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Obituaries

"Memaw" Esther Anna Hughes



"Memaw" Esther Anna Hughes, 97, of Big Spring, Texas, passed on Jan. 21, 2018, following complications from Alzheimer's after a brief stay at Parkview Nursing and Rehab Center.

Esther was the youngest of nine children, and was born Aug. 27, 1920, to John and Anna Fuhrmann in Gordonville, Mo. She met and married Jim Hughes on Feb. 2, 1957, and they moved to Texas. She and Jim ran many businesses in Big Spring.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband Jim Hughes in May 1987.

She is survived by her three stepsons, James Hughes of Albuquerque, N.M., Mike and wife Laura Hughes of Big Spring, Texas, and Stan and wife Linn Hughes of Lubbock, Texas; four grandchildren, Aaron Hughes of Prague, Czech Republic, Krystal Hughes Edmiston and husband Coby of College Station, Cody Hughes and wife InaShay

of Big Spring, and Kori Hughes of Lubbock, Texas, five great-grandchildren, Kaylee and Colton Edmiston of College Station, and Addyson, Landon, and Grayson Hughes of Big Spring, Texas; three honorary grandchildren, Wendy Mayes of Big Spring, Texas, Amy Mayes of Keller, Texas, and Amber Mayes of Keller, Texas.

Esther was a Methodist and a strong Christian throughout her life. She loved animals, especially dogs, and was never without one.

Services will be performed by her son Mike Hughes at Nalley Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel on Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2018, at 10 a.m., with burial to follow at Live Oak Cemetery, Eden, Texas.

Visitation will be Tuesday, 5 to 7 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home, Big Spring, Texas.

Donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association, www.alz.org, or the charity of your choosing. Many thanks to the staff at Parkview Nursing Home and Compass Hospice.

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

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Otto Kasten



Mr. Otto Kasten of Sisterdale passed away on Sunday, Jan. 21 the age of 86 years.

Otto Kasten was born on Oct. 14, 1931, in Kendall County, Texas, to Otto and Clara Kunz Kasten.

He married Grace Elkins on July 4, 1964, in St. John's Lutheran Church, Boerne, Texas.

Mr. Otto Kasten is survived by his daughter and spouse, Laura and Duane Murphree of Big Spring; seven grandchildren, Ronald and Shelly Below, Christopher and Julie Below, Jamie and Cody Lackey, Jason and Darcey Murphree, Jessica and Toby Guerin, Rebecca and Lorenzo Valbuena, Jacob and Ana Leslie; 22 great-randchildren; and a sister, Martha, Mrs. Joe Willems of Comfort.

Preceded in death by parents, wife, one daughter, Carolyn Babbitt; and three sisters and one brother, Frieda Heiner, Clara Glenney, Ottilia Knuepper,

and Willie Kasten.

The body will lie in state in the chapel of the Schaetter Funeral Home in Comfort, Texas, until 12:15 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 25, and from 1 until 2 p.m. in the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Comfort, with funeral services at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Sam Radoman officiating.

Graveside services and interment will follow in the Sisterdale Cemetery

For those who so desire, you may make memorial contributions in his memory to the Sisterdale V.F.D., Hill Country Memorial Hospice, or to the charity of your choice.

Visitation for Mr. Otto Kasten will begin on Wednesday, Jan. 24, from 4 to 6 p.m. and on Thursday, Jan. 25, from 8 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. in the chapel of the Schaetter Funeral Home in Comfort.

Arrangements are by the Schaetter Funeral Home.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent at www.schaetter.com.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **JASON SCOTT WILLIAMS**, 38, of 1201 Sycamore was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- **EPIFANIO JOSE GUZMAN JR.**, 30, of 601 N. Scurry St. was arrested on a charge of failure to identify-fugitive giving false information; and on two outstanding warrants.
- **ARIEL ANN SAUCEDO**, 27,

of 1313 Dixie Ave. was arrested on a warrant for theft of property (\$750 to \$2,500).

