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Looking ahead

What does the future hold for Howard College?

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

Howard College celebrated its 70th new school year this past weekend; and after remembering the school's past and taking a look at its present-day activities, it's time to take a glance at what lies ahead for Big Spring's hometown community college.

According to College President Cheryl Sparks, the immediate concern is finishing up a round of building upgrades which started with a bond issue.

"When we came up with the strategic plan, the master plan for our facilities, we were looking at about a 20-year period of time," Sparks said. "We immediately knew that there were some things that we needed to address relative to the infrastructure. The things that you can't see, what's underground, what's above the ceilings, what's in the back rooms, all those kinds of things we knew we had to address, the General Obligation Bond."

The bond went further than expected, Sparks said, but some buildings missed the cut the first time around. Now the Music Building and library are up for renovation, she said. First up is the Music Building.

"It's a building from 1955 that has not been upgraded," she said. "What we've talked about on our music building is, we want to keep as much of its original ambience as we can. It's a great building, and there's a lot of interesting features in that building. But obviously there's some upgrading that is necessary for a building that has aged and been used for that many years."

The college has even gone so far as to have some preliminary architectural drawings made by Parkhill, Smith and Cooper, showing possible floor plans for the remodeled building; one can be seen in the lower right corner of this page.

"We've actually talked about changing up some of the classrooms possibly, even the possibility of adding a practice studio.

We've talked about that if we could enlarge that area. The band area is pretty compact, and we'd like to be able to do some things to that building. Dreams of ways that we could improve that space. Its adjacency to the Hall Center for the Arts works really well, because a lot of their performances are at their Hall Center. That was the original plan of course when we constructed and were designing the Hall Center."

The library was built in 1967, Sparks said. "We want to be able to take the library to the next level. The libraries of the future are not going to be the same libraries that we have been accustomed to through all these years. We need to prepare for the future with that library," she said. "Technology, absolutely. E-books, trying to envision a library that will meet the needs of learners in this new era of learning; that is not necessarily always a book, and yet books are still important too. So there's a blend of that, and that's something that we want."

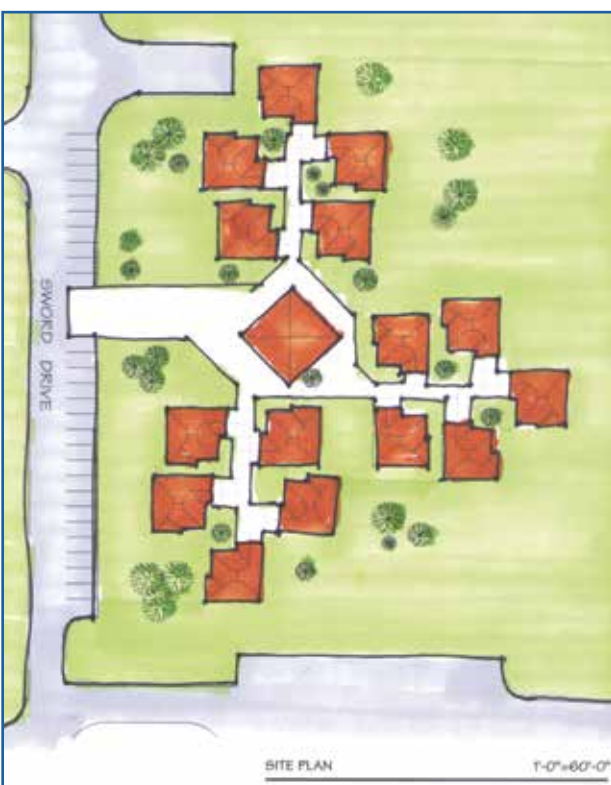
The college has brainstormed some ideas for library expansion, Sparks said.

"The building was actually designed to be able to take the load of a second story. I don't know if we're ever going to go down that path of a second story, but the building can handle a second floor," she said. "But there's also space behind the library that could also be used if we want to increase the space going north. So those are conversations that we've had, if we want to expand the library, what can we do?"

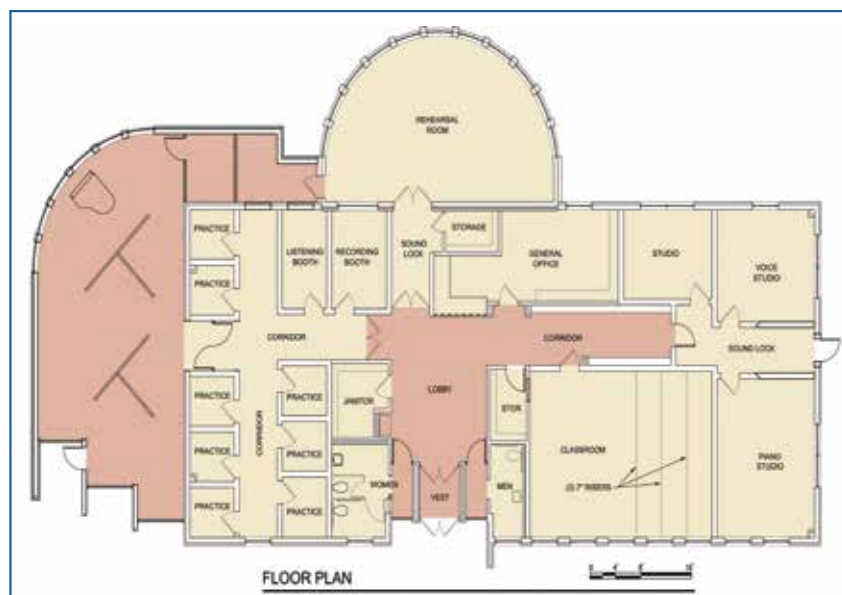
Howard College's plans also include some upgrades at the South West Collegiate Institute for the Deaf, Sparks said.

"The future at SWCID, we need to work on our lighting, outdoor lighting at SWCID for safety, outdoor parking lots," she said. "Our hope is that we need to continue growing SWCID Village because we need more cottages because we have our enrollment growing. As that happens, that will be an area we will continue to expand."

SWCID Village is student housing; three cottages opened recently, and preliminary drawings (lower left on this page) show plans for at least 16 buildings total as part of the project.



Courtesy photos
Clockwise from top: The Howard College Library Computer lab is available to all students; instructor Jeff Anderson teaches a Deaf Support Specialist program class including students remotely via ITV; Kym Clark, Howard director of eLearning Services, demonstrates the Qomo Interactive Touchscreen Monitor, known to Howard staff as the "giant iPad"; one proposed floor plan for the renovated Music Building showing possible new construction on the left side; proposed layout for SWCID Village cottage housing.



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Obituaries

Danny Joe Gillespie



Danny Joe Gillespie, 60, of Frost died Friday, Sept. 30, 2016, at his home.

He was born on May 28, 1956, in Lamesa, Texas, to Joe Edd and Hallie Jean White Gillespie.

He worked in print production for numerous large advertising agencies in the Dallas area, and as the city secretary for the city of Frost for seven years. He was instrumental in helping organize the Frost Heritage Center Museum; and published a large book of the history of Frost, which helped raise funds to help get the museum opened. He was a member of the Dresden United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his father, Joe Edd

Gillespie; brother, Perry Don Gillespie; and his grandparents.

He is survived by his mother, Hallie Jean Gillespie of Ackerly; brothers, Tony Gillespie and wife Angela of Big Spring, and Kenney Gillespie and wife Patricia of Colorado City, Texas; son, Bo Garner Gillespie and wife Michelle of Kyle; two grandsons; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Visitation with the family was held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 1, 2016, at Corley Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 2, 2016, at the Dresden United Methodist Church with the Rev. Dwayne Chambers officiating. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, Oct 3, 2016, at Resthaven Cemetery in Ackerly, Texas, with the Rev. Ray McMorris officiating.

An online guest book is available at www.corley-funeralhome.com

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **SHANEL ZYLSTRA** 35, of 3412 Williams Rd. was arrested on warrants for driving with an invalid license and failure to appear.
- **LORENZO ORLANDO LOVE**, 25, of 2513 Chanute Dr. was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana (less than 2

oz.) and possession of a controlled substance (less than 1 gram).

- **HECTOR RUBEN CASTANEDA**, 32, of 4914 Wasson Rd. was arrested on several outstanding warrants.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 2600 block of Chanute Drive.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1400 block of East Sixth Street

and the 1600 block of South Gregg Street.

- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of Seventh and Gregg streets.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 1400 block of East Highway 350.
- **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of Fifth and Lancaster streets.

Support Groups

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

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

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

TUESDAY

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers.

For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942

• VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and

friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- **RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy)** a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY

- 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.

Take Note

- Do you have an antique or classic car, truck, or motorcycle you want to show? Midway Baptist Church is hosting a car show and silent auction on Saturday, Oct. 8th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m at 6200 S. Service Road. The church is looking for 20 cars to display. Entry fee is \$10 and includes a dash plaque and lunch for the owner. Contact Greg Moore at 432-816-3375 by October 7th to reserve your spot. Contact Carole Madry at 432-268-9191 if you would like to donate items or baked goods for the silent auction.
- The Salvation Army is taking applications for Christmas assistance for children ages 13 and younger, and seniors 55 and older. Applications will be taken from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, ending on Oct. 28. Applications will be taken at the Salvation Army office building,

811 W. Fifth St. To apply for Christmas assistance for children, parents should bring a picture ID, proof of address, and birth certificate, and proof of government assistance (food stamps, SNAP, housing, etc.). Those who don't receive government assistance must show proof of income. Seniors do not need to provide proof of assistance or income, but should simply bring a picture ID showing proof of age. In addition, clothing sizes and a wish for one desired toy or gift should be provided. For more information, contact the Salvation Army at 432-267-8239.

- 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. Cost is \$8 per person.

Irma Lozano

Irma Lozano, 64, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Sept. 29, 2016, in Lubbock. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Francis Torres



Francis Torres, 88, of Big Spring died Thursday, Sept. 29, 2016, at Odessa Regional Medical Center. Vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2, 2016, at Myers and Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 3, 2016, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Coahoma Cemetery.

She was born June 4, 1928, to Gavina Luna Torres and Narcisio Torres. Francis was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church and she worked for Coahoma ISD. She was a lifetime resident of Howard County.

Francis is survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by four brothers, Santos Torres, Ramon Torres, Marcelo Torres, and Sabas Torres; one sister, Josefa Martinez; and a nephew.

Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

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Texas at a Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	82	60	M Sunny	Kingsville	89	64	M Cloudy
Amarillo	84	57	Sunny	Livingston	83	58	P Cloudy
Austin	83	60	M Sunny	Longview	84	57	P Cloudy
Beaumont	85	61	Sunny	Lubbock	83	59	P Cloudy
Brownsville	88	69	Sunny	Lufkin	83	57	P Cloudy
Brownwood	82	55	P Cloudy	Midland	86	63	P Cloudy
Corpus Christi	88	69	M Cloudy	Raymondville	90	67	M Sunny
Corsicana	83	58	P Cloudy	Rosenberg	82	61	M Sunny
Dallas	84	62	P Cloudy	San Antonio	82	62	Sunny
Del Rio	80	62	Showers	San Marcos	82	59	P Cloudy
El Paso	85	63	M Sunny	Sulphur Springs	85	59	Sunny
Fort Stockton	86	64	M Cloudy	Sweetwater	82	61	P Cloudy
Gainesville	80	57	P Cloudy	Tyler	84	57	P Cloudy
Greenville	82	57	Sunny	Weatherford	82	58	P Cloudy
Houston	84	65	P Cloudy	Wichita Falls	84	59	Sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	80	58	Sunny	Miami	85	79	Cloudy
Boston	59	55	Showers	Minneapolis	72	53	M Sunny
Chicago	65	57	T-Storms	New York	66	62	Cloudy
Dallas	84	62	P Cloudy	Phoenix	96	75	Clear
Denver	80	54	Sunny	San Francisco	65	54	M Clear
Houston	84	65	P Cloudy	Seattle	64	50	Cloudy
Los Angeles	83	63	Clear	Saint Louis	71	59	Cloudy

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Retro Meets Modern with the Nintendo Entertainment System: NES Classic Edition



REDMOND, Wash.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Sep 30, 2016--The Nintendo Entertainment System: NES Classic Edition console, anticipated to be one of the hottest gifts this holiday season, launches on Nov. 11 at a suggested retail price of only \$59.99. The system includes 30 classic NES games like Super Mario Bros. 3, Metroid and The Legend of Zelda, plus a replica of the original NES controller that can also be used with NES Virtual Console games on the Wii or Wii U systems. And the games look sharper than ever using the included HDMI cable.

Maybe you've heard some of that before, but did you also know the system can be played in three different display modes? Or that games can be saved at any time using Suspend Points? Or how about the fact that all of the games' original manuals can be viewed by scanning an on-

screen QR Code with a smart device? Well, now you know! As the 1980s would say: "Tubular!"

"Be the cool dad, mom, aunt, uncle or best friend by gifting someone this holiday season with the Nintendo Entertainment System: NES Classic Edition," said Doug Bowser, Nintendo of America's Senior Vice President of Sales and Marketing. "This perfectly sized stocking stuffer could produce the same level of excitement that people felt over 30 years ago when they received the original NES as kids."

Whether you have fond NES memories or want to introduce yourself and your kids to the video games that made Nintendo a household name, you'll love the compact and attractive console. The hub of the NES Classic Edition is the HOME Menu, which can be used to access all 30 of the classic NES games. From here,

you can adjust various settings or just dive into a game and start playing. To help locate games quickly and easily, you can press the Select button to sort by title, two-player games, recently played games, number of times played, release date and publisher.

To make sure every Goomba stomp looks as authentic as possible, all games can be played in three display modes. With the CRT filter, a scan-line effect is added to the screen to give everything that oh-so-retro look and feel. 4:3 is a sharp, clean look that adheres to the original aspect ratio used by the NES. And when playing in Pixel Perfect mode, every pixel is shown as a perfect square, providing the most accurate representation of the games as they were originally designed.

Retro gaming is defined in part by the search for save spots and the need to enter long passwords, but in practice, those tasks can definitely be a little ... um ... time consuming. While all aspects of the original 30 NES games are intact, Suspend Points have been added to streamline the experience of playing them. At any point during gameplay, simply press the console's Reset button to return to the HOME Menu and save a Suspend Point that will let you pick up right where you left off. Up to four Suspend Points can be saved per game, so you can track the progress of multiple players or file away your favorite moments. This is great news for parents, as their kids won't be able to use the "I'll be there when I get to the next save point!" excuse any more when dinner is ready.

