and no longer needed Apple's assistance, avoiding a court showdown.

The Justice Department under President Donald Trump has suggested it will be aggressive in seeking access to encrypted information from technology companies. But in a recent speech, Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein stopped short of saying exactly what action it might take.

Kelley had a history of domestic violence that spanned years before the attack and was able buy weapons because the Air Force did not submit his criminal history from his time in the military to the FBI, as required by military rules.

If Kelley's past offenses had been properly shared, they would have prevented him from buying a gun, the Air Force acknowledged Monday.

Investigators also revealed that Kelley

had sent threatening text messages to his mother-in-law, a member of the church, before the attack, and that sheriff's deputies had responded to a domestic violence call in 2014 at his home involving a girlfriend who became his second wife.

Later that year, he was formally ousted from the Air Force for a 2012 assault on his ex-wife in which he choked her and struck her son hard enough to fracture his skull.

At a news conference in South Korea, Trump was asked if he would support "extreme vetting" for gun purchases in the same way he has called for "extreme vetting" for people entering the country. Trump responded by saying stricter gun control measures might have led to more deaths in the shooting because a bystander who shot at the gunman would not have been armed.

"If he didn't have a gun, instead of having 26 dead, you would have had hundreds more dead," Trump said.

Investigators collected at least 15 empty magazines that held 30 rounds each at the scene, suggesting the assailant fired at least 450 rounds. About 20 people were wounded.

Based on evidence at the scene, investigators believe Kelley died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound after he was chased by bystanders, one of whom was armed, and crashed his car.

While in the military, Kelley served in logistics readiness at Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico from 2010 until his 2014 discharge, Air Force spokeswoman Ann Stefanek said.

He was discharged for the assault involving his previous wife and her child and had served a year of confinement after a court-martial. Under Pentagon rules, information about convictions of military personnel for crimes such as assault should be submitted to the FBI's Criminal Justice Investigation Services Division.

Stefanek said the service is launching a review of its handling of the case and taking a comprehensive look at its databases to ensure other cases have been reported correctly.

A few months before he received the bad-conduct discharge, sheriff's deputies went to his home to check out the domestic violence complaint involving him and his then-girlfriend. People in the house said there was no problem, and no arrests were made. Kelley married the girlfriend two months later.

Kelley lived in New Braunfels, about 35 miles (55 kilometers) north of the church, and had recently started a job as an unarmed security guard at a nearby resort.

Mass shooters exploit lapses, limited laws to get guns

By MICHAEL R. SISAK
Associated Press

Texas church shooter Devin Patrick Kelley's history of domestic abuse barred him from legally buying guns, but he did so anyway because information about his crimes was never entered into a federal database used for background checks.

Kelley is just the latest recent U.S. mass shooter to amass weapons by exploiting lapses in the background check process or by taking advantage of limited weapons laws. Others have obtained guns while undergoing mental health treatment or got their hands on weapons that were initially purchased legally.

A look at some recent mass shootings and how the attackers obtained their guns:

SUTHERLAND SPRINGS, TEXAS: 26 PEOPLE KILLED ON NOV. 5, 2017

Kelley purchased four guns, including the AR-15-style rifle and handguns found in and near the First Baptist Church, from federally licensed dealers in Texas and Colorado over the last four years.

The 26-year-old passed required background checks because the Air Force never informed the FBI about his criminal conduct — an assault on his wife and her child that led to a court-martial, a year of confinement and a bad conduct discharge.

Military rules require that the information be shared.

A 1996 law bans people convicted of even a misdemeanor-level domestic violence offense from owning guns. Kelley was convicted at a court-martial for choking his then-wife and fracturing her son's skull in 2012.

LAS VEGAS: 58 PEOPLE KILLED ON OCT. 1, 2017

Stephen Paddock amassed the bulk of his arsenal over the span of a year, culminating with a purchase three days before he holed up in a room on the 32nd floor of the Mandalay Bay hotel and opened fire on a country music festival below.

Paddock purchased

DEBATE

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For Sandy Phillips, each mass shooting brings back memories of when her daughter was killed in the 2012 movie theater attack in Aurora, Colorado, that left 12 people dead. Phillips, a gun owner who lives in Texas, bristles at the good-guy-with-a-gun argument.

In the Texas rampage, "they didn't even succeed in killing him. He killed himself," Phillips said. "The bottom line is people are killing people with guns and they're killing them in large numbers because we have easy access to guns."

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JFK files: FBI concerned of growing Latino political power

By **RUSSELL CONTRERAS** — Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — A memo included in recently released John F. Kennedy documents shows that the FBI was concerned about the growing political power of Latinos, historians say.

Among the thousands of documents released last week was a memo from an FBI informant who kept watch on a Dallas chapter of the G.I. Forum — a moderate group of Mexican American veterans who spoke out against discrimination.

According to the 1963 document, the informant closely followed a chapter meeting where members expressed concerned about the revival of a similar organization, the League of United Latin American Citizens.

The G.I. Forum members feared a public fight with LULAC over membership might make both groups "powerless," and members discussed ways to keep tabs on LULAC leadership.

The informant reported that G.I. Forum members didn't want to dabble in politics and felt "racial discrimination is lessening to the point where they receive no complaints from victims," the memo said.

President Donald Trump has ordered the release of all records related to the Kennedy assassination, and they are expected to be made public on a rolling basis during the coming weeks. He also directed agencies to take another look at redactions and withhold information only in the rarest of circumstances. It's unclear why this memo was among the classified government documents released last month by the National Archives.

Historians say the memo gave a glimpse into the FBI's concern about the growing political power of Latinos in Texas, New Mexico, Califor-

nia and Illinois and may also show the FBI was working to create tensions among the Latino civil rights groups.

"We know that the FBI was monitoring LULAC in the 1940s and 1950s. But this appears to show they were more worried about all of the groups' growing influence," said Emilio Zamora, a University of Texas history professor. "Even though these groups were moderate, the FBI was worried because they were Mexican. In their eyes, they could become radicalized at any time."

