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BSISD and HC eye possible partnership on Washington, Goliad

By ERIN STEPHENS and ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writers

Big Spring's Washington and Goliad elementary schools have been on the Texas Education Agency's "Improvement Required" list for six years and are in danger of triggering mandatory corrective action by the state. Friday, Big Spring Independent School District leaders and Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks met with local media to discuss a possible alternative to state action by giving Howard control of the two schools.

Big Spring Interim Superintendent Johnny Tubb and Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Dr. Raemi Thompson explained that the alternative is laid out in Texas Senate Bill 1882; which, according to a Jan 26 TEA update, "is an Act relating to a school dis-

trict contract to partner with an open-enrollment charter school or other eligible entity to operate a district campus." According to the update, "other eligible entity" can "include institutions of higher education."

"By the partnership arrangement, they are to have control over those campuses," said Tubb. "When I say control, that's hiring, firing, curriculum, governance – a separate board from the Big Spring board to actually govern. Having said all that, (Dr. Sparks) didn't run. She's staying with us. We don't even know if we're going to be able to put all this together, but we do feel like it's in our best interest to try, and that's kind of where we are today."

Both Tubb and Sparks empha-

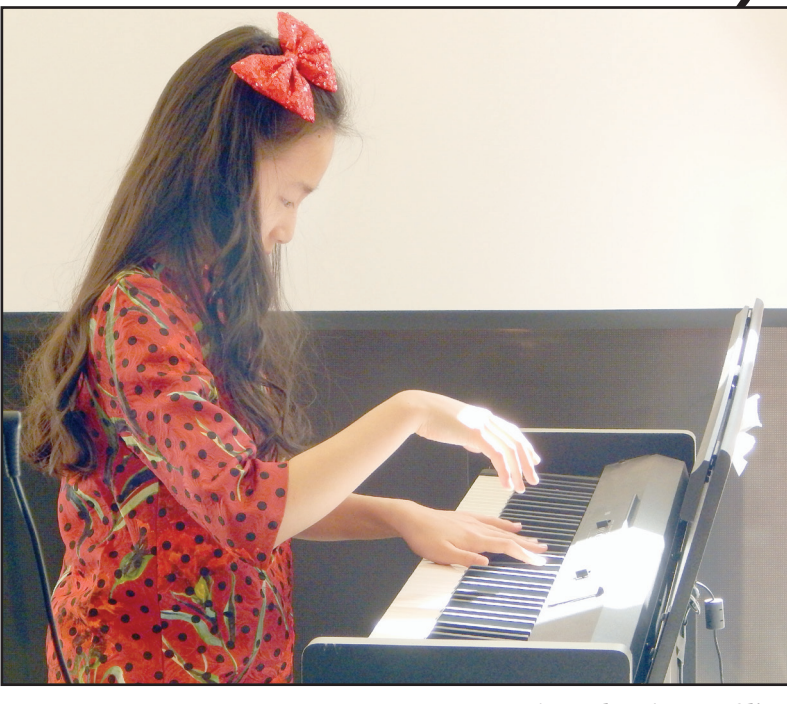
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... sized that the planning for the possible partnership is at a very early stage so far. Several things could still derail the agreement; not the least of which is that the schools might improve enough



HERALD photo/Roger Cline
 Big Spring school district's Curriculum Director Dr. Raemi Thompson, left, and Interim Superintendent Johnny Tubb met Friday with Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks to announce and discuss a possible partnership deal to help underperforming elementary schools Washington and Goliad.

Sweet Harmony



HERALD photo/Roger Cline
 12-year-old pianist Harmony Zhu performed at the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club's noon meeting Friday. Zhu, a Juilliard student and prodigy in both piano and chess, played her own composition, entitled "Ballade No. 1." Zhu and the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra will perform Frédéric Chopin's "Piano Concerto No. 1" Saturday during the BSSO's Winter Wonderland Concert at the Municipal Auditorium.

Georgia town shaken after officer killed, deputies wounded

LOCUST GROVE, Ga. (AP) — The killing of a police officer and wounding of two deputies in a sudden, unexpected burst of gunfire has left a Georgia town in shock.

The fallen officer's wife is expecting the couple's second baby. The town's mayor broke down as he spoke about the officer and his family hours after Friday morning's shooting.

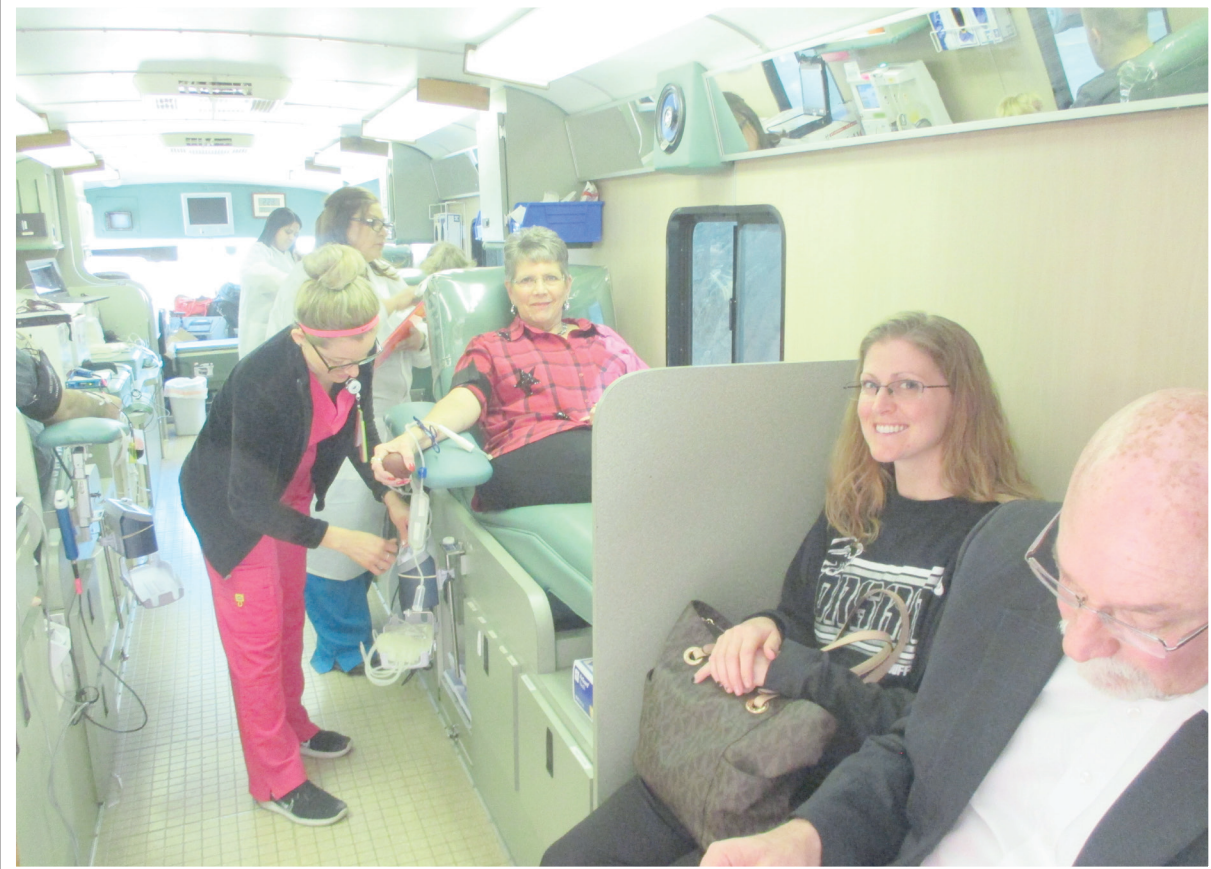
of somebody ..." Locust Grove Mayor Robert Price said, choking up during an interview. "We got to pray for the two county officers that's wounded."

The wounded Henry County deputies were taken to hospitals, and the suspect, identified as Tierre Guthrie, 39, was killed, authorities said.

Gunfire broke out as the officers were serving an arrest warrant about 11 a.m. at a home in Locust Grove, about 40 miles (65 kilometers) southeast of Atlanta, Henry County Sheriff Keith McBrayer said. Guthrie was wanted for failing to appear

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UBS back at Back in Motion



HERALD photo/Amber Mansfield
 The United Blood Services (UBS) was back in Howard County this Friday collecting blood from Howard County volunteers. UBS set a bloodmobile set up at Back In Motion Chiropractic located at 1113 Scurry St., Friday, Feb. 9 from noon to 3 p.m.

"United Blood Services have partnered with Back in Motion for years," said Linda Grace, senior donor recruitment representative with United Blood Services. "Since the holidays are always in high demand of blood, and now that they are over it's a great time to donate to replenish the supply."

Guarding the Nation

Courtesy photo
 Sgt. Wesley Hill, left, and Staff Sgt. Christopher McPherson of the Texas Army National Guard spoke to the Coahoma High School juniors and seniors on Thursday about the opportunities they can receive from enlisting in the National Guard. Students who enlist can attend college while serving in the National Guard.



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Harden, Capela lead Rockets to 130-104 win over Nuggets

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer
HOUSTON (AP) — James Harden and some of his Houston teammates got after Clint Capela after he missed a couple of easy layups in the first quarter against the Denver Nuggets. "Oh, we yelled at him for missing those bunnies, too, because we've got to look at it as a playoff game and all those points under the basket... finishes," Harden said.

Capela soon turned things around and more than made up for his early errors.

Harden scored 28 points, Capela added 23 points with a career-high 25 rebounds and the Rockets never trailed in a lopsided 130-104 win on Friday night.

The 23-year-old Capela is the youngest Rocket to have at least 23 points and 25 rebounds in a game since Hakeem Olajuwon had 30 points and 25 rebounds against the Knicks on Feb. 14, 1985.

It was the first 20-point, 20-rebound game of his career, thanks to a scoring change days after a game against Utah on Dec. 18 that left him



AP Photo
Houston Rockets guard James Harden (13) shoots as Denver Nuggets forward Wilson Chandler defends during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Friday, Feb. 9, 2018, in Houston.

with just 19 rebounds on a 24-point night.

"This game I just wanted to make sure, so I got a couple more than 20 so if they take one out I'll still have more than 20," he said with a smile.

Harden had 11 assists and seven rebounds as Houston won its seventh straight and 11th of 12.

The Rockets had a double-digit lead for most of the game and held an advantage

of 20 points or more throughout most of the second half. Harden didn't play in the third quarter, and Capela and the rest of the starters sat down

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Jim Garrett, Cowboys coach Jason Garrett's dad, dies at 87

DALLAS (AP) — Jim Garrett, the father of Dallas Cowboys coach Jason Garrett and a longtime scout for the club, has died. He was 87.

The team said Jim Garrett died Friday night with his wife, Jane, and his eight children by his side.

The elder Garrett first joined the Cowboys as a scout in 1968 and spent 36 of the next 38 years coaching or scouting in the NFL,

including the last 17 of his career with the Cowboys. He wrote the original scouting report on Hall of Fame quarterback Troy Aikman, the No. 1 pick in the 1989 draft.

Jim Garrett was part of four Super Bowl teams in Dallas, including the championship seasons from 1992, 1993 and 1995 seasons. He was an assistant with the New York Giants, New Orleans and Cleveland.

Saturday's Olympic Medalists

By The Associated Press

At Pyeongchang, South Korea

BIATHLON
Women's 7.5km
GOLD: Laura Dahlmeier, Germany
SILVER: Marte Olsbu, Norway

BRONZE: Veronika Vitkova, Czech Republic

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING
Women's Skiathlon
GOLD: Charlotte Kalla, Sweden
SILVER: Marit Bjoergen, Norway

BRONZE: Krista Parmakoski, Finland

SHORT TRACK SPEEDSKATING
Men's 1500
GOLD: Lim Hyojun, South Korea
SILVER: Sjinkie Knegt, Netherlands
BRONZE: Semen Elistratov, OA Russia

SKI JUMPING
Men's Normal Hill
GOLD: Andreas Wellinger, Germany
SILVER: Johann Andre Forfang

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Loch leads, Mazdzer in pursuit in Olympic luge competition

PYEONGCHANG, SOUTH KOREA (AP) — History says it's over, whether Germany's Felix Loch wants to believe that or not.

Loch — the two-time defending Olympic champion — is the leader at the midway point of the men's luge competition at the Pyeongchang Games, finishing his first two runs Saturday night in 1 minute, 35.299 seconds.

From there, it's a logjam: David Gleirscher of Austria is second in 1:35.487, Roman Repilov of the "Olympic Athletes from Russia" is third in 1:35.516, and Chris Mazdzer of the U.S. is fourth in 1:35.517 — a mere one-thousandth of a second from the bronze spot.

Time-wise, yes, that's close. But in 12 of the previous 14 Olympic men's luge competitions, the leader after two runs has gone on to win the gold medal. Loch went to sleep on the lead at the midway mark in 2010 and 2014, and now finds himself in position to join only Germany's Georg Hackl to win three straight Olympic men's luge titles.

"That's nice to know,"

Loch said. "The last two times, it was not a problem."

The only Olympics where the leader at the midway mark of the men's luge event didn't finish off the golden task were in 1980 and 1984. And in seven of the last eight games, the people who were first and second after two heats remained in that exact order in the final standings.

In fact, there's been nine occasions where the gold-silver-bronze order at the midway mark of the Olympic competition stayed exactly that way in the final standings.

That's good news for Gleirscher and Repilov. Mazdzer is looking to change all that.

The native of Saranac Lake, New York has struggled mightily at times this season, creating a bit of a crisis of confidence. Frustrated, he went to fellow competitors looking for a solution and based on what he learned from them he decided to rebuild his sled late in the World Cup season.

Now he's flying, and becoming the first USA Luge men's singles

slider to win an Olympic medal is now squarely within Mazdzer's reach.

"The ice, it is so hard right now," said Mazdzer — whose sisters and girlfriend decided to show up in body paint on a Friday night. "Training wheels are off. For the Olympics, you've just got to go for it. ... I'm having a lot of fun out here. My family, friends are here, and it feels like I'm at home right now."

Mazdzer, a perennial World Cup contender, was 18th in the standings this season. But he wasn't the least bit surprised to be in a contending spot at the Olympics.



AP Photo
Roman Repilov, Olympic Athlete of Russia, starts his first men's luge run at the 2018 Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea, Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018. (AP Photo/Wong Maye-E)

"You can either give up or you can keep pushing on," Mazdzer said. "I'm really lucky. When I kind of get mad and upset, my tendency

is to work harder. And yeah, I'm incredibly happy with where I am right now. It's unreal."

Canada's Sam Edney is fifth, exactly one-

tenth of a second behind Mazdzer. Edney is in the Olympics for the fourth and final time.

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Nursing Homes, not such a scary place



HERALD photo/Amber Mansfield

Displayed in the pictures above is the sign and front entrance of Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, located at 3200 Parkway Rd. in Big Spring, Texas.

By AMBER MANSEFIELD

Staff Writer

Whether fueled by fear or misinformation, many Americans assume nursing homes are depressing and isolating institutions housing people who have little to contribute to society. Some of those weariness of retirement homes are not completely misplaced, one reason being that of the 204,000 physical therapists nationwide, only 2,133 hold a geriatric specialization. And yes there are retirement centers that don't provide the quality care as other retirement centers do. As the way of the world, not everyone will be the same and there will be places better than other. But regardless, there are other wrong assumptions about retirement homes that are compounded by ageism, a major social problem that needs to be changed.

It seems appropriate to look at how these inaccurate stereotypes affect the recruitment of talent in geriatric services, and redirect thoughts of how nursing homes are institutions where people go to die, we need greater representation of the positive aspects of nursing homes.

There are many examples of nursing homes that increase resident self-worth and quality of life by providing care directed around the individual person's preferences, and we have some great examples of retirement centers that provide quality care to the residents that reside there.

One Retirement Center being Parkview Nursing & Rehabilitation Center (PNRC). PNRC is the only locally owned and operated skilled nursing facility in Big Spring, located at 3200 Parkway Rd, across from the golf course. As a result, the staff at PNRC is very family oriented. They furnish cable in each room, as well as phone jacks where residents can have a phone at their expense. We want all our residents to feel at home while with us. PNRC's goal is to create a true home where quality service is provided to reach the individual needs of every resident; a place where compassionate care is given and where services are tailored to individual needs. Through PNRC's Quality Assurance Program, is to dedicate themselves to meet the individual needs of each resident with a continuous commitment to tailor our nursing and related services while providing a nurturing and homelike environment. Any question about PNRC call 432-263-4041.

Feature below is Laurie Martinez, an employee, who answers some of those myths and scares of the nursing home.

Courtesy Photo

Thursday Feb. 1 was Candy Making Day at Parkview Nursing & Rehab Center. The residents of Parkview came together to visit, have fun, and made cotton candy and candy suckers. Shown in the left picture is Parkview resident, Virginia Kirkland, and Shelia Crockett, a volunteer from Kindred Hospice, sharing some cotton candy. The right photo shows Parkview resident, Marie Pounds, helping herself to some of the cotton candy that was made by the residents there at Parkview.



Myth:
"I'll be bored"

Truth:
Activities of choice are offered all day long. Whether it be group activities such as crafts, games, musical acts coming in to sing, church activities - to individual activities. We also go out of the facility to things such as bowling, pizza inn, feeding the ducks in the park, ice cream at Dairy Queen. If we don't have something to keep them busy and entertained, we are committed to figuring out what it is they like.

Myth:
"I'll drain my finances"

Truth:
Depending on the persons income, governmental assistance could be available. If a person adds up rent, utilities, 3 meals a day (menu style choices) plus snacks, home maintenance, all household supplies, 24 hour a day care, etc. it isn't as bad as the initial thought.

Myth:
"I'm afraid I won't receive the best care for me"

Truth:
We have people of all ages and ethnicity that live here and all needs are different. Everyone is different and has different needs but we value "people as people" and take pride in meeting those individual needs. We are locally owned and have ownership on site most every day.

Myth:
"I will get old and sick faster"

Truth:
It's actually the opposite. We see people 'getting better faster'. We provide activities that stimulate the mind, physical and occupational therapy to stimulate the body, good food to stimulate the stomach. Most people find that when they actually eat healthy and regularly that that in itself makes them feel better. We try to keep everyone as active as possible. We offer weekly prayer with a local chaplain where our staff and residents all pray together. This is the best possible medicine.

Myth:
"I will lose my independence"

Truth:
We encourage all residents to stay as independent as possible. If you live here, we encourage all to treat it like their home. They can come and go as they please into the community to do things they normally would. They can be as independent as they want while they live here or they can let us treat them like a queen/king and let us do it. It's up to them.

We actually serve a 2-fold purpose: We are not just a long-term care facility, we are also a Short Term Skilled Rehab Facility. About 1/4 of our population is only here for rehab and plan to return home. We have an entire hall dedicated just for this type of stay. However, many people do choose to remain long term even when their therapy is up.