- **EDWARD JAMES AUSBIE**, 24, of 1802 Hearn St. was arrested on a charge of failure to display court order (occupational license).
- **PHILIP SHAWN HORTON**, 39, of 1914 W. Live Oak in San Angelo was arrested on three outstanding warrants.
- **DISTURBANCE** was report-

ed in the 600 block of Linda Lane.

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1000 block of Sycamore Street.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 900 block of E. FM 700 and at the intersection of FM 700 and Wasson Road.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 3600 block of West Highway 80 and the 200 block of West FM 700.

Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 61 inmates at the time of this report.

- **EDWARD JAMES AUSBIE**, 24, was booked by BSPD on a violation of occupational driver's license.
- **EPIFANIO JOE GUZMAN JR.**, 30, was booked by BSPD on a charge of failure to identify-fugi-

tive giving false information; on a warrants for terroristic threat of a family or household member; and on a parole violation.

- **DAVID WAYNE HOLSEN-BECK**, 49, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for violation of promise to appear.
- **PHILIP SHAWN HORTON**, 39, was booked by BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for terroristic threat causing fear of serious bodily injury; a bondsman off bond warrant for possession

of a controlled substance (4 to 200 grams); and on a warrant for failure to appear for possession of a controlled substance (4 to 200 grams).

- **ARIEL SAUCEDO**, 27, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for theft of property (\$750 to \$2,500).
- **JASON WILLIAMS**, 38, was booked by BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for duty on striking a fixture or highway landscaping.

Take Note

- Are you interested in Duplicate Bridge? Big Spring Duplicate will offer lessons to both men and woman. The lesson will be offered at the Big Spring Country Club, and the lessons will start Jan. 31. There will be five lessons at \$25 a 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.

- 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.sponsor Marcy House, 2301 Wasson Road.

Frances Johnson



Frances Johnson, 81, died peacefully Jan. 19, 2018, in Lubbock, Texas, at the University Medical Center after a brief illness.

Funeral services will be held 12 noon, Thursday, Jan. 25, 2018, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2018, at the funeral home.

Frances was born Nov. 3, 1936, in Sparkman, Ark., to Chester and Fannie Harrison. She enjoyed gardening, shopping, and going to garage sales with her sister, Zadie Winters. In high school she played basketball and enjoyed watching local sports teams. Frances graduated from Sparkman High School and later attended Midland College.

She moved to Big Spring in 1957 where she met Ulis Johnson. They married Sept. 1, 1958, and were married for 59 years.

Frances was an active member in the Church of Christ, working beside her husband, Ulis. Frances loved participating in various church activities such as Lady's Day Programs, Group Singing, and teaching lady's and children's Bible Classes. She worked for the Headstart Program at Kate Morrison. She then went to work at the Big Spring State Hospital where she worked until she retired. Along the way she made many life-long friends.

Frances is survived by her husband, Ulis Johnson; four children, Vickie Johnson of Big Spring, Gerald and wife Doris of Big Spring, David and wife Cheryl of Carrollton, Texas, and Stanley and wife Sonja of Ft. Worth, Texas. She also leaves behind eight grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and a host of other relatives and close friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Dennis Harrison and Jay Harrison; and two sisters, Mary Moore and Zadie Winters.

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

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Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of Linda Lane. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of Drake Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 900 block of Brian Road.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 4800 block of West Highway 80. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veteran's Boulevard. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of Lindberg. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veteran's Boulevard. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near mile marker 176 on West Interstate 20. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Support Groups

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.

- A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship located in the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

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Coffee Hour with Kindred at Home

Courtesy photo
Shelby Shelley, dietitian at SMMC was the featured guest at Kindred Coffee Hour on Friday. Shelley discussed how to succeed in your new year resolution and offered some healthy lifestyle changes and more.

HC discusses Hurricane Harvey relief

By ERIN STEPHENS
Staff Writer

The Howard College Board of Trustees met yesterday to discuss items on their agenda for this month.

HC President, Dr. Cheryl Sparks, presented an update on the Hurricane Harvey Effort along with a short “video of thanks” from the recipient of donations, Alvin Community College. The video included ACC president and students expressing their appreciation for the support they received from Howard College. “We certainly did not expect a video like this but it was very nice,” said Sparks. “I think they just felt so encouraged that such a small college in West Texas was willing to help them.”