Covell and Fulton wed



Courtesy photo

Special to the Herald

Katie Lynn Covell of Stephenville and Tyler Lane Fulton of Stanton were married June 25 in an outdoor ceremony at the "N at Hardway" ranch in Stephenville.

The ceremony, presided over by the bride's cousin Clay Greathouse, was held in a pergola draped with flowing white tulle underneath a shaded canopy of oak trees.

The bride wore an ivory fitted wedding dress by Madison James. The intricately patterned lace sheath gown was adorned with pearl buttons in the back and a flowing train. She wore earrings and a bracelet that belonged to her maternal and paternal grandmothers.

The groom wore a khaki suit jacket, and white shirt with gold tie and jeans. He carried a pocket watch that belonged to his great-grandfather and was carried by his grandfather, father, and brother at each of their weddings.

Following the ceremony, the reception was held indoors in a rustic but elegant setting. Tables were decorated with white and burlap tablecloths with runners in shades of green. Guests were served fajitas, beans, and all the trimmings.

Music was provided by D.J. Joe Garza.

Katie attended Tarleton State University and graduated with a bachelor's degree in kinesiology with a concentration in fitness management. While at Tarleton, she played volleyball for four years. She is employed by Stephenville ISD as a high school volleyball and soccer coach. Her father is David Covell of San Antonio, and Sandra Clifford of Dothan, Ala.

Tyler also attended Tarleton State University. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in biology. He is currently enrolled in physical therapy assistant's school at Weatherford College in Mineral Wells. His parents are Karen Fulton and the late Donald Fulton, both of Stanton.

The couple honeymooned in San Francisco.

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Big Spring ISD

Monday is a holiday for BSISD students.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Pancake on a stick, grapes, assorted fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Meaty queso, peas, garden salad, veggie cups, pineapple chunks, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Sausage breakfast pizza, apples, assorted fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Rib patty sandwich, roasted potatoes, mixed vegetables, fruity Jell-O, fruit cup, garden salad, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Blueberry muffin, banana, assorted fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Meaty macaroni, green beans, veggie cups, garden salad, strawberries, animal crackers, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: PBJ Uncrustable, orange smiles, assorted fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Sloppy Joe sliders, sweet potato tots, twisted applesauce, melon cup, veggie cups, milk.

Coahoma ISD

Monday: Breakfast: Morning sausage roll or cereal with cinnamon buttered toast, chilled pineapple, 100 percent fruit juice, milk, jelly; Lunch: Hamburger basket with tater tots or cheesy chef salad or chicken tenders or steak fingers, ranch mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, Romaine and spinach garden salad, chilled mandarin oranges, wholegrain rolls, cream gravy, apples and oranges.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza or cereal with buttered toast, 100 percent fruit juice, sea-

sonal fresh fruit, milk; Lunch: Crispy chicken sandwich basket with Sun Chips or chef salad with turkey and ham or lasagna or spaghetti and meatballs, steamed broccoli, Romaine and spinach garden salad, 100 percent fruit slush cup, bananas and oranges, wholegrain garlic breadstick.

Wednesday: Breakfast: French toast stick or cereal with cinnamon buttered toast, 100 percent fruit juice, milk, syrup; Lunch: Corn dog basket with seasoned fries or strawberry grilled chicken salad or homestyle pizza (cheese, pepperoni, or Hawaiian), seasoned green beans, carrot sticks, Romaine and spinach garden salad, chilled mixed fruit, peach crisp, wholegrain rolls, oranges and grapes.

Thursday: Breakfast: Sausage biscuit or cereal with buttered toast, 100 percent fruit juice, seasonal fresh fruit, milk, jelly; Lunch: Burrito basket with chips and salsa or beef taco salad with wholegrain tortilla chips or twin crispy tacos or soft chicken tacos, seasoned black beans, Spanish rice, lettuce and tomato salad, Romaine and spinach garden salad, 100 percent fruit slush cup, banana and oranges, jalapeno, salsa, shredded cheese, sour cream.

Friday: Breakfast: Homestyle cinnamon roll or cereal with cinnamon buttered toast, chilled mandarin oranges, 100 percent fruit juice, milk, jelly; Lunch: Buffalo chicken sandwich basket with French fries or chick-

en salad or sweet and spicy chicken wrap or Texas chili mac, French fries, seasoned corn, Romaine and spinach garden salad, chilled tropical fruit, apples and oranges, wholegrain roll, ketchup.

Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast: Mini maple waffles or variety cereal with toast, fruit juice, mandarin oranges, fresh fruit, milk; Lunch: Country fried steak or steak fingers or chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, savory green beans, fresh fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Breakfast sliders or variety cereal with toast, fruit juice, applesauce, fresh fruit, milk; Lunch: Mexican combo plate or chicken quesadilla, seasoned corn, refried beans, salsa, fresh fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: French toast or variety cereal with toast, fruit juice, mandarin oranges, fresh fruit, milk; Lunch: Pizza or crispy chicken salad, Italian vegetables, fresh veggie cup, garden salad, fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza or variety cereal with toast, fruit juice, pears, fresh fruit, milk; Lunch: Barbecue brisket sandwich, or spaghetti bowl with breadstick, California blend, garden salad, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll with bacon or variety cereal with toast, fruit juice, mandarin oranges, fresh fruit, milk; Lunch: Hamburger or mini

corndogs, tater tots, garden salad, baby carrots, fresh fruit, milk.

Big Spring Senior Center

Monday: Beef tips, buttered noodles, Brussels sprouts, vanilla pudding, bread, milk.

Tuesday: Glazed ham, oven browned potatoes, green bean casserole, banana muffin, bread, milk.

Wednesday: Caldo de res, sour cream, Spanish rice, guacamole salad, fruited Jell-O, tortilla, milk.

Thursday: Baked hamburger steak with onion gravy, scalloped potatoes, fried okra, tomato wedges, pear slices, bread, milk.

Friday: Fish on bun, tartar sauce, French fries, creamy coleslaw, tropical fruit, milk.



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ing out to call Debra Moreno at 432-816-6018.

“They can even show up the day of the event,” she said. “We will have a registration table at the front foyer.”

A number of volunteers are needed to help serve, but the committee is also seeking people willing to provide entertainment, set up, and decorate for the event. Already some community members have stepped in to offered their musical talents, Jones said. Singer and local businessman Adrian Calvio, the Big Spring Junior High School choir, and music students at Howard College have already signed up to provide entertainment.

“We want everyone, even the volunteers, to sit down and enjoy the meal. This is for anybody and everybody in the community, and Santa is going to be there as well,” Jones added..

This year’s Feast of Sharing is scheduled from noon to 4 p.m. Dec. 11, at Garrett Coliseum, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

HERO

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the world for Christmas.

“We like to have all the names by the middle of October, but we continue to take names until the first of November,” said Debbie Burrow, treasurer of Adopt a Military Hero.

Also during October, the organization begins to focus on collecting items for the 600 estimated boxes volunteers will send off to military personnel.

One of those special items is handwritten Christmas cards to the troops.

“The Christmas cards that are on that list are priceless,” Burrow said whose son is a career military officer. “They are usually done by kids, but sometimes they are done by adults. That someone actually

sits down and takes time to write to them — that’s cool. We try to put five cards in each box.”

Requested items range from puzzles and playing cards to snacks and hygiene items. Burrow stressed the size of the items is important both because of shipping issues and because of the living conditions that many of the military personnel are in. Some of the boxes will be forwarded to military who are out in the field.

“We need small, travel size items,” she said. “If we get peanut butter, we need small cups. We can’t use a big jar.”

Donations and financial contributions are always welcome and taken throughout the next month, Burrow said, but a large percentage of donated items come from the one-day big push when volunteers camp out at H-E-B, Wal-

Mart and — new this year — Porter’s Grocery Store, handing out a list of items for people to purchase while shopping at these stores.

“I am sure it will be down this year because of the economy, but people will buy a sack full of stuff and still stick \$20 in the jar. It’s an amazing day,” she said.

This year, donation day is set for Nov. 5 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Some of the items the public could donate to the project are: individual, small or pocket size Kleenex; individual sized snack items such as gum, trail mix, nuts, peanut butter (cups only), protein bars, crackers with peanut butter, jerky (small packets); playing cars, Sudoku or games; hard candy; and over-the-counter medicine such as Tums, allergy medicine, eye drops, Chap-

Sticks (plain not flavored or scented); pain reliever (non-aspirin).

Donations of items are now being taken at Gale’s Bakery and Deli at 2414 S. Scurry St., Cricket Wireless at 111 East Marcy Dr (the shopping center by Wal-Mart), and West Texas Injury Prevention at 1111 S. Scurry.

To submit a name for the Adopt-A-Military project or for more information about the drive in general, contact Joel Miller at 432-213-1221 or e-mail eschaplin@howardcountytexas.com. Also, donations can be sent to Adopt A Military Hero, P.O. Box 888, Big Spring, TX 79721.

For more information about Adopt a Military Hero, contact Burrow at 432-270-8554.

Contact Staff Writer
Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234.

Observatory relies on a network of activists on the ground inside Syria.

Also Friday, Russia’s Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said Moscow is doing all it can together with the Syrian government to help the U.N. arrange weekly pauses in Aleppo to deliver humanitarian goods. “It’s the Nusra-controlled people in eastern Aleppo who refuse,” he said referring to the al-Qaida-linked Fatah al-Sham Front, which used to be known as the Nusra Front.

Speaking to BBC about his country’s military operations in Syria, Lavrov said: “We are not using any munition which is prohibited by the United Nations. I can assure.”

The backers of the opposition blasted the Russian intervention.

“Russia claims to be committed to a political solution in Syria, yet since its military intervention, the brutal Assad regime still clings to power. Russia’s action has not curbed the

regime’s atrocities,” said Britain’s Special Representative to Syria, Gareth Bayley. “Russia has proved to be either unwilling or unable to influence Assad and must bear its responsibility for the Assad regime’s atrocities.”

A video posted on the opposition’s Shaam News Network described Russia’s military operations in Syria as “a year of crimes.” It said that after a year of airstrikes Russia has not been able to defeat the insurgents.

A year after the airstrikes began, Syrian troops pushed into rebel-held eastern Aleppo, a move that was highly unlikely before the Russian airstrikes began.



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Orthodox delegation stays away from pope’s Mass

TBILISI, Georgia (AP) — Pope Francis’ efforts to improve relations with the Georgian Orthodox Church suffered a public setback Saturday after the patriarchate decided not to send an official delegation to his Mass and repeated that Orthodox faithful cannot participate in Catholic services.

In the run-up to Francis’ Caucasus visit, the Vatican spokesman had said the Orthodox Patriarchate would send a delegation to the Mass in a Tbilisi sports stadium “in a sign of the rapport between the two churches” — suggesting that the chill that had clouded the 1999 visit of St. John Paul II to Georgia had warmed slightly.

But Orthodox patriarchate spokeswoman Nato Asatiani said Saturday that the delegation had stayed away “by mutual agreement.” The patriarchate updated a previous statement on its website saying that “as long as there are dogmatic differences between our churches, Orthodox believers will not participate in their prayers.”

The update apparently came after Francis’ arrival Friday in Tbilisi was met with protests of hardline Orthodox opposed to any ecumenical initiatives by their church.

US mood hardens as leader of ally Philippines stokes outrage

WASHINGTON (AP) — As the body count mounts in the Philippines’ deadly war on drugs, the mood in Washington toward a key Asian ally is hardening.

Influential U.S. lawmakers are warning that the extra-judicial killings in the drug war — President Rodrigo Duterte on Friday compared it to the Holocaust — could affect American aid.

And while the Obama administration maintains that its 65-year-old alliance with the Philippines remains “ironclad,” a senior U.S. diplomat is cautioning Duterte against more anti-U.S. posturing.

“I think it would be a serious mistake in a democratic country like the Philippines to underestimate the power of the public’s affinity for the U.S. That’s people power,” Assistant Secretary of State Daniel Russel told *The Associated Press*.

Mega-Hurricane Matthew threatens Jamaica, Haiti, Cuba

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — Hurricane Matthew is roaring across the Caribbean Sea as a monster Category 5 storm on a course that puts Jamaica, as well as parts of Haiti and Cuba, in the path of its potentially devastating winds and rain.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center called it the strongest Atlantic hurricane since Felix in 2007, and said Matthew will be approaching Jamaica late Sunday night. It is expected to reach the eastern part of the island on Monday.

Jamaicans began clearing out store shelves as they stocked up emergency supplies.

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Francis Torres, 88, died Thursday. Vigil service will be held at 7:00 PM Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 11:00 AM Monday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Coahoma Cemetery.

Irma Lozano, 64, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.



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Roger's Reviews: Double feature



By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer



The Magnificent Seven

If you've seen the 1960 classic Western "The Magnificent Seven," don't worry about being spoiled for the 2016 "remake" starring Denzel



Washington, Chris Pratt, Ethan Hawke, and Vincent D'Onofrio. They aren't the same movie. True, both films feature residents of a town beleaguered by Bad Men who hire a septet of shootists to defend their burg. But the similarity ends there. In the original, the town was a sleepy Mexican farming village plagued by bandits led by Eli Wallach's character Calvera. The heroes learn through the course of the film that Calvera himself is short on supplies, and loss of the town's tribute will likely spell the end of his bandit gang. In the new version, a robber baron named Bogue (Peter Sarsgaard) has taken over the (very American) mining town of Rose Creek. Bogue is a wealthy man who runs the town from far-off Denver, who has no supply problems and, in fact, has no trouble raising an army of a couple hundred men on a few hours' notice.