Myth:
"I won't be able to control my daily activities or life"

Truth:
Again, resident have choice over any and everything they wish to do. They can go to sleep or wake when they want, eat when they want, shower or bathe when they want. They can go out into the community when they want and with whom they want. People do not lose rights by living in a nursing home.

Myth:
"People will forget about me"

Truth:
This is a true misconception. If you had visitors at home, they will follow you here too. If you didn't have visitors at home, you will make new friends and visitors while you are here. We have seen the most beautiful relationships built here whether it is between residents, resident and family members, resident and staff member or volunteer.

Aging is inevitable and we all may face moving into a nursing home some day. By viewing nursing homes as a place to receive care that other environments cannot provide rather than a home of last resort, we ensure that older adults live out their remaining years safely, securely, and with the support they need.



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Obituaries

Geneva Ira Honeycutt



Funeral services for Geneva Ira Honeycutt will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 12, 2018, at Brownfield Funeral Home with Terry Chrestman officiating. Graveside service will follow at 2:30 p.m. at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring, Texas.

There will be a family visitation from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 11, 2018, at Brownfield Funeral Home.

Geneva passed away shortly after 10 a.m. at home in the presence of Eddie and Nadine McHugh on Thursday, Feb. 8, 2018, in Brownfield. She was born April 06, 1919, in Troy, Texas to Roscoe and Jessie Vera Row. She married Robert Earl Honeycutt on Nov. 30, 1935 in Waco. They were married 63 years before Robert passed away in 1999. Geneva worked for Salem Baptist Church in Coahoma for 37 years and Coahoma ISD from 1963 to 1986. She was a member of the Salem Baptist Church for 68

years and then a member of the Wellman First Baptist Church. She was a member of the WMU Baptist Women. Geneva had a servant's heart and loved growing flowers. She loved the Lord and was at peace and ready to go home and be with Jesus. She enjoyed watching her family grow up and always had such a gentle spirit. Her name Grandma Honey definitely suited her sweet personality. Geneva is preceded in death by her husband, Robert Earl Honeycutt, parents, Robert and Jessie Row, two sons, Odis Earl and Wesley Howard Honeycutt and wife, Wanda Jean Honeycutt.

Geneva is survived by daughter; Nadine McHugh and husband, Eddie, three granddaughters; Shelia Connor and husband, Ron, Courtney Roye and husband, Sean, Jennifer Dorsey and husband, Chris, two grandsons, Jay McHugh and wife, Courtnee, and Lee Honeycutt and wife Tracy, eight great grandsons; Cameron Honeycutt, Joe, James, Jack and John Dorsey, Cade Connor, Brody and Blayde McHugh, three great granddaughters; Erin, Jacie, and Regan Roye, sister-in-law; Geneva Bewley, and two nieces; Jeannie Barrick and Fay Luke.

Paid obituary

Earl Richard Kohlman



Earl Richard Kohlman, 91, of Kerrville, Texas passed away Monday Feb. 5, 2018. Earl was born May 10, 1926, in Iowa Park, Texas. He graduated from Electra High School in May, of 1942, and attended college for a short time before volunteering for service in the U. S. Navy. He served in the Pacific Theater as a radio man on the aircraft carrier USS Langley (CVL27) until June

1946.

After World War II, Earl attended North Texas College (now University of North Texas), graduating in May 1948. While there he met his future wife, Rubye Jo Smith of Stephenville, Texas. A year later they were married on May 29th in Eunice, New Mexico and went on to enjoy a wonderful life of 65 years together.

Earl worked for Stanolind Oil and Gas Company for three years before moving to Halliburton. He held various positions with them throughout the country. These included a stint on the North Slope of Alaska, and a lengthy assignment to the Nevada Nuclear Testing Site. He finished his career as a safety training supervisor/instructor in Big Spring, Texas.

Earl retired from Halliburton in 1986, in 1990 he and Ruby Jo moved to Kerrville, Texas. They enjoyed traveling throughout the United States with close friends towing their campers, highlighted by a lengthy trip to Alaska. They built a cabin in the mountains outside Red River, New Mexico, enjoying the beautiful scenery and many activities. Always active in the Methodist Church, Earl served on the official boards during construction of churches in Wichita Falls, Texas and Las Vegas, Nevada. Earl's been a member of St. Paul's Methodist Church in Kerrville since 1990, serving as an usher while his health allowed.

The love of his life, Rubye Jo passed away in 2014. The devoted couple leaves behind two daughters, a much loved son in law, three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be held for Earl Thursday Feb. 15, 2018, at 10 a.m. at St. Paul's United Methodist Church. A reception will follow at the church. The family requests that in lieu of flowers a donation be made to the St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Kerrville, Texas 78028.

Arrangements are under the direction and personal care of the professionals at Kerrville Funeral Home. (830) 895-5111.

Paid Obituary

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **LORENZO TORRES RAMIREZ**, 33, of 1006 E. 19th St. was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.) and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.
- **DAVID ALLEN HUGHLETT**, 24, of 102 Airbase Rd. was arrested on warrants for driving with an invalid license, change of name or mailing address later than 30 days, and expired registration.
- **CHRISTIAN GENE CARTER**,

19, of 101 Jonesboro was arrested on charges of driving with a suspended or invalid license and possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).

- **JAMES LEE DORLAND JR.**, 59, of 1507 Avion St. was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JON COLE MCLEOD**, 28, of 3914 Parkway Drive was arrested on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **ADAN MICHAEL DE LA CRUZ**, 21, of 1108 Lamar Ave. was arrested on a charge of prohibited weapons (knuckles).

- **RAYMOND LOPEZ CHAVARRIA**, 62, of 1314 State Park Drive was arrested on a warrant for driving while intoxicated.
- **KEVIN DENNIS DONNELLY**, 54, of 1011 Gembler Rd. No. 1 in San Angelo was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 3400 block of North Highway 350 and the 1300 block of Sycamore Street.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 3200 block of West Highway 80.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 100 block of Avion Street.

Take Note

Scholarship packets for Coahoma High School seniors are now available at the counselor's office. Thousands of dollars worth scholarships opportunities are available to Coahoma High School students. The deadline to turn in applications for some of the scholarships is fast approaching. If students or parents have any questions or need help filling out any forms, please contact Chandra Brooks at 395-5000 or come by the high school office. Extra scholarship packets are available at front office. Please see Brooks at the high school office for a packet.

Are you interested in Duplicate Bridge? Big Spring Duplicate will offer lessons to both men and woman. The lessons will be offered at the Big Spring Country Club. The lessons started Jan. 31 and run through Feb. 28. There will be five lessons at \$25 per person. Bridge is a wonderful, stimulating, and pleasant way to spend an afternoon or evening. If you have any questions call 267-5615 or 263-2753.

Cross stitch squares are now ready for the 2018 Howard County Fair quilt. Theme for this year's quilt is "The Love of Dogs." Anyone able to help by stitching a square may pick one up at the Heritage Museum during regular hours Tuesday through Saturday. For questions or for more information, please contact Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674.

The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains. The corps provides spiritual services to Howard County residents and visitors in crisis situations. Prospective chaplains don't require any specific experience or education to qualify for the position, just a calling from God and a willingness to devote time to the program, which requires a 24- to 30-week training program and dedication of one day per week for emergency call-outs. Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Joel Miller at 432-213-1221.

Big Spring's Centennial Lions Club is holding a drive to collect books for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. Books for kids in kindergarten through about 10th grade will be accepted, with special preference for books for younger children in kindergarten through third grade. Cash donations to allow the Lions to purchase additional books are also appreciated. Books or donations can be taken to the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., or to the home of Lions member Ken Lawhon at 1707 E. 15th St. For more information, contact Lawhon at 214-998-9716 or Lions member David Stives at 432-270-2251.

Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

Each week Kindred offers free health checks from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Corner House Coffee Shop, 1701 Scurry St.

Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat. Cost has dropped to \$5 per person thanks to a sponsor Marcy House, 2301 Wasson Road.

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

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

Big Spring Centennial Lion's Club has changed its meeting time. The club now meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday and the fourth Tuesday of each month. Meetings are still held at the Big Spring TA Truck Stop. Visitors are welcome.

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

MONDAY

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

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

TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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Lehtonen, Seguin lead Stars over Penguins 4-3 in shootout



AP Photo

Dallas Stars right wing Tyler Pitlick (18) has his shot deflected back between his legs by Pittsburgh Penguins goalie Matt Murray (30) during the first period of an NHL hockey game Friday, Feb. 9, 2018, in Dallas.

DALLAS (AP) — When Dallas goaltender Kari Lehtonen had to face Pittsburgh's top three scorers in a shootout Friday night, he relied on a memory going back all the way to the first period.

Carl Hagelin had beaten Lehtonen on a breakaway for a two-goal lead. The Stars came back to take a brief lead. With help from their goalie and a game-winning shot by Tyler Seguin, they earned a 4-3 victory over the Penguins.

"I tried to use the Hagelin goal kind of as a reminder," Lehtonen said. "I'm sure they were looking at that too, thinking of shooting and that's a way to score, so I decided to stay a little bit more out and be patient rather than have a lot of flow backwards like I usually do."

The approach worked. Evgeni Malkin, Sidney Crosby and Phil Kessel, with 71 goals

between them this season, failed to score. Lehtonen saved Kessel's shot on Pittsburgh's last chance. Malkin shot wide left, and Crosby sent the puck off and over the crossbar.

"I wasn't that close to Crosby's shot," Lehtonen said. "Luckily, he missed the net."

Lehtonen earned his fifth straight win, and Dallas also stretched its win streak to five games.

Shooting second, Seguin sent a shot off Matt Murray's right side and into the net.

Dallas remained fourth in the Central Division, but pulled within three points of co-leaders Nashville and Winnipeg. Pittsburgh fell five points behind Metropolitan Division-leading Washington.

The Penguins tied it with 1:13 left in regulation on defenseman Justin Schultz's goal from above the left fa-

ceoff circle. Murray had been replaced by a sixth skater.

"It was a big point," Schultz said. "We would have liked two, but that's a good team over there."

Pittsburgh took a 2-0 lead in the first period on goals by Riley Sheahan and Hagelin.

The Stars' comeback began when Seguin scored his sixth goal in five games at 17:57 of the first period. John Klingberg and Dan Hamhuis scored early in the third period to give Dallas a 3-2 lead.

It was the first win for the Stars when trailing after two periods, and the first loss for Pittsburgh when leading entering the third.

"We're usually a good third-period team," Murray said. "It's unfortunate that a game like that has to go to a shootout, but we played really well."

Lehtonen finished with a season-high 34 saves.

After the Stars missed the playoffs last season, they acquired goaltender Ben Bishop, who has played in more than two-thirds of their games.

"I think they're quite frankly one of the big stories of the team," Stars coach Ken Hitchcock said. "Your goalie is gonna have to be the best player on the road and he has to win games for you if you're gonna be a playoff team."

Murray made 33 saves, including stops on breakaways by Jamie Benn and Alexander Radulov in overtime.

Benn assisted on all three goals for Dallas.

Sheahan scored at 9:07 of the first period. He beat Dallas' Jason Spezza to a loose puck, skated down the left side and slid a backhand between Lehtonen's legs.

Dallas had a power play when Hagelin took the puck for a breakaway. Klingberg

tried to reach out to slow Hagelin with his stick, but Hagelin beat Lehtonen anyway at 10:54.

NOTES: Pittsburgh C Zach Aston-Reese assisted on Sheahan's goal for his first point in his third NHL game. ... Stars rookie D Dillon Heatherington also had first NHL point in his fifth game, assisting on Seguin's goal. ... Penguins D Jamie Oleksiak played against his former team for the first time since Dallas traded him in December. ... Stars C Martin Hanzal missed his 21st game this season after being hit in the left leg by a teammate's shot during Thursday's game at Chicago. ... LW Conor Sheary returned to Pittsburgh's lineup after missing three games.

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ROCKETS

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for good with about nine minutes left and the game out of hand.

Trey Lyles scored 24 points off the bench to lead the Nuggets, who had a three-game winning streak snapped.

"We got really good looks, but they just didn't go our way," coach Michael Malone said.

The Rockets had a 27-point lead to start the fourth and a 14-6 run to open the quarter made it 111-76 with about nine minutes left. Eric Gordon, Ryan Anderson and Gerald Green all made 3s in that stretch and Chris Paul scored the other five points.

Coach Mike D'Antoni took out most of his start-

ers after that and Denver scored the next eight straight, with Torrey Craig and Lyles making four each, to cut the lead to 111-84 with seven minutes remaining.

The Nuggets had no answer for Capela, who had 16 rebounds by halftime. He grabbed his 20th to tie his previous career best with about five minutes left in the third.

"Clint is huge for us. He's vital to everything we do," Paul said.

Denver had a terrible night from long range, making a season-low three 3-pointers on 28 attempts.

The Rockets led by 16 early in the third quarter before using a 7-2 run to extend their advantage to 73-52 with about nine minutes left in the period. Capela led the way in that span with four points and Harden added a 3-pointer.

Nikola Jokic made a basket for the Nuggets after that be-

fore Harden scored the first five points of a 10-2 spurt that made it 83-56 with seven minutes left in the quarter. Houston still led by 27 at the end of the period, 97-70.

TIP-INS

Nuggets: Jokic had 14 points and seven rebounds. ... Wilson Chandler added 11 points and six rebounds. ... Denver was outrebounded 48-39.

Rockets: Trevor Ariza missed his sixth straight game with a strained left hamstring. ... Gordon returned after missing the last game with lower back soreness. ... Anderson had nine points after sitting out the last game with a sprained right ankle. ... Green added 16 points. ... Paul played just 22 minutes, scoring 11 points.

HARDEN HONORED

The Rockets honored Harden before the game for his 60-point performance in Houston's Jan. 30 win over

Orlando. His total set a franchise record, besting the 57 points Calvin Murphy scored in 1978. Harden also had 11 assists and 10 rebounds in that game to become the first player in NBA history to score 60 points in a triple-double. The Rockets showed a video of Harden's highlights before Murphy presented him with a framed picture that featured Harden's image in front of the number 60.

NEW DAD IN THE HOUSE

Local rapper Travis Scott watched the game from a courtside seat. It's been a big month for Scott after he welcomed a daughter, Stormi, with Kylie Jenner last week. Scott wore baby blue Jordans as he chatted with Houston Astros pitcher Lance McCullers, and he often stood and cheered when the Rockets made big plays.

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Minnesota prosecutors object to giving data to Prince family

CHASKA, Minn. (AP) — Minnesota prosecutors say they'll object to releasing data connected to Prince's death because a criminal investigation is ongoing.

KSTP-TV reported this week that attorneys for Prince's family members are requesting access to investigative data as the siblings determine whether to file a wrongful death lawsuit. Prince died April 21, 2016, from an accidental overdose of fentanyl. It's not yet clear how he obtained

the drug.

Prosecutors in Carver County released a statement Friday saying law enforcement data is confidential because the investigation is active. It will stay confidential until a charging decision is made.

County Attorney Mark Metz also won't release medical examiner data because he can't currently determine if it would impede the investigation. Once it's closed, that data may be released to Prince's next of kin.

LUNCH MENUS

Big Spring ISD

Kentwood Early Childhood

Monday: Breakfast: Blueberry muffin, fresh oranges, milk. Lunch: Oven roasted drumstick, dinner roll, mixed fruit, mashed potatoes, fresh broccoli, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Sausage kolaches, fresh apple slices, milk. Lunch: Spaghetti, diced peaches, green beans, fresh red pepper strips, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Sausage sandwich, diced pears, milk. Lunch: Chicken nuggets, pineapples tidbits, sliced carrots, fresh zucchini squash, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Cinnamon toast crunch cereal, fresh banana, milk. Lunch: hamburger, applesauce, baked beans, fresh celery sticks, milk.

Friday: Holiday.

Elementary Schools

Monday: Breakfast: Cinnamon toast crunch cereal, string cheese, fresh apple slices, grape juice. Lunch: Cheeseburger, or oven roasted drumstick with dinner roll, fresh grapes, mixed fruit, mashed potatoes, fresh broccoli, garden salad.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Pancake on a stick, fresh oranges, fruit juice. Lunch: Hot dog, or diced chicken caesar, salad with breadsticks, diced peaches, buttered green beans, fresh red pepper strips, garden salad.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fresh pears, orange juice. Lunch: Chicken nuggets, or broccoli and cheese potato with dinner roll, fresh apples, diced pears, orange glazed carrots, fresh zucchini squash, garden salad.

Thursday: Breakfast: Sausage Kolaches, fresh apple slices, cherry star juice. Lunch: Chicken patty sandwich, or ham and turkey chef salad with dinner roll, fresh oranges, rosy applesauce, baked beans, fresh celery sticks, garden salad.

Friday: Holiday.

Intermediate School

Monday: Breakfast: Cocoa puffs cereal, graham crackers, fresh apples, grape juice. Lunch: Chicken patty sandwich, or cheeseburger, or oven roasted drumstick with roll, fresh grapes, mixed fruit, mashed potatoes, fresh broccoli, garden salad.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Pancake on a stick, fresh oranges, fruit juice. Lunch: Spicy chicken sandwich, or chili mac, or diced chicken caesar salad with breadsticks, strawberry craisins, diced peaches, buttered green beans, fresh red pepper strips, garden salad.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Cherry frudel, fresh pears, orange juice. Lunch: Chicken patty sandwich, or cheeseburger, or oven roasted drumstick with flatbread, fresh apples, Diced pears, orange glazed carrots, fresh zucchini squash.

Thursday: Breakfast: Chicken biscuits, fresh bananas, cherry star juice. Lunch: Spicy chicken sandwich, or hot dog, or chicken nuggets with roll, fresh oranges, applesauce, baked beans, fresh celery sticks, garden salad.

Friday: Holiday.

Junior High School

Monday: Breakfast: Cheerios cereal, string cheese, fresh apples, grape juice. Lunch: Chicken patty sandwich, or cheeseburger, or oven roasted drumstick with roll, fresh grapes, mixed fruit, mashed potatoes, fresh broccoli, garden salad.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Blueberry muffin, fresh oranges, fruit juice. Lunch: Spicy chicken sandwich, or chili mac, or diced chicken caesar salad with breadsticks, strawberry craisins, diced peaches, buttered green beans, fresh red pepper strips, garden salad.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, fresh pears, orange juice. Lunch: Chicken patty sandwich, or cheeseburger, or oven roasted drumstick with flatbread, fresh apples, Diced pears, orange glazed carrots, fresh zucchini squash.

Thursday: Breakfast: Chicken biscuits, fresh

Howard County Club News

Keep Big Spring Beautiful

Keep Big Spring Beautiful held their monthly meeting February 5, 2018. Eric Escamilla called the meeting to order and led the invocation and the pledge.

Teri Terchik made a motion to accept the January 2018 minutes. It was seconded by Peggy Skiles and all approved.

Jim DePauw gave the treasurer's report. Many individual and business memberships are coming due. Teri Telchik gave a report on the glass that will be used to finish the Main Street Project.

Chris Mason from Howard County Recycling spoke to the group. The recycling project will begin February 14, 2018. The website for more information is howardcountyrecycling.com or howardcountyrecycling@gmail.com These websites will show what products will be recycled and the costs.