Jose Angel Gutierrez, a political science professor at the University of Texas at Arlington, said the memo was evidence that the federal government actively sought to divide Latino civil rights groups to thwart efforts to fight discrimination.

Some historians also believe the FBI feared the G.I. Forum might protest Kennedy's motorcade in Dallas over civil rights.

The G.I. Forum became a force after its founder, Hector P. Garcia, drew



In this Nov. 21, 1963, file photo first lady Jackie Kennedy, President John F. Kennedy, Lady Bird and Vice President Lyndon Johnson attend a LULAC dinner in Houston. Newly released documents regarding John F. Kennedy's assassination show the FBI was monitoring Latino civil rights groups weeks before the president would make history by visiting with one of the organizations. A memo released October 2017 said an FBI informant kept close watch on a Dallas chapter of the G.I. Forum, a moderate group of Mexican American veterans who spoke out against discrimination.

national attention for protesting a Texas funeral director's decision to not hold a service in the chapel for a Mexican-American soldier killed in World War II.

The documents show the agency was monitoring the civil rights groups just weeks before Kennedy visited with one of the Hispanic organizations

Kennedy spoke at a LULAC gala in

Houston the night before his Nov. 22, 1963, assassination. Historians believe that was the first time a sitting president acknowledged the Latino vote.

Hispanics voted overwhelmingly for Kennedy in 1960. Robert Kennedy, the president's brother, would attribute the election victory in part to the support among Mexican Americans and Puerto Ricans.

SHOOTER

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33 of the 49 weapons found in the hotel room and at his homes in Mesquite and Reno, Nevada, between October 2016 and Sept. 28, 2017, according to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

None of the purchases drew scrutiny because the 64-year-old Paddock passed all background checks. His gradual accumulation of weapons went undetected because federal law does not require licensed gun dealers to alert the government about rifle purchases.

Twelve of the semi-automatic rifles recovered by authorities were equipped with bump stocks, a device that allows them to fire repeatedly without pulling the trigger over and over.

ORLANDO, FLORIDA: 49 PEOPLE KILLED ON JUNE 12, 2016

Omar Mateen purchased an AR-15-style rifle and a handgun on separate days about a week before the attack from a licensed dealer near his home in Fort Pierce, Florida. The 29-year-old passed a background check and had two security licenses, one of which allowed him to be armed while on duty, according to Ed Henson, owner of the St. Lucie Shooting Cen-

ter.

The FBI investigated Mateen in 2013 and 2014 after co-workers shared concerns about statements he had made concerning possible ties to terrorist groups. Neither inquiry led to criminal charges. Even if he had been placed on a terrorism watch list, Congress in 2015 rejected attempts to prevent people on the list from purchasing guns.

SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA: 14 PEOPLE KILLED ON DEC. 2, 2015

Syed Farook and his wife used weapons that the FBI said were legally purchased by his neighbor, Enrique Marquez, from a licensed dealer in 2011 and 2012. Marquez, who pleaded guilty to charges he conspired to provide support to terrorists and made false statements to acquire a firearm, told investigators that Farook asked him to buy the weapons because he would draw less attention. At the time, the FBI said, the men were plotting to shoot up a community college and a highway.

ROSEBURG, OREGON: 10 PEOPLE KILLED ON OCT. 1, 2015

Christopher Harper-Mercer

and his family members legally purchased the handguns and rifle he used in the Umpqua Community College shooting from a federally licensed gun dealer, according to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA: 9 PEOPLE KILLED ON JUNE 17, 2015

A drug arrest should have prevented Dylann Roof from purchasing the pistol authorities said he used at Emanuel AME Church, but a record-keeping error and background check delay allowed the transaction to go through. The FBI said a background check examiner never saw the arrest report because the wrong arresting agency was listed in state criminal history records. After three days, the gun dealer was legally permitted to complete the transaction.

WASHINGTON, D.C.: 12 PEOPLE KILLED ON SEPT. 16, 2013

Aaron Alexis, a former reservist turned civilian contractor, passed state and federal background checks and legally purchased the pump-action shotgun used in the Washington Navy Yard shooting despite a history of violent outbursts and recent mental health treatment. Alexis was accused of firing a gun in anger in Texas in 2004 and in Seattle in 2010, but was not prosecuted in either case. In 2011, he received an honorable discharge despite bouts of insubordination, disorderly conduct and unauthorized absences. None of that would have disqualified him from purchasing a weapon.

NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT: 26 PEOPLE KILLED ON DEC. 14, 2012

Adam Lanza used his mother's weapons, including a .223-caliber semi-automatic rifle, in the massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School. Lanza's mother, whom he fatally shot before going to the school, also purchased the ammunition, investigators said.

AURORA, COLORADO: 12 PEOPLE KILLED ON JULY 20, 2012

James Holmes was receiving psychiatric treatment when he passed required federal background checks and legally purchased the weapons he used in his movie theater assault. As in the Navy Yard case, Holmes' treatment alone did not prevent him from buying guns. The purchases would have been blocked only if he had been legally declared a "mental defective" or committed to a mental institution.

COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS

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Hope everyone survived Halloween. To all who helped make our "Read and Treat" a success or participated in some way...A BIG THANK YOU!! Everyone had a great time, and we couldn't have done it without you.

I still have western books to tell you about this week. In "Treasure Coach from Deadwood" by Allan Vaughan Elston (LP W ELS A), Todd Merrill hits the town of Deadwood City after gold has been discovered. When he rescues a pretty girl from some of the town's more unsavory characters, Todd himself is beaten up and robbed. He takes a job with the armed guard that rides the treasure coach and is on hand for the boldest raid ever attempted. Every precaution had been taken to ensure that no one would know in advance when the coach would leave or what route it would take, yet some-

one tipped the bandits off. Todd attempts to find out and becomes enmeshed in a thrilling and dangerous drama that reveals the frontier town at its worst and at its best.