The movie starts with the townsfolk of Rose Creek holding a meeting in the church to decide how to deal with Bogue and his men; who, prior to the start of the film, have ridden into town and claimed, well, pretty much everything. Bogue and his men interrupt the meeting, kill opposition leader Matthew Cullen (Matt Bomer), and set fire to the church. Matthew's wife Emma (Haley Bennett) and her friend Teddy (Luke Grimes) head out to hire some protection. They quickly run across "warrant agent" (read "bounty hunter") Sam Chisholm (Washington), who is reluctant at first but then agrees to help when he hears Bogue's name. Chisholm helps the duo hire the rest of the team, including gambler Josh Faraday (Pratt); Cajun marksman Goodnight Robicheaux (Hawke) and his companion Billy Rocks (Byung-hun Lee), a knife-fighter; mountain man and tracker Jack Horne (D'Onofrio), Native American warrior Red Harvest (Martin Sensmeier), and Mexican outlaw Vasquez (Manuel Garcia-Rulfo). The troupe head back to town, where they prepare for battle. That battle plays out over the second half of the film.

I enjoyed this movie. It had not only some rollicking Western action, but comic relief in the characters portrayed by Pratt and D'Onofrio, interesting character development in the Hawke's character. It is a good, solid movie.

One thing that gets my goat a little bit is this trend of making movies "based" on other properties which have little or no narrative or character similarity to what they're supposedly based on. I guess I just don't see the point; if you're going to remake a movie, and give it the same name as the original movie, why not keep the same story?

In the original "Magnificent Seven," it was a very powerful point (to me, anyway) that the gunfighters hired to defend the town were strictly mercenaries who stuck around to defend the town despite the lack of reward. In the new version, it's quite clear from nearly the beginning of the film that Chisholm has some personal stake in confronting Bogue. This one difference is a huge thematic change between the two movies. It's no longer a "mercenaries with hearts of gold" film, but...well, something else.

But still, it's pretty good. 7 stars out of 10.

The Magnificent Seven

Director: Antoine Fuqua

Writers: Richard Wenk and Nic Pizzolatto (screenplay), based on the screenplay of "The Seven Samurai" by Akira Kurosawa, Shinobu Hashimoto, and Hideo Oguni.

Production Companies: LStar Capital, Village Roadshow Pictures, Pin High Productions, Escape Artists

PG-13, 2 hrs 13 min, Action/Western, Sept. 23, 2016

Storks

I am a little conflicted about "Storks", the new animated feature from Warner Animation and RatPac-Dune Entertainment. On the one hand, it's a very cute movie, with lots of animated babies and themes of parents spending more time with their kids. On the other hand, the premise is one of the



more bizarre movie premises I've seen in recent history...and I see a lot of movies.

"Storks" takes place in a world where storks actually delivered babies in the past as part of a giant Stork corporation. Eighteen years ago, however, a stork named Jasper (Danny Trejo) went a little nutso and tried to keep a baby he had been tasked with delivering, destroying her delivery information in the process. Now, baby Tulip (Katie Crown) has grown to adulthood in the Stork warehouse, and has become something of a problem for CEO Hunter (Kelsey Grammer). You see, after the incident, Hunter decided baby delivery was fraught with too many problems, and switched the storks over to "Cornerstone Inc.," an Amazon.com-like conglomeration that delivers a variety of stuff to people everywhere. Tulip constantly tries to help out, and things keep going wrong.

Hunter, on the verge of being promoted to Chairman of Cornerstone, offers his "boss" position to stork Junior (Andy Samberg) on the condition that he "liberate" (read "fire") Tulip. Junior feels sorry for her and instead consigns her to the letter office, where she should be no trouble since Cornerstone gets very few letters these days.

Meanwhile, young Nate (Anton Starkman), feeling neglected by his workaholic realtor parents (Jennifer Aniston and Ty Burrell), wants a baby brother. He discovers an old stork baby delivery pamphlet, and orders a baby (complete with "ninja skills"). Tulip gets the letter and inserts it into the long-defunct (and apparently completely automated) Baby Factory, and out pops a cute pink-haired baby girl. Junior panics and the two plan to deliver the tot before Hunter finds out, thus saving Junior's promotion dreams. But company dweeb Pigeon Toady (Stephen Kramer Glickman) gets suspicious and nosy, trying to get information to snitch and curry favor with Hunter. Along the way, Tulip and Junior encounter a pack of, um...talented...wolves led by Alpha and Beta (Keegan-Michael Key and Jordan Peele of Key and Peele fame).

Let me just quickly say that I hope any parents who take their kids to see this movie are prepared to have a discussion afterward. This movie is sure to raise some questions about where babies come from; and, while it might be tempting to let the movie answer those questions too, I'm not sure that a return to the stork explanation is a great idea.

Weird premise and possible uncomfortable discussions aside, Storks is a very cute movie. It's got some laugh-out-loud moments for both kids and adults alike (when you realize that Nate's blue-enveloped letter has been split by the Baby Factory into hundreds of fragments that look exactly like... Well. Spoilers. But watch for the fragmentation and you'll see what I mean. Oh, and the wolves. The wolves are quite possibly the funniest thing I've seen in a movie this year. 7.5 stars out of 10.

Storks
Director: Nicholas Stoller, Doug Sweetland
Writer: Nicholas Stoller
Production Company: Warner Animation Group, RatPac-Dune Entertainment
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Man who got generations humming Oscar Mayer Wiener jingle dies



CHICAGO (AP) — The man who got generations of hot dog lovers humming along to the Oscar Mayer Wiener song has died.

Richard Trentlage died Sept. 21 in Libertyville, Illinois, at the age of 87, according to an obituary posted online by a northern Illinois funeral home.

With the words, "Oh, I wish I were an Oscar Mayer wiener," Trentlage helped solidify the company's hot dogs as a piece of Americana. The jingle he wrote appeared in a 1960s television commercial featuring cartoon children marching along and singing. The tune remained a fixture for the next half a century.

Trentlage was born in Chicago and began penning jingles as a high school student, starting with one about a fictional company he called Modern Plastic Brooms. The idea was to dream up a believable sponsor for a school talent show and sing the jingle during commercial breaks in a performance modeled after a radio program.

The Modern Plastic Broom jingle was evidently so memorable that his former classmates sang it during a 50th reunion.

Trentlage transformed his living room into a makeshift recording studio, inviting his own children to sing on audition tapes. His children even recorded "on-air" sessions.

"We were always getting out of school to hop a train and meet our dad at a Chicago recording studio," his daughter, Linda Bruun, recalled in the funeral home obituary.

Trentlage was no one-hit wonder. He also wrote "WOW! It sure doesn't taste like tomato juice" for V8, "Buckle up for safety, buckle up!" for the National Safety Council and "McDonald's is your kind of place!" for the burger chain.

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DAILY PRAYER

Dear Lord, may we concentrate on all the pure and lovely parts of Your world.

Amen.

Navasota has a graveyard event

Navasota is celebrating its 150th anniversary and a number of things are happening. Planning is under-way on an annual graveyard event the last weekend of October called Legends and Lanterns, where actors portray the lives of people who are buried there.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

“We’re up to working on our fourth year of it,” says Mavis Anderson, who writes the scripts for the project. “It has become sort of a local institution, really. This year I’m sticking my neck out, though, because we do things around themes and since this is an election year, this year’s theme is Politics As Usual. We’ll mention some of our elected officials who served on local and state levels.”

Mavis says she has to be careful when she’s researching and writing.

“When you start doing the

family history, half of the people in town are mad at you because you tell stories on their family and the other half are mad because you don’t tell their family stories. We’re never trying to pull skeletons out of the closet or embarrass anybody or anything. I also don’t believe in making it sound like everybody who settled here was a saint and a hero. They were people. They had families, personal concerns, they had reasons for moving from wherever they came from to here and reasons for staying here or reasons why their families moved on.”

Actors come from Navasota’s community theater.

“What we do is have our costumed actors at the actual gravesite where the people are buried. We put visitors in groups of about fifteen or so with one of our theater people who serves as a tour guide and takes the group around from grave to grave, so it takes about an hour to cover everybody.”

The event is a fundraiser for the theater. Admission is ten dollars.

“The actors doing the portraying memorize their scripts. The guides have a script in front of them in case the actors suffer a mental lapse and need prompting.”

People visit six or seven gravesites during the tour.

“It’s pretty dark out there, so you have to stand close and listen carefully. The tour guides carry lanterns around and there is a lantern at each gravesite.”

The earliest grave in Navasota’s Oakland Cemetery dates back to when the city started in 1866. Some of the headstones are worn and difficult to read, but through investigation of the layout, organizers are able to tell where people are buried.

“Part of what we’re doing is not only telling the stories of the people who are out there, but trying to connect with what was happening in the general area around Navasota as well as the state and the nation. Last year our topic was a toast to Navasota’s foreign born so we named it Imported Spirits.”

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

School project on Texas

To the Editor:

My name is John Coven and I am in sixth grade. I attend Brethren Heritage School in Modesto, California.

We are doing state reports this year in our history class. I have chosen to do my report on your state of Texas.

If you should happen to read this in your local newspaper, I would greatly appreciate receiving any information or items regarding your state. You could send pictures, tourist attraction information, trivia about your state, or anything that would cause me to be more familiar with your state. Please send to:

John Coven
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Thank you very much for helping me with my state report. I will appreciate any help you can give me.

John W Coven
Modesto, California

Missing KBSB trash barrels

Dear Editor,

They live among us! Thieves! It is unbelievable that people will steal almost anything. Would you believe me if I told you trash barrels have been stolen from our Comanche Trail Park over the past few years, about 24 have disappeared! One was stolen as recent as 2 weeks ago, from the duck pond area. It is sad to think that people, thieves, live among us would do such thing.

What do they need the barrels for? Burn their own trash?

So, citizens of Big Spring, Sand Springs, Coahoma, Forsan if you see green barrels, some with Keep Big Spring Beautiful decals on them in your neighborhood, they are stolen. I doubt that any of the KBSB decals would be left on them.

It is difficult to keep our Park clean, and more so if our visitors feel free to take our barrels! So, the barrels need replacing!! If you visit our Park please don’t litter, be responsible and help us to make it as Beautiful as possible!

Pat Simmons
Big Spring

A ranger named ‘Joaquin’

Had his life been a song, it would have been Big John. If a folk tale, Paul Bunyan. If a military hero, pick your favorite, and he’d have a lot of Joaquin Jackson in him.

And this veteran lawman charged with peace-keeping over a vast West Texas expanse bigger than some states was perhaps as colorful as Judge Roy Bean. (Bean, a Justice of the Peace with a courtroom in his saloon, is remembered for law “west of the Pecos.”)

Jackson resigned at the age of 57. Political correctness was taking a foothold, and he didn’t like what he saw coming. A Texas Ranger from 1966-1993, he decided to open a private investigation office in Alpine, where he lived until his death this summer at age 80.



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By all accounts — many of which were shared following his July memorial service in Alpine — he was as square a shooter as ever lived, although he never fired a fatal shot. He even befriended prisoners. Once, hearing Johnny Rodriguez singing from his cell, Joaquin arranged for him to meet music promoter Happy Shahan. Soon, Rodriguez was a sensation, named country music’s vocalist of the year in 1973.

The “lawman’s lawman,” Jackson was a beloved figure, vividly remembered for public service though 23 years removed from it. Some 500 people, many of them law figures, gathered in his memory.

A couple of notables — Governor Rick Perry and renowned Houston attorney Dick DeGuerin — spoke, as did the

preacher at the local cowboy church.

Edward DeWees III, Joaquin’s third cousin, idolized his kin. He named his dog “Ranger,” and when he opened his San Antonio “dream store” a few years ago, the name honored his esteemed cousin: “Ranger Firearms.” To promote the store, Jackson drove to San Antonio to tape radio commercials.

It was DeWees who first understood why there were two small holes dug next to the grave of Shirley Jackson, Joaquin’s widow, who died three years ago.

One was to hold his cremains; the other, the cremains of Will, his spirited Schnauzer who died earlier this year after a lifetime of devotion. One vessel — Joaquin’s cigar humidor — held two

of Texas--where words meant bonds and handshakes sealed them--he played in numerous movies with such well-known actors as Tommy Lee Jones (Good Old Boys), Clint Eastwood (A Perfect World) and Robert Duvall (Wild Horses.)

Standing a full 6-5 and further defined by a mustache above his upper lip that became well salted to match hair above that had started out a deep black, Joaquin was a striking figure throughout his life. One fellow who knew him well said, “Joaquin would charge hell with a handbucket.” He embodied a quote which has no attribution: “The knot is what binds us and forms the noose we cannot slip.”

He served during an era when much had to be taken into one’s own hands. He did so admirably....

Joaquin will be remembered for service rendered across the years, not just for a few words on a headstone.

And this veteran lawman charged with peace-keeping over a vast West Texas expanse bigger than some states was perhaps as colorful as Judge Roy Bean.

A new program to train students in the fight against terrorism is on the drawing boards at Sul Ross State University. It will bear the name “Joaquin Jackson.”

His is a name worthy of Googling. Dr. Walter Prescott Webb, one of Texas’ foremost historians, elevated Joaquin to legendary status in his writings about Texas. Webb respected him immensely.

Someone mentioned the “one riot, one Ranger” line, saying, “For a really big riot, we’d be best served if the Ranger was Joaquin.” Jackson’s photo adorns the cover of a 1994 Texas Monthly magazine. And the article therein provides vivid details.

Dr. Newbury is a speaker in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. Comments/inquiries to: newbury@speakerdoc.com.