Johnny Womack talked to the group about a possible E-Waste project. A grant application has been submitted for this project.

The next meeting will be March 5, 2018. We meet at noon at Howard College. We will be in the Cactus Room. Visitors are

always welcome.


Coahoma Lions Club

Coahoma Lion's Club will be having their Annual Pancake Supper Monday, Feb. 26.

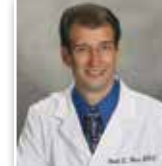
The annual papckape supper will be at the Coahoma Elementary Cafeteria at 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., followed with Coahoma ISD Open House from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., and then the Coahoma Talent Show at 7 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the CHS auditorium.

The Pancake Supper will be \$6 dollars a plate, and all the proceeds from the Pancake Supper help fund scholarship opportunities for Coahoma High School graduating seniors.

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bananas, cherry star juice. Lunch: Spicy chicken sandwich, or hot dog, or chicken nuggets with roll, fresh oranges, applesauce, baked beans, fresh celery sticks, garden salad.

Friday: Holiday

High School

Monday: Breakfast: Egg muffin melt, or waffles, or warm cinnamon apples, cocoa puffs cereal, string cheese, fresh apples, diced pears.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Sausage muffin melt, or waffles, or warm cinnamon apples, cinnamon toast crunch cereal, animal crackers, fresh oranges, mixed fruit.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Hash browns, toast, or egg and bacon muffin melt, or waffles, or warm cinnamon apples, lucky charms cereal, string cheese, fresh pears, applesauce.

Thursday: Breakfast: Sausage muffin melt, or waffles, warm cinnamon apples, honey nut cheerios cereal, animal crackers, fresh bananas, raisins.

Friday: Breakfast:

Lunch: Line 1: Made-to-order hamburgers, chicken sandwiches, deli-style sandwiches; Line 2: Pizza; Line 3: Nachos, burritos, tacos.

Coahoma ISD

Monday: Breakfast: Pancake wrap and yogurt. Lunch: Tuna salad with croissant or steak fingers with gravy or breaded pork chop with gravy, mashed potatoes, carrot coins, strawberry cup.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Sunrise sandwich or cheesy toast. Lunch: Crispy chicken salad, or spaghetti with breadsticks, or french bread pizza with marinara cup, garden salad, mixed veggies, brownies, mandarin oranges.

Wednesday: Breakfast: French toast and sausage or breakfast parfait. Lunch: Boneless chicken wingz with chips, or Texas Chili with Corn Bread, celery and carrot stick cup, valentines parfait cup.

Thursday: Breakfast: Oatmeal and cinnamon toast or pumpkin spice muffin and yogurt. Lunch: Mexican combo plate(1 taco, 2 Tamales), or chicken quesadilla with Spanish rice, mexi-corn, refried beans, salsa, mixed fruit cup.

Friday: Breakfast: Breakfast burrito and hash browns. Lunch: Popcorn chicken salad, or popcorn chicken with roll, or sloppy joe, okra, fries, fresh whole fruit.

Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, or cereal and toast or yogurt parfait, mandarin oranges, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Steak fingers, or chicken bites with ranch, tater tots, savory green beans, roll, fresh fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, or cereal and toast, or yogurt parfait, peach cup, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken nuggets, with mac n cheese,

or taco pie with tostitos, seasoned corn, baby carrots, fresh fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: French toast with sausage patty, or cereal and toast, or yogurt parfait, mandarin oranges, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Hamburger, or mini corn dogs, ranch style beans, spicy fries, baby carrots, fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, or cereal and toast, or yogurt parfait, strawberry cup, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Steak fingers, or chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, savory green beans, roll, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Dutch waffle with bacon, cereal and toast, or yogurt parfait, applesauce cup, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken sandwich, or cherry blossom chicken, or Asian bowl egg roll, waffle fries, baby carrots, fresh fruit, milk.

Sands CISD

Monday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Taquito and queso, Spanish rice, Charro beans, seasoned corn, salsa, fresh fruit, fruit crisp, milk variety.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Chicken n biscuits, or cereal bar and yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Hamburger, lettuce, tomato and pickles, cucumber slices, baby carrots, applesauce, cookie, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Donuts and sausage, breakfast parfait, strawberries, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Pizza, seasoned corn, garden salad, tiny tomato cup, fruity gelatin, milk variety.

Thursday: Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, scrambled eggs, bacon, or cereal bar, and yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Chili cheese combo, fresh veggies cup, mixed fruit, fruit variety, milk variety.

Friday: Breakfast: Pancake wrap, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken nuggets, or shrimp popcorn, mac and cheese, savory green beans, garden salad, apple slices, fruit variety, milk variety.

Big Spring Senior Center

Monday: Chicken fajitas, Spanish rice, lettuce tomato cheese, peaches, tortilla, milk.

Tuesday: Hamburger steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, Scandinavian vegetables, chocolate chip cookies, bread, milk.

Wednesday: Chopped BBQ on Bun, pinto beans, potato salad, onion slice, cherry pepper, vanilla pudding, milk.

Thursday: Chicken and Dumplings, glazed carrots, caesar salad, chocolate cake, crackers, milk.

Friday: Fish sandwich, tarter sauce, sweet potato fries, sugar cookies, milk.



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BSISD

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so that it is no longer warranted. Tubb said the school district has made several recent changes – including reorganizing the district's elementary schools to grade-level campuses rather than having all grade levels at all campuses – that he feels will help improve matters.

"Clearly with the reorganization and repurposing that was done this year, we feel like we're on the right track," he said. "So we're doing everything we can to improve. Everybody's got to know that."

Even if the schools come up short, they might be close enough that BSISD could appeal the decision, pushing any action to November, which would make an immediate partnership unnecessary, Tubb said.

Sparks said she needs to consult with Howard College's governing body, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, to see if the partnership is something Howard can appropriately take on.

"We've always tried to be a partner with the Big Spring ISD in everything. We're talking about our community," Sparks said. "When Johnny called and was telling me about the situation, certainly we're going to look at it, if we can be of help. As he said, I haven't been doing elementary ed. That's not our expertise. We've all got so many questions right now

and no answers right now. There are some things that we're going to have to do. We've got to reach out to the SACSCOC, which is our accrediting body. We've got to talk to the Coordinating Board. This is a different thing than the Southern Association has not had put in front of it before, I'm thinking, as well as the Coordinating Board."

Sparks said she has faith in the improvement the BSISD has made recently.

"There's so much progress being made in the school district and I think we're getting there. I have a lot of faith in BSISD and what they're already doing," she said. "We all still have a lot of questions and no answers right now."

Tubb said another potential pitfall is that the TEA might disallow the partnership.

"If we don't have that assurance from the Agency, this goes away," Tubb said. "But once it's been approved and implemented, the Agency will back off for two years on accountability, test scores, what we're accomplishing or not accomplishing. It gives the district two more years to hopefully continue what we're doing and get us out anyway. The benefit of all of us this to us is that the TEA will agree to give us a two year window to be successful and this is the number one benefit to us. The number two benefit is that it's Howard College, so it's not someone we're not familiar with."

Both Tubb and Sparks expressed their desire to be transparent and continue "exploratory conversation"

on the topic.

TEA is still establishing the rules for SB 1882 and plans to release that information to the school districts on or by Monday, Feb 26. In the meantime, school districts considering a potential partnership have been encouraged to inform the public through board action of their consideration of this option. They are also being encouraged to submit a non-binding letter of intent to TEA by February 15th. BSISD interim superintendent Johnny Tubb recommended that the school board take action to submit a non-binding letter of intent to TEA for the purpose of exploring a possible partnership with Howard College on Thursday evening at the monthly board of trustees meeting.

As far as Goliad Intermediate and Washington Elementary getting out of IR status, Thompson explained that both schools are making progress.

"A lot of the students on these campuses were at the very bottom tier but have they've moved up the tier and are now just below grade level," said Thompson. "We still have four months to make that next jump so we continue to monitor for that. The state of Texas has just released the interim assessment which is brand new to all schools in the state this year. It's a mock STAAR assessment where teachers and students can see exactly where our strengths and weaknesses are. This is different from a practice STAAR and the purpose is to target students who may only be one or two questions away. As you know, suc-

cess breeds success so as we build confidence in those kids and let them know they can do it and have been given the tools to do so."

Tubb has hope for the future of BSISD.

"I think that even if we don't get out of IR, we're going to see tremendous gain because we're all in on what we're doing and everyone believes in it and everybody is committed to it and if we got extremely close, I don't think our partner (if we had to partner with someone) would come in and tweak, refine, add, and do whatever is necessary," he said. "As far as effort, we're doing 110 percent. As far as effort, purpose, and leadership from the campus administrators, we're all in."

Districts requesting SB 1882 benefits will be asked to submit eligibility approval requests and associated materials on or by Monday, April 30th. The associated materials will include an executed performance contract as required by TEC, 12.0531. Eligible approval request forms and related materials will be posted on the Agency SB 1882 Webpage shortly after the final rules have been posted.

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SHOOTING

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in court for traffic violations, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation said.

"Guthrie became combative and escalated the situation," the agency said in a statement late Friday night. They called a Locust Grove police officer for backup, and he arrived within minutes.

"A fight ensued resulting in Guthrie and the officers firing their weapons," the GBI said.

Authorities identified the slain Locust Grove officer as Chase Maddox, 26, who had been with the department since he was 22.

McBrayer said one deputy was in serious condition and undergoing surgery, and had been hit below the bulletproof vest in his stomach area. The other was in fair condition, and was hit in the vest. The Georgia Bureau of Investigation later Friday identified the wounded deputies as Michael D. Corley and Ralph Sidwell "Sid" Callaway. Bureau spokeswoman Nelly Miles said Corley had been released from the hospital and Callaway was listed in stable condition after surgery.

Gunshots were fired inside the house as the depu-

ties were trying to take the suspect into custody on a warrant from the municipal court in Locust Grove, McBrayer said. He wouldn't say who fired first or give other details about how it happened.

The sheriff said that "after about 10 minutes of talking with him (they) realized they were going to be making an arrest, and they were going to have issues placing him in custody." At that point they called Locust Grove for backup from an officer.

He said they had no reason to believe when they arrived that the suspect would be violent.

Police blocked off multiple entrances of a subdivision not far from an outlet mall, and turned away people who don't live in the neighborhood.

Yellow police tape cordoned off a section of one home's front yard. Nearby Locust Grove Elementary School was put on lockdown.

Juankeena Rodgers, 36, lives in the subdivision but police on Friday afternoon weren't allowing her to go back home.

"It's quiet. I've never had any issues and I

pray I don't have any, said Rodgers, who has lived there nearly two years.

"It's scary because you never know who is in your neighborhood."

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Abbas tells India PM he seeks multi-country peace mediation

By MOHAMMED DARAGHMEH

Associated Press

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas told visiting Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday that he is counting on India's support for a multi-country sponsorship of any future Israeli-Palestinian negotiations.

Such a framework would ostensibly replace Washington's long-standing monopoly as mediator. Abbas rejected the traditional U.S. role after President Donald Trump recognized contested Jerusalem as Israel's capital in December. Trump's pivot upset Palestinians who seek the city's Israeli-annexed eastern sector as a capital.

Abbas has appealed to the international community, including countries in Europe and the Arab world, to demand a say in future negotiations, but has so far failed to secure commitments.

European leaders have criticized Trump's dramatic policy shift on Jerusalem, but appear unwilling to confront Washington over its handling of more than two decades of failed efforts to broker an Israeli-Palestinian partition deal.

Modi's visit to the city of Ramallah was the first by an Indian prime minister to an autonomous Palestinian enclave in the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

The Indian leader pledged \$41 million for a hospital, three schools and other projects in the West Bank. He said India remains "committed to Palestinian national rights," but stopped short of offering support for Abbas' political agenda.

Modi's West Bank visit was seen, in part, as an attempt to compensate the Palestinians after he hosted Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for six days last month, in a reflection of warming ties between Israel and

India.

Modi flew to Ramallah from Jordan by helicopter Saturday and laid a wreath at the grave of Abbas predecessor Yasser Arafat, located in Abbas' walled government compound. Modi then toured the Arafat museum, which is also part of the compound, before holding talks with Abbas.

Abbas said after their meeting that he remains committed to negotiations with Israel as the path toward Palestinian independence. Palestinians seek a state in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and east Jerusalem, lands Israel captured in 1967, but no meaningful talks on statehood through a partition deal have been held for almost a decade.

"We never have and never will reject negotiations," said Abbas. "We consider a multi-lateral mechanism that emerges from an international peace conference as the ideal way to sponsor the negotiations."

"Here we count on India, with its status as a great power, its historical role in the non-aligned movement and in international forums ... to achieve a just peace," Abbas said.

Israel staunchly opposes any international framework for negotiations, arguing that only the U.S. can be a fair broker. The Palestinians have criticized Trump's shift on Jerusalem as a sign of blatant pro-Israel bias by Washington.

Modi told Abbas that "support for the Palestinian cause has been one of the mainstays of our foreign policy" and that he hopes a Palestinian state will be established through peaceful means.

The Indian leader headed to the United Arab Emirates after his West Bank visit.

Abbas is scheduled to meet Monday with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Russia's Black Sea town of Sochi.

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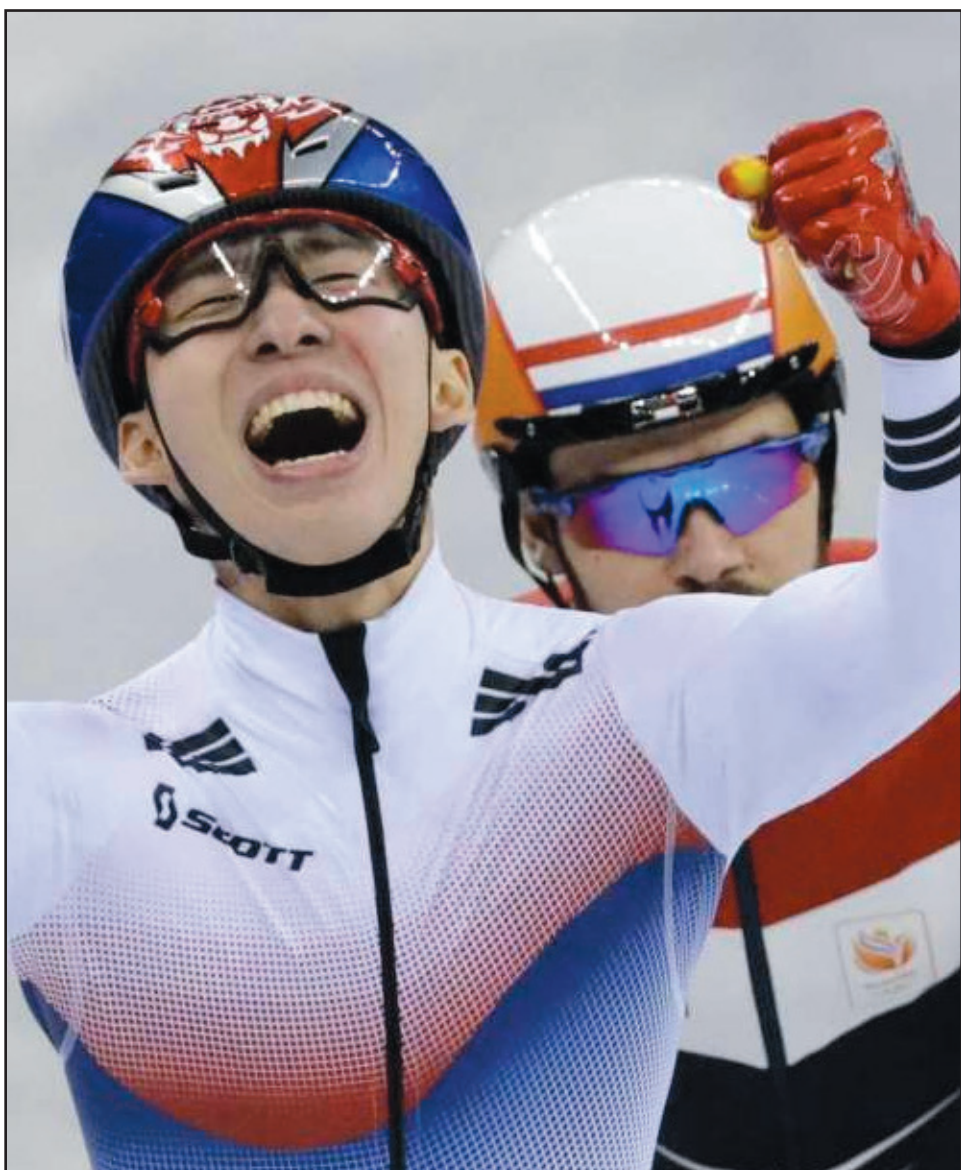


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South Korea wins 1st gold of home Olympics in short track



AP Photo
Lim Hyojun of South Korea celebrates after winning the men's 1500 meters short-track speedskating final in the Gangneung Ice Arena at the 2018 Winter Olympics in Gangneung, South Korea, Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018.

GANGNEUNG, South Korea (AP) — Short-track speedskating is wildly popular in South Korea and the Olympic host country had reason to celebrate on the first night of racing.

Lim Hyo-jun won the crash-filled men's 1,500-meter final, giving South Korea its first gold medal of the Pyeongchang Games on Saturday. He raised his arms in triumph and let out a yell as the capacity crowd roared its approval.

Lim surged past Sjinkie Knegt of the Netherlands and finished about two blade lengths ahead in an Olympic-record of 2 minutes, 10.485 seconds.

"I was very overwhelmed because it's my home country," Lim said. "I wanted to show my really good attitude and best efforts, but the coach said, 'Don't stress yourself too hard. Make yourself comfortable.' I just followed his direction and I think that led to better results."

Knegt earned silver while bronze went to Semen Elistratov, who became the first Russian medalist of the games.

Russia was banned from the Olympics for a massive doping scheme four years ago in Sochi, but Elistratov is among 168 competitors allowed in as "Olympic Athletes from Russia."

"I dedicate this medal to all guys that have been excluded from these games in such a hard and unfair way," Elistratov said. "This medal is for you."

American teenager Maame Biney advanced to the quarterfinals of the women's 500 in her Olympic debut. The 18-year-old was born in Ghana and moved to the U.S. as a child.

Biney finished second in her heat, while teammate Lana Gehring was eliminated on a difficult night for the U.S. team.

Three-time Olympian J.R. Celski and John-Henry Krueger didn't make the 1,500 final after both got penalized. Aaron Tran finished last in the B final.

In the 1,500, defending Olympic champion Charles Hamelin of Canada was penalized for impeding after crossing the finish in sixth place.

Lim beat out eight rivals in the crowded final, which had three extra skaters after some were advanced because of penalties in the semifinals. Knegt patted Lim on his helmet after the two crossed the finish line.

"I went in front a little too early, with about five laps to go," Knegt said. "I was not really prepared for that. Lim had a little more acceleration at the end. He was the best today."