MONICA MARTINEZ

In "Raiders of Blue Dome" by Robert J. Horton (LP W HOR R), Will Cameron announces his intention to send for Lennister to come put a stop to the rustling activities of Bolt Blodgett and his gang. Sheriff Strang warns the Lennister is a dangerous gun-fighter and threatens to arrest him and throw him in jail. Cameron's proposal is accepted with the backing of all the cattlemen save one so riders are sent out to locate

Lennister. One pair of riders return with a man who is surly, vicious and cold-blooded, and who asks to be called "Smith," causing Cameron to have second thoughts about the prudence of sending for Lennister. Good to his word, Sheriff Strang shows up to arrest Lennister, but the man makes a break for it, shooting one of the deputies in the process.

"Powder Burn" by William W. Johnstone with J. A. Johnstone (LP W JOH W) is a Will Tanner U.S. Deputy Marshal Western. U.S. Deputy Marshal Will Tanner earned his badge by shooting the bad guys, saving the good guys, and winning the fear and respect of everyone in between. When he visits a friend at his ranch and swaps lead with a trigger-happy horse thief, Will earns the wrath of the deadliest lowlife killers. Turns out the horse thief is a desperate ex-convict

fresh out of prison whose father is a notorious outlaw. Will is nothing but a moving target on a blood-soaked trail of revenge. Marshal Tanner has his hands full, his finger on the trigger, and his life on the line.

In "Renegade Ranger" by Jim Kane (LP W KAN J), Luke Riatt grew up in a world ended forever by the War Between the State. His marriage ended abruptly when cholera killed his wife and child. After fifteen years of solitude, he is teaming up with another Ranger to keep the peace along the Texas-Mexico border. The difficulty is that Luke's fellow Ranger is one of the "wild Stringer clan" and some of his own family are working with a renegade gang that wants to rid the country of the law. This leaves Luke with quite a weak reed to lean on when his partner turns renegade.

That will be all for this week

so until next week make each day count!! To all the veterans....Thank You!!

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Roger's Retro Reviews: Casablanca

We'll always have Paris." "Of all the gin joints in all the towns in all the world, she walks into mine." "Round up the usual suspects." "Play it, Sam. Play 'As Time Goes By.'" "Here's looking at you, kid." "Louis, I think this is the beginning of a beautiful friendship."

My very first Retro Review was of "Citizen Kane," a movie widely considered to be among the best few movies ever made. This week's is another of that rarified club: 1942's Humphrey Bogart/Ingrid Bergman classic "Casablanca."



ROGER CLINE

The movie's release date is notable; it was made and released during World War II. The U.S. entered the war the previous December, and the fate of the world was very much in question. "Casablanca" is a movie about Hollywood – and, by extension, the western world – working through some of that uncertainty and looking for answers wherever it could find them.

As the movie starts, we're told that, for people fleeing the oncoming German Third Reich, Lisbon, Portugal, is the main port for travel from Europe to America. Unfortunately, German-occupied Vichy France stands in the way of direct travel to Lisbon, so many Europeans cross the Mediterranean Sea to Africa, and wind up in Casablanca, Morocco – controlled by the French government in exile – where they can buy visas on the black market and catch a plane to Portugal. The government of Casablanca still has a talking relationship with the Nazis, and is desperately trying to remain unthreatening and avoid a Nazi takeover.

Before the beginning of the movie, two German diplomats are murdered on a train on its way to Casablanca. Rick (Bogart) is the American expatriot owner of "Rick's Cafe Americain," a nightclub and casino in Casablanca. Rick is steadfastly neutral, refusing to drink with any of his guests regardless of political leanings or wealth.



Ugarte (Peter Lorre), a petty criminal, tries to impress Rick by telling them he has Letters of Transit, signed by Casablanca police captain Louis Renault (Claude Rains). Rick knows that the German diplomats had been carrying the Letters, and assumes that Ugarte had something to do with their murder. Ugarte plans to sell the Letters for a small fortune, but asks Rick to hold them for him until he can make the sale. Unfortunately for him, Ugarte is arrested by Casablanca police before he can meet his buyer. Renault organizes the arrest so that Nazi Major Heinrich Strasser (Conrad Veidt) is present, as an attempt at impressing the German officer. During the scene, we learn that Strasser is hunting escaped prisoner Victor Laszlo (Paul Henreid), a leader of the French Resistance. Rick hides the Letters of Transit among some sheet music on the piano of his African-American jazz pianist and singer, Sam (Dooley Wilson).

Shortly after the arrest, Laszlo enters the bar with a beautiful woman, Ilsa Lund (Bergman). She and Sam see each other, and seem to recognize one another. She asks him to play the song "As Time Goes By." After pretending not to remember it, she hums it for him, and he plays it, attracting Rick's attention. Rick angrily reminds Sam he told him never to play that song, then notices Ilsa. We learn that Rick and Ilsa knew each other and were possibly romantically linked in Paris. Now, Ilsa is married to Laszlo, who has come to Rick's to purchase Ugarte's Letters of Transit.

I'll stop the narrative there, but the whole plot revolves around a love triangle between Rick, Ilsa, and Lasz-

lo; and Ilsa and Laszlo's quest to get visas or the Letters to escape Casablanca.

Casablanca is an amazing movie on many levels. The characters are well-acted and emotional, not the typical cardboard stereotypes one often sees in black-and-white pulp style movies. Rick is a complex character who tries to portray an uncaring neutrality, but we see him act against self-interest to help others several times. Ilsa is torn between her love for Rick and her love for Laszlo...or is she just conning Rick to get the Letters of Transit? It's a little unclear, but either way, she's not a stereotype. The ambiguity isn't offputting, it adds to her enigma. Plus, Ingrid Bergman is absolutely beautiful. Henreid's Laszlo is absolutely committed to his cause and to Ilsa, doing battle with the Germans in whatever small way he can. There is a scene where he leads a rendition of the French national anthem "Le Marseillaise" to drown out Nazis singing the German anthem "Die Wacht am Rhein." This infuriates Strasser, but highlights Laszlo's charismatic leadership abilities.