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Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:

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Tina Marie Ellis, 4002 Austin Ave., Snyder
Selena Bethani Enriquez-King, 100 E. Parker, Midland
Juana Fierro, 406 N.W. 5th St., Big Spring
Michael Dean Fleming, 5216 Tremont Ave Apt

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Guillermo Gomez, 2107 Morrison, Big Spring
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Dylan Hammons, 4401 E. 11th Place, Big Spring
Matias Hernandez Jr., 620 E. 4th St., San Angelo
Kaleb Hill, 910 Baylor, Big Spring
Ammie Lee Howell, 1507 Hilltop Road, Big Spring
Shatiya Lasha Jenkins, 4590 N. Texas #198, Odessa
Stephanie Ford Johnson, P.O. Box 483, Coahoma
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Ruann R. Martinez, 1005 N.W. 2nd St., Big Spring
Clinton Aaron Muse Jr., 700 Ohio, P.O. Box 2104, Big Spring
Felicia Ornelas, 538

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George Anthony Robinson Jr., 1905 Wasson Rd. #14, Big Spring
Andy Rodriguez, 1904 Runnels Street, Big Spring
Linda Eva Rodriguez, 2519 Gunter Circle, Big Spring
Juan Romero, 2504 March Circle, Big Spring
Veronica Romero, 103 Becker Road, Big Spring
Yuri Lozano Rubio, 421 Cedar, P.O. Box 173, Colorado City
Stacie Lyanne Salas, 5102 Wasson Road, Big Spring
Shane Skaggs, 1 Courtney Place 301, Big Spring
Kendra D. Tatum, 412 S. Moss Lake Rd., Big Spring
Joe Anthony Villarreal, 2206 Cecilia, Big Spring
Ricky Lynn Waltenbaugh, 538 Westover Road Apt. # 133, Big Spring
Tamara Ruth Whitt, 3706 Connley, Big Spring
Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd. Apt. #28, Big Spring

Marriage Licenses

Arturo Ortiz, 32, and Victoria Chavez Rios, 34, both of Big Spring
Keith Lee Newton, 32, and Cerissa Ellen White, 28, both of Big Spring

County Court Judgments

(Note: The State of Texas is listed as prosecutor for all listed county court judgments)

Defendant: Angela C. Dugger
Offense: Theft of property \$500 to \$1,500
Sentence: Revocation of probation: \$500 fine, \$387 court costs, 120 days in jail
Date: Aug. 19, 2016

Defendant: Brian M. Peddle
Offense: Theft of property \$50 to \$500
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$287 court costs, 20 days

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Tips to help with home improvement

The fall season is officially here, bringing with it cooler temperatures, football and pumpkin spice-flavored everything. For homeowners, fall is the perfect time to schedule home improvement projects. Whether your lawn needs maintenance or your home is in need of foundation or roof repair, Better Business Bureau serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin recommends finding a trustworthy contractor.

Home improvement projects require time, money and more importantly, skilled and trustworthy contractors. Some home improvement needs may include taking care of unwanted drafts from leaky windows and doors, and cleaning or replacing gutters. It also may be a good time to replace your water heater and repair wood stoves or fireplaces.

In addition to home repairs, the outside of your home may need some sprucing up. Lawn care, landscaping, tree trimming and arborist companies provide many services, so it is important to decide which services and products are appropriate for your needs and budget. Ask for a lawn inspection and free estimate – companies that quote a price without seeing your lawn may not give you an accurate estimate. A company should be willing to visit your home to provide you with an agreed upon fee.

Your BBB receives hundreds of complaints every year against contractors and home services. Last year, BBB received more than 4,800 complaints against home improvement companies and stores nationwide. To avoid potential problems, BBB advises that you take the time to properly research contractors.

If you are looking to hire a contractor for the interior or exterior of your home, BBB recommends residents:

- Find a trustworthy business. Start your search at checkbbb.org to find BBB Accredited contractors in your area. If you are referred to a business through friends, family or an advertisement, verify the business is in good standing with BBB before contacting them.
- Compare costs. Get at least three written estimates from prospective contractors based on the same specifications, materials, labor and time needed to complete the project. Keep in mind the cheapest is not always the best, and you may want to pay more for higher quality services. BBB's Request a Quote is a great service that is free to use and will provide you with up to 10 quotes from trustworthy businesses near you.
- Get references. Ask all contractors to provide local references and find out if those customers were satisfied with the work performed. If possible, visit a completed project to inspect the quality of the workmanship. Also, ask family and friends for references.
- Check licensing and verify insurance coverage. The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation requires a license for HVAC technicians and electricians. However, some contractors may require registration or licensing to do work in specific counties or cities. Also, find out if the company is insured against claims covering worker's compensation, property damage and personal liability in case of accidents.
- Beware of high upfront fees. Contractors may require a down payment before work begins, but it should not be a significant portion of the total cost. Make sure you are satisfied with the work before making a final payment.
- Review your contract thoroughly. Make sure it includes all the materials needed to complete the job, an itemized list of all costs involved, any subcontracted labor and a warranty for all work performed.

For more information, check out BBB's home improvement site at bbb.org/central-texas.

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Did landmark laws from Congress enable high drug prices?

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Lawmakers are venting outrage over high prescription drug costs, but lawmakers and presidents of both parties may have set the stage for the startling prices that have consumers on edge.

As the proverb says: Physician, heal thyself.

In the last 13 years, Congress passed major legislation that expanded taxpay-

er-financed coverage for prescription drugs but lacked explicit mechanisms for dealing with costs, instead relying mainly on market forces. Lawmakers look like unwitting enablers in the eyes of some experts.

Congress “inadvertently created a situation where price increases are much more rapid,” said economist Paul Ginsburg, a Medicare expert who directs the Brookings Institution health policy

center.

Government-sponsored coverage injected more dollars into the market for medications, and new consumer protections curtailed some blunt instruments insurers used to control costs, such as annual and lifetime limits on the dollar value of coverage.

“The history we see over and over again is that when the government steps in as a guaranteed payer without regard to price, it will be taken

advantage of,” said Dr. Peter Bach, director of Memorial Sloan Kettering's Center for Health Policy and Outcomes.

Congressional indignation was on display recently as House members grilled Mylan CEO Heather Bresch about price increases for her company's EpiPens, prefilled syringes that deliver a rescue drug for people suffering life-threatening allergic reactions. The company was accused of gouging patients,

but there was little introspection about the role of government.

It's not as though a secret signal went out from Capitol Hill that it was OK for Mylan to charge \$608 for an EpiPen two-pack. Instead, government policies foster an environment that makes it easier to introduce new medications at a high price and to charge more for existing drugs.

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‘Guac the vote’: Taco trucks seek to register voters

HOUSTON (AP) — At Tacos Tierra Caliente — a food truck parked in a section of Houston where Spanish is spoken as often as English — \$1.50 can buy such street taco staples as pollo (chicken), barba-coa (shredded beef) and lengua (tongue).

But next to the hand-written chalkboard menu and “cash only” sign is a new red, white and blue placard that commands: “Registrarse y Votar” (Register and Vote). A stack of bilingual voter registration forms and a pen are available nearby for anyone who wants to fill one out while scarfing down their orders.

The taco truck-based voter registration effort in the nation’s fourth-largest city, along with a larger “Guac the Vote” drive by the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, began a few weeks after a backer of Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump suggested the country would be subsumed by Mexican culture if it doesn’t tighten its borders.

“You’re going to have taco trucks on every corner,” Marco Gutierrez, the founder of “Latinos for Trump,” told MSNBC on Sept. 1.

Aiming to poke fun at the comments and capitalize on them, Houston designer Thomas Hull created the food truck voter drive in partnership with Mi Familia Vota, a nonpartisan group specializing in Hispanic civil outreach. Eight trucks are now registering voters in Houston.

“It was offensive to some,” Hull said of Gutierrez’s warning. “At the same time, those of us who live here in Texas find it humorous because there are taco trucks on every corner and we love them.”

Gutierrez didn’t return phone messages seeking comment.

While waiting to order pork tacos al pastor at another participating truck, El Ultimo Taco, on Houston’s west side, Ippolito Garbino picked up a registration form. Later, as he drenched his order in salsa verde, he explained that though he’s a noncitizen, he planned to pass the necessary paper-

work on to his wife, who is eligible.

The trucks began registering customers Tuesday and will continue to do so until Texas’ registration ends Oct. 11.

Mi Familia Vota hopes to use taco trucks in heavily Hispanic parts of Las Vegas once early voting begins in the battleground state of Nevada. It also has been approached by taco trucks interested in setting up at Arizona polling stations on Nov. 8. And the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce is encouraging taco trucks around the country to register voters — and set up at polling stations on Election Day.

Carlos Duarte, Mi Familia Vota’s Texas director, said the group isn’t taking sides in the race — even though an ironic response to Gutierrez’s comment helped spawn the Houston taco truck initiative.

“We go where people go,” Duarte said. “Our feeling was, ‘It’s a great idea. Let’s do it.’”

The bitterly contested race between Trump and Democrat Hillary Clinton has seen voter registration swell in many states. Texas already has set a state record by registering more than 14.8 million voters.

The New York Times reported Friday that Google searches for “register to vote” have surged in the past week, particularly in heavily Latino markets in Arizona, California, Florida, Nevada and Texas.

Still, Texas had the lowest turnout of any state in 2014. Just 30.2 percent of the state’s residents voted in those midterm elections, compared to an average national turnout of 38.5 percent of the total U.S. population, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

The problem is especially acute among Hispanics, 10.2 million of whom live in Texas, the nation’s second-most behind California. Excluding noncitizens and those under 18, about 5 million Texas Hispanics will be eligible to vote in the 2016 presidential election.

In 2014, though, less than 2.3 million Texas Hispanics reported in U.S. Census surveys

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Houston, TX 77064-0000
Connie Swan, Agent

#6SC Barbee “B 2-1” (Allocation “F”), drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
15.80 miles southeast of Garden City
A-1224, Section 2, GB&CNG RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 12,000 feet
362’ FNL, 3630’ FWL of 2,772.5-acre lease
362’ FNL, 1601’ FEL of the survey
#7SM Barbee “B 47-1” (Allocation “G”), drill horizontal
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
15.80 miles southeast of Garden City
A-192, Section 47, Block 33, T-5-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9000 feet
2096’ FNL, 398’ FEL of 3,394.69-acre lease
629’ FSL, 398’ FEL of the survey

#201H Falcon “26-35”, drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
14.60 miles southwest of Garden City
A-376, Section 35, Block 35, T-5-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 8500 feet
100’ FSL, 330’ FEL of 640-acre lease
100’ FSL, 330’ FEL of the survey

#101H Beach “41-44”, drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
10.80 miles west of Garden City
A-332, Section 41, Block 35, T-3-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 8500 feet
330’ FWL, 2340’ FNL of 640-acre lease
330’ FWL, 2340’ FNL of the survey

#8SU Barbee “B 5-1” (Allocation “H”), drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
15.80 miles southeast of Garden City
A-192, Section 47, Block 33, T-5-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9000 feet
623’ FSL, 373’ FEL of 2,772.5-acre lease
623’ FSL, 373’ FEL of the survey

Howard County

#1AH Newton “06-43”, drill horizontal, API #42-227-38857
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
6.50 miles northeast of Knott
A-1067, Section 6, Block 32, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,000 feet

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that they were registered to vote — about 46 percent of the nearly 4.9 million that were then eligible and about 300,000 fewer than reported being registered in 2012.

Hispanic turnout statewide in 2014, meanwhile, was worse than in 2012, when 22 percent of eligible Texas Hispanics reported voting in Census Bureau surveys compared to 39 percent two years prior. Nationwide, 48 percent of Hispanics reported voting in 2012, which declined to 27 percent in 2014.

Hull noted, though, that taco trucks draw customers from all demographics.

“We have a targeted focus on the Latino community given that they historically haven’t been as active in voting,” Hull said. “But, given how low Texas voter turnout is, we’ve got work to do across everybody.”

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“It has dramatically changed the pricing environment,” explained Ginsburg. “If a manufacturer sets the price higher, there will be less resistance to that price because a lot more people will be able to access that drug than in the past. The rational thing for the manufacturer would be to raise the prices both of existing drugs and newly introduced ones.”

Consider the following:

—Passed in 2003 under President George W. Bush, Medicare’s “Part D” prescription benefit provided drug coverage to seniors. Medicare was forbidden to negotiate prices. Instead, private insurers and pharmacy benefit managers would keep costs in check. For a while it seemed to be working amid greater use of generic drugs. But expensive new “specialty” drugs and price increases for some older medications changed things. A feature of the program that protects beneficiaries from “catastrophic” costs has allowed drugmakers and insurers to pass the bill for very expensive medications on to taxpayers.

—Enacted in 2010 under President Barack Obama, the Affordable Care Act, or ACA, expanded coverage for the uninsured. It made prescription drugs an essential benefit, and barred dollar limits on insurance coverage. The drug industry supported the legislation and, according to documents released by House Republicans, got a White House commitment not to seek Medicare rebates opposed by drugmakers. The administration helped defeat an attempt to let patients import lower-cost drugs from abroad.

—Obama’s health care law provided makers of cutting-edge biologic drugs 12 years of protection from generic competitors, not a shorter period sought by consumer advocates.

“It’s not clear to what extent Part D and the ACA may have directly caused the very large increases in drug prices in the last five years or so,” said Rick Foster, formerly Medicare’s

chief actuary, or number-cruncher. “Having said that, it wouldn’t surprise me if the significant increase in insurance coverage — and especially the catastrophic protection — contributed to the drug price increases.”

The drug industry, a formidable lobby, rejects such speculation.

“Fundamentally, we disagree that there is not adequate cost containment for medicines built into Part D, or the ACA,” said Lisa Joldersma, vice president of policy and research with the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America.

“We think the market is best able to manage the holistic picture and to strike the right balance across cost containment, access and continuous innovation,” she added.

The public seems receptive to government action. A Kaiser Family Foundation poll released Thursday shows strong support for requiring drug companies to disclose how they set prices (86 percent), Medicare negotiations (82 percent), price limits on costly drugs to treat cancer and diseases like hepatitis (78 percent), and allowing Americans to import medications from Canada (71 percent).

Rep. Xavier Becerra, a senior California Democrat, says he doesn’t believe Obama’s overhaul and Bush’s prescription benefit are responsible for high-cost drugs. But he still thinks Congress has to act.

“I don’t think there’s anyone who doesn’t believe we need to do more aggressive oversight of the industry,” said Becerra.

Republican Sen. Chuck Grassley of Iowa said Congress needs to monitor the programs it sets in motion. “When companies are allowed to manipulate public programs, consumers and taxpayers lose out,” he said.

It may be a little late, suggests Urban Institute economist Eugene Steuerle.

“Government simply cannot provide monopoly power and at the same time say that it will pay a price set in the private market by those companies,” said Steuerle. “Turning the power of the purse over to monopolists is absurd.”

RECORDS

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in jail

Date: Sept. 19, 2016

Defendant: Armando Jose Cervantes Jr.

Offense: Terroristic threat

Sentence: Revocation of probation: \$200 fine, \$332 court costs, 90 days in jail

Date: Sept. 2, 2016

Defendant: Angela C Dugger

Offense: Theft of property \$50 to \$500

Sentence: Revocation of probation: \$500 fine, \$287 court costs, 180 days in jail

Date: Sept. 2, 2016

Defendant: Kief I. Black

Offense: Possession of marijuana less than 2 oz.