Knegt's medal came shortly after the Dutch swept the podium in the women's 3,000 at the big oval, making it the first time the nation won four medals in a single day at a Winter Games.

U.S. Vice President Mike Pence and his wife watched the short-track competition at Gangneung Ice Arena with South Korean President Moon Jae-in and his wife, although the Moons left for the women's hockey game featuring a unified Korean team before Lim's victory.

Lim wasn't even the strongest South Korean skater in the final. Hwang Dae-heon led the World Cup rankings after having won most of his 1,500 races this season, but he crashed. The other South Korean, Seo Yira, was relegated to the B final.

Lim's victory was unexpected, after the 21-year-old had back problems in recent months and was unable to compete in several World Cup events.

Lim credited six-time Olympic champion

Viktor Ahn for giving him advice as a young skater.

"He told me I could do well. I have great respect for him," Lim said. "When I heard the news about Viktor Ahn, it was regretful."

Elistratov is on a much diminished Russian short-track team, after several skaters — including Ahn — were refused invitations by the International Olympic Committee, which said it couldn't be confident they weren't involved in doping. Born in South Korea, Ahn later changed his nationality to Russia. He won the 1,500 in 2006 when he still skated for Korea.

The IOC invited only three Russian men's skaters, meaning Elistratov can't compete in the 5,000-meter relay. He was on the four-man team that won that event at home four years ago in Sochi.

Elistratov has said he sought advice from his wife, parents and coach before deciding to accept the IOC's invitation to go to Pyeongchang. He was cleared of a doping offense in 2016 after he tested positive for the banned substance meldonium.

Elistratov was forced to miss that year's world championships before his suspension was lifted when the World Anti-Doping Agency issued an amnesty for athletes with low concentrations of the Latvian-made heart drug.

Meldonium had been banned in January 2016, two months before Elistratov's failed test, and WADA admitted it wasn't sure how long the drug could stay in the body.

In the women's 3,000 relay, teams from South Korea, Canada, China and Italy reached Tuesday's final.

Minnesota couple to be involved in Winter Olympics.

ST. JOSEPH, Minn. (AP) — A central Minnesota couple will be involved in speed skating at the Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea, this month.

Orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Joel Shobe, will serve as medical adviser for short track speed skating, while Susan Shobe will be a referee for speed skating, the St. Cloud Times reported.

Joel Shobe has spent more than 20 years at St. Cloud Orthopedics. He'll mainly be supervising anti-doping testing and will also be providing medical care at the venue.

He is part of a medical commission of eight doctors from around the world who are assigned to cover all major championships and world cup events.

"This is a great opportunity," he said. "To be in that environment and around those athletes, it's going to be pretty special."

Susan Shobe was the St. Cloud State University's Nordic skiing coach from 1998-2006. Her family's history in speed skating sparked her interest.

"My dad was in the speed skating Olympics three times and was a referee in the Olympics, so I got to go



AP Photo
Seen in a Thursday, Feb. 1, 2018 photo, orthopedic surgeon Dr. Joel Shobe and his wife Susan will both be working at the Winter Olympics in South Korea. Joel will be on the medical staff of short track speed skating and Susan will be a speed skating official.

when I was young. And my cousin (Amy Peterson) actually held the flag in Sochi (in 2014)," she said. "I've always wanted to do this."

Susan Shobe is one of the first women to be a championship referee for a men's event.

"I've been a referee on the list (to go to the Olympics) for 20 years,

but they never pick women, so it's a huge honor to be picked," she said.

The couple belongs to the International Skating Union, an international sports federation that administers ice skating sports.

The Winter Olympics began Feb. 9 and will conclude Feb. 25.

Kane widens gulf between Tottenham, Arsenal with derby win

LONDON (AP) — Harry Kane's header gave Tottenham a 1-0 victory over Arsenal on Saturday that widened the gap between the north London rivals in the pursuit of Champions League qualification.

A tepid derby came to life in the 49th minute when Kane soared over Laurent Koscielny to meet Ben Davies' cross and sparked a second half of complete control by Tottenham at Wembley Stadium.

"We were caught by a super striker who is one of the best in the world who scores against everybody," Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger said.

It was Kane's seventh goal in seven league games against Arsenal.

"I look forward to these games," Kane said. "Thankfully I was there to put that away."

All that was missing was another goal from the hosts at its temporary home in front of a Premier League record crowd of 83,222 — 38 short of the English league record set in 1948. Tottenham powered seven points clear



of Arsenal and rose from fifth to third place.

Any hopes Wenger had of making the top four are fading fast with 11 games remaining. Arsenal is in sixth place, six points behind fourth-place Liverpool, which does not play until Sunday.

"We couldn't afford to lose, that makes it (the top four) much more difficult now," Wenger said. "It's a very disappointing result because the priority is to be in the Champions League."

The upcoming European trips are a sign of the divergent direction these clubs are heading in. Tottenham heads to Italy to play Juventus in the Champions League last 16 on Tuesday, while Arsenal resumes its Europa League campaign in Sweden at Ostersund on Thursday.

Winning Europe's

second-tier competition could be Arsenal's only route back into the more lucrative Champions League.

"I'm not a great fan of the Europa League being a qualifier of the Champions League,"

Wenger said. Had it not been for Petr Cech's saves, the damage could have been far worse for Arsenal at Wembley.

An equalizer rarely looked likely. Jack Wilshere saw a curling effort blocked by goalkeeper Hugo Lloris and substitute Alexandre Lacazette slid the ball wide in stoppage time.

Tottenham held on to go nine games unbeaten in the league, although the title is far out of sight with Manchester City the runaway leaders.



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Roger's Reviews: The Cloverfield Paradox



By **ROGER CLINE**

Staff Writer

Faithful readers, this week I'm going to review a Netflix movie for you: "Cloverfield Paradox." This won't be a regular thing, but this week all the new movies actually came out on Friday instead of Thursday like I'm used to, and I didn't really want to review "50 Shades Freed." I'll be back at the good old Cinemark Cinema 4 for next week's movie.



ROGER CLINE

The Cloverfield franchise has always been a little bit of an enigma. The first installment, "Cloverfield," involves giant unseen creatures rampaging in New York; while the second, "10 Cloverfield Lane," involves a creepy John Goodman terrorizing a Mary Elizabeth Winstead in his bomb shelter in what may or may not be a post-apocalyptic wasteland.

The third installment, recently released on Netflix, "The Cloverfield Paradox," is something yet again.

In modern day or perhaps the near future, Ava Hamilton (Gugu Mbatha-

Raw) rockets into orbit to the Cloverfield Space Station, where a device called the "Shepard Particle Accelerator" might be able to provide the Earth with unlimited free energy.

Hamilton leaves behind her husband Michael, a doctor. The couple have been struggling lately after losing their children in a house fire. And the rest of the world has been struggling as well, with political tensions between Germany and Russia threatening to plunge the world into a nuclear world war. It's hoped that the bounty of the Shepard device might issue in an era of peace and prosperity for the planet.

On the station, the crew, including communications officer Hamilton, Commander Kiel (David Oyelowo), German scientist Schmidt (Daniel Brühl), Russian scientist Volkov (Aksel Hennie), Chinese engineer Tam (Ziyi Zhang), Hispanic engineer Monk (John Ortiz), and Irish station engineer Mundy (Chris O'Dowd); fire up the Shepard amid news media touting something called the "Cloverfield Paradox," a theory that the device could rip open space and time, allowing demonic creatures from another dimension to invade Earth. Unfortunately, or possibly fortunately,

the device fails.

Two years pass as Cloverfield's crew tries several times to fix the finicky Shepard, to no avail. Tensions are tightening up between Schmidt and Volkov as the crew prepares to fire the device up again, with fuel left for only a couple more shots.

This time, however, things look good. The power output is steady at 47 teravolts(!) and then it shoots up to the neighborhood of 600 teravolts (!!!) and ... there's a weird explosion and everything shuts off.

As everyone recovers, they notice something odd: The Earth is missing. The sun is still there, but there's no earth, not even a pile of rubble where the Earth used to be.

And things start to get weird after that.

I personally enjoyed "The Cloverfield Paradox." Yeah, it's not high art, and yeah, maybe some of the science is kind of suspect. But it showed me some things I haven't seen in a movie before.

Who's who in Howard County: Cody Tanis



What is your name? Cody Ray Tanis
Where do you work, and what do you do? The Big Spring Herald Advertising Executive
Where were you born? Seattle, Washington
What city do you live in? Big Spring, Texas
Who is in your family? Albert Overby, Shana Overby, Allison Tanis, Rachel Africh, Sara Overby, Hannah Overby
What hobbies/organizations/clubs do you enjoy? The Wesley Foundation (A college ministry)
What is your favorite book (and who's the author)? Saint, By: Ted Dekker
What is your favorite television show? Stranger Things
What is your favorite movie? 10 Cloverfield Lane
What type of music do you enjoy? Hip-Hop, Indie, Worship music.
Where would you visit if you could go anywhere? New York

One welcome addition is O'Dowd's comic relief.

Long story short: "The Cloverfield Paradox" is not going to be the best movie you'll see this year, but if you're looking for a fun, slightly off-kilter action-suspense movie, you could do worse. Six stars out of 10.

The Cloverfield Paradox
Director: Julius Onah
Writers: Screenplay by Oren Uziel; story by Oren Uziel and Doug Jung
Production company: Paramount Pictures, Bad Robot Productions
TV-MA; 1 hr. 42 min.; Horror/Mys-

Museum: Painting is a genuine Jan Steen artwork, not a copy



AP Photo

In this undated photo made available Friday Feb. 9, 2018, the artwork "The Mocking of Samson", as the Mauritshuis museum in The Hague says the painting previously thought to be an 18th-century copy of a work by artist Jan Steen is actually an original by the Dutch master. The painting is part of the Royal Museum of Fine Arts collection in the Belgian city of Antwerp, and is expected to be displayed at an exhibition "Jan Steen's Histories," that starts Feb. 15 at the Mauritshuis.

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — A painting previously thought to be an 18th-century copy of a work by artist Jan Steen is actually an original by the Dutch master, a museum announced Friday.

Researchers at the Mauritshuis museum in The Hague made the discovery while preparing for a new exhibition.

The museum's director, Emilie

Gordenker, said curator Ariane van Suchtelen suspected that the painting, "The Mocking of Samson," was an original Steen.

"After further research, restoration and technical examination, we have come to the conclusion that not only is this painting by the master himself, but that it is still in excellent condition," Gordenker said. "It's as if the canvas is fresh out of Jan Steen's stu-

dio - thrilling!"

The painting is part of the Royal Museum of Fine Arts collection in the Belgian city of Antwerp. It's to be displayed at an exhibition "Jan Steen's Histories," that starts Feb. 15 at the Mauritshuis.

Unusually for such an old painting — Steen completed it in 1676 — the canvas is still attached to its original wooden strainer with the original nails.

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DAILY PRAYER

Help us, Lord, to encourage everyone who is weak, may we love them as You love us. Amen.

Good Memories of a Good Friend

I'm gonna miss my buddy Tom Cox who passed away Dec 31. I didn't know Tom very well at Baylor. He was in psychology and journalism. I was in English and drama. I knew him, of course. Everybody knew Tom, that little guy from Arkansas who had a mischievous look and always appeared to be cooking up some kind of big deal.

We became close friends in the Army. We were both students at Fort Devens, home of the Army Security Agency School. We were standing in line at the chow hall on Thanksgiving Day when we saw each other for the first time since leaving Baylor. We decided to forego the military on that special day and went into Boston. We picked out a restaurant, sat down and ordered a Thanksgiving meal. The waitress yelled out, "Two Turkey Dinners!" We were expected something a bit more refined.

Somehow Tom ended up with a

Kaiser automobile and we often took it to New York. Sometimes it made it all the way. One night Tom was hauling some of his fellow ASA students into the big city and he let us out somewhere around Times Square, saying he had a date and would meet us in a few hours. Later, the guys and I were walking near an intersection and saw a commotion. A crowd had gathered around a car that was spewing steam out from under the front of the car. Sure enough, it was Tom and his date. Tom yelled out at us, "say could y'all help push us over to the side of the road?" Somehow Tom finished his date and got the car fixed enough to get us back to Ft Devens. Tom is an extremely resourceful person.

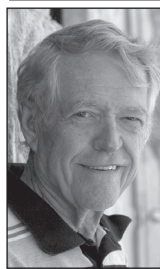
Another time we were in the Kaiser headed home for the Christmas holidays when somewhere in Pennsylvania the Kaiser gave up the ghost. There were 3 of us this time and we piled up all the money we had and bought a B42 Oldsmobile. That lasted nearly 100 miles and we ended up at a mechanic's garage in some small town. The B42 was going to require some time to repair, so we hitchhiked

home.

During the holidays I acquired a 52 Chevy 4-door sedan, and we headed back to the post in it. We couldn't remember the name of the town where we had left the B42 so I took Tom to an airport and he rented a plane and had the pilot fly over small towns in Pennsylvania to see if he could spot the garage where he had left the B42. As it turned out, Tom left the car there, gave it to the mechanic and we continued our trip back to Ft Devens.

After training we were both stationed in Germany. Tom bought a Volkswagen. He dated a gal in Frankfurt who was an underwater stripper. She worked at a club that featured a big fish tank behind the bar. But instead of fish, it had disrobing girls. Once Tom and I double dated in his Volkswagen. I sat in the backseat with a girl I had just met. She was a friend of Tom's girl. Of all things we ended up parked somewhere and before I knew it the couple in the front seat were getting it on pretty heavy. The couple in the back seat just kind of looked at each other.

Every time with Tom was a unique experience.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From a Grateful Heart

Dear Editor,
Tuesday night our community gathered to thank the outgoing Chamber of Commerce president, Andrea Barr, and the board for a job well done and to pass the gavel to Manny Negron, who is now president for the coming year.

The decorated tables representing many different companies and groups in our city were unique and beautiful. People had an opportunity to visit, catch up, meet newcomers and network.

Then came time to announce Woman and Man of the Year, and my name was called to receive this prestigious award. Oh my goodness, what an honor and also humbling.

To top it off, family and friends were there to share the special recognition. My cup runeth over. Mike Abusaab was the Man of the Year, an honor well deserved. He has generously gifted our community for years.

SN Energy, a new business, was also recognized for their investing in our city.

Following, the media interviewed us and in a clip from KBST Melinda Flenniken asked us what we were going to do next, suggesting we say "we're going to Disney World". I thought that was a hoot however, some have called to ask when I was going, thinking we had won a trip. Truly the recognition and honor were more valuable than a trip.

Manny challenged our community to "connect". There are so many ways we can join as a community to volunteer and make our little "oasis in the desert" a city we can all be proud of so people want to visit and move here. There were several hundred in attendance and if each one would encourage those in their circle of influence to "connect" what a difference we would see.

With generosity of Brint Ryan and his vision for our future and

the renovation of "the spring" we are at a crossroad to accept the challenge, step up and take part however we are able.

One honored and blessed lady,
Dene Sheppard
Big Spring, Texas

Spread the Love

Dear Editor,
This Valentine's Day, many Veterans who fought to preserve our freedoms will be hospitalized, receiving the medical care they earned, but separated from the homes and communities they defended. No one should be alone on Valentine's Day, and with the help of our grateful community, no Veteran has to be.

I would like to personally invite every one of your readers to show their love and appreciation to Veterans by visiting the West Texas VA Health Care

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Two of a Kind...

Rarely do guests at funerals "buy" officiants' claims that we "gather together to celebrate the life of ____." You fill in the blank. We've all "been there, heard that."

Most are prone to think of funerals as marking ends rather than beginnings. Usually, grief engulfs us, dragging us far below the state of joy we'd prefer. Our spirits don't seem to be on wings of eagles, soaring across sunsplashed skies.

To attend two funerals a couple of days apart for giants who've completed long lives of meritorious service, one is fortunate indeed. Both had nothing left to prove professionally. C. A. Roberson, 88, served Tarrant County College for 30 years, the last seven as chancellor, and Dorothy Estes, 90, toiled for 27 years as student publications director at the University of Texas at Arlington.

There were countless reasons to celebrate both lives. Their combined years in education exceeded 100. At UTA, the feisty Estes won tons of awards, and so did her students who turned out the student newspaper, The Shorthorn. (More than 600 of her journalism graduates are in the communications field.)

A few miles away at TCC, Roberson was the longest-serving senior administrator in the college's history, on hand when the institution's South Campus opened to 4,272 students, then overseer of construction of four

additional campuses before retiring in 1996. (Today, TCC enrolls some 100,000 students annually in credit and non-credit courses.) He was a "go-to" man for college presidents, trustees, faculty, students and even the Texas Legislature. In the 1960s, he developed the funding formula that's still largely in place to determine allocations for the state's public two-year institutions.

He started early. Roberson was business manager of San Angelo College at age 20, and was dean of students at Sul Ross State College at 23. (Now, Angelo State and Sul Ross State Universities.)

They both loved humor, albeit in different ways. Dorothy laughed with total abandon. Roberson, more subdued, restricted "rollicking" largely to his in-nards.

At each service, I was "on the lookout" for amusing scenes or situations, and I lucked out.

At Dorothy's funeral, much was "Episcopalian boilerplate." The priest read from his own material in "The Collect," during which he prayed on behalf of "thy servant Dorothy." The rest of us read silently from the program; however, it listed "Eleanor" instead of "Dorothy." I thought of her endless "hammering" for students to "get names right," since many people make the newspaper just twice-at birth and death. What irony. It turned out that Eleanor's funeral had occurred a few days earlier, but the program names weren't changed. Dorothy would have laughed herself into a smothering spell.

For a smile at Roberson's service, the "yolk" was on me. He would have "thigh-slapped" at my misadventure. Upon reach-

ing the church parking lot, I noticed five identically-marked spaces near the main entrance.

Upon first reading, I thought the spaces to be reserved for "DR BETTER." Hmmmm, could the minister's name be "Better?" But, why would he need five parking spaces? Closer inspection revealed a more likely message: "70 OR BETTER." I was egg-faced.

Okay. Show me a man with his head held high, and I'll show you one unaccustomed to his bifocals.

Speaking of bi-focals, here's a story from a car rental place, where Roberson and his predecessor, Dr. Joe B. Rushing, were flummoxed, unable to extinguish a dash light.

They summoned the rental car guy; he quickly assessed the situation.

"That light means 'high beam'," he said.

I learned much from Estes and Roberson, admiring greatly her master teaching and his administrative expertise.

Another with keen memories is Bill Moyers, public television personality and President Lyndon B. Johnson's press secretary. In Marshall, TX, Junior High, he sat in Dorothy's first class. She probably helped him with his eventual journalistic credo: "When at all possible, tell the truth. But, never lie."

'Nuff said...