Claude Rains' Renault is seedy and sarcastic, and absolutely great.

And the movie wouldn't be nearly as good without the music of Sam, apparently sung by Dooley himself, but the piano part was faked; Dooley was a drummer.

Casablanca is a great movie, and deserves every bit of 10 out of 10 stars.

Casablanca

Director: Michael Curtiz

Writers: Screenplay by Julius Epstein, Philip Epstein, and Howard Koch; based on the play by Murray Burnett and Joan Alison.

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Virginia rejects 'Trumpism' as Dems score major victories

By **STEVE PEOPLES**
and **ALAN SUDERMAN**

Associated Press
RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Seizing his party's first major Trump-era victory, Democrat Ralph Northam beat back a charge from Republican Ed Gillespie in the race for Virginia governor, a bruising election that tested the power of President Donald Trump's fiery nationalism against the energy of the Trump resistance.

In Virginia, as in several contests across America on Tuesday, the Trump resistance won. And it wasn't close.

Northam, a pediatric neurologist and Army veteran, defeated longtime Republican operative Gillespie in the hard-fought contest. "I'm here to let you know that the doctor is in," a smiling Northam told supporters gathered in suburban Washington, D.C., for his victory speech. "As long as I'm governor, I will work hard to make sure we're inclusive."

He added, "Virginia has told us to end the divisiveness, that we do not condone hatred and bigotry and to end the politics that have torn this country apart."

Northam's victory set off overnight recriminations and finger-pointing among Trump's hardcore supporters. The pro-Trump website Breitbart News, which had earlier praised Gillespie as a "culture warrior," derided him as a "Republican swamp thing." Jerry Falwell Jr., president of Liberty University, said Northern Virginia's voter-rich liberal suburbs should be annexed by the District of Columbia, "to return the governance of (Virginia) to Virginians."

Democrats also scored victories in the race for New Jersey governor and in Maine, where voters slapped the state's Republican governor, a Trump ally, by backing a measure to expand Medicaid coverage under former President Barack Obama's health care law. The Democratic mayors of New York and Boston, both vocal Trump critics, also won re-election easily.

And Virginia voters elected the state's first openly-transgender state representative, among more than a dozen state legislative pickups for Democrats.

The resounding victories marked the GOP's most significant day of defeat in the young Trump presidency and a rebuke to the president himself as his party eyes a suddenly more threatening midterm election season next year.

The Democratic gubernatorial victories in Virginia and New Jersey prompted congratulations from Obama, who tweeted Wednesday morning, "This is what happens when the people vote." Obama also congratulated "all the victors in state legislative, county and mayors' races."

"The Democratic Party is back, my friends," said Democratic National Committee Chairman Tom Perez.

Perez said the key to his party's success in Tuesday's elections was fielding good candidates and thorough organizing efforts.

"Organizing matters," Perez told MSNBC's "Morning Joe." "This was the most extensive, coordinated ground game in Virginia history, more extensive than any presidential ... Terry McAuliffe did a spectacular job four years ago, and they did that much more."

Trump immediately tried to distance himself from the loss.

"Ed Gillespie worked hard but did not embrace me or what I stand for," Trump tweeted Tuesday night as he toured Asia, noting that the

GOP won a handful of special elections earlier in the year. "With the economy doing record numbers, we will continue to win, even bigger than before!"

Despite the criticism, Gillespie did, in more ways than one, embrace what Trump stands for, even if he didn't welcome Trump into the state to rally voters on his behalf.

The Republican president played a marginal role in Virginia, largely because Republicans on the ground did not want him there, a state he lost last fall, as his approval ratings hover near record lows. The White House instead dispatched Vice President Mike Pence to help Gillespie, although Trump promised Gillespie would "make America great again" in a recorded phone message that went to voters on the election's final day.

Gillespie, a former aide to President George W. Bush and GOP presidential nominee Mitt Romney, largely reinvented himself as Election Day neared by adopting many of Trump's racially-tinged nationalist positions. Gillespie warned of the dangers of the Hispanic street gang, MS-13, and highlighted its motto, "Kill, Rape, Control" in a television ad. The New Jersey native vowed to protect Confederate monuments. And he condemned the national anthem protests by NFL players, the vast majority of them black.

Liberal activists cheered their successes as evidence of the anti-Trump energy on the ground nationwide they have long insisted was real, despite poor results in special elections in deep-red Montana, Georgia and South Carolina.

"This is the first fair fight we've had. The special elections that we've had so far have been incredibly slanted to the conservative side," said Ezra Levin, co-founder of the liberal group Indivisible, which had hundreds of volunteers and a handful of paid staff on the ground in Virginia. "There is a wave building. And 2018 is just around the corner."

In New Jersey, Democrat Phil Murphy trounced Republican Lt. Gov. Kim Guadagno, who served under the term-limited, deeply unpopular GOP Gov. Chris Christie.

New Jersey Democratic Sen. Cory Booker, among several Democrats weighing a presidential bid in 2020, cast his party's gubernatorial victories in New Jersey and Virginia as "the very first statewide rebuttal of the Trump administration."

"We will not succumb to the politics of fear," Booker declared.



Virginia Gov.-elect Ralph Northam celebrates his election victory with his wife Pam and daughter Aubrey, right, and Dorothy McAuliffe, wife of Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe at the Northam For Governor election night party at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va., Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017.

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Lady Steers rout Lady Cats 63-43 in season opener



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Big Spring's Alexis Starr scores the first two points of the season during the their win over Grady in the first game of the season on Tuesday, November 7, 2017.



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Big Spring's Logan Terrazas takes a long two point attempt during the Lady Steers' win over Grady in the first game of the season on Tuesday, November 7, 2017.