The next item on the agenda was the Lamesa ISD project.

Consideration of a renovated space on the Lamesa High School campus for Howard College will not be included as part of the bond proposal being discussed in Lamesa at this time. “Howard College is going to continue to seek private funding in the Lamesa area to renovate their existing location,” said Sparks. “We’re trying to get local support to help us out with the Lamesa location.”

On Feb. 6, a dinner meeting with school boards from Big Spring, Coahoma, and Forsan and the Howard College Board of Trustees will take place in the Cactus Room on the HC Big Spring Campus.

“This meeting will give us the chance to network and talk about what we can all do to further educational opportunities in Howard County,” said Sparks.

The next item discussed was the status on the Adult Education and Literacy Program being offered at both The Salvation Army of Big Spring and Ryan Hall. The Salvation Army will be reaching out to the west side of the community and Ryan Hall will be reaching out to the north side of the community. Ribbon cutting ceremonies were held at both off-site locations yesterday. Anyone interested in AEL classes will have to first go through an orientation at the HC Big Spring campus. AEL program and orientation information can be found on the HC website at www.howardcollege.edu/big-spring.

Other topics on the agenda include:

-Dora Roberts Foundation made a donation to Howard College in the amount of \$176,000

-Accountability measures were read by Dr. Amy Burchett, Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs. A table was presented to show specific numbers on success points, grade distributions by program and course, and retention rates. Numbers are intended to help instructors and

divisions know what is working and what is not. The LEADS project was also discussed. LEADS is a comprehensive program consisting of academic instruction, student engagement, and community involvement through skill-based activities that are designed to empower students during their freshman year and beyond.

The retention rate for LEADS students is an 81% retention rate out the 238 that enrolled as full-time students.

-Upcoming events were discussed by Dr. Sparks. On Jan 30, HC Big Spring campus will be hosting the West Texas Association of Community Colleges meeting from 4 to 5:30. This will be in conjunction with what will be going on during the Chamber Extravaganza.

Contact Staff Writer Erin Stephens at 432-263-7331 ext. 232, or by email at citydesk@bigspringherald.com.

SHUTDOWN

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with the Defense Department at Fort Belvoir in northern Virginia, was deemed essential and reported to work Monday. She said the whip-lash that occurs when employees are furloughed makes it hard to plan upon returning to work.

Sharp, who also serves as a local president for the American Federation of Government Employees, said the deal that keeps government open for a few weeks, “only just postpones the inevitable for a

while.” When the next deadline approaches, she predicted, “it will be the same situation all over again.”

During the 2013 shutdown, which lasted more than two weeks, Sharp took on two part-time jobs to make sure her bills were paid.

J. David Cox, national president of the American Federation of Government Employees, which represents 700,000 federal and D.C. government workers, said his members have been exasperated with the inability of Congress and Trump to negotiate a budget.

“We can’t be the ball for the ping-pong game,” Cox said, after Senate Democrats dropped their objections Monday to a temporary funding bill in return for assurances from Republicans leaders that they will soon take up immigration and other hot-button issues.

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sealcoat, and LRA paving/patching material;

- Discuss and consider approving a road grant;
- Address personnel considerations in a closed executive session.

Those wishing to address the commissioners should arrive early and complete a short form prior to the meeting. For more information contact County Judge Kathryn Wiseman’s office at 432-264-2202.

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

TXDOT

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On Friday and Saturday, the same situation will apply for the eastbound frontage road.

All of the closures are to allow placement of beams and removal of heavy equipment once placement is complete.

TXDOT and the Big Spring Herald remind motorists to be especially watchful when traveling through the area, which will include large equipment and heavy machinery.



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BALL

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created to provide aid for the museum, and has since become the largest fundraiser for Hangar 25.

The ball not only serves as a way to keep the museum up and alive, but it also provides an event the people of Howard County have come to look forward to.

“This year is a special ball for the Hangar, because this will be the ‘20th Annual Silver Wings Ball,’” said Ryan. “There will be some really special on goings at this ball to celebrate 20 years of helping preserve the history of the Museum.”