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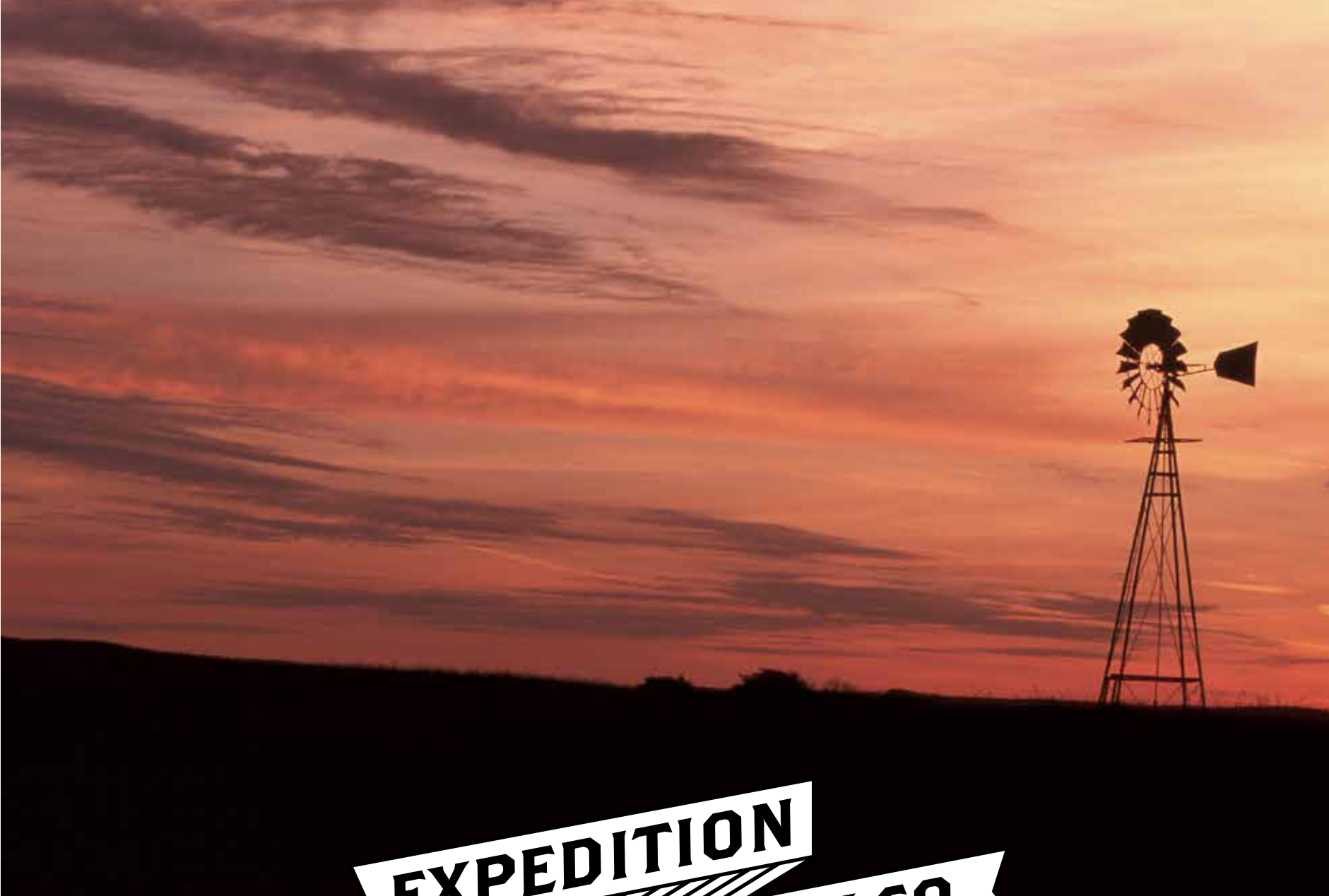


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Ribbon cutting at The Wardrobe



Courtesy photo
The owners of Wake Pray Slay boutique and Rae's of Grey boutique collaborate to bring the town of Big Spring a new place to get fashionable clothing. Members of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce welcomed The Wardrobe, a new shop at 115 S. Main St. in downtown Big Spring, with a ribbon cutting earlier this week.

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- Vivki Wallis, 601 George St., res re-roof, Val: \$13,000, Fee: \$75
- Westex Auto Parts, 500 E 4th St., com hvac, Val: \$3,500, Fee: \$45
- Mike Speck, 415 E 3rd St., com hvac, Val: \$8,000, Fee: \$45
- John Cardwell, 1401 S Aylesford St., res gas, Val: \$3,000, Fee: \$32
- J Hopper Homes, 904 Caprock, single family houses, res-sewr tap, Cal: \$350,265, Fee: \$1,475
- Jason Willoughby, 2200 Cindy Lane, res plumb, Val: \$200, Fee: \$32
- Jason Willoughby, 2200 Cindy Lane, structure other than Val: \$200, Fee: \$25
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- Michael Smith, 811 Baylor Blvd., com re-roof, Val: \$7,000, Fee: \$45
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- Hannah Nicole Tucker, 716 Bucknell Ave., structure other than, Val: \$2,500, Fee: \$25
- Alma Walker, 904 E 3rd St., res gas, Val: \$1,200, Fee: \$32
- John Pichitina, 2400 S Birdwell, res re-roof, Val: \$10,800, Fee: \$65
- Todd Bryan, 2511 Carol Dr., res re-roof, Val: \$11,700, Fee: \$70
- Gary Fuqua, 715 Colgate Ave., structure other than, Val: \$1,500, Fee: \$25
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- Steve Antoine, 1425 E. Sixth St. #19, Big Spring
- Corina Avila, 1800 Winston St., Big Spring
- Katie Cole L. Baker, P.O. Box 3372, Big Spring
- Letitia Baucham, 1202 Stanford, Big Spring
- Linda Beck, 1713 Worley Rd., Banner Elk, N.C.
- Joshua Bell, 1962 Tuscola, Snyder
- Elda Melina Bernal, 1311 Mobile, Big Spring
- Tammy D. Bishop, 1410 Tucson Rd., Big Spring
- John Bochnicka, 538 Westover Rd. #260
- Chad Wayne Brown, 3901 Ave. O, P.O. Box 391, Snyder
- Douglas "Doug" Lee Brown, 205 W. 14th St. P.O. Box 275, Monahans
- James Bullard, 202 Fourth St., Palestine
- Melinda Burns, 2218 Carlton Way, San Angelo
- Wayne Richard Buyce, 4042 Morning-side Way, Canyon Lake
- Jason Canales, 612 Drake Road Big Spring
- Raymond Carroll, 712 E. 17th St., Big Spring
- Gloria Cerna, PO Box 55, Lamesa
- Pedro Chavarria, 1408 E. Sixth St., Big Spring
- Matilda Cortez, 302 N. St. Teresa, Stanton
- Hannah Deaton, 19634 Atasca Oaks Dr., Humble
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- Clayton W Durbin, 6508 Centerpoint, Big Spring
- Tina Marie Ellis, 4002 Austin Ave., Snyder
- Selena Bethani Enriquez-King, 100 E. Parker, Midland
- Brittany Vanessa Escanuela, 1221 E. 17th St., Big Spring
- Joanna Esparza, 501 S. Tackitt, Seymour
- W. Carol Evans, 809 E. 33rd, Plainview
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- Juana Fierro, 406 N.W. 5th St., Big

- Spring
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- Johnnie Fuller, 3801 23rd St., Snyder
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- William Gene Garner, 704 Rosemont, Big Spring
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- Elizabeth Gomez, 509 Raleigh St., Plainview
- Guillermo Gomez, 2107 Morrison, Big Spring
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- Jeremy Goodman, 3471 Green Meadow #24, San Angelo
- Kay Grant, 4405 N. Garfield #1005, Midland
- Whitney Marquez Gray, 2934 Old Anson Rd. \$1224, Abilene
- Isaiah Green, 4801 State St., Abilene
- James Michael Griffin, 303 Butler St. #502, Atlanta
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- Thomas E. Gross, 4100 S. Highway 87 #37, Big Spring
- Lynn Guerrero, 203 W. Ave #3, Clayton, N.M.
- Christina Nichole Gutierrez, 2809 25th St., Snyder
- Melissa Gutierrez, 3310 SF Austin, No. 58, Brownwood
- Sandra Ann Gutierrez, 1501 N. Fourth Place, 1312 S. Ave. L, Lamesa
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- Matias Hernandez Jr., 620 E. 4th St., San Angelo
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- Kaleb Hill, 910 Baylor, Big Spring
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- Joni D. Kelly, 3050 Co. Rd 139, Colorado
- Renola S. Kelly, 4503 LA Salle Circle, Colorado City
- Paige Morgan Kenas, 1003-2 Lake County Rd 175, Colorado City
- Cynthia Lee Kent, Moved to Newport News, Virginia

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- Kayle R.Lane, P.O Box 83965, Waco
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- Jesse Paul Lopez, 101 Scurry St., Big Spring
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- Aaron Christopher Mack, 2134 Bonham Ave., Odessa
- Bruce Edward Mallard, P.O Box 3265 504 Westover, Big Spring
- Barbara A. Marshall, P.O. Box 1065, Deming, New Mexico
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- Diana McCool, 504 Donley, Big Spring
- Felicia Ornelas, 538 Westover No. 236, Big Spring
- Heriberto Palafox Mora, 1311 Mobile St., Big Spring
- Ethel Laverne McVae, 4202 Parkway Rd. Big Spring
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- Felicia Ornelas, 538 Westover number 236, Big Spring
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- Gilbert P. Ramirez, 1614 Settles, Big Spring
- Byron Roberts, 2206 Alabama St Big Spring
- George Anthony Robinson Jr., 1905 Wasson Rd. #14, Big Spring
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- Polly Ann Rusk, 4201 W. Highway 80, Big Spring
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- Michael Ray Watson, 1503 Tucson Rd. Big Spring
- Tamara Ruth Whitt, 3706 Connley, Big Spring
- Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd. Apt. #28, Big Spring

Marriage Licenses

- Kelly Ray McNew, 26 and Kristen Jean Lawrence, 26, both of Big Spring
- Rex Donald Rainey, 64, and Connie Roylyn Welch, 62, both of Big Spring

- Christian Aguilar, 19, and Stephanie Amber DeLACruz, both of Big Spring
- Ricky Lynn Wattenbaugh, 40, and Jennifer Ann Piper, 44, both of Big Spring
- Jackie Wayne Phillips, 46, of Conway and Kimberly Kaye Cantrell, 49, of Big Spring
- Marcus Edward Doyle Stalling, 27, and Ashlee Jean-Marie Smith, both of Big Spring
- Chan Albert Gonzales, 28, and Stephanie Nicole Ramirez, 28, both of Big Spring
- Richard Elisha Nelson, 24, of Big Spring and Hannah Rebekah Murphy, 18, of Andrews

District Court Filings

- Plaintiff: Big Spring Hospital Corporation
- Respondent: Edward Johnson
- Type of Case: contract-consumer/debt
- Date: Feb. 1, 2018

- Plaintiff: Big Spring Hospital Corporation
- Respondent: Joshua Sullivan and Louann Sullivan
- Type of Case: contract-consumer/debt
- Date: Feb.1, 2018

- Plaintiff: Big Spring Hospital Corporation
- Respondent: Ricardo Garcia
- Type of Case: contract-consumer/debt
- Date: Feb. 1, 2018

- Plaintiff: Sunrise Pipeline LLC
- Respondent: Hurt Farms, LLC
- Type of Case: Condemnation
- Date: Feb. 1, 2018

- Plaintiff: Daniel Miramontes
- Respondent: Ace American Insurance Company
- Type of Case: Appeal from lower court
- Date: Feb. 2, 2018

- Plaintiff: Absolute Resolution Investments, LLC
- Respondent: Scott Hargrove
- Type of Case: contract-consumer/debt
- Date: Feb. 2, 2018

- Plaintiff: Wesley Walden
- Respondent: Wendie Walden
- Type of Case: divorce
- Date: Feb. 6, 2018

- Plaintiff: NuStar Permian Transportation and Storage, LLC
- Respondent: James Glass
- Type of Case: Condemnation
- Date: Feb. 6, 2018

- Plaintiff: NuStar Permian

Texas adds 14 rigs as US rig count jumps to 975

HOUSTON (AP) — The number of rigs exploring for oil and natural gas in the U.S. increased by 29 this week to 975.

That exceeds the 741 rigs that were active this time a year ago.

Houston oilfield services company Baker Hughes reported Friday that 791 rigs drilled for oil this week and 184 for gas.

Among major oil- and gas-producing states, Texas increased by 14

rigs, North Dakota and Wyoming each gained four, Louisiana and New Mexico each increased by three and Kansas and Oklahoma each gained one.

Colorado decreased by one.

Alaska, Arkansas, California, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Utah and West Virginia were unchanged.

The U.S. rig count peaked at 4,530 in 1981. It bottomed out in May of 2016 at 404.

Autopsy: 2 whose remains found in West Texas pit were killed

MIDLAND, Texas (AP) — An autopsy on the skeletal remains of two people discovered in a West Texas trash pit has determined they were homicide victims who suffered gunshot wounds to the head.

The Midland County sheriff's office released the preliminary autopsy findings Friday on remains found last weekend and another set found the week before.

Searchers found the remains on private land after acting on a tip authorities received early last month. Sheriff Gary Painter has said the property owner has cooperated and is not a person of interest in the investigation.

The remains have not been identified but Painter said earlier they may be connected to two teens have been missing since October 2015.

He says a person was found with some property belonging to the missing pair, whose names haven't been released.

Flippin' To Make a Difference

Special to the Herald

LUBBOCK - The Lubbock Lions Club is 'flippin' again to make a difference. Plans are underway for the 66th Annual Pancake Festival Fundraiser, scheduled for Saturday, February 17th at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center from 7:00 am-8:00 pm. Co-Chair Terry Holeman stated "this annual event allows the Lubbock Lions Club to showcase our core mission of service." Through your generosity we raised \$125,000 last year. Our goal this year is \$130,000.

When the Pancake Festival's doors open at 7:00 am volunteers including local celebrities, split into three shifts, will stand behind massive grills prepared to flip pancakes throughout the day. The "all-you-can-eat" menu of light, fluffy pancakes, sausage, orange juice and coffee has remained very popular with our community and the surrounding area. And for just one token you can enjoy 2 slices of freshly cooked, crispy bacon. In addition to plenty of orange juice, milk and coffee, the grocery list includes 6,000 pounds of pancake batter, 17,280 ounces of margarine, 80,000 links of sausage and 41,000 ounces of pancake syrup including sugar-free syrup. As always, the food is freshly prepared and cooked throughout the day. There's plenty of bubble gum and cotton candy for everyone.

The atmosphere is festive and family oriented; children's activities and fantastic entertainment are ongoing throughout the day. Raffle prizes for just one token include a weekend package for 4 at the Great Wolf Lodge and Indoor Water Resort in Grapevine, TX, and lots of great merchandise totaling over \$2,000 in value!

More than 700 volunteers, including students from Texas Tech University, will assist at the festival. They will also be available to help visitors with special needs into the Exhibit Event Hall and carry pancakes to their tables. Look for the Special Needs entrance sign at the northeast corner of the Civic Center.

Tickets are \$6.00 in advance or \$7.00 at the door. Children age 2 and under eat free! Advanced tickets may be purchased from any Lions Club Member, at all Bolton locations, at the YWCA at 35th and Flint, at The Talkington Center on 62nd and

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Howard County

#1 Cathey "16", re-completion, El: NA, API #42-227-36645

Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
10 miles northeast of Big Spring
A-1082, Section 16, Block 31, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9552 feet
Latitude 032.212669, Longitude -101.214549. Datum: NAD 27
660' FNL, 760' FEL of 160-acre lease
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#4 Horace Garrett Estate et al, re-completion, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-34416
7 miles northeast of Forsan
A-461, Section 97, Block 29, W&NW RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9500 feet
Latitude 032.144840, Longitude -101.280081. Datum: NAD 27
610' FNL, 853' FWL of 320-acre lease
610' FNL, 1787' FEL of the survey

Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
9.14 miles northeast of Coahoma
A-36, Section 41, Block 27, H&TC RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 15,000 feet
X=812837, Y=297188. Datum: NAD 27
330' FEL, 4718' FSL of 4,000-acre lease
330' FEL, 600' FNL of the survey

Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
8.80 miles northwest of Coahoma
A-37, Section 43, Block 27, H&TC RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 15,000 feet
X=818736, Y=296757. Datum: NAD 27
660' FNL, 330' FWL of 4,000-acre lease
660' FNL, 330' FWL of the survey

#4AH Memphis Flash "39-27", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-39473
4.65 miles southeast of Vealmoor
A-294, Section 39, Block 32, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9000 feet
Latitude 032.502994, Longitude -101.493240. Datum: NAD 27
245' FNEL, 327' FSEL of 639.89-acre lease
245' FNEL, 2319' FSEL of the survey

#2626LS Maximus "B", drill horizontal, API #42-227-39472
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
10.80 miles northwest of Big Spring
A-1213, Section 24, Block 34, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,700 feet
X=726105, Y=272622. Datum: NAD 27
519' FSL, 751' FEL of 1,140.72-acre lease
519' FSL, 751' FEL of the survey
Rule 37 Exception

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LETTERS

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System as part of the National Salute to Veteran Patients Feb. 11-17.

Your readers can join our "Visit a Vet for Valentine's Day" program and arrange for a visit through our Voluntary Service Office during National Salute week to visit Veterans at our facility and remind them that their sacrifices are not forgotten.

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Every citizen can make a positive difference in the life of a Veteran patient. Visits from community groups do so much to lift the spirits of our patients. I invite every member of our community to participate.