By MARISSA LOFTIN
Sports Editor

The Lady Steers varsity basketball team kicked their season off with a 63-43 win against the Grady Lady Cats in Steer Gym on Tuesday night.

Big Spring sophomore Alexis Starr scored the opening basket after stealing the ball from Grady to grab an early lead. The Lady Cats couldn't get much going on offense as seven of their nine first quarter points came from the charity stripe. With scores from Kayleigh Penny, Trinity Galloway, Logan Terrazas, and Amber Martinez, the Lady Steers snatched a 17-9 lead throughout the first quarter.

Kenzie Rodriguez (Jr.) and Jaqueline Belew (Fr.), who were called up from JV for this game, made their varsity debut in the second quarter. Rodriguez managed to knock down a three towards the end of the quarter, followed up with a layup by Belew to increase Big Spring's lead to 29-17 with under two minutes remaining in the half.

Although the Lady Steers

added another 13 points to the board in the second quarter, thanks to scores by Alexis Delafuente, Terrazas, Kamri Kemper, and Penny, they also added to their foul count as well. A lot like the first quarter, much of Grady's points came from the free throw line and the Lady Steers began subbing to avoid early foul trouble.

Grady managed to decrease their deficit slowly but surely, and at the half Big Spring sat at a 30-21 lead.

The third quarter proved to be an entertaining one as it featured a lot of good defense, steals and a number of three-pointers. Two of which came from Starr, and the other three from the Lady Cats. Grady kept crawling their way closer to Big Spring as they found themselves only down by nine heading into the fourth.

The Lady Steers turned it over and racked up 21 fourth quarter points to Grady's 10. A lot of points from both teams came from free throws as there were many fouls called, some legitimate, and some

See **BSHS**, Page 15

No change at top of CFP rankings; Miami poised to make move



AP photo

TCU running back Kyle Hicks (21) celebrates with teammates including guard Austin Schlottmann (51) after scoring a touchdown against Texas during the first half of an NCAA college football game Saturday, Nov. 4, 2017, in Fort Worth, Texas.

By RALPH D. RUSSO

AP College Football Writer

With three games matching teams in the selection committee's top 10, the College Football Playoff race could become a lot clearer on Saturday.

Or more muddled.

Georgia, Alabama, Notre Dame and Clemson held their spots in the top four of the selection committee rankings Tuesday night, and unbeaten Miami moved up three spots to No. 7 before its showdown with the Fighting Irish.

Oklahoma remained fifth and TCU moved up to sixth. The Sooners and Horned Frogs play a key Big 12 game on Saturday, with the winner taking sole possession of first place in the conference.

Notre Dame visits the Hurricanes on Saturday night, and Georgia is at Auburn, which came in 10th.

After Miami in the rankings, unbeaten Wisconsin was No. 8, the highest-ranked Big Ten team. The Hurricanes jumped over Wisconsin after beating Virginia Tech handily last Saturday. The Badgers pulled away late in a rout of Indiana.

Selection committee chairman Kirby Hocutt, Texas Tech's athletic director, said the committee was impressed by the Hurricanes' most convincing win of the season against a "solid" Virginia Tech team.

"That strengthened their resume more than, I would say, Wisconsin strengthened their resume with a win over a three-win Indiana team," Hocutt said.

Washington, the highest-ranked Pac-12 team, is ninth and Auburn is 10th.

No. 14 Penn State and No. 15 Ohio State fell out of the top 10 after losses last

week.

UCF was 18th, the highest-ranked team from outside the Power Five conferences. The highest-ranked conference champion from the Group of Five leagues is guaranteed a spot in one of the New Year's Six Bowls, and the American Athletic Conference is in prime position to grab that bid, likely to the Peach or Fiesta bowl.

UCF is unbeaten and leading the American's East Division, and Memphis, ranked 22nd, is in the first in the AAC West. No other Group of Five conferences are represented in the selection committee's rankings this week.

PATHS TO THE PLAY-OFF

How each of the top teams get into the semifinals:

Georgia (9-0) and Alabama (9-0) — Win the Southeastern Conference.

Both the Bulldogs and Tide can likely afford a loss before getting to Atlanta on Dec. 2 as long as they win that day. If both are 12-0 going into the title game, the loser looks like a good bet to get in, too, depending on how that game goes. But it's no guarantee.

Notre Dame (8-1) — The Fighting Irish should roll in with no issues if they win out and are probably out if they lose for a second time. Simple.

Clemson (8-1) — The Tigers have to like their chances if they win out, though they could use some help from their fellow Atlantic Coast Conference teams. Strong finishes by North Carolina State, Virginia Tech, Georgia Tech, Louisville and Boston College, as well as by their nonconference foes

See **CFP**, Page 15

District 5-4A Volleyball All-District selections

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Natalee James, So., Snyder

2nd Team All-District

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c/o: JAMES J. NAPPER Attorney at Law P.O. Box 1370 Stanton, Texas 79782

DATED the 2nd day of November, 2017.

JAMES J. NAPPER

#9592 November 8, 2017

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0307272 DATE OF ISSUANCE: Oct 20, 2017 Status/Permit No. 829950 NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Nov 27, 2017 Address: Railroad Commission of Texas ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit P. O. Box 12967 Austin, Texas 78711-2967 Fax: (512) 463-6780

Public Notice

Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SM ENERGY COMPANY, [RRC Operator No. 788997] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line distance requirement because the Applicant is less than the required Rule 37 lease line distance to an unleased or non-pooled interest within the subject unit for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 24, Bk. 32 T2N, T&R RR CO/ CLINTON, G O Survey, A-741, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, HOWARD County, being 13.6 miles NE direction from BIG SPRING, Texas. PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline.

An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512)463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 (512)463-6751.