The guest of this year’s ball can expect a cash bar, a five course meal provided by the Hotel Settles, a live and silent auction and more.

“We don’t want to give any details away, and just really want to entice people to come,” said Ryan. “It’s supporting a great cause, and you will have a blast while doing it.”

To help the Silver Wings’ guest to have good time, the Hangar also will have live music during the ball provided by The Southwest Jazz Band.

“The music is always wonderful and the dancing is always fun,” said Gay Smith, five year volunteer of the Hangar. “Everyone gathers together to just have a good time while showing support.”

The Silver Wings Ball will be held at the Hotel Settles, and the dress code is formal/Texas formal wear.

To start off this exciting year for the Silver Wings Ball, cocktail hour will begin at 5 p.m. followed by a sit down dinner provided by the Settles, which will then be followed by the auctions.

“Ever since the Settles re-opened five years ago, the Hangar has had the ball there in the beautiful

hotel,” said Smith. “Every year those who come have the best time, and of course for the museum, we always hope to have a good turn out.”

Tickets for this event are \$50 per person, or you can reserve a table for \$500.

There will be a game of chance going on during the ball for a prize of a one night stay in the Hotel Settles’ suite with an adjoining room and a bottle of bubbly.

“Tickets go fast, so hurry and get yours if you haven’t,” said Smith. “If there are any tickets remaining by the time of the ball they will be available for purchase at the Settles.”

The Silver Wings ball will be Sat. Jan. 27, from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Hotel Settles located on 200 E 3rd St.

“We want the community to come hang out and have a good time,” said Bond. “We also want to bring awareness to preserving the history of the museum.” Come support the museum that focuses on displaying the proud heritage of Big Spring and educating our fellow citizens of all ages on the military traditions that have been such an important part of local history.

To call and see about remaining tickets, to purchase tickets or too find out more information about the ball, contact the Hangar 25 Air Museum at 432-264-1999.

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Charles E. "Chuck" Feld, 85, died Monday. Funeral service with Air Force Honors will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Teresa Kay Sheppard, 62, died Friday. Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

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15-year-old girl shot at Texas school; boy, 16, arrested



AP photo
Law enforcement personnel from the Ellis County Sheriff's Office park outside a high school in Italy, Texas, following an active shooter incident at the school Monday morning, Jan. 22, 2018. Sheriff's officials said a boy who is a student at the school was taken into custody.

ITALY, Texas (AP) — A 15-year-old student in Texas was injured in a shooting in her high school cafeteria Monday morning and a 16-year-old boy, also a student at the school, was taken into custody, sheriff's officials said.

The girl was airlifted to Parkland Memorial

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Pilot unhurt in crash landing in West Texas field in Abilene



AP photo
A single-engine private plane rests on it belly after a crash landing Monday, Jan. 22, 2018, in a West Texas field shortly after takeoff from Abilene Regional Airport in Abilene, Texas. Taylor County Sheriff's Sgt. Cliff Griffin says the pilot wasn't hurt in the crash The area is about a mile west of Dyess Air Force Base.

ABILENE, Texas (AP) — Officials say a single-engine private plane has made a crash landing in a West Texas field shortly after takeoff on a flight to New Mexico.

The Texas Department of Public Safety says the pilot reported engine trouble after takeoff Monday from Abilene Regional Airport and was trying to land at nearby Dyess Air Force Base.

Taylor County Sheriff's Sgt. Cliff Griffin says the pilot wasn't hurt in the crash landing a mile west of Dyess. Griffin says the plane was bound for Ruidoso, New Mexico.

The Beechcraft A-36 ended up on its belly.

A spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration didn't immediately return a message Monday due to the U.S. government shutdown.

Man apologizes, sentenced to 22 years for US terrorism plot



AP photo
This undated file photo provided by Franklin County Sherifffis Office shows Abdirahman Sheik Mohamud.
By ANDREW WELSH-HUGGINS
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — An Ohio man who admitted he plotted to kill U.S. military members after receiving training in Syria apologized to his family and adopted country Monday before a federal judge sentenced him

to 22 years in prison.