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Transportation and Storage, LLC
 Respondent: Rita Langley
 Type of Case: Eminent Domain
 Date: Feb. 7, 2018

County Court Judgments

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

Defendant: Rodney Burrow
 Offense: Driving with license invalid with previous convictions
 Sentence: 12 months probation
 Date: Jan. 23, 2018

Defendant: Carl William Tabor Wells
 Offense: criminal trespass
 Sentence: \$100 fine, \$317 in court cost, 20 days in jail
 Date: Jan. 30, 2018

Defendant: Gomezindo Diaz
 Offense: 12 months
 Sentence: 12 months probation
 Date: Jan. 25, 2018

Defendant: Devon Muschara
 Offense: driving while intoxicated
 Sentence: 12 months probation
 Date: Jan. 18, 2018

Defendant: Juan M.Garcia
 Offense: resist arrest search or transport
 Sentence: \$100 fine, \$267 in court cost, 7 days in jail
 Date: Jan. 19, 2018

Defendant: Eric Mullen
 Offense: criminal trespass
 Sentence: \$100 fine, \$267 in court cost, 20 days in jail
 Date: Jan. 8, 2018

Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Beall Land, LLC
 Grantee: J.Hopper Homes Inc.
 Property: lot two, block b, section one, Stone Creek Subdivision an addition to the City of Coahoma
 Date: Feb. 6 2018

Grantor: Jimmie Ramey and Janis Ramey
 Grantee: REC Leasing, LLC
 Property: 481.85 acres of land located in the County of Howard County
 Date: Feb. 5, 2018

Grantor: Pat Gray Body Works, Inc
 Grantee: Kevin Ritz; Juantia Ritz, Nathan Ritz, and Dustin Morgan
 Property: Being a certain parcel and piece of land out of and part of the Southwest Quarter of section number 41, in block 32, One north, T and P RR Co. Survey
 Date: Feb. 5, 2018

Grantor: Bruce Alan Corbett and Tonia M Corbett
 Grantee: Consulting LLC
 Property: Being lot 13, block 8, Douglass Addition
 Date: Feb. 2, 2018

Grantor: Mike L.Flores
 Grantee: Juan M. Flores
 Property: All of lots number three and four, in block number nine, in Brown Addition
 Date: Feb. 2, 2018

Grantor: John Berton Stillwell
 Grantee: Cheryl Stillwell
 Property: Lots 12,13, 14, and 15 block 23, Town of Forsan
 Date:Feb. 2, 2018

Grantor: Charles Dominguez
 Grantee: Rudy J. Larocque
 Property: Lot 3, block 4, Indianola Addition to the City of Big Spring
 Date: Feb. 2, 2018

Grantor: Kerr Managemnet, Inc. d/b/a Hillside Properties
 Grantee: Nathan Deathrage
 Property: 2513 March Cirlice, block 5, lot 24, Capehart Addition
 Date: Feb. 2, 2018

Grantor: Melissa May
 Grantee: Dany Som
 Property: Being out of and a part of section five, block 32, Tsp. 1-S T and P Ry. Co Survey
 Date: Feb. 2, 2018

Grantor: Gary Simer and Judy Simer
 Grantee: Amber Mansfield and Orrin Mansfield
 Property: All of that certain tract, parcel, and piece of land out of and part of the North Half of Section number 29, in block number 32, T-1-N, T and P Ry. Co Survey.
 Date: Feb. 2, 2018

Grantor: Risa Reddell Blackwell, Dea Sue Reddell, individually and as independent executrix and trustee under the terms of the will of Raneli Allan Reddell.
 Grantee: Glen Kinard
 Property: Being the West 100 acres of the SW ¼ of section number 15, in block number 33, Tsp. 1-North
 Date: Feb. 1, 2018

Grantor: Marissa Zavala and Adrialia Zavala
 Grantee: Perla Yadira Luna Cardenas
 Property: lots, 5, 6, block 1, Bauer addition to the City of Big Spring
 Date: Jn. 31, 2017

Grantor: Lamont Howard Johnson
 Grantee: Stacy Dean Johnson

Even 'safe' bond investments falter as markets tumble



Specialist Jay Woods works at his post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Friday, Feb. 9, 2018, as the chart behind him shows the day's Dow Jones industrial average volatility.

By STAN CHOE and SARAH SKIDMORE SELL

AP Business Writers

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market isn't the only thing dropping. Bonds, which are supposed to be the safe part of every investor's portfolio, have faltered, too.

In what's been a rude awakening for some investors, bond funds have lost ground these past couple of weeks, unlike in past downturns for stocks. What's different this time is that the same things undercutting stocks are hurting bond prices: worries about inflation and the possibility of much higher interest rates.

Bond losses have been more modest than the setback for stocks, but more may be on the way. And swings in bond prices are likely to become more common than in recent years, when returns were unusually smooth, experts say.

Nevertheless, experts are sticking with the mantra that bonds will be safer than stocks and that investors can continue to count on them as a stabilizing force for their portfolios.

Ken Mahoney, president of Mahoney Asset Management, said he has been hearing from clients this week who were surprised by the struggles for bonds.

"They kind of say, 'I thought when stock prices go down, bonds go up?'" he said.

Instead, while stocks were dropping 10 percent from their record high, set on Jan. 26, the

largest bond mutual fund lost 0.8 percent through Thursday.

The spark that sent markets tumbling was a report last week that showed wages in the U.S. are rising faster than expected. That raised concerns that inflation may be on the way up, which could force the Federal Reserve to increase interest rates more quickly than expected.

When the Fed raises rates, bonds typically begin paying more in interest. That's good for investors who buy those more lucrative, newly issued bonds. But the old bonds sitting in bond funds' portfolios see their prices drop, because they suddenly look less attractive than the new ones.

Inflation, meanwhile, is one of the worst enemies for bond investors, because it dilutes the value of the fixed payments that bonds make.

Even before the inflation worries flared, bond fund investors were jittery because the Fed has been slowly winding down the measures it took to stimulate the economy during the Great Recession. The Fed is raising short-term interest rates and reducing its large holdings of bonds.

Because of that, investors need to recalibrate their expectations for how steady bond funds can be, particularly after the unusually calm stretch that investors have enjoyed.

The index that many traditional bond funds measure themselves against, the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate, has had one loss in the last eight quarters. Going

back to 1980, the index has had a loss about 20 percent of the time, or one in five quarters.

"People have become quite trained on seeing only positive returns from their bond funds," said Mike Dowdall, investment strategist at BMO Global Asset Management. But he said negative returns are to be expected every now and then.

And "that's OK," he said. Bonds and bond funds are "still going to provide income, and it still makes sense to have that diversification."

AP photo

Even if rates rise, experts say it's very unlikely that a bond fund would have losses as sharp as stocks are capable of.

Bonds make regular interest payments, which helps steady their returns. And if a company goes bankrupt, bondholders are ahead of stock investors in the line to get their money back. U.S. government bonds, meanwhile, are considered virtually free of risk of default.

That's why bonds rallied in 2011, when stock markets around the world tumbled on worries that Europe's debt crisis would tear apart the European Union, in 2008, when the financial crisis hit its depths, and in 2000, when the dot-com bubble was bursting.

If the upcoming rise in rates is a smooth one, the increased payouts that bonds will make could help offset the drops in price that bond funds suffer and smooth out returns, said Chris Brown, a portfolio manager at T. Rowe Price.

That's why he suggests investors muddle through the volatile patches, such as the last couple of weeks where both bond and stock prices went south.

"On any given day, you might see the relationship flip on its head, where bonds go down and stocks go down," he said. "This week has been pretty topsy-turvy, but on the worst days (for stocks), you saw bonds do exactly what you thought they would do: They rallied."

The next big test for the bond and stock markets could be on Valentine's Day, when the government releases its next monthly update on inflation.

Uber to pay \$245 million to settle Waymo's theft allegations

By MICHAEL LIEDTKE and TOM KRISHER

AP Business Writers

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Uber is paying \$245 million to Google's self-driving car spinoff to end a legal brawl that aired out allegations of a sinister scheme that tore apart the once-friendly companies.

The surprise settlement announced Friday came as lawyers for Uber and Waymo, a company hatched from Google, prepared to wrap up the first week of a trial that had attracted international attention.

Waymo filed its lawsuit nearly a year ago, adding to Uber's woes with allegations of a bold high-tech heist orchestrated by its former CEO, Travis Kalanick, and a former Google engineer. That engineer, Anthony Levandowski, subsequently went to work for Uber, and was later fired when he declined to answer questions about the theft charges, citing his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination.

Uber and its ride-hailing service had already been tarnished by the company's acknowledgment of rampant sexual harassment within its

ranks, a yearlong cover-up of a major computer break-in, and the use of duplicitous software to thwart government regulators.

As with most settlements, the truce required some compromise by both sides. Uber had initially offered to settle the case for \$490 million just before the start of the trial Monday, but that agreement didn't provide Waymo with enough assurances that its technology wouldn't be improperly used, according to two people familiar with the thinking of both parties in the lawsuit. The people asked not to be identified because the settlement talks were confidential.

Not long after Thursday's trial proceedings ended, the top lawyers from both companies, Uber's Tony West and Waymo's Kevin Vosen, met to hammer out an agreement. The resulting compromise

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Elgin, at the Catholic Charities Office at 102 Ave. J. and at the Lubbock Lions Club Office located at #4 Briercroft Office Park until 3 PM Friday February 16th. Tickets may also be purchased online at lubbocklions.org until 3:00 pm. Friday, February 16th. Pick them up at "will call" the day of the event and proceed directly into the festival.

Co-Chair Debra Perry stated "Our local citizens and the Lubbock Lions Club have teamed up over the past 65 years for an incredibly successful event that supports local organizations that reach those in need. I expect this year to be even better!".

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San Antonio Fire Department mishandled deadly blaze

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A peer review of the San Antonio Fire Department reveals that commanders and firefighters made several mistakes while battling a blaze at a shopping center that killed one of them.

Fire Chief Charles Hood provided an overview of the review's summary report on Thursday. The report is expected to be released Friday by the Texas State Fire Marshal's Office.

The review by the Houston Fire Department found that the SAFD treated the May fire at Ingram Square Shopping Center like they would a residential fire, not a commercial one.

Firefighters reportedly searched for survivors in the building despite conditions indicating that no one would have survived, according to the review. The fire crew that went in also didn't have a fire hose, which is considered a lifeline in a fire incident.

A firefighter who entered the shopping center pulled ceiling tiles that resulted in the fire coming down on him and firefighter Scott Deem, who was killed. Pulling down ceiling tiles is typically done to find a fire's origin, not during search and rescue operations, according to the report.

Hood acknowledged that the department made mistakes, backing off his original claim "that what they did was the right decision at the time." But he maintained that none of the mistakes led to Deem's death or the injuries to two other firefighters.

"We're dedicating resources and personnel to make sure this never happens again," Hood said. "We want to learn from these findings."

Months after the fire, authorities arrested a man and charged him with one count of murder and four arson-related counts. Authorities alleged that the man used a disposable cigarette lighter to ignite a combination of gasoline and oil. He remains in jail in lieu of posting \$1.63 million bail.

Teacher gets almost 16 years in prison for enticing student



AP photo

This photo provided by the Lubbock County Detention Center shows Shonna Lynn Calaway. Calaway, a high school teacher in a small West Texas town has been sentenced to almost 16 years in federal prison after pleading guilty to enticing a 16-year-old male student.

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — A high school teacher in a small West Texas town has been sentenced to almost 16 years in federal prison after pleading guilty to enticing a 16-year-old male student.

A federal judge in Lubbock, Texas, sentenced Shonna Lynn Calaway on Friday to 15 years and eight months in prison.

The 48-year-old high school teacher at Motley County School in Matador, Texas, admitted that she used sexually explicit photos on a Snapchat application to entice the 16-year-old sophomore into a sexual episode in December 2016.

Motley County School had an early elementary-to-high school enrollment of 159 in October, 2016. Matador, a town of about 520 residents, is about 70 miles (113 kilometers) northeast of Lubbock, Texas.

OIL

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#2649WA Maximus "C", drill horizontal, API #42-227-39474
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
10.80 miles northwest of Big Spring
A-1213, Section 24, Block 34, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,800 feet
X=726135, Y=272628. Datum: NAD 27
519' FSL, 721' FEL of 1,140.72-acre lease
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Total Depth: 10,900 feet
X=726164, Y=272635. Datum: NAD 27
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10.80 miles northwest of Big Spring
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Total Depth: 10,700 feet
X=726193, Y=272641. Datum: NAD 27
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10.80 miles northwest of Big Spring
A-1213, Section 24, Block 34, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,800 feet
X=726222, Y=272648. Datum: NAD 27
519' FSEL, 631' FNEL of 1,140.72-acre lease
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10.80 miles northwest of Big Spring
A-1213, Section 24, Block 34, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,700 feet
X=726252, Y=272654. Datum: NAD 27
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Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-39475
19.10 miles northwest of Big Spring
A-1237, Section 28, Block 33, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 8500 feet
Latitude 032.294978, Longitude -101.371548. Datum: NAD 83
98' FSL, 173' FWL of 350.65-acre lease
345' FSL, 1473' FEL of the survey

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Rehired Southwest Airlines worker keeps GoFundMe money

DALLAS (AP) — A Southwest Airlines mechanic who was fired and ordered rehired will keep about \$25,000 in GoFundMe donations raised while he was out of work.

The airline tried to deduct the donations from money it owed Ken Hackett for back pay, saying it was outside income.

The Aircraft Mechanics Fraternal Association said Friday that the money won't count against Hackett's back-pay award under a settlement. Southwest said it was pleased to settle the matter.

Hackett was fired last February and accused of helping organize an overtime boycott that forced Southwest to hire outside maintenance help. In December, an arbitrator ordered Southwest to reinstate him with back pay.

Hackett was a steward for the union, which has fought the airline during long negotiations on a new contract.

Lubbock boy, 12, fatally shot in family car at drive-thru

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Investigators say a 12-year-old West Texas boy has died after being accidentally shot while in his family's car in the drive-thru lane of a restaurant.

Lubbock police spokeswoman Tiffany Pelt said Friday that authorities are trying to determine who fired the shot that killed Damion Cortez. A police statement says the Lubbock boy was dead at the scene Thursday night outside a McDonald's restaurant.

Police received a 911 call about a shooting inside a vehicle carrying a couple and their four children. Officers were advised that a teenage brother of the victim had a gun and at some point the weapon was pulled out and fired.

Investigators are trying to determine where the teen, whose age wasn't immediately released, got the gun and who pulled the trigger.

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A budget the likes of which the Pentagon has never seen



AP photo

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis takes questions during the daily news briefing at the White House, in Washington, Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2018.

By ROBERT BURNS and RICHARD LARDNER

Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) — It's the biggest budget the Pentagon has ever seen: \$700 billion. That's far more in defense spending than America's two nearest competitors, China and Russia, and will mean the military can foot the bill for thousands more troops, more training, more ships and a lot else.

And next year it would rise to \$716 billion. Together, the two-year deal provides what Defense Secretary Jim Mattis says is needed to pull the military out of a slump in combat readiness at a time of renewed focus on the stalemated conflict in Afghanistan and the threat of war on the Korean peninsula.

The budget bill that President Donald Trump signed Friday includes

huge spending increases for the military: The Pentagon will get \$94 billion more this budget year than last -- a 15.5 percent jump. It's the biggest year-over-year windfall since the budget soared by 26.6 percent, from \$345 billion in 2002 to \$437 billion the year after, when the nation was fighting in Afghanistan, invading Iraq and expanding national defense after the 9/11 attacks.

Every secretary of defense since 2011, when the Congress passed a law setting firm limits on military and domestic spending, has complained that spending caps set by the Budget Control Act were squeezing the military so hard that the number of ready-to-fight combat units was dwindling. Aging equipment was stacking up, troops were not getting

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#1LS Modern Flanagan "13-24" Unit, drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-39374
5.77 miles southeast of Big Spring
A-158, Section 13, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 8900 feet
Latitude 032.228540, Longitude -101.383704. Datum: NAD 27
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#1SW Buchanan, drill, El: NA, API #42-227-39468
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
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A-269, Section 13, Block 32, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 11,500 feet
Latitude 032.459300, Longitude -101.445500. Datum: NAD 27
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#4 Allar "25", API #42-227-39027
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2555' GR
6.40 miles southeast of Big Spring
A-164, Section 25, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey
469' FNL, 609' FWL of the survey
Latitude 032.2033944, Longitude -101.3821718
Total Depth: 9685 feet. PBTB: 8680 feet.
Logs: Acceptable cased hole logs
Daily Potential: 130 Bbbls 42.0 gravity oil w/ 285 BWPD
Pumping. GOR: 984
Spud: 4-11-17. Completed: 9-07-17. Pay: NA
8-5/8" @ 4160 feet w/ 875 sx.
5-1/2" @ 9680 feet w/ 1,260 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7107 feet
Perfs: 6472-9606
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A-1757, Section 18, Block 34, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey
467' FNL, 2173' FWL of the survey
Latitude 032.1696350, Longitude -101.6671346
Total Depth: 10,600 feet. PBTB: 10,600 feet.
Logs: Gamma Ray (MWD)
Daily Potential: 96 Bbbls 42.0 gravity oil w/ 159 BWPD
Flowing. GOR: 4364
Spud: 4-13-17. Completed: 8-12-17. Pay: NA
8-5/8" @ 4635 feet w/ 650 sx.
5-1/2" @ 10,510 feet w/ 1,050 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7880 feet
Perfs: 8154-10,197

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

By The Associated Press

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

NOT REAL: Melania Trump hired exorcist to 'cleanse White House of Obama demons'

THE FACTS: Stephanie Grisham, a spokeswoman for the first lady, said the multiple reports that Melania Trump had a ceremony to rid the White House of demons are "not true in any way." The stories come from a broadcast with Indiana pastor and radio host Paul Begley, who said that Mrs. Trump said at her husband's presidential inauguration that she would not move in to the White House until the residence was exorcised.

NOT REAL: PUTIN ISSUES INTERNATIONAL ARREST WARRANT FOR GEORGE SOROS

THE FACTS: The Kremlin denied issuing a warrant for the billionaire liberal philanthropist, a frequent target of false news stories. It refuted multiple sites' claims that Putin had banned Soros from Russia last year for trying to destabilize its economy in the early 1990s. Soros is not wanted by any country for arrest and extradition, according to a list compiled by the international law enforcement organization Interpol.

NOT REAL: BREAKING: Rare HIGHLY Contagious Virus Spreading Like Wildfire... Death Toll Rising RAPIDLY

THE FACTS: The story appearing on the AmericasFreedomFighters site correctly reports an outbreak of norovirus at the Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea, with a total of 128 infected in the past week. The headline incorrectly reports that any of the cases has resulted in death. Norovirus is a common, infectious bug that causes unpleasant symp-

toms including diarrhea and vomiting but usually doesn't require medical attention.

NOT REAL: NASA Will Pay You \$18,000 To Stay In Bed And Smoke Weed For 70 Straight Days

THE FACTS: NASA has been willing to pay people willing to stay in bed to give scientists information on how the body adapts to weightlessness. But none of the studies involved marijuana use. The agency also hasn't conducted bed rest studies in some time. NASA has denied this false story before, which has recirculated over the past several months.

NOT REAL: Oprah's California estate destroyed by deadly flash floods and mudslides

THE FACTS: Winfrey shared in an Instagram post after the January mudslides devastated the coastal town of Montecito that her property was OK. "Some mud and minor damage that pales in comparison to what my neighbors are going thru," she wrote. Several stories shared on social media that reported her home was destroyed also focused on Winfrey's Golden Globes speech on gender and racial inequality and talk of a possible presidential candidacy.

This is part of The Associated Press' ongoing effort to fact-check misinformation that is shared widely online, including work with Facebook to identify and reduce the circulation of false stories on the platform.

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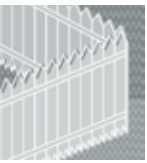
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Flu season still getting worse; now as bad as 2009 swine flu



AP photo

In this Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2018 file photo, a nurse prepares a flu shot at the Salvation Army in Atlanta. The U.S. government's Friday, Feb. 9, 2018 flu report showed the flu has further tightened its grip on the U.S. This season is now as intense as the swine flu epidemic nine years ago.

By MIKE STOBBE

AP Medical Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — The flu has further tightened its grip on the U.S. This season is now as bad as the swine flu epidemic nine years ago.

A government report out Friday shows 1 of every 13 visits to the doctor last week was for fever, cough and other symptoms of the flu. That ties the highest level seen in the U.S. during swine flu in 2009.