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Lease Lines : 304.0 F N L, 330.0 F E L Survey Lines : 304.0 F N L, 2323.0 F W L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral: TH1 Penetration Point Location

Lease Lines: 500.0 F L 2307.0 F L

Terminus Location

RH County: Section: 25

Block: 323 T2N

Abstract:

Survey T4P RR

Lease Lines: 100.0 F L 330.0 F L

Survey Lines: 100.0 F L 2310.0 F L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres. This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 9500 feet. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Jill Hamilton, at (432)8484855.

#9573 October 25, 2017

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0307486 DATE OF ISSUANCE: Oct 31, 2017 Status/Permit No. 830849 NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Dec 5, 2017 Address: Railroad Commission of Texas ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit P. O. Box 12967 Austin, Texas 78711-2967 Fax: (512) 463-6780 Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

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Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal Lateral: TH1

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proximate depth of 9500 feet. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Lisa Hunt, at (432)8484833.

#9583 November 1, 8, 15, 22, 2017

RAILROAD COMMISSION
OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0307257
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Oct 20, 2017 Status/Permit No. 829940
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Nov 27, 2017
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SM ENERGY COMPANY, [RRC Operator No. 788997] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line distance requirement because the Applicant is less than the required Rule 37 lease line distance to an unleased or non-pooled interest within the subject unit for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 24, Bk. 32 T2N, T&R RR CO / CLINTON, G O Survey, A-741, SPRABERRY (TREND

Public Notice

AREA) Field, HOWARD County, being 13.6 miles NE direction from BIG SPRING, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline.

An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512)463-6848**. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 **(512)463-6751**.

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THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name : FEZZIK A
Lease/Unit Well No. : 2443WA
Lease/Unit Acres : 640.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 100.0

Lease 304.0 F N
343.0 F E

Survey 304.0 F N
2293.0 F W

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 500.0 F S L
1647.0 F W L
Terminus Location BH
County: HOWARD
Section: 25 Block: 32 T2N
Abstract: 275 Survey: T&P RR CO / HECKLER, J F
Lease Lines: 100.0 F S L
990.0 F E L
Survey Lines: 100.0 F S L
1650.0 F W L

Public Notice

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres. This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 9500 feet. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Jill Hamilton, at (432)8484855.

#9574 October 25, 2017

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Legals

Notice of Application for Commercial Fluid Injection Well Permit

On Point Oilfield Operations LLC, 7500 Rialto Blvd., Bldg. 1, Ste. 250, Austin, TX 78735, is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Pennsylvanian, Canyon, Strawn, Ellenburger, and Granite Wash Formations, 1584 SWD Lease, Well Number 1. The proposed injection well is located 17.94 miles northwest of Big Spring in the Oceanic (Pennsylvanian) Field, in Howard County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 8,570 to 13,000 feet.

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

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

#9591 November 8, 2017

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bad news, good news

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♦ J 6 4 2
♥ K Q 5
♦ 10 7 6 3
♣ K Q

WEST
♦ 9
♥ 10 6 4 3
♦ Q J 9 5
♣ 9 6 5 4

EAST
♦ Q 10 8
♥ 9 8 7 2
♦ A
♣ A 10 8 7 2

SOUTH
♦ A K 7 5 3
♥ A J
♦ K 8 4 2
♣ J 3

The bidding:
North East South West
3 Pass Pass 4 Pass
Opening lead — queen of diamonds.

Many contracts hinge on whether declarer can avoid losing a trump trick when he is missing the Q-x-x-x of the suit. The normal play in such a situation is to cash the A-K and hope the queen falls, rather than to take a finesse if one is available.

Today's deal is unusual in that even if it turns out that declarer must lose a trump trick to the queen, he is virtually certain to regain the trick elsewhere — regardless of which defender actually has the queen!

After West's lead of the diamond queen, it would appear that declarer, with normal play, must lose two diamond tricks (to the ace and jack), the

ace of clubs and a trump trick. But as all experienced players know, appearances can be deceiving.

East won the first diamond with the ace and played the ace and another club. From East's failure to return a diamond at trick two, which would seem logical, declarer inferred that East had started with the singleton ace of diamonds.

It seemed that the outcome now depended strictly on what happened in the trump suit. But declarer already saw that even if one opponent held the Q-x-x of trumps, the contract was almost certain to come home.

South started by cashing the A-K of spades, learning that East had a trump trick coming. Undaunted, he then cashed the A-K-Q of hearts, discarding a diamond. He then played the king of diamonds, and whether East ruffed or not, the battle was over.

In practice, East refused to ruff, so declarer conceded a trump to East's queen. East was then forced to lead a club or a heart, allowing South to discard his remaining diamond while ruffing in dummy. Declarer thus lost only a diamond, a club and a spade to finish with 10 tricks.

And what if West had turned up with the Q-x-x of trumps? In that case, after declarer cashed the top hearts and exited with a spade, West would have been forced to lead a diamond — permitting dummy's ten to score a trick — or yield a fatal ruff-and-discard.

Tomorrow: An unusual defensive play.
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SUDOKU

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

Level: Beginner

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

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

ANSWER:

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Tomorrow's Horoscope

By HOLIDAY MATHIS

Venus Changes the Emotional Approach

There are many ways to get to the same emotion. Satisfaction can be achieved as easily through work as it can through play. The elation of adventure might be found while peering through the window of a plane, or maybe it's found in the flickering eyes of a sweetheart. Yesterday's Venus change is already affecting our emotional approach.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're a person who's not afraid of being wrong because you really want to know what's right, and so you'll meet even your own perception with some measure of doubt. This takes a secure person.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Familiar emotions, even negative ones, get comfortable. To feel a certain way might be nothing more than a habit. The more times you conjure up a feeling, the easier it will be to do so.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You may find yourself replaying a drama over and over, and it's certainly getting old. But don't worry: The addition of even one new friend is enough to shake up the whole dynamic.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The miners weren't the only ones to get rich in the gold rush. Those in the business of selling shovels did mighty fine as well.

different in the scene will open the way to new insights.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When others behave badly, it makes you want to do better. The misbehavior of others will cause you to check yourself to make sure you are not committing a similar offense.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your originality will shine through today. You'll be in the same situation as the others and take something totally different from it. For this reason, they need you and you need them.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Occasionally, the social aspect of your work can go against your mood. But once you adjust and get into the flow, your mood will change for the better. There's a prize at the end of the interaction. This one is not to be missed.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll be drawn to neutral places and underwhelming experiences, because environments that lack excitement encourage imagination. In the quiet, you'll solve a problem.