Sentence: Revocation of probation: \$500 fine, \$347 court costs, 13 days in jail

Date: Sept. 22, 2016

Defendant: Kaley M. Hood

Offense: Theft of property \$50 to \$500

Sentence: Deferred adjudication, six months probation

Date: Sept. 22, 2016

Defendant: Angel Villa

Offense: Possession of marijuana less than 2 oz.

Sentence: \$100 fine, \$352 court costs, 120 days in jail

Date: Sept. 21, 2016

Defendant: Angel Villa

Offense: Theft of property \$100 to \$750

Sentence: \$100 fine, \$342 court costs, 120 days in jail

Date: Sept. 21, 2016

Defendant: Gabriel Martinez

Offense: Theft of property \$750 to \$2,500

Sentence: \$250 fine, 180 days in jail. Probated 24 months.

Date: Sept. 21, 2016

District Court Filings

Jose Martinez vs. Brandy Martinez, divorce
Andrew Ramos vs. Jennie Lopez, divorce
Portfolio Recovery Associates L.L.C. vs. Kevin Matthews, contract - consumer/commercial debt
Lindsey Fryar vs. Casey Fryaer, divorce
Cecilia Gonzales vs. Manuel Gonzales Jr., divorce
Denise Richard vs. Eugene Richard, divorce
Green Mountain Energy Company vs. M&M General Contractors Inc.
Danielle Mier vs. Alejandro Mier, divorce

Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Chris and Kimberly Dawn Evans
Grantee: Navigator Energy Services L.L.C.
Property: A tract in Sec. 48, Blk. 33, T-1-S, T&P Railroad Co. Survey.
Date: Sept. 28, 2016

Grantor: Bradley K. and Tammy R. Garrison

Grantee: Danna Moore

Property: S/50 feet Lot 3, Blk. 16, Cedar Crest Addition

Date: Sept. 28, 2016

Grantor: David Winton, Daniel Winton, Carl Winton, Sam Winton, Linda Medina, beneficiaries of the Estate of Marvin Roscoe Winton

Grantee: Linda Ann Medina

Property: Tract 1: S/50 feet NE/4 Blk. 23, College Heights Addition; Tract 2: Lots 4 and 5, Blk. 2, College Heights Addition

Date: Sept. 27, 2016

Grantor: Shon E. Fox

Grantee: Jennifer M. Fox

Property: 1/2 interest in Lot 7, Blk. 20, Cole and Strayhorn Addition

Date: Sept. 9, 2016

Grantor: Leland Cahill

Grantee: Chuck Rosenbaum

Property: Lot 24, Blk. 29, College Park Addition

Date: Sept. 9, 2016

Grantor: Paul Pittman aka Paul C. Pittman, and Wendy Pittman

Grantee: Rosie Lain

Property: A 1.01-acre tract in SE/4 Sec. 4, Blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P Railroad Co. Survey

Date: Sept. 9, 2016

Grantor: Rita Annette Knox

Grantee: Timothy Wayne Knox Jr.

Property: Two tracts in SW/4, Sec. 32, Blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P Railroad Co. Survey, Tract 1: 4.75 acres; Tract 2: 0.01 acres.

Date: Sept. 12, 2016

Grantor: Mona Sue Corning, Clarence S. Corning

Grantee: Corning Smith and Wilson Management L.L.C.

Property: Tract 1: W/2 of S/2 Sec. 45, Blk. 33, T-2-N, T&P Railroad Co. Survey; Tract 2: SW/4 Sec. 29, Blk. 33, T-2-N, T&P Railroad Co. Survey

Date: Sept. 12, 2016

Grantor: Crossroads Baptist Association

Grantee: Axel and Judith M Chavez

Property: A tract in Sec. 13, Blk. 32, T-2-N, T&P Railroad Co. Survey

Date: Sept. 12, 2016

Grantor: Robert L. McDonald dba McDonald Realty Co.

Grantee: J. Hopper Homes Inc.

Property: A 0.35-acre tract in NW/4 Sec. 1, Blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P Railroad Co. Survey

Date: Sept. 12, 2016

Grantor: Robbie Walker and Olan Chapman

Grantee: Lee Harris Management L.L.C.

Property: Lots 5 and 6, Blk. 7, Edwards Heights Addition

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Teen charged in dad’s killing, school shooting

ANDERSON, S.C. (AP) — A 14-year-old South Carolina boy was charged as a juvenile Friday with murder and three counts of attempted murder after authorities say he killed his father and opened fire on students at a school playground, wounding three people.

The boy did not show any emotion as he walked into the courtroom wearing a yellow jumpsuit. He was unrestrained, not wearing handcuffs or leg shackles.

His lawyer, Frank Epps, noted that the teen has given a statement to law enforcement and asked that investigators not question him again without his lawyer present. The judge agreed to that, and ordered the teen to be held in jail.

The boy’s mother sat on the front row during the brief hearing and left the courtroom sobbing and leaning on another woman.

The Associated Press typically does not identify juveniles charged with crimes and therefore is not identifying his family members. Authorities have not released a motive for the school shooting or killing.

Authorities say the teen shot his 47-year-old father at their home on Wednesday afternoon before driving a pickup truck 3 miles down a country road to Townville Elementary. The teen — who is not

old enough to have a driver’s license — had to make only two turns to arrive at the red brick school, where he crashed the truck, got out and started firing during recess.

Bullets struck two students and a first-grade teacher, and the building was immediately placed on lock down.

Anderson 4 Superintendent Joanne Avery said staff saved lives by flawlessly implementing active-shooter training drills conducted with students at Townville Elementary, most recently as just last week.

Though shot in the shoulder, the teacher “was with-it enough” to close the door, lock it and barricade the students, Avery said.

“If he’d gotten in the school, it would’ve been a different scenario,” she said.

The shooter then fired toward students on the playground but missed. A teacher who heard the first gunshot was able to get those students safely inside, Avery said.

Relatives of one of the wounded, 6-year-old Jacob Hall, said he remained on life support in a hospital. His family issued a statement late Thursday saying the boy sustained a major brain injury due to the amount of blood he lost.

His older brother, Gerald Gambrell, told The Greenville News that the family is “hoping for a miracle.”

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#1SH Hamlin “20-29”, drill horizontal, El: NA
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A-1242, Section 20,Block 32, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey
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#7SH Wright-Adams Unit “31-42”, drill horizontal, El: NA
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A-349, Section 31, Block 33, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey
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News in brief

US closes probe of Jeep automatic braking; no recall sought

DETROIT (AP) — U.S. safety regulators have closed a yearlong investigation into the Jeep Grand Cherokee’s automatic braking system without seeking a recall.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration began the probe in June of last year after getting complaints that the system braked for no reason, increasing the risk of rear-end crashes.

But investigators, in documents posted Friday, found in testing that there was no single cause for unintended braking, and that the brakes came on only for short periods and didn’t cause any crashes. The agency says the Jeep system performs as well or better than similar systems from other automakers. Its tests found that the braking at the root of the complaints reduced the SUV speeds by less than 3 mph.

Forward collision alert and automatic emergency braking are available on many high-end luxury vehicles and are moving rapidly into more mainstream cars. The systems are an important step in the march toward self-driving vehicles, and are being championed by safety advocates and NHTSA as a breakthrough in reducing crashes and highway deaths.

Earlier this year, 20 auto manufacturers reached agreement with NHTSA to make the braking feature standard on most cars and light trucks by 2022, and on heavier SUVs and pickup trucks within eight years. If the Jeep investigation had found fault with the new technology, it could have slowed the spread of the systems. NHTSA, however, is still investigating Tesla Motors Inc.’s Autopilot system, which failed to spot and brake for a crossing tractor-trailer in a May crash that killed a man in Florida. Tesla has since made changes to improve the system.

The systems use cameras and radar to spot cars and other objects and a computer to automatically brake to avoid a collision. Some systems will fully stop vehicles, while others, like the Jeep’s, will only slow vehicles to reduce damage in a crash.

The Jeep investigation covered just over 95,000 SUVs from the 2014 and 2015 model years. It began after the agency received nine complaints that the Grand Cherokees braked on their own without reason “with no pending threats in the line of travel.” Investigators eventually found 176 complaints to the agency and to Fiat Chrysler, which makes Jeeps.

Several of those who complained to NHTSA said the brakes came on and nearly caused other cars to hit them from behind. Many reported that the malfunction happened multiple times.

But NHTSA said in documents that any unintended braking was short and didn’t reduce the speed of the vehicles by very much. The short braking in the Jeep system is meant as a warning to drivers if they don’t take action after getting audible and

visual alerts of a possible crash.

“Analysis of field data found that unintended braking events occur randomly for a variety of causes and are not driven by any single environmental factor, traffic condition or vehicle fault,” NHTSA said in the documents.

BMW issues recall for new Takata air bag problem

DETROIT (AP) — BMW is recalling 4,000 SUVs in the U.S. and Canada to fix a new and potentially deadly problem with Takata air bag inflators.

The company says in government documents that the driver’s front inflator can separate from a plate, shooting out metal and other debris.

The companies traced the problem to incorrect welding at a Takata factory in Mexico. It’s different from the problem that touched off the largest auto recall in U.S. history. In those vehicles, the ammonium nitrate used to inflate the air bags can degrade over time and blow the inflators apart, spewing shrapnel.

The recall covers certain BMW X3 and X4 SUVs from the 2015 model year, and X5s from 2014 and 2015.

Dealers will replace the driver’s air bag at no cost starting November 11.

Banks lead US stock recovery

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. stocks are bouncing back Friday morning after a steep loss late the previous day. Banks are recovering from a sharp drop as Deutsche Bank tried to reassure investors about its financial health. Strong earnings from Costco are giving consumer stocks a lift and energy companies are also trading higher.

KEEPING SCORE: The Dow Jones industrial average jumped 129 points, or 0.7 percent, to 18,272 as of 11 a.m. Eastern time. The Standard & Poor’s 500 index picked up 13 points, or 0.6 percent, to 2,164. The Nasdaq composite rose 30 points, or 0.6 percent, to 5,299.

BANKS BOUNCE BACK: Banks made some of the largest gains. The stocks tumbled Thursday afternoon as investors again worried about the health of Deutsche Bank, the largest lender in Germany, following reports that some hedge funds are moving their business out of the bank.

Late Thursday CEO John Cryan tried to calm investors. In a letter to Deutsche Bank employees, he said the bank has \$241 billion in reserves and is meeting its capital requirements.

Deutsche Bank’s U.S.-listed stock rose 91 cents, or 7.8 percent, to \$12.39. The stock has been pummeled this year and is trading near all-time lows. Among U.S. banks, JPMorgan Chase added 74 cents, or 1.1 percent, to \$66.39 and Citigroup gained 93 cents, or 2 percent, to \$46.73.

BIG SALE: Warehouse club operator Costco Wholesale jumped \$6.03, or 4.1 percent, to \$153.53 af-

ter it reported a profit that was larger than analysts expected. Companies that make and sell household necessities also climbed. Procter & Gamble gained \$1.23, or 1.4 percent, to \$89.46 and Wal-Mart rose \$1.38, or 2 percent, to \$72.11.

OIL: Benchmark U.S. crude rose 35 cents to \$48.17 per barrel in New York. Brent crude, the international benchmark, picked up 29 cents to \$50.10 a barrel in London.

Oil prices have surged this week after the nations of OPEC, which collectively produce more than third of the world’s oil, agreed to a small cut in production in a surprise decision. While the gains for oil prices have slowed, investors were still optimistic that energy companies will book larger profits as a result. Hess jumped 79 cents, or 1.5 percent, to \$52.94 and Spectra Energy rose 52 cents, or 1.2 percent, to \$42.84.

US consumer spending at weakest pace in 5 months

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. consumers scaled back their spending in August to its weakest pace in five months, reflecting a drop in spending on autos. Income growth also decelerated as wages and salary gains slowed following four strong months.

Consumer spending was unchanged last month after solid gains of 0.4 percent in July and 0.3 percent in June, the Commerce Department reported Friday. It was the poorest showing since a similar flat reading in March.

Personal incomes rose 0.2 percent last month, just half the gain in July. It was the weakest showing since a 0.1 percent drop in February. Wages and salaries, the biggest income category, were up just 0.1 percent after two months of 0.5 percent increases.

The August spending slowdown is expected to be temporary. Economists are counting on consumers to help lift the economy to growth, as measured by the gross domestic product, of around 3 percent in the current July-September performance. That would be a significant improvement from anemic growth that has averaged just 1 percent over the past three quarters.

“Consumers took a breather in August,” said Chris G. Christopher Jr., director of consumer economics at Global Insight. “Personal spending was flat after four months of rather sizable gains.”

Christopher said one factor in the slowdown may have been a decision by parents to delay part of back-to-school shopping until later in the year when they can get better deals.

Sal Guatieri, senior economist at BMO Capital Markets, said the August result points to a somewhat slower pace for consumer spending in the current quarter. He said spending growth would likely moderate to an annual rate of around 2.8 percent in the third quarter, down from 4.3 percent growth in the second quarter.

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Big Spring falls 50-20

Graham uses strong second half to build big lead

By DREW WILLIAMS

Sports Editor

GRAHAM —Going into district play, the Big Spring Steers will still be without a win.

Big Spring fell to the Graham Steers 50-20 Friday night in a game that started out close and ended far from it.

Big Spring looked to start out with momentum in the first possession of the game. The first offensive play for Graham was a negative gain on a run, and it was immediately followed by two false starts. On third and 20, however, Graham completed a 70-yard pass to Adam Groves for the game's opening touchdown.

Down 7-0, Big Spring would strike next. After a Graham punt was downed at the 2-yard line, Big Spring attacked the right side of the field with screen passes and runs to drive 98 yards and score on a Robert Valencia goal line run. Big Spring converted the two-point conversion to take the lead at 8-7.

Graham would drive the ball on the next possession, though, and regain the lead at 15-8 thanks in large part to swing passes to Graham's Jaxon Brockway, who Graham head coach Kenny Da-



HERALD Photo/Drew Williams

Robert Valencia runs to the right during Big Spring's 98-yard scoring drive in the first half of Friday's game.

vidson said earlier in the week was the key to Graham's offense.