And it surpasses every winter flu season since 2003, when the government changed the way it measures flu.

"I wish that there were better news this week, but almost everything we're looking at is bad news," said Dr. Anne Schuchat, acting director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Flu season usually

takes off in late December and peaks around February. This season started early and was widespread in many states in December. Early last month, it hit what seemed like peak levels, but then continued to surge.

The season has been driven by a nasty type of flu that tends to put more people in the hospital and cause more deaths than other more common flu bugs. But its long-lasting intensity has surprised experts, who are still sorting out why it's been so bad. One possibility is that the vaccine is doing an unusually poor job; U.S. data on effectiveness is expected next week.

Some doctors say this is the worst flu season they've seen in decades. Some patients are saying that, too.

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BUDGET

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enough training and the uncertain budget outlook was clouding America's future.

"I cannot overstate the negative impact to our troops and families' moral from all this budget uncertainty," Mattis said just hours before the House and Senate approved the deal.

More money for the Pentagon, however, is not the simple solution some might think. Even with the spending caps of recent years, the defense budget has been robust by historical standards. Todd Harrison, a defense budget specialist at the Center for Security and International Studies, says military funding has been near the inflation-adjusted peak levels of the armed forces buildup during the 1980s under President Ronald Reagan.

The problem, Harrison says, is that the budgets have been stretched by rising personnel costs, more expensive technology investments and other factors, compounded by the cumulative effects of more than a decade of combat in Afghanistan, Iraq and elsewhere in the Middle East. And throughout this period, the military has been required to keep up or even increase its pace of operations at home and abroad -- and there is no letup in sight.

"We are stretched too thin," Harrison said Friday. "We are trying to do too much with the size force that

we have all around the world. Money doesn't necessarily fix that."

The U.S. has far fewer troops in Iraq than it did 10 years ago, and the roughly 15,000 in Afghanistan today compare with a peak of 100,000 in 2010-11, but the trend is leaning in the opposite direction under President Donald Trump, including stepped up counterterrorism operations in Somalia and Yemen. Trump has added several thousand troops in Afghanistan. Also, the prospect of war against North Korea looms large as Trump insists on compelling the North to give up its nuclear weapons.

The enormous increases in defense spending agreed to by lawmakers on Friday go beyond what Trump ask for. Of the \$700 billion in spending for the 2018 budget year that started last Oct. 1, about \$629 billion is for core Pentagon operations and nearly \$71 billion is for the wars in Afghanistan and elsewhere.

Trump had requested a 2018 military budget of \$603 billion for basic functions and \$65 billion for war missions.

The deal Congress approved early Friday also sets the Pentagon's 2019 budget at \$716 billion, giving Mattis the financial stability he's been demanding.

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Daily Potential: 51 Bbls 42.0 gravity oil w/ 348 BWP
Flowing. GOR: 4411
Spud: 4-25-17. Completed: 8-16-17. Pay: NA
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Daily Potential: 81 Bbls 42.0 gravity oil w/ 70 BWP
Flowing. GOR: 1296
Spud: 3-29-17. Completed: 9-10-17. Pay: NA
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Daily Potential: 1,255 Bbls 40.0 gravity oil w/ 3,577 BWP
Pumping. GOR: 430
Spud: 1-05-17. Completed: 8-31-17. Pay: NA
9-5/8" @ 6418 feet w/ 530 sx.; MS tool @ 4222 feet w/ 780 sx.
5-1/2" @ 17,735 feet w/ 2,650 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 6781 feet
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Logs: Acceptable cased hole logs
Daily Potential: 123 Bbls 42.0 gravity oil w/ 232 BWP
Pumping. GOR: 2495
Spud: 8-09-17. Completed: 12-01-17. Pay: NA
8-5/8" @ 4063 feet w/ 875 sx.
5-1/2" @ 9570 feet w/ 1,260 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 6673 feet
Perfs: 6436-9474
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The biggest winners in the military buildup are the country's largest defense contractors, such as Lockheed Martin, Boeing and General Dynamics, that spend millions of dollars each year lobbying Congress.

The legislation that Trump signed Friday is expected to translate to billions more for one of the Pentagon's highest priorities: missile defense. The appropriations committees still need to finalize exactly what will be in the 2018 defense budget. But they're likely to follow closely the defense policy bill approved by Congress late last year. That included \$12.3 billion for the Pentagon's Missile Defense Agency and ordered a more rapid buildup of the nation's missile defenses as North Korea has refused to back away from developing nuclear missiles capable of striking the United States.

The policy bill included money for as many as 28 additional Ground-Based Interceptors — anti-missile missiles that would be launched from underground silos in

Alaska in the event the U.S. decided to try to shoot down a North Korean missile heading toward the United States. The bill also grants U.S. troops a 2.4 percent pay raise, slightly higher than the Pentagon had proposed.

Before the budget deal was reached, Congress frequently resorted to the use of stopgap spending bills. Under these short-term measures, the Pentagon's budget was locked at current year's levels and the military services can be barred from starting new programs or ending old ones. The Pentagon complained that the stopgap approach forced them to shift dollars intended for new weapons and other needed equipment to pay for ongoing operations.

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Unlimited movie-theater deal could be too good to survive

By **TALI ARBEL**

AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — MoviePass is trying to bring to movie theaters what Netflix did for DVDs and online streaming: Let subscribers watch as many movies as they want for \$10 a month.

In doing so, MoviePass has struck a chord with moviegoers and a nerve with the movie industry.

For many people, going to the movies is worth it only a few times a year. Ticket prices keep rising, and moviegoers have plenty of cheaper alternatives, including Netflix.

MoviePass believes it can get people to theaters more often. Major theater chains and movie studios aren't so sure, putting MoviePass' business plan at risk.

Subscribers with MoviePass can watch a movie a day, be it a splashy blockbuster or an indie movie contending for the Oscars.

Though MoviePass works at most theaters, it has key restrictions: It excludes pricier 3-D and Imax showings and most advance online sales. And even if everyone in a group has a subscription, tickets must be purchased individually. Subscribers also complain that MoviePass responds too slowly, or not at all, when there's a problem.

Nonetheless, the thrill of the bargain has sparked interest. MoviePass said Thursday that it signed up a half-million subscribers in less than a month, bringing the total to 2 million.

"I've seen a little over a dozen movies, which is way more than what I would have without it," said Cassie Langdon, a 28-year-old Indianapolis woman who works in sports communications and joined MoviePass in October.

Langdon said she's taking chances on smaller releases instead of sticking with blockbusters and their sequels.

Success could ultimately bring MoviePass' demise. Although subscribers pay just \$10 a month, or less with promotions, MoviePass is paying most theaters the full price of the ticket. The U.S. average is about \$9, though \$15 and up is common in big cities, putting MoviePass in the red with just one movie. By contrast, MoviePass competitor Sinemia offers just two or three movies a month for higher fees.

Plus, with an unlimited plan, MoviePass has to eat some unnecessary costs, such as when a subscriber buys a ticket just to use the theater's restroom.

MoviePass' parent company, Helios and Matheson Analytics, warns in a financial report that MoviePass' future is in "substantial doubt" because it "has incurred losses since its inception and has a present need for additional funding."

The service is ultimately counting on a "gym membership" effect: Subscribers might binge at first, but slow down once the novelty wears off. Although subscribers can cancel anytime, they wouldn't be able to sign up again for another nine months to discourage short-term memberships.

MoviePass wants to work out ticket discounts and revenue-sharing deals on the premise that it's driving more people to theaters. The company is also eyeing a share of concession sales, saying moviegoers are more willing to buy popcorn and soda when

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FLU

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Veda Albertson, a 70-year-old retiree in Tampa, was sick for three weeks with high fever and fluid in her lungs. She said she hadn't been this sick from the flu since the 1960s, when she was a young mother who couldn't get out of bed to go to the crib of her crying baby.

"It was like 'Wham!' It was bad. It was awful," she said of the illness that hit her on Christmas Day.

Heather Jossi, a 40-year-old Denver police officer and avid runner, said her illness last month was the worst flu she's experienced.

"I don't remember aches this bad. Not for four days," said Jossi. "It took me out."

Albertson said she got a flu shot, Jossi did not.

Last week, 43 states had high patient traffic for the flu, up from 42, the CDC reported. Flu remained widespread in every state except Hawaii and Oregon and hospitalizations continued to climb.

So far, it has not been a remarkably bad year for flu deaths. Flu and flu-related pneumonia deaths have lagged a little behind some recent

bad seasons. The CDC counts flu deaths in children and there have been 63 so far. They have gone as high as about 170 in a season. Overall, there are estimated to be as many as 56,000 deaths linked to the flu during a bad year.

The CDC said the amount of suspected flu cases at doctor's offices and hospital emergency rooms last week matched that seen in 2009, when a new swine flu pandemic swept the world and panicked many people. Swine flu, also called pandemic H1N1, was a new strain that hadn't been seen before. It first hit that spring, at the tail end of the winter season, but doctor visits hit their height in late October during a second wave.

This flu season, hospitalization rates have surpassed the nasty season of the winter of 2014-2015, when the vaccine was a poor match to the main bug.

Health officials have said this year's vaccine targets the flu viruses that are currently making people sick, including the swine flu virus that has become a regular winter threat. However, preliminary studies out of Australia and Canada have found the shot was only 10 to 20 percent effective in those countries.

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 Latitude 032.2797976, Longitude -101.5569556
 Total Depth: 7984 feet. PBDT: NA. Logs: Gamma Ray (MWD)
 Daily Potential: 796 Bbls 38.3 gravity oil w/ 2,470 BWPD
 Pumping. GOR: 683
 Spud: 1-30-17. Completed: 6-25-17. Pay: NA
 9-5/8" @ 7300 feet w/ 758 sx.; MS tool @ 4025 feet w/ 938 sx.
 5-1/2" @ 16,133 feet w/ 2,880 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7370 feet
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 Logs: Neutron/Density
 Daily Potential: 124 Bbls 39.0 gravity oil w/ 249 BWPD
 Pumping. GOR: 443
 Spud: 4-07-17. Completed: 11-17-17. Pay: NA
 8-5/8" @ 4031 feet w/ 950 sx.
 5-1/2" @ 10,050 feet w/ 1,450 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 9813 feet
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AP photo
In this Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2018, photo, Cassie Langdon holds her MoviePass card outside AMC Indianapolis 17 theatre in Indianapolis. With MoviePass, Langdon said she's taking more chances on smaller releases instead of sticking with blockbusters and their sequels.

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Date/Time: Monday, February 12, 2018, at 3:00 p.m., for the following:

- RFQ # 18-014 Capital Projects Engineering Services

The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, and the right to accept the proposal most advantageous to the City. Submit sealed proposals to the Public Works Director's Office, City of Big Spring, 310 Nolan

Public Notice

Street, Big Spring, TX 79720, on or before 3:00 p.m. Monday, February 12, 2018. All proposals must be marked with the date of the proposals and a general description of the proposal item(s).

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Legals

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

ANSWER:

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Resisting temptation

West dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ K J 10 4
♥ 7 3
♦ 8 6 2
♣ A 8 5 3

WEST
♠ 6 2
♥ A K J 10 4
♦ K 7
♣ J 10 6 2

EAST
♠ 7 5
♥ Q 9 8 5
♦ J 10 9
♣ K 9 7 4

SOUTH
♠ A Q 9 8 3
♥ 6 2
♦ A Q 5 4 3
♣ Q

The bidding:
West North East South
1♥ Pass 2♥ 2♠
Pass 3♠ Pass 4♠
Opening lead king of hearts.

Assume you're in four spades and West cashes the A-K of hearts, then shifts to a trump.

You're bound to lose a diamond trick, come what may, but the danger is that you may lose two. Situations like this occur all the time, and must be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

One thing you shouldn't do in this instance is to bank everything on East's having the king of diamonds.

It is certainly tempting to finesse the queen, but that is something you should do only as a last resort.

First you should try to learn where the king is located. Accordingly, after winning the trump return, you lead the queen of clubs. When West follows low, you go up with the ace, making a mental note that East almost surely has the king since West presumably would have covered the queen if he could have.

Next you lead a club and ruff it. If East plays the king on this trick, which is likely, you have a much better picture of the hand than you had at the start. You may still be unable to make the contract, but at least you know West has the king of diamonds. This is because he opened the bidding as dealer and could scarcely have done so without the diamond king.

Your one hope now is that West was dealt the singleton or doubleton king. If he has three diamonds, you can kiss the hand goodbye. So, after another round of trumps, you cash the ace of diamonds, enter dummy with a trump and lead a diamond. Regardless of what East plays, you duck.

As it happens, West must win with the king, and you wind up making the contract.

Police: 2 stabbed, officer assaulted during Eagles' parade



AP photo

Philadelphia Eagles center Jason Kelce, right, arrives in front of the Philadelphia Museum of Art after a Super Bowl victory parade for the Philadelphia Eagles football team, Thursday, Feb. 8, 2018, in Philadelphia. The Eagles beat the New England Patriots 41-33 in Super Bowl 52.

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Philadelphia's mayor on Friday praised fans for their largely peaceful revelry at the Eagles' Super Bowl parade, noting only a few "small hiccups" during a celebration that included two stabbings, a toppled Jumbotron and the assault of an officer.

Police reported two arrests as hundreds of thousands of people wearing green, many of them overcome with equal parts joy and relief after the Eagles' first Super Bowl victory, crowded the city for a party nearly 60 years in the making.

"I don't think many people would argue when I say this week has been one of the greatest weeks in Philadelphia history," said Mayor Jim Kenney, adding that the event mostly "went off without a hitch."

Any foul play during the parade was minor, said Police Commissioner Richard Ross, who tallied damage such as four police cars

dentured by fans climbing on them, two stabbing victims who are expected to survive, an officer who was assaulted by a woman trying to get onto the parade route and two arrests for assault. People attempting to scale a Jumbotron knocked over the huge video screen.

Maintenance crews worked overnight, picking up trash left behind by fans who watched the team travel in open-top double decker buses from their stadium to the art museum steps made famous in the "Rocky" movies. Coach Doug Pederson walked part of the 5-mile route while carrying the Lombardi Trophy, allowing fans to touch the gleaming hardware. Center Jason Kelce, wearing what looked like a genie outfit, gave voice to every frustrated Philly fan with an impassioned and profane speech.

"We were a bunch of underdogs," shouted Kelce, channeling Rocky. "Bottom line is we wanted

it more!"

Thursday's parade was tame in comparison to impromptu celebration that broke out Sunday after the Eagles' defeated the New England Patriots 41-33. In the hours after the Super Bowl victory, fans overturned a car, shattered storefront windows, ate horse feces, collapsed a hotel's awning and hit the police commissioner in the head with a bottle.

Parade organizers prepared for as many as 2 million people.

Crowd safety experts commissioned by The Philadelphia Inquirer and Philadelphia Daily News put the number at about 700,000, based on an examination of photos of the parade route. But city Emergency Operators Director Dan Bradley said he felt the number was higher than that.

The parade cost is still being calculated, the mayor said.

MOVIES

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scoring a "free" movie.

And MoviePass believes it can help promote movies because it knows what subscribers see, when and where. Promotions could even extend to sending alerts to buy a soundtrack or movie poster as subscribers leave the theater.

But several industry experts say MoviePass doesn't add much to the marketing data from theater chains, online ticketing services and other sources.

MoviePass will have leverage once it has "millions and millions of subscribers," said MoviePass CEO Mitch Lowe, a Netflix co-founder who left while it was still a DVD-by-mail business.

To get well beyond the 2 million it already has, MoviePass needs to convince people that they really want to go to movies more often. In most cities, a subscriber needs to watch 13 movies a year to break even. In big cities, it's eight.

"For someone like myself, who usually sees movies twice a year, it wasn't something I would end up doing," said Lisa Berey, a 40-year-old social worker in New York.

And consider that MoviePass' original business plan didn't work out. When the service cost \$30 to \$50 a month, it had just 20,000 hard-core movie fans. MoviePass slashed prices significantly in August to grow.

There's apprehension that as moviegoers get accustomed to much cheaper prices, consumer anger might be redirected at theaters if MoviePass raises its prices, changes terms or goes out of business.

Adam Aron, CEO of the giant theater chain AMC, has called MoviePass' price "unsustainable." AMC initially threatened legal action, but seems to have backed off. The three theater chains that control roughly half of U.S. screens — AMC, Regal and Cinemark — say they're happy to accept MoviePass' money, but poo-hoo any revenue-sharing deals.

This fear isn't unfounded. In an attempt to gain leverage with AMC, MoviePass recently excluded 10 of the busiest AMC theaters, including big multiplexes in New York and Los Angeles. Confused customers complained on social media to both AMC and MoviePass.

For their part, theater chains are making their own changes. Many theaters now have more comfortable seats and better food. And though still a novelty, some theaters have servers bring restaurant-style entrees and cocktails to seats, providing both the dinner and movie components of date night.

Meanwhile, Cinemark launched its own subscription program, though the deal isn't as good as MoviePass. Regal is testing higher prices for popular times and cheaper ones during slower periods.

"I have a hunch that most of the theaters are thinking, 'how do we beat MoviePass at this game?'" said James McQuivey, principal analyst at research firm Forrester.