After returning to the U.S., Abdirahman Sheik Mohamud planned to fly to Texas and attack the Federal Medical Center Carswell in Fort Worth in an attempt to free Aafia Siddiqui, a Pakistani scientist convicted of shooting at two U.S. soldiers in Afghanistan, Judge Michael Watson said as he outlined the allegations against Mohamud.

Mohamud, 26, told Watson he knew what he'd done was wrong and that he'd fallen into the trap of radicalization while abroad.

"Do you have any idea how misguided that was?" Watson asked Mohamud before he sentenced him.

"Absolutely," replied Mohamud, who appeared in jail clothes and had shackles around his ankles and his hands chained to his waist. "I wish I could take it back, your honor."

Watson said he based the sentence on the "deadly serious" nature of the crime and the need to deter others from considering similar actions.

Watson drew attention to the fact

that Mohamud applied for a passport to travel abroad only a week after he became a U.S. citizen in 2014.

Mohamud was born in Somalia and came to the U.S. as a 2-year-old child. He was arrested in 2015 and pleaded guilty a few months later. The attacks were never carried out.

Mohamud bought a ticket to Greece with a stop in Turkey, where he disembarked before going to Syria, prosecutors said in court documents.

They said he never intended to go to Greece.

Mohamud trained with al-Nusrah Front, a terrorist organization affiliated with al-Qaeda, according to the government.

Defense attorney Sam Shamansky asked for leniency, saying Mohamud didn't have his father around when he was growing up, was brainwashed

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Lawsuit says Dallas County bail system unfairly harms poor

DALLAS (AP) — Civil rights groups have filed a federal lawsuit accusing Dallas County's bail system of violating the constitutional rights of poor individuals by keeping them jailed because they cannot afford to pay a bond.

The lawsuit alleges the county's bail system does not consider a jailed defendant's ability to pay to post bond, resulting in different treatment in the criminal justice system.

"The situation in Dallas County Jail is a crisis," said Trisha Trigilio, senior staff attorney for the ACLU of Texas. "Like hundreds of people Dallas keeps locked in jail every day, our clients were never asked if they could afford the bail they were assigned. A judicial system where the amount of money in a bank account is the only thing standing between a defendant and her freedom is not a system interested in dispensing justice."

The lawsuit claims that "while wealthier arrestees are released from custody almost immediately upon payment of money" to the county, arrestees like the plaintiffs who are "too poor to purchase their freedom" remain jailed "because of their poverty."

In a statement, Dallas County Judge

Clay Jenkins said he supports bail reform "because some low risk suspects that don't need to be there are held in Texas jails at taxpayer expense simply because they can't afford to bond out."

"I look forward to working with everyone to enact bail reform and other criminal justice reforms that will strengthen the community," he said.

The lawsuit was filed by four nonprofits on Sunday on behalf of six Dallas County inmates. It accuses officials of operating a two-tiered system of justice based on wealth, in violation of the due process and equal protection clauses of the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

The Dallas County lawsuit is similar to others that have been filed across the country in recent years.

In April 2017, U.S. District Judge Lee Rosenthal in Houston ruled that Harris County's policy of detaining indigent misdemeanor defendants before trial violated equal protection rights against wealth-based discrimination and due process protections against pretrial detention. An appeal of the lawsuit in Harris County — home to Houston — is pending before the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Howard County Junior College District STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION Year Ended August 31, 2017	
	2017
REVENUES	
Operating revenues	
Tuition and fees (net of discounts of \$5,011,089)	\$ 4,558,820
Federal grants and contracts	2,119,315
State grants and contracts	612,539
Local grants and contracts	111,711
Nongovernmental grants and contracts	949,305
Sales and services of educational activities	408,984
Auxiliary enterprises (net of discounts of \$1,076,513)	272,826
Other operating revenues	394,116
Total operating revenues	9,427,616
EXPENSES	
Operating expenses	
Instruction	9,529,202
Public service	1,105,273
Academic support	1,799,523
Student services	