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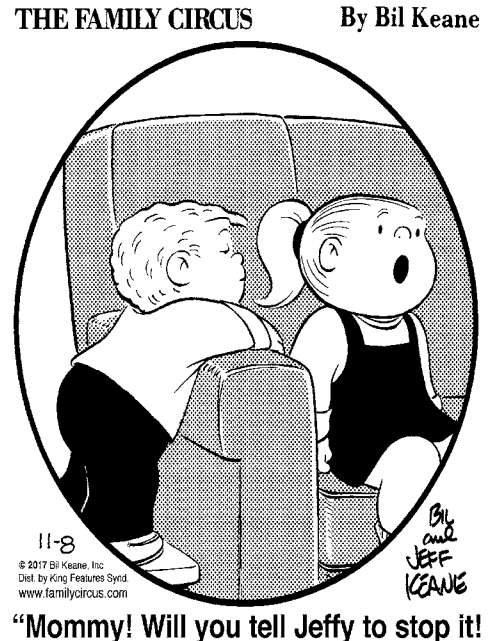


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“How ‘BOUT A LULLABY, MR. WILSON?”

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



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“Mommy! Will you tell Jeffy to stop it! He keeps breathing on me!”

HI AND LOIS



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I HAVE TWO FEET, TWO LEGS, TWO ARMS, TWO HANDS, TWO EARS, TWO EYES... BUT ONLY ONE MOUTH.

BUT ONE MOUTH IS MORE THAN ENOUGH FOR SOME PEOPLE.

MOM! DITTO'S BUGGING ME!

WELL, SHE'S BUGGING ME!

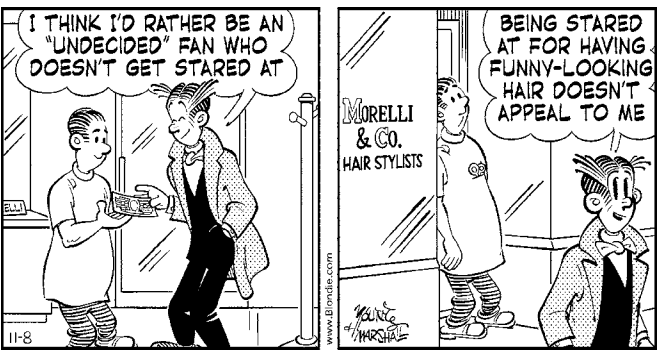


SOME DEDICATED FOOTBALL FANS HAVE THEIR FAVORITE TEAM'S LOGO SHAVED ON THEIR HEADS

HMMM...

I THINK I'D RATHER BE AN "UNDECIDED" FAN WHO DOESN'T GET STARED AT

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BEING STARED AT FOR HAVING FUNNY-LOOKING HAIR DOESN'T APPEAL TO ME

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YOU LEFT OUT A "YADA"

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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 8, the 312th day of 2017. There are 53 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 8, 2016, Republican Donald Trump was elected America's 45th president, defeating Democrat Hillary Clinton in an astonishing victory for a celebrity businessman and political novice. Republicans kept their majorities in the Senate

and House.

On this date:

In 1793, the Louvre began admitting the public, even though the French museum had been officially open since August.

In 1889, Montana became the 41st state.

In 1892, former President Cleveland defeated incumbent Benjamin Harrison, becoming the first (and, to date, only) chief executive to win non-consecutive terms to the White House.

In 1923, Adolf Hitler launched his first attempt at seizing power in Germany with a failed

coup in Munich that came to be known as the "Beer-Hall Putsch."

In 1932, New York Democratic Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt defeated incumbent Republican Herbert Hoover for the presidency.

In 1942, Operation Torch, resulting in an Allied victory, began during World War II as U.S. and British forces landed in French North Africa.

In 1950, during the Korean War, the first jet-plane battle took place as U.S. Air Force Lt. Russell J. Brown shot down a North Korean MiG-15.

In 1960, Massachusetts

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Be an omen of
- 5 Sharp knocks
- 9 Support, as with a wager
- 14 Numbered musical work
- 15 Polish a manuscript
- 16 Make amends
- 17 Submit one's ballot
- 19 Sample of food
- 20 Acid neutralizer
- 21 Diplomatic skill
- 23 Lawn material
- 24 Narrate
- 26 Island nation near Sicily
- 28 Concerning this, in legalese
- 30 Motive
- 33 Chimp, for one
- 35 Scouting group
- 37 Garden digging tool
- 38 Woodpecker's nose
- 40 Buddy
- 41 Apply the brakes
- 42 Underground chambers
- 44 High-fives, for example
- 47 Gallery display
- 48 Catches some Z's
- 50 Uttered
- 52 Into pieces
- 54 Messes up
- 55 60 Minutes network
- 57 Games with no winner

- 59 The 1990s, for instance
- 63 Celebrity roster
- 65 Display anger
- 67 Scoundrel
- 68 Parade spoiler
- 69 Urge on
- 70 Erstwhile anesthetic
- 71 Finds a sum
- 72 Innumerable years
- DOWN**
- 1 __ Raton, FL
- 2 Whitish gem
- 3 Twilight
- 4 Many-acre residence
- 5 One expressing contempt
- 6 Fuss