With just over a minute left in the first half and the score still 15-8, Big Spring had a fourth down and was looking to punt and hold Graham to keep it a one possession game going into the break. From the 45-yard line, the snap on

the punt attempt went over Dylan Cantu's head and landed at Big Spring's 22-yard line. Brockway scored on another swing pass on the next play to give Graham a 22-8 lead at halftime.

The second half started with Big Spring getting momentum right back. The first possession of the third

quarter was a three-play, 55-yard drive that ended with a 36-yard screen pass to Riley Henson for the touchdown. A failed two-point attempt made the score 22-14.

On the following kickoff, Valencia stripped the ball from the returner and gave Big Spring the ball back at the 50-yard line. Short runs

and a penalty halted the drive, though, and a failed fourth down conversion attempt gave Graham the ball at midfield. Another long touchdown pass to Groves made it 29-14 Graham, and they never looked back. The score grew to 50-14 before Big Spring scored the game's final touchdown on a 29-yard pass to Henson to make the final 50-20.

"It was a tough night. The kids came out and I thought they weren't ever give up," Big Spring head coach Clint Finley said. "They came back and they fought hard. In the fourth quarter, we made some adjustments and kind of got some things figured out, but by that time, we just didn't get it done."

Finley added that mistakes were again the downfall of the Steers.

"We came out hoping that our adjustments were going to work, but it kind of confused the kids. It got away from us for periods of time, and it was just long enough to get it done. We've just got to quit making mistakes. Quit jumping offsidies and quit shooting ourselves in the foot, but all

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Bulldogs get first win of season, 27-6

By DREW WILLIAMS

Sports Editor

Coahoma got their first tally in the win column Friday against San Angelo TLCA, 27-6.

After a close game at halftime, the Bulldogs were able to put it all together in the third quarter.

"We executed in the second half. We executed the game plan just like we wanted to. Our kids really played hard on defense to be able to hold them to six. We were smoth-

ering them, but offensively, we just couldn't get it going in the first half. So the fact that our defense kept us in the game and gave us time to get going offensively was really the key to the game," Coahoma head coach Fred Dietz said.

Before the game, Dietz said it would be crucial to control the line of scrimmage due to the size and strength of San Angelo TLCA.

"There were some lapses in there," Dietz said regard-

ing handling TLCA's size. "There were some times in there where we didn't, but we played pretty well up front. Our defensive line did a good job of controlling the line of scrimmage and not getting driven out of there, and allowing our linebackers to get down the field and make tackles."

Dietz said the offense finally clicked in the second half because of a balanced attack with the running and passing game.

"It was a combination, but it started on the ground. Zach Holmes broke free on a jet sweep and had a long touchdown run, and that was a big part of us getting going. So we were able to run the football, but we were able to throw it, too. We threw a touchdown pass to Adam Clark that was a big play for us. So it was definitely a combination and all about being balanced," he said.

He added that the win was even more important due to

the fact that it was the team's last non-district game.

"It's big time to get that taste of victory. Some of these kids, they haven't played varsity football until this year, and now we've got that first win under our belt and we know what it feels like. We know how to win a game now, so I hope it carries over," he said.

Coahoma will travel to Stanton Friday for their first district game. Kickoff is at 7:30 p.m.

Junior golf starts Monday



Courtesy photo

The CGA Jr. Golf fall session kicks off their first tournament on Monday, Oct. 3. This session has 27 participants age 7-13. The kids will be playing a team scramble format. Photo from left to right: Top row: Luis Porras, Nikolas Gonzales, Aiden Walker, Jocelyn Young, Audrey Turnbough, Aaron Turnbough, Antonio Garza, Hope Lopez. Next row: Jason Ortega, Esperanza De Los Santos, Makayla Chavez, Shelby Templin, Analeah Ybarra, Isabella De Los Santos, Makayla Calvio, Analisa De Los Santos, Trevor Cole, Jaden Herrera, Jake Myers, Ryleigh Moore, Mason Ornelas. Bottom row: Jacob Marquez, Julian Rodriguez, Javen Mendoza, Kian Mulkey and Mason Wood. Not pictured are Nathan Franco, Lanson Moore.

Cowboys' Prescott gets chance to show 49ers what they missed

By JOSH DUBOW

AP Sports Writer

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Despite having an apparent need for a mobile quarterback to run coach Chip Kelly's offense, the San Francisco 49ers showed little interest in Dak Prescott leading into this year's draft.

"They're probably one of the teams I talked to the least," Prescott said.

The Niners (1-2) might regret that move now as Prescott has shined for Dallas (2-1) in place of the injured Tony Romo. Prescott will get a chance to show the Niners what they passed up when the teams meet Sunday.

"Going in the fourth round, everybody passed

you over a couple of times," Prescott said. "I've got a chip on my shoulder. I have throughout my whole life, but the draft process definitely made it grow a little bit."

Prescott threw his first TD pass last week and has no interceptions on 99 passes so far to go with a 93.3 rating. San Francisco's starter, Blaine Gabbert, hasn't been nearly as effective. He is last in the NFL in yards per attempt (5.5), second worst among starters in completion percentage (55.2 percent), and third worst in passer rating (68.6).

San Francisco targeted the trenches in the first round by taking defensive lineman DeForest Buckner

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Darvish, pen help Rangers gain home field

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Seven days after the Texas Rangers clinched their second straight American League West title, they took another significant step toward their ultimate goal.

Yu Darvish looked play-off-ready with a season-high 12 strikeouts in six innings as the Rangers beat the Tampa Bay Rays 3-1 on Friday night and clinched home-field advantage throughout the postseason.

The Rangers can be tied by the Boston Red Sox and Cleveland Indians, and they own tie-breakers over both teams. The AL owns home-field advantage in the World Series thanks to its win in the All-Star Game.

Texas has never previously owned home-field advantage throughout the

postseason and has never won a World Series. This clinching came thanks to the team's record 53rd home victory.

"We're playing really good baseball at home," shortstop Elvis Andrus said, "so it's always good to start everything at home."

Darvish (7-5) allowed one run, three hits and one walk. His 28th career game of double-digit strikeouts is the second-most in a pitcher's first 100 major league starts, topped only by Dwight Gooden (31). Darvish will likely start Game 2 of the Division Series — following Cole Hamels — in his first postseason appearance since losing the 2012 AL wild-card game to Baltimore.

"He looks a little bit more electric to me," said Evan Longoria, who had

two of the Rays' four hits. "His ball is moving in different directions."

Shin-Soo Choo returned to Texas' lineup after missing 39 games with a fractured left forearm. Choo pulled a single to right in his first plate appearance since Aug. 15 and went 1 for 4.

Matt Andriese (8-8) gave up three runs and seven hits, including solo home runs to Carlos Beltran and Rougned Odor.

Darvish went into the game averaging 11.45 strikeouts per nine innings this season, best in the league. In his final four starts of the season, he fanned 38 in 24 2/3 innings.

"I've had pretty good results lately," Darvish said through a translator, "and I think I'm in a good position now."

Beltran homered just inside the right-field foul pole, his 29th of the season and seventh since joining Texas at the non-waiver trade deadline.

Odor's homer was his 33rd, tying Adrian Beltre for the team lead this season. The only Texas second baseman to hit more in a season is Alfonso Soriano, with 35 in 2005.

Longoria had two doubles, one driving in the Rays' run, giving him career highs of 171 hits and 80 extra-base hits this season.

CHOO KNOWS HIS MISSION

Results aren't the most important thing for Choo with him scheduled to play all three games of the series, which will determine if he's on the 25-man



AP Photo/Tony Gutierrez

Texas Rangers' Yu Darvish walks to the dugout after working against the Tampa Bay Rays during the top of the third inning of a baseball game, Friday, Sept. 30, 2016.

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Texans' loss of Watt could be boost for rest of AFC South

By **BARRY WILNER**

AP Pro Football Writer

The biggest defensive star in the Lone Star state is out. That's a void for the Houston Texans as big as, well, J.J. Watt's persona.

In the mediocre AFC South, which Houston (2-1) leads, losing its best player could bring the defending division champion back to the field — as uninspiring as the Titans, Colts and Jaguars might be.

With the Texans coming off a no-show at New England, visiting Tennessee could be feeling pretty frisky about its chances Sunday.

"I'm very disappointed about that," says Tennessee left tackle Taylor Lewan, who would have matched up a lot with Watt.

"I've said before if you want to be the best you've got to go against the best. I want to be the best left tackle in this league. I want the opportunity to go against all the best guys."

Houston's best on D for now will have to be Jadeveon Clowney and Whitney Mercilus.

"Jadeveon is playing awesome," Whitney adds. "So a lot of those guys, they're going to give me all they've got. I've got to come with my 'A' game for sure."

The Texans didn't even bring their 'D' game to Foxborough in prime time. That 27-0 rout was more of an 'F.'

And now, no J.J.

"When you have that kind of ability and that kind of playmaking it's hard to replace with one guy," Texans defensive coordinator Romeo Crennel notes. "So we're going to ask all the guys on defense to pick it up, to put a little extra in it and see if we can gain some of those plays that J.J. used to make."

The action began Thursday night with Cincinnati's 22-7 home victory over Miami. A.J. Green had 10 catches for 173 yards and a touchdown, and the Bengals (3-1) were inspired by linebacker Vontaze Burfict's return from a suspension.

During the first three quarters, Green had 166 yards on catches while Miami (1-3) had 152 total yards.

Burfict was suspended by the NFL for the first three games because of his



AP Photo/Eric Christian Smith

FILE - In this Jan. 3, 2016, file photo, Houston Texans defensive end J.J. Watt (99) gestures during the first half of an NFL football game against the Jacksonville Jaguars, in Houston.

illegal hits. The linebacker knocked down a pass and had three tackles.

Philadelphia (3-0) and Green Bay (2-1) have the first byes of the season.

Indianapolis (1-2) vs. Jacksonville (0-3) at London

The Jaguars make their annual trip to Wembley, and you have to wonder if Londoners would like to see the agreement with Jacksonville voided.

A loss in this early kickoff (9:30 a.m. EDT) could push Jags coach Gus Bradley closer to the edge of unemployment, what with higher expectations the team (and owner Shahid Khan) had entering the schedule.

Indianapolis has won six of the past seven in this series and has swept the Jaguars six times since becoming division foes in 2002. Frank Gore needs 88 yards rushing to pass Hall of Famer Marcus Allen (12,243), Colts rushing leader Edgerrin James (12,246), Hall of Famer Marshall Faulk (12,279) and Hall of Famer Jim Brown (12,312) to become No. 9 on the NFL career list.

Buffalo (1-2) at New England (3-0)

While most everyone obsesses over the QB situation in Foxborough, the

fact is New England's defense and running game have turned downright nasty. In their final game before Tom Brady returns, the Patriots get their, uh, patsies: Buffalo has lost eight of the past nine meetings.

Bills coach Rex Ryan gets more pleasure out of beating New England than any other opponent. If the Bills don't find a passing game or clamp down on opposing passers, they're unlikely to find success.

Denver (3-0) at Tampa Bay (1-2)

Most everyone already believed in the Von Miller-led Denver defense. Now it's quarterback Trevor Siemian making folks turn their heads and shout praise. It's a somewhat manufactured statistic, but still, Siemian became the first quarterback to throw for 300 yards and four touchdowns without an interception in his first road start, a win at Cincinnati.

Few teams have been as inconsistent as Tampa Bay, and facing that mighty D without your best running back, Doug Martin, is a major obstacle.

New York Giants (2-1) at Minnesota

(3-0), Monday night

Two things the Giants swore they'd improved over 2015 was an ability to finish, and their overall defense. In last week's loss to Washington, they fell short in both areas, and they were wildly undisciplined. Yes, Ben McDoo's Giants looked eerily similar to the final version of Tom Coughlin's Giants.

Now they visit the Vikings, whose defense could give the Broncos a challenge as best in show. Minnesota doesn't do much with the ball, but can stop just about anyone's run or pass game.

Oakland (2-1) at Baltimore (3-0)

The Ravens are one of the NFL's most pleasant surprises so far, in part because they're relatively healthy after an epidemic of injuries in 2015. Their defense isn't reminiscent of the Ray Lewis-led units, which doesn't diminish its strong performances one bit.

Oakland's work on D, meanwhile, has been as bad as anyone's, and now the Raiders make their third long-distance trip in four weeks.

Kansas City (2-1) at Pittsburgh (2-1)

The Chiefs have lost all three visits to Heinz Field, last winning in the Steel City in 1986. If they can force eight turnovers again like they did against the Jets last weekend, that string of failure will end.

Coming off their worst loss in 17 years — that 34-3 phlop in Philly — at least the Steelers get back star running back Le'Veon Bell from a three-game suspension. But the running game was not a problem with DeAngelo Williams in for Bell.

"The two-back system would work here, but Bell is so dynamic when he plays the game I don't want him to come off the field," Williams says.

Carolina (1-2) at Atlanta (2-1)

With the other three members of the NFC South owning losing records, the Falcons could put themselves in great shape with a win over the division's three-time defending champ. Also remember that Atlanta was 6-1 in 2015 and wound up 8-8.

Carolina, of course, was 15-1 a year

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we can do is keep working," he said.

Finley said the adjustments at halftime were mainly concerned with stopping the swing pass to Brockway, but that there was some confusion with the execution of those adjustments.

"We've just got to learn how to focus on the next play and forget about the last one, whether it was good or bad, and play hard every single snap. There was a little confusion out there tonight defensively, we tried to fix it, and it led to a little more

confusion. But you can't sit back and not make adjustments and let them do the same thing over and over again," he said. "We were trying to make some adjustments on the swing pass. We were stopping everything else pretty good, but they were swinging the ball out to their best football player."

Big Spring's next matchup will be their first district game. Snyder will travel to Big Spring Friday. Finley said the team still has a lot to work on.

"We're going to continue working on the things we've been working on, and that's not making mistakes. We're going to keep fighting," he said. "Once we get

that figured out, there's nobody that can stop us. We've moved the ball against everybody that we've played, it's just the Steers beat the Steers right now, and we've got to grow up a little bit. We're young, but it's halfway through the year and it's time to grow up a little bit."

The start of district play does give the Steers a chance to regroup for the most important portion of the schedule.

"Our record is 0-0 right now. Nothing that's happened before matters, and everything that's happened from now on is what does matter," Finley said.