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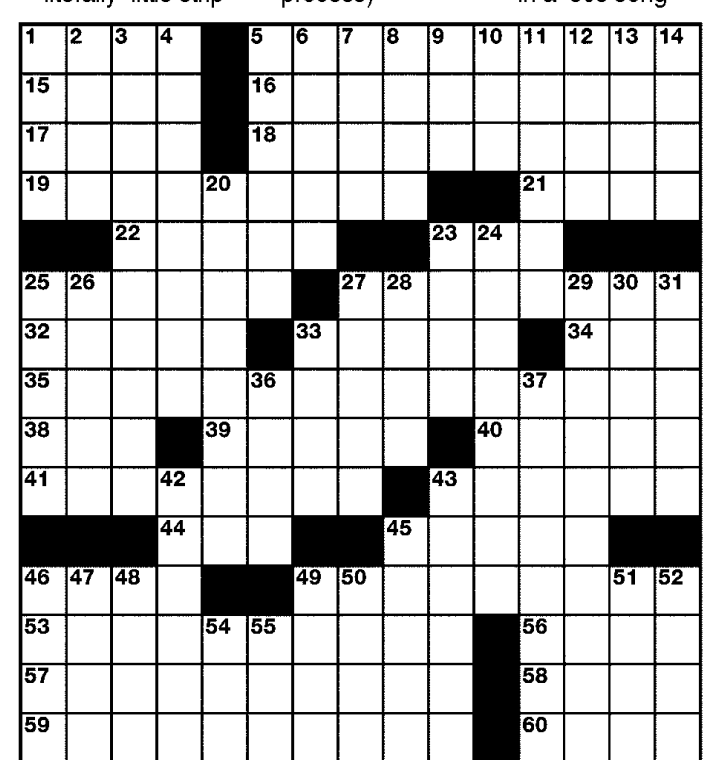
Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
 1 Grows, with "to"
 5 Winter blanket produced before the fall?
 15 Location in Paris
 16 Halted a hug
 17 Certain timer setting
 18 It won't click beyond a circle
 19 Does some shuffling
 21 What the Spanish call the "lamb" saint of Rome
 22 Fourth successor of J. Edgar Hoover
 23 Unlike non sequiturs
 25 Catholic emulating a manger figure
 27 How browsers scan pages
 32 It may precede "undiscovered"
 33 Satellite state
 34 Party one hopes is unsuccessful
 35 Prominent white beam
 38 Inspired stuff, in 51 Down
 39 *Hambourg* and *Bavière*
 40 Jaunty, in dialect
 41 Shake up
 43 Brook
 44 *Star Wars VII* protagonist
 45 Craft named a UNESCO Masterpiece
 46 "Let us no longer ___ farce by pretending to it": Washington
 49 They may be shaped to say "OPEN"
 53 Slinky in *Toy Story*
 56 Copy Cook or Columbus
 57 Lock

- DOWN**
 1 Far from little
 2 Agent's challenge, perhaps
 3 Places for sinking baskets
 4 Processes, as some figs
 5 "We Need a Little Christmas" instrument
 6 What a gambler often plays
 7 More
 8 Spectators singing "No hope for Harvard!"
 9 Seuss, to his pals
 10 Pastoral relative
 11 Edible that's literally "little strip"

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 13 Form of yeast
 14 Regarding things
 20 Product of refinement
 23 Origin of most mainstream religions
 24 Sound of a minibike
 25 "Gambling Capital of the World"
 26 Visibly livid
 27 Home of the oldest known European civilization
 28 Kid stuff
 29 Chapter I of his best-known book is "The Cyclone"
 30 Sight near many châteaux
 31 Singer heroine
 33 ___ administration (pharmaceutical process)
 36 Minute, to tots
 37 What Twain called Lincoln and Grant
 42 Photoshop icon
 43 Yogi Bear adversary
 45 Subject of *The Columbus of the Woods*
 46 "Ri-i-ight"
 47 "I sing," in the *Aeneid*
 48 Apparel inspired by Degas
 49 It won't be caught until it breaks
 50 Complete fragments, perhaps
 51 Swift home
 52 ___-black (bluish shade)
 54 Outré artist in torn paper
 55 "Tachin' up" auto in a '60s song



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Annie's Mailbox

Not Over Him Yet

Dear Annie: About a year and a half ago, the absolute love of my life and I broke up. I was going through some hard times and suffered from major depression and wasn't taking any medication for it. I accused him of cheating, not loving me, etc., to the point where he'd had enough. I don't blame him, really. We still talked afterward, and I have been on medication for over a year now and see how wrong I was. I explained that to him and also how I have been faithful to him in hopes of getting back together. On our calls, we would talk about the good times, and he even called me the nickname he had for me. I thought, "OK, this is it. Finally time to get the love of my life back." Then he told me he has gone on coffee dates and is on a dating website. Today I finally decided I can't do it anymore and blocked his number. Was I wrong to do so? -- Lost in Love

Dear Lost in Love: No, you weren't wrong. You blocked his number because your heart was telling you that it won't be able to heal while he's in it. Listen to it. As paradoxical as it sounds, you need to cut off contact with your ex until you no longer have a desire to contact him. It won't be easy, but it will be worth it. Eventually, you'll be able to move on, just as he already is.

Dear Annie: I am a young woman who received a job promotion almost a year ago. My boss and mentor, an older man, is an expert in our field. Having this experience on my resume will be invaluable in the future. Professionally, he is everything a mentor should be, in addition to being a kind man who makes long hours and sometimes stressful work almost fun.

All should be good, but there is one issue that is about to put me over the edge. He blows his nose constantly, using and reusing the same visibly full-of-mucus handkerchief, and he rarely washes his hands. The constant loud noise of all that mucus dislodging is stomach-churning. We often work in the same office or conference room, and we pass documents back and forth. We often have to eat meals together, with or without clients, and his nose-blowing is even more disgusting at the table. I have seen others quietly put down their forks until especially loud, rumbling nose-blowing moments pass. Of course, once he has handled the bread basket or other communal dishes, no one else takes from those dishes. I keep a large, visible bottle of hand sanitizer on my desk. I sometimes offer it to him and others, but he always declines. It's the same when we enter a restaurant and I excuse myself to "wash my hands"; he seems oblivious and never follows my lead.

I feel that it would be disrespectful for me to speak up, and I'm not sure what I could say. I'm writing in hopes that he and others with chronic sinus issues will take care of their business in the privacy of a bathroom or their own office and then wash their hands each and every time they blow their nose. Not to mention that the flu is rampant across our country. -- Disgusted and Grosse

Dear Disgusted and Grosse: Some people with chronic sinus issues have such frequent need to clear their noses that if they went to the bathroom every time, they wouldn't get much else done. That said, everyone who's able to go to the restroom when clearing his or her nose absolutely should. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, washing our hands with soap and scrubbing for at least 20 seconds is one of the best ways to avoid getting ourselves and others sick.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



Capricorn Holiday Countdown

The Capricorn moon rules the countdown to several events of the week -- Mardi Gras, Valentine's Day and the Lunar New Year. Taking care of the practical considerations is the order of the day. What you think of and plan for now will set the stage for successful celebrations and lucky beginnings.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll contemplate a move that would totally change your lifestyle. Some people wouldn't even consider this. Give yourself points just for having the guts to entertain the idea.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Friendship should not be relegated to a lower position than romantic love. Sometimes being "just friends" is exactly what's needed to take love to a more real, nurturing and committed place.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll make friends wherever you go, so don't worry about whether or not you have good company. Company is never far from you. Bonus: There's a distinct advantage in being the new person.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Much suffering in the world is caused by people wanting to change others to be more like them. Too much similarity among a group is not only unnecessary but also unhealthy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). People get used to a base level of attention from you. That loving attention begins to just feel normal. The situation requires intermittent acts of initiative. The tiniest novel gesture will liberate a flow of adoring energy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Get ahead of the competition by doing the better work than any of the others on a consistent basis. There will be a few obvious hurdles, though nothing insurmountable once you put your mind to it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The physical world expresses itself through moving and through

being. There's no arguing with it, and that's the beauty. Can your statement be made without words? Look into this today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Don't worry too much now about presenting yourself in a novel way. You don't have to try to stand out. And you can't help but be original. It's not in one thing you say or do but in the sum of your work.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). To show small but unmistakable kindness to the one for which you currently feel only neutrality will change you -- and the world -- for the better, to a degree that's totally disproportionate to the small gesture.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Quiet water acts as a mirror, whereas nothing can be reflected in rushing or disturbed water. The mind is the same way. Reflection happens in mental stillness. Distortion happens in the blur of having too many thoughts.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Such sayings as "mind your own business" and "to each his own" may feel rather common and small, but they are packed with a great deal of wisdom and power. Intolerance is suffering. Tolerance is peace.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Yes, nice people are pleasant to hang around with, and they're a lot less work. But people who aren't nice have their merits, too, and there will be a benefit to relating to them today, as well.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 11). Compatibility is a puzzle, and the pieces will fall right in place for you this solar return. This will be as true in your

professional life as it is in your personal life. You've simply a knack for being a part of winning teams. April is when an investment pays you back. June brings a big improvement that will take a while to settle into. Leo and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 30, 22, 25 and 14.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Valentine's Day falls on Ash Wednesday this year and will be governed by a compassionate Aquarius moon. Romantic love won't be the only kind celebrated. This lunar aspect favors appreciation for all of the people in our lives who make us better, especially by inspiring us to think on a higher level and give more generously of ourselves.

Did you know that you can lower your blood pressure just by petting a dog? Those who have dogs as pets often find that they enhance the home dynamics in unexpected and mysterious ways. The nature of dogs is to be loyal and affectionate while working into the order of things. There can only be so many leaders of the pack, so dogs naturally seek to fit in and make themselves useful. Let's hope these favorable qualities of man's best friend will describe the year ahead, as this week brings us the beginning of the Lunar New Year of the Earth Dog. The new moon in Aquarius and solar eclipse of Feb. 15 is the doorway into the New Year celebration on Friday. Welcome to a year characterized by friendship and group work.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Jennifer Aniston's personal life has been a matter of public interest to rival presidential elections and wartime events. Aniston was born when the sun and Mercury were both in friendly, philanthropic Aquarius and the moon was in passionate Sagittarius. Look for the fascinating actress in the upcoming movie "Dumplin'," which is based on the popular novel by the same name.

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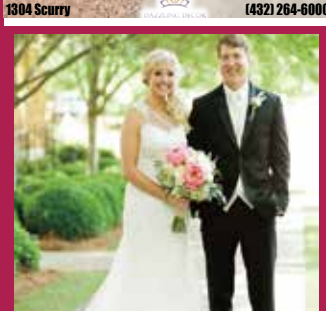
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cut Uber's payment in half, but provided Waymo with the guarantees that it wanted to prevent its technology from being used in Uber's autonomous cars.

The payment, to be made in Uber's stock, is a fraction of the nearly \$2 billion in damages that a Waymo expert had estimated Uber's alleged theft had caused. But U.S. District Judge William Alsup had refused to allow Waymo to use that figure in the trial.

"This has the look of two companies trying to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat," said Dan Handman, a Los Angeles lawyer specializing in trade secrets for the firm Hirschfeld Kraemer. "You try to structure a settlement so both sides can spin it as a win-win situation."

A settlement in the middle of a trial is highly unusual, but both companies had motives for doing so in this case.

Kalanick, a polarizing figure who

resigned as Uber's CEO last June, had already spent part of two days on the stand reviewing old texts between him and Levandowski indicating that they were willing to go to any lengths to catch up with a self-driving car project that Google started in 2009. The texts included snippets such as "second place is first looser (sic)," "burn the village," and a link to a video clip from the 1987 film "Wall Street" featuring a character hailing the virtues of unbridled greed.

Levandowski was also set to take the stand Monday, when he was expected once again to repeatedly take the Fifth, a move that Uber's lawyers feared would prejudice the 10-person jury against the company. "The optics of someone not wanting to incriminate himself in front of a jury in a civil case are terrible," Handman said.

Uber's settlement won't necessarily help Levandowski, though. The U.S. Justice Department opened a criminal probe at the prodding of Alsup, although it hasn't publicly identified the targets of that investigation.

Waymo alleged that Levandowski

heisted its technology and took it to Uber via a startup he founded and which Uber purchased a few months later for \$680 million. Uber denied using any Google technology to build a fleet of self-driving cars.

Including the settlement, the cost of that Otto deal is now nearly \$1 billion, without factoring in Uber's legal bills in the case. It's a deal that one of Uber's own attorneys acknowledged the company now regrets.

"Knowing everything we know, Uber regrets ever bringing Anthony Levandowski on board," Uber lawyer William Carmody told the jury in his opening statement. "And the reason they do so is because for all his time at Uber, all Uber has to show for Anthony Levandowski is this lawsuit."

But the settlement at least removes a dark cloud that Uber didn't want looming when it offers its stock to the public — something its current CEO, Dara Khosrowshahi, plans to pursue next year. The settlement also covers more than 100 other trade secrets that Waymo alleges Levandowski stole. Waymo could have filed additional

claims against Uber in the months and years ahead, but that's no longer a possibility unless Waymo finds additional evidence of Uber using its technology.

"If you are an Uber investor, you should be pleased with the outcome, given what could have happened if they had lost," said Rohit Kulkarni, managing director of SharesPost.com, a research group focused on privately held companies.

For Waymo, the settlement protects the technology that has vaulted it into the early lead in the self-driving car market and provides a measure of personal vindication for Google co-founder Larry Page, who is now CEO of Alphabet Inc., the parent of both Waymo and Google.

According to Kalanick's testimony, Page had become "very upset" in 2015 when he learned Uber had hired robotics engineers from Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh for its own self-driving car division. "He sort of was a little angsty and said, 'Why are you doing my thing?'" Kalanick recalled.

Equifax hack exposed more info than reported

By SARAH SKIDMORE SELL

AP Personal Finance Writer

The Equifax data breach exposed more of consumers' personal information than the company first disclosed last year, according to documents given to lawmakers.

The credit reporting company announced in September that the personal information of 145.5 million consumers had been compromised in a data breach. It originally said that the information accessed included names, Social Security numbers, birth dates, addresses and — in some cases — driver's license numbers and credit card numbers. It also said some consumers' credit card numbers were among the information exposed, as well as the personal information from thousands of dispute documents.

However, Atlanta-based Equifax Inc. recently disclosed in a document submitted to the Senate Banking Committee, which was shared with The Associated Press, that a forensic investigation found criminals accessed other information from company records. That included tax identification numbers, email addresses and phone numbers. Finer details, such as the expiration dates for credit cards or issuing states for driver's licenses, were also included in the list.

The additional insight into the massive breach was first reported by the Wall Street Journal.

Equifax's disclosure, which it has not made directly to consumers, underscores the depth of detail the company keeps on individuals that it may have put at risk. And it adds to the string of missteps the company has made in recovering from the security debacle.

Equifax spokeswoman Meredith Griffanti said that "in no way did we intend to mislead consumers." The company last year disclosed only the information that affected the greatest number of consumers and wanted to "act with the greatest clarity" in terms of the information provided the committee, she said.

Griffanti also said that while the list provided to the committee includes all the potential data points that may have been accessed by criminals, those elements impacted a minimal portion of consumers. And some data — like passport numbers — were not stolen. The company reiterated that the total number of consumers affected is unchanged.

"When you are making that kind of announcement, where do you draw the line? If you saw the list we provided the banking finance committee it was pretty exhaustive," Griffanti said. "We wanted to show them that no stone was unturned."

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RECORDS

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Property: Lot number seven, block number 3, Muir Heights addition
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Grantee: Casey Smith
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Date: Feb. 6, 2018

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But to consumers whose information was exposed, it may feel like yet another slap in the face.

Equifax waited months to disclose the hack. After it did, anxious consumers experienced jammed phone lines and uninformed company representatives. An Equifax website set up to help people determine their exposure was described as sketchy by security experts and provided inconsistent and unhelpful information to many. The company blamed the online customer help page's problems on a vendor's software code after it appeared that it had been hacked as well.

Equifax has tried to make changes, replacing its CEO, as well as spending millions to research and rectify the breach. In January, it launched a service that allows consumers to lock and unlock their credit report. But a test of the site by The New York Times found it unusable in many ways. The company said this experience was an exception and it has made some key changes to the service since it first launched.

The company continues to deal with multiple regulatory investigations into the matter as well as hundreds of consumer lawsuits. Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., released a report on the hack Wednesday that described it as "one of the largest and most significant data security lapses in history."

Shipping shakeup? Amazon may deliver its own packages

By **DAVID KOENIG and JOSEPH PISANI**

Associated Press

Amazon has already shown that it can rattle the retail, grocery and health insurance industries, and now it is doing the same in the delivery business.

The online retailer is reportedly planning a new service to pick up packages from businesses and deliver them to consumers.

The service, called "Shipping With Amazon," is expected to start in Los Angeles in the coming weeks and roll out more broadly as soon as this year, according to The Wall Street Journal, which cited anonymous sources.

Amazon, which has been edging into the delivery business for some time, would not confirm the report — but didn't deny it either.

"We're always innovating and experimenting on behalf of customers and the businesses that sell and grow on Amazon to create faster lower-cost delivery choices," said Amazon spokeswoman Kristen Kish.

Shares of delivery giants UPS and FedEx slipped Friday, but so did Amazon's stock as analysts expressed caution about the difficulty of building a competitive delivery network.

Amazon's interest in the delivery business has been percolating ever since many Amazon packages were delivered late around Christmas in 2013. Amazon has helped fuel the boom in online shopping, but all those millions of packages are straining the networks of UPS and FedEx. Amazon also uses the U.S. Postal Service and smaller delivery companies.

UPS had a rocky holiday season late last year, as it underestimated the crush of online shopping during so-called cyber week right after Thanksgiving. The Atlanta-based company plans to spend a chunk of its tax-cut savings to improve its network.

Meanwhile, Amazon has leased 40 airplanes, begun arranging ocean freight

shipments from China to the U.S., and built up a corps of delivery drivers.

Executives at UPS and FedEx have downplayed the Amazon threat before, saying that it would take a massive investment over a long time to build an air



and ground network to rival theirs.

There is little doubt, however, that Seattle-based Amazon has the means to build a bigger network. It had \$178 billion in sales and \$3 billion in profit last year and is sitting on more than \$20 billion in cash.

An Amazon entry would "send shivers down the spines of the traditional delivery companies," said Neil Saunders, managing director of GlobalData Retail.

Saunders said the delivery companies are likely to lose business from Amazon — slowly at first, then more quickly as Amazon builds out its own operation. And if Amazon starts delivering to businesses, it may undercut the incumbents on rates, he said.

Analysts estimate that UPS gets up to 6 percent of revenue from Amazon deliveries compared to about 3 percent for FedEx. Several took a wait-and-see approach to the Amazon threat.

Deutsche Bank analysts wrote that "one pilot program, in one city, is being extrapolated as a clear and present risk to a global network" that delivers 33 million packages a day, more than 20 times Amazon's estimated delivery volume. They were "highly skeptical" of much risk to UPS and FedEx.

Citi analyst Christian Weatherbee said Amazon hasn't yet committed significant assets to a new delivery program.

"We don't want to present the case that Amazon will never, or could never, compete directly with FedEx, UPS" and the post office, Weatherbee said, but there

is no indication that the company has bought enough trucks and hired enough drivers to take on UPS and FedEx, which would be a "difficult task," he said.

Amazon is likely to remain a major customer for UPS and FedEx for quite some time, complicating their relationship.

UBS Securities analyst Thomas Wadewitz said as "frenemy" Amazon expands on their turf, it could make sense for UPS and FedEx to significantly raise prices with Amazon, although there is no evidence to show they'll do that.

Others think Amazon may be trying to talk down delivery rates and get better service. Stifel analyst David Ross said Amazon will grow its logistics business but won't be able — and may not even want — to handle all of its own deliveries.

FedEx spokesman Patrick Fitzgerald said the Journal headline showed a "lack of basic understanding of the full scale of the global transportation industry."

UPS spokesman Steve Gaut said in statement that the company "continues to support Amazon and many other customers," and doesn't comment about their business strategies or decisions on how they use UPS services. UPS declined to make an executive available for an interview.

Amazon's muscle and influence beyond retailing have been very evident lately.

When Amazon, Warren Buffett and the CEO of JPMorgan Chase announced two weeks ago that they were forming a company to tackle employer health care costs, it triggered a sell-off in the shares of established health insurers.

This week Amazon launched two-hour grocery delivery for Prime members from Whole Foods, which it bought last summer for nearly \$14 billion.

Amazon shares fell \$10.90 to close at \$1,339.60; United Parcel Service Inc. dropped \$2.89, or 2.6 percent, to \$106.39; and FedEx Corp. fell \$3.95, or 1.7 percent, to \$235.32.



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