HERE'S THE PITCH

by Charles Slack
Edited by Stanley Newman
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- 7 Actor Brad
- 8 Radiator output
- 9 Military engagements
- 10 Greek vowel
- 11 Prepare lunch, perhaps
- 12 Not fooled by
- 13 Must have
- 18 Fully awake
- 22 Hyundai or Honda
- 25 Stunt flying maneuvers
- 27 Touches on the shoulder
- 28 Express relief
- 29 Young horses
- 31 Scent
- 32 Small salamander
- 33 Reading basics

- 34 Church-bell sound
- 36 Dinner holder
- 39 Don't throw out
- 43 Produce stray drops
- 45 Forgives
- 46 Scatter around
- 49 __ Lanka
- 51 Avoid capture
- 53 Aquarium fish
- 55 Feel concern
- 56 Ink stain
- 58 Type of herring
- 60 Spherical hairdo
- 61 Singer Celine
- 62 Approximate takeoff hrs.
- 64 Novelist Grafton
- 66 Get __ of (throw out)

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Answer to previous puzzle

SKIP	EBBS	STAMP
LODE	AERO	COLOR
ORES	SEAL	HELLO
WEATHER	VANE	YEP
SALSA	AROMA	
SAY	DECEIT	
ROAST	BEEF	TOTO
INTHE	SAME	VEIN
FLOE	HUMOR	ISTS
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KEEPS	CRASS	
BAN	VAIN	ATTEMPT
ORATE	TATA	CURE
LATER	CROP	USER
TBONE	HEMS	TEEN

11/8/17

Thought for Today:

"One never notices what has been done; one can only see what remains to be done."

Marie Curie (1867-1934).

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not so much. Eight of Grady's 10 fourth quarter points were free throws, and they only shot for 40%, so there were a lot of trips to the line. Seven players, five of them Lady Steers, had fouled out of the game by the time it was all said and done. Regardless, Big Spring outplayed Grady on many levels and came out on top with a final score of 63-43.

"I thought the girls did a great job for our first outing. Especially playing through the adversity and calls that we didn't like because we like to be aggressive and we like to play tough," said head girls basketball coach Katie Voss. "That is kind of the one thing I love about this group, and so they play with a lot of heart and a lot of intensity. I thought they did a great job tonight handling the pressure and the things like that, and just getting the job done."

Penny had a huge game and led the team offensively with 24 points. Starr trailed with eight points, Martinez with 6 points and Kemper and Aissa Cervantes with five points each.

"Penny is kind of a coach's dream. She works really hard, she is really intense, she wants to do good and she is so aggressive. I don't believe there is one person that we'll play that can stop her defensively. From the outside, from the inside, if she gets you pinned, she is fixing to score. If she doesn't score, she is fixing to get into position to get her own rebound and put it back up," said Voss. "Penny, Logan, really all of our post players did a great job tonight. Aissa also did a great job tonight. For our first game out, you know, we have got a lot of stuff to work on and that's okay. That is what first games are for, but I thought they still did a great job."

With Tuesday night being the season opener and the first chance for us to really see what this Lady Steer basketball team is about, it was apparent that there are just as many things that need to be worked on as there are things they executed well, but the Lady Steers came out aggressive from the jump, never let up and grabbed them a W to start the season.

Up next, Big Spring will host Idalou at home on Friday and then make their way to Stanton to face the Lady Buffs on Tuesday.

"You know, we've got a great schedule ahead of us. We are going to play some really good teams that have seen a lot of post season, and I think that is a great thing for us. Especially early on in the season to play against teams like that, who have seen the post season and know what it's like to produce good ball clubs," said Voss. "Stanton is a great ball club. Idalou, who have been in the regional tournaments and state tournament, especially recently in the last five or ten years, are always a good ball club and always have some height. I think Idalou may match up with us in size. I haven't seen them yet this year, but just knowing what they have had in the past, I know it's going to be a great game. Stanton too. Last year we hung with Stanton for a little bit, but their shooting on the outside got away from us on defense so we are going to work on a lot of things. We just have a great schedule ahead and I am really excited."

The Lady Steers and the Idalou Lady Wildcats will tip off at 6:00 p.m. in Steer Gym this Friday, and 6:30 p.m. next Tuesday vs. the Lady Buffs in Stanton.

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Auburn and South Carolina, would ensure a deep resume. That could also

include beating an 11-0 or 10-1 Miami in the ACC title game. The one loss to Syracuse came with an injured QB. And being the defending national champ probably doesn't hurt either.

Oklahoma (8-1) — As of right now, it looks like simply winning out won't be good enough for the Sooners to be a lock. Hocutt noted they have probably the two best road victories of the season, at Ohio State and Oklahoma State. He also tried to downplay how much the committee would hold a defense ranked 88th in the country against the Sooners. The best-case scenario for OU would be beating TCU on Saturday and again in the Big 12 title game.

TCU (8-1) — Like the Sooners, the Horned Frogs don't have a clear path. Two wins against Oklahoma, both away from home, would be nice. The Frogs do play defense, so they wouldn't have that imbalance issue dog-

ging them like OU does. Miami (8-0) — Just win, baby. Running the table means adding victories against Notre Dame and Clemson, and with a perfect record the Hurricanes wouldn't have to worry about one-loss teams. If they lose to Notre Dame but win the ACC at 11-1 — remember their game against Arkansas State was canceled by a hurricane — that resume is a little light.

Wisconsin (9-0) — A 13-0 Big Ten champion would seem like a lock to make the playoff, but the Badgers are going to need Michigan and whoever emerges as the Big Ten East champion to play well enough to give them the opportunities for the marquee victories their resume currently lacks.

Washington (8-1) — Win out. Win big. Hope about half the higher-ranked teams lose at least one more time.

Auburn (7-2) — Beat Georgia, Alabama and Georgia again and hope to become the first two-loss team to make the playoff.



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Big Spring's Kayleigh Penny takes a layup attempt during the Lady Steers' win over Grady in the first game of the season on Tuesday, November 7, 2017.

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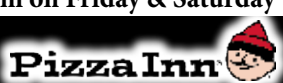
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