Big Spring and Snyder will kick off at 7:30 p.m. at Memorial Stadium.



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Dylan Cantu runs for a first down Friday.

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and guard Joshua Garrett. The Niners then took one of Prescott's teammates from Mississippi State in the third round in cornerback Will Redmond, who has not played as he recovers from a knee injury. They then took another cornerback, Rashard Robinson, in the fourth round, two spots ahead of where Dallas took Prescott.

"We looked at him just like all quarterbacks in the draft and we were really impressed with him and thought that he was someone that could really play in this league," Kelly said. "Where it fell in terms of what we were taking, he was kind of slotted around where he got taken. That's kind of where we thought he was going to go. But, I've been very impressed with him."

The Niners eventually selected a quarterback when they chose Jeff Driskel in the sixth round. Driskel was cut before the season.

Here are some other things to watch when the Cowboys visit the Niners:

DEZ'S STATUS: Dez

Bryant has a hairline fracture of a bone in his right knee, and it appears he won't play after an eventful week. The 2014 All-Pro essentially went AWOL for two days, missing medical appointments and team meetings before finally showing up Wednesday and getting the MRI that revealed the injury.

Coach Jason Garrett said Dallas players have missed no time with the same injury in the past, but Bryant missed the first two practices of the week. If Bryant doesn't play, it will be the 2014 All-Pro receiver's eighth game missed since the start of last season, which was plagued by a broken a foot and ankle and knee issues.

SECOND-STRING SECONDARY: With cornerback Jimmie Ward sidelined by a quadriceps injury, the Niners will need to find a new starter across from Tramaine Brock. Third-year player Keith Reaser and Robinson are competing to replace Ward against the Cowboys. That task could be a little easier if Bryant can't play.

PROTECTING PRESCOTT: Pro Bowl left tackle Tyron Smith missed last week's Chicago game when his back tightened up late

in the week. He also missed the first day of practice this week. Second-year player Chaz Green, who missed all of his rookie season with a hip injury, had two holding penalties and a chop block in his first career start against the Bears. But he generally got high marks from Garrett. Left guard La'el Collins is out with a right big toe injury, so former starter Ron Leary will fill in for the player who replaced him.

SPLIT PERSONALTY: For the past two seasons, the Niners have had a split personality on defense. San Francisco has allowed a league-low 15 points per game at home in that span, compared to a league-worst 33.5 on the road. This year, the difference is even starker. After shutting out the Rams at home in the opener, San Francisco allowed 83 points in losing back-to-back road

games at Carolina and Seattle.

"Those are interesting stats, but I really wouldn't know the answer to the reasons why," defensive lineman Arik Armstead said.

RUNNING AGAIN: The Cowboys stuck with the running game the first two weeks even though the numbers didn't look great. They had the stats to show for their persistence against the Bears. Rookie Ezekiel Elliott ran for 140 yards on 30 carries to lead the team's 199-yard effort. "I think I'm way more comfortable than I was Week 1 for sure," said Elliott, who leads the NFC with 274 yards rushing. "I'm definitely settling into the system."

The Niners have their own star back from Ohio State in Carlos Hyde, who has rushed for 225 yards and four TDs through three games.

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postseason roster.

"My job is to show them I'm healthy the next three days," he said.

AFTER DARVISH, MORE ZEROES

Sam Dyson earned his 38th save. Four Texas relievers worked three scoreless innings, running the bullpen's streak to a club-record 29 2/3, and it allowed one hit and one walk.

"These are guys we've seen be extremely effective, overpowering, have the ability to get outs when they need to get outs," manager Jeff Banister said.

SHORT HOPS

Texas (95-65) is one win short of tying the club record set in 2011. ... The Rays are 10-18 in September, the most losses in one month for

the team since going 7-20 in July 2007. ... Logan Forsythe, who has been the Rays' leadoff hitter in 123 games this season, appeared as a pinch-hitter and will return to the lineup on Saturday night. ... Ian Desmond increased his majors-leading total of outfield errors to 12 with two dropped fly balls.

UP NEXT

Tampa Bay: Jake Odorizzi (9-6) hasn't won since Aug. 30. The Rays have lost in his last four starts, during which he has had a 5.40 ERA.

Texas: Colby Lewis (6-4), who figures to start Game 3 of the Division Series, is 0-3 with a 9.75 ERA in three September starts after missing two months with a strained lat muscle. Lewis lasted only 1 1/3 innings in his previous start last Sunday at Oakland.

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ago and went to the Super Bowl. If the Panthers don't protect Cam Newton better — he's been sacked 12 times and hit plenty more — another such trip is unlikely. So is a win in the ATL.

Los Angeles (2-1) at Arizona (1-2)

Two teams that once represented St. Louis meet in an important early NFC West matchup. The Cardinals are tough at home, but the Rams beat them in Arizona last season, and after struggling for two games, their offense came alive in a win over Tampa Bay.

Arizona must beat the habit of starting slowly; the Cardinals haven't scored in the first quarter yet. One good idea might be feeding star receiver Larry Fitzgerald. He has more receptions (153) and TDs (16) against the Rams than against any other franchise.

Seattle (2-1) at New York Jets (1-2)

Pete Carroll has a dilemma. Given the knee injury to Russell Wilson

and the prospect of a bye next week, does the Seahawks coach sit his star quarterback and hope the running game and defense can sneak out of the Meadowlands with a win?

One of many things that could make Jets fans shudder is having to take on Seattle's aggressive, physical defense a week after Ryan Fitzpatrick was intercepted six times by Kansas City.

"Seattle is still definitely up there when you think or talk about the defense in this league," Fitzpatrick says. "They've probably been the standard for the longest, it's a lot of the same guys, same scheme and it's tough."

Cleveland (0-3) at Washington (1-2)

So the Browns hire a substitute placekicker when the regular guy goes down in practice. That replacement, Cody Parkey, misses three field goals, including a potential winner on the final play of regulation.

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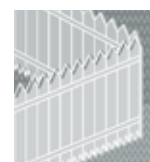
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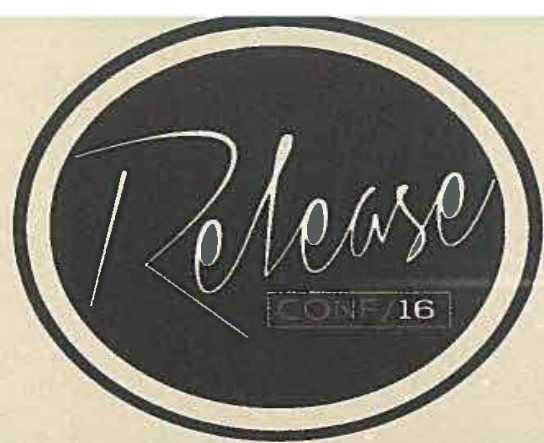
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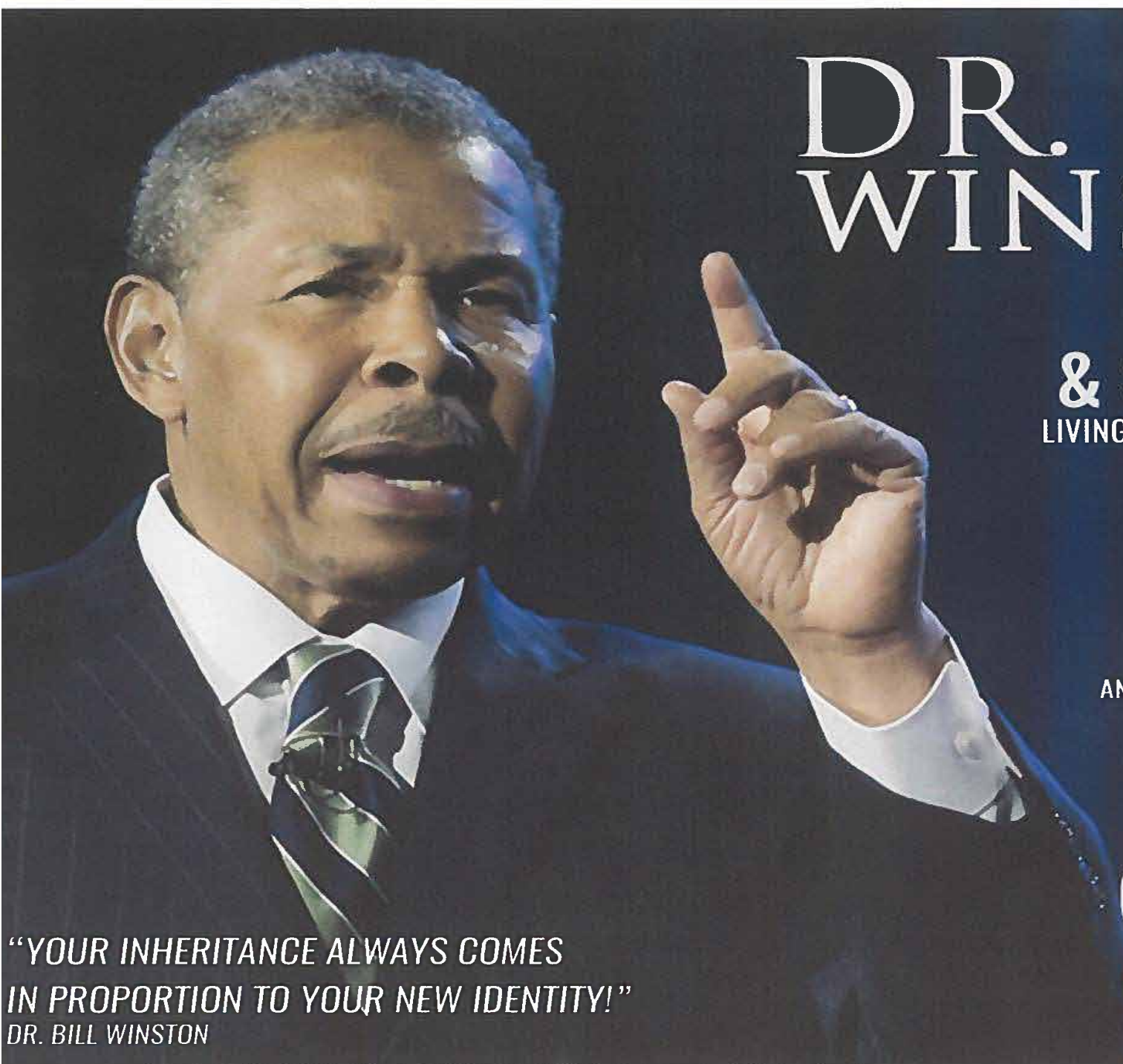
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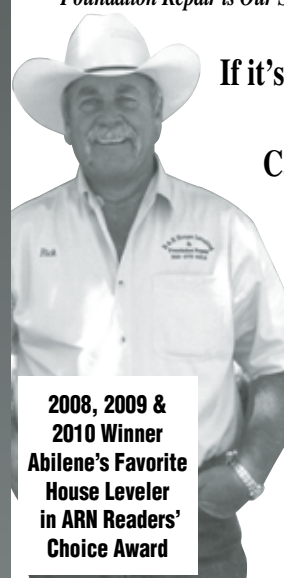
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THE STATE OF TEXAS: CAUSE No. 51083

TO: Humberto Estrada and All Whom it May Concern, Respondents; GREETING:

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The petition of Anastacia De Los Santos and Jimmy De Los Santos, Petitioners was filed in the 118th District Court of Howard County, Texas on the 30th day of March, 2016 against Humberto Estrada, Respondent in the above entitled cause and entitled 'In the Interest of J.E.E, a child (or children).'

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Attorney for Petitioners or Petitioner:
Joshua Hamby
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♥ 7 3
♦ 5 2
♣ K Q J 8 7 4

WEST

♠ A Q 7 4
♥ A J 8
♦ 10 3
♣ A 9 6 5

EAST

♠ 8 3
♥ 6 2
♦ K Q J 9 7 6 4
♣ 10 2

SOUTH

♠ K J 10 9
♥ K Q 10 9 5 4
♦ A 8
♣ 3

The bidding:

East South West North
3 ♦ Dble Pass 4 ♣
Pass 4 ♥ Dble

Opening lead — ten of diamonds.

The chief purpose of a pre-emptive bid is to make things difficult for the opponents. The bid is made in the hope that the opponents, who presumably have the balance of strength, will get fouled up in the bidding.
Consider this deal where East opened three diamonds and South showed for takeout. West passed, and North responded four clubs. South understandably retreated to four hearts, and West just as understandably doubled.
Declarer won the diamond lead with the ace and played the queen of trumps. West took his ace and led a second diamond. East won and returned the eight of spades, whereupon West played the Q-A and led a third spade for East to ruff. East returned a club to West's ace, and West later scored the jack of trumps to defeat the contract four tricks — 1,100 points!
If you study the matter objectively, you find that South really did nothing terribly wrong in the bidding. He might have overcalled with three hearts instead of doubling, but that was his only real alternative — and even three hearts doubled would have gone down 800. Passing three diamonds was simply impossible.
Of course, had North held West's hand, South's double would have worked out exceedingly well. In that case, North-South might have reached a grand slam in spades, which could not be denied.
The actual deal vividly demonstrates the benefits that can accrue from a pre-emptive bid. Players who pass up the opportunity for such a bid often lose a chance to create a huge windfall in their favor. Who would think, looking only at East's hand, that his three-diamond bid would produce 1,100 points?

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope



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Solar Social Demands

On the other side of the new Libra moon, social demands get more intense. At this point in the solar journey, if you're going to have time to yourself, you must carve it out with the right tool -- a sharp, firm blade. This is no butter-knife situation. The world will not release you softly to do your own thing. It will take work to claim time and space.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). If there's a logic to your heart's attractions, you haven't found it yet. Just when you think you know what you like, you get drawn in by someone who doesn't fit the type. What a lovely surprise.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). When you pump another person up, you pump yourself up, too.

That's what you'll be teaching the others today, through example, mostly. To be able to support another -- that, by definition, means you're strong.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). One theory is "Don't look back." That theory is dependent on the fact that you're still going forward, logically, optimistically, automatically, perhaps. That's OK, too. Onward.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You may wonder if the choice you made was the best of all. It certainly was the best of the options presented or understood by you at the time. Best of all, though? Perhaps more research on the scope of "all" is necessary.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The one who criticizes you about one little thing is probably striking out at something deeper. This is annoying if it rings true. Maybe it's just annoying enough to be transformative.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A few hours to yourself is a curse to some, a luxury to others, and to many a daily occurrence. What will you do with

your solitary hours? In a sense, that will define what you're about lately.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You may struggle with deciding what is significant and what isn't important enough to dwell on. It's not as clear cut as it would seem, though once you get a firm understanding of this, success is all but guaranteed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You know that a team is only as good as its weakest link, and you feel compelled to give that link a yank to test its limits. Do this, and you just might find out that the weakest link isn't the one you thought it was.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's crucial to keep your mind open to the ways you can be kinder, fairer and more useful, as these are the states of being that will lead to your happiness and mental freedom.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). As methodical as you usually are, there are times when your "method" involves a chaotic attack -- a flurry of random, frus-

trated action in which you slam around the obstacles until something breaks loose. Most effective!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There are so many reasons to include more people on your journey. Choose the right people and it will be more fun and, surprisingly, less trouble. Also, succeeding alone won't be nearly as interesting as succeeding together.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's a part of you that cannot be reached except through your own creativity. That is why the habit of doing creative work will sustain you in a way that no other habit can.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 2). Remember when you were so sure of yourself? Now you're less sure who you are but very excited about who you're becoming. Plenty of support shows up for you, too: You've many kindred spirits. November shakes up your routine. Take a professional risk in January. You'll be making money from new sources in March. Leo and Scorpio adore you.

Your lucky numbers are: 4, 10, 28, 30 and 16.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Most people have different habits for different phases of their life -- routines that are useful and appropriate for a time, then, when circumstances change, so do supporting actions. Then there are the habits that have stuck from the start. They are more like personality traits, really. No matter what else happens to be going on in your life, these inclinations seem to find their way in. These are the tendencies to be embraced, catered to, leveraged to their best advantage. They are strong and engrained. Also, they are the traits that essentially define how good a fit you are with other people. Yes, there is a way to get along with almost anyone you meet. But when your natural tendencies click with another person's, the relationship becomes like a tight little machine that generates its own energy.

This solar journey through Libra has us seeking ideal partnerships and

relationships, all the while knowing that there really is no such thing. Human love can never be perfect, as we bond through our frailty, flaws and vulnerabilities. Social creatures, we are interdependent, naturally seeking those who are strong where we are weak and weak where we are strong. This usually happens on a subconscious level, though it's the time of year to be more deliberate and mindful of our choices.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Sting's latest album, "57th & 9th," includes music inspired by Bowie, Prince, global issues and world politics. The Libran superstar Sting was born under an impressive number of artistic Libran luminaries, with five planets in the sign of justice, harmony, aesthetics and partnership. Sting embodies the spirit of his Venus-ruled sign, which thrives on art and lives for love, truth and beauty.

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Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

1 Common current

8 Speaks for

15 Clinton cabinet member

16 One now safe

17 Stifles

18 *Isla mediterránea*

19 About a 40th of an acre

20 Characteristic of

22 Non-Scratch Scrubber brand

23 What Charlie Brown calls his teacher

25 Industrial spy

26 Enemy of the Empire

27 *Harper's Bazaar* sister mag

28 See 49 Across

29 More than ready for what's next

30 A buck, or many

31 Curry favored by NBC for 25 years

32 Violent villain in an 1886 novella

33 Genghis Khan descendant, quite possibly

36 Fast-food supplies

39 Percolator part

40 Criticizer, so to speak

44 Nature ____

45 City near Memphis

46 Profusely

47 Handed over, in a way

48 Young donkeys

49 With 28 Across, year-end symbols

50 Golf Hall of Famer since 2011

51 Hulking herbivore

52 Do some manicuring

53 Custom-makes

55 Blue + red

59 The USA, in Monterrey

60 Roofless

61 Sunflower cousin

62 Wouldn't leave alone

DOWN

1 Beyond regretful

2 Harmonious group

3 Product of warm fermentation

4 With 6 Down, name for the third-oldest US college

5 Portrayed

6 See 4 Down

7 Scooted

8 Bundles of energy

9 Circumstance

10 Dangerous canine

11 Starter for travel or tourism

12 Where to buy plugs and bulbs

13 Readable at last

14 Resort area

21 Mississippi emblems

24 Figure in some fountains

25 Intends

26 Man mentioned but not seen in *Hamilton*

29 Grille protector

32 __ touch

34 Forest Service icon

35 Harried sitcom writer of the recent past

36 Patron of Rome

37 Alternative to humming

38 Alternative to seeing

41 Of interest to some reunion planners

42 Emblem of Texas and Arizona

43 Port authority

45 Augmented, informally

48 Musical instruction

51 Further

54 Unscrupulous

56 Big bumbler

57 Great beginning

58 Where this is

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2 Van Gogh paintings recovered by Italian anti-Mafia police

ROME (AP) — Italian police have found two Van Gogh paintings that were stolen from an Amsterdam museum in 2002 hidden in a farmhouse near an organized crime syndicate's Naples-area stronghold, investigators said Friday.

The paintings, discovered without their frames, are in "relatively good condition," the Van Gogh Museum said in a statement on its website. It said the two paintings are the 1882 work "Seascape at Scheveningen" and a later work, "Congregation leaving the Reformed Church in Nuenen."

The earlier painting contains grains of sand that were stirred up from the beach as Van Gogh worked. The other depicts a church in the south of the Netherlands where the artist's father was the pastor.

The recovered masterpieces, propped up on easels, were unveiled for reporters at a news conference in Naples. Museum director Axel Rueger said Italian investigators contacted the museum earlier in the week and asked it to send an expert to examine the paintings. Art experts determined they are authentic.

"Needless to say it's a great day for us today," Rueger told Sky TG24 TV. "We hope they are soon back where they belong."

That might take some time. Authorities noted the paintings, found covered in cotton cloth in the farmhouse near Castellammare di Stabia, are part of an investigation of whether gangsters from the Camorra crime syndicate were behind the theft or if they got involved later.

Financial Police. Col. Giovanni Salerno said investigators looking into the syndicate's cocaine trafficking operations got a tip that the Camorra might have had the artworks.

When renowned masterpieces are stolen, a theft commissioned by a private collector who has already agreed to buy them is usually suspected, since it would be virtually impossible to sell them in the legitimate art market.

With "enormous profits" from drug trafficking, the Camorra are looking for new ways to invest



Van Gogh Museum

Van Gogh's Seascape at Scheveningen, 1882, was stolen from the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam in 2002.

their ill-gained wealth, which might include stolen artworks, Salerno said.

Salerno said a person at the farmhouse when the paintings were found "didn't say a word" about how they wound up there. He declined to elaborate, saying the case is still under investigation.

Investigators seized some 20 million euros (\$22 million) worth of assets, including farmland, villas and apartments, which they say are linked to two Camorra drug kingpins, Mario Cerrone and Raffaele Imperiale, prosecutors Giovanni Colangelo and Filippo Beatrice said in a statement.

The organized crime investigative unit of the Financial Guard, a branch of the Italian police, often sequesters assets of suspected mobsters.

The museum said the paintings, inspected by a curator, do show "some damage." It added that it is not known where the paintings were kept in the 14 years since they were stolen. Thieves broke into the museum overnight and made off with the works from the main exhibition hall, where dozens of Van Gogh paintings were on display.

The seascape work had some paint in the bottom left corner broken away, with the other had "a few minor damages at the edges of the canvas," the museum statement said. Rueger said the museum owes a debt of gratitude to Italian authorities.

"After all these years, you no longer dare count on a possible return," he said.



In Prince estate case, blood relation may be unnecessary

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A legal wrinkle in Prince's estate case shows you might not have to be a blood relative to inherit some of the late rock superstar's sizable fortune.

No will has surfaced since Prince accidentally overdosed on painkillers in April, so his sister, Tyka Nelson, and five half-siblings are likely to be declared rightful heirs within the next few months.

But the judge also has to decide whether a purported niece and grand-niece — plus a purported nephew who came forward this week — should count as heirs even though they may not be blood relatives. That's because in Minnesota, there are circumstances in which someone can be considered a parent based on having a familial relationship with a child, such as informally raising a non-biological child as their own.

"The statutes don't give clear guidance — they really don't," said Susan Link, a Minnesota estate law expert who's following the case closely but isn't involved in it.

The judge will have to sort out a complex interplay between probate and parentage laws that appears to be unique to Minnesota, as well as the compli-

cated family history of Prince and his relatives.

Brianna Nelson, her daughter Victoria Nelson and Corey Simmons all claim descent from the late Duane Nelson Sr., who they say was Prince's half-brother. The case filings suggest that Prince's late father, John L. Nelson, might not have been Duane's biological father, but the three allege that John considered Duane to be his son, and that Prince considered

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Hart? Hanks? New film academy members offer Oscar host ideas

WEST HOLLYWOOD, Calif. (AP) — The newest members of the film academy will cast their first Oscar ballots this season, but the choice for Oscar host — usually decided in October — will be strictly up to Oscar brass.

Yet that didn't stop a few of the new recruits from chiming in on the process at a private welcome reception held earlier this week by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

"Oh, my God!" said Oscar-nominated screenwriter Phyllis Nagy at the prospect of picking an Academy Awards host. "Well, I understand they don't want to do it, but Tina Fey and Amy Poehler: They should be Oscar hosts."

"Black Panther" star Chadwick Boseman didn't hesitate to share his choice: Kevin Hart.

"I think he wants to do it," Boseman said. "Why not Kevin Hart?"

Visual effects artist Kevin Baillie had a more unconventional suggestion.

"I know this is going to sound kind of crazy, but I actually think JJ Abrams would do an amazing job at hosting the Oscars," he said. "He is funny, he's smart as a tack and he's really embedded in the industry. He's not an actor. He's not a comedian. But man he would do a good job."

Actress Rita Wilson, who joined the academy this year after decades in the business, has a special actor in mind for the job.

"Well, I would nominate my husband," she said of her hubby and fellow academy member, Tom Hanks. "I think he'd be really good. But I'm biased."

Court date set in crash that injured Tracy Morgan

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. (AP) — Prosecutors and the defense lawyer in the 2014 crash that injured actor Tracy Morgan are due in court in November.

The Home News Tribune reports Nov. 9 was set for a status conference

after both sides met at the Middlesex County Courthouse in New Brunswick on Thursday.

Authorities have charged Wal-Mart truck driver Kevin Roper of Georgia with aggravated manslaughter, ve-

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'AmandaKnox'pulls back the curtain on a media circus

NEW YORK (AP) — Amanda Knox stares into the camera, coolly contemplating how she became a figure of global fascination.

"I think people love monsters. And so when they get the chance, they want to see them. It's people projecting their fears," Knox says. "They want the reassurance that they know who the bad people are, and it's not them. So maybe that's what it is: We're all afraid, and fear makes people crazy."

Such is the provocative opening of "Amanda Knox," a documentary premiering Friday on Netflix that gives the participants of one of the most sensational trials of the century a chance to tell their story, straightforwardly, directly to the camera. For a case that often seemed like a horror movie played out in the nightly news, "Amanda Knox" allows the drama's main characters to step out from their media-crafted roles.

"We thought that a new way of adding a fresh perspective to the story was to look at it from the inside out and to get to the people at the center of the story and have them tell us what it was like to be embroiled in this whole story," says Rod Blackhurst, who directed the film with Brian McGinn.

The British student Meredith Kercher was murdered Nov. 1, 2007, in Perugia, Italy. Knox, Kercher's roommate and an American student studying abroad, and her Italian boyfriend, Raffaele Sollecito, were arrested and convicted of the murder. Knox was sentenced to 26 years in prison, Sollecito to 25.

Three years after Rudy Guede was convicted for the murder and sexual assault of Kercher, the convictions of Knox and Sollecito were overturned in 2011, allowing Knox to return home to Seattle after spending four years in jail. But she and Sollecito were tried again in 2014, again found guilty, only to finally be exonerated by the Italian Supreme Court in 2015.



Netflix via AP
This image released by Netflix shows Amanda Knox in a scene from her self-titled documentary, premiered Friday, Sept. 30 on Netflix.

line-motivated interest. The film was viewed for each before it premiered earlier this month at the Toronto International Film Festival.

The filmmakers have watched as their documentary has ironically returned Knox to the media's spotlight. The Daily Mail, for example, published photographs — the kind usually reserved for jet-setting movie stars — of Knox and her current boyfriend, writer Christopher Robinson, with whom she lives in Seattle, arriving in Toronto. (Knox attended the premiere but didn't speak at it.)

"They all would like to move on from this," says Blackhurst. "Not only has it defined their lives for the better part of a decade, but it seems like they'll forever be trapped in this narrative that might have latched on to them for the rest of their lives."

Knox, in the film, considers the implications of her being turned into "a monster," and the implications it has for others.

"If I'm guilty, it means I am the ultimate figure to fear. On the other hand, if I'm innocent, it means everyone's vulnerable. And it's everyone's nightmare," Knox says. "Either I'm a psychopath in sheep's clothing or I am you,"

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Duane to be his half-brother.

Duane's birth certificate lists John Nelson as his father, and John's obituary listed Duane as his son. Duane, who died in 2011, also served as Prince's security chief for several years before they had a falling out.

Should the court count Duane as a half-sibling, Brianna and Victoria Nelson hope to divide what would have been his share (one-seventh) of the estate, which has been estimated at between \$100 million and \$300 million altogether.

Already, Carver County District Judge Kevin Eide has said Brianna and Victoria have presented a plausible enough case to proceed and don't need to undergo genetic testing.

"One-seventh of the estate after taxes is still a lot of money," Los Angeles probate attorney Robert Straus said.

If Simmons' claim survives, it would be

a three-way split. He says Duane Nelson and his mother, Carolyn Simmons, who isn't Brianna Nelson's mother, met at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Duane left Carolyn when she was five months pregnant and returned to Minnesota, Simmons said. He said his parents' last contact was in 1989, and that he met Brianna and two of Prince's half-sisters for the first time at Duane's funeral.

"His relationship with Brianna Nelson is a happy and affectionate one, in which Brianna Nelson acknowledges him as her brother," Simmons' motion claimed. It also said he attended Prince's family funeral and spent "quality time" there with Brianna and two of Prince's half-sisters he considers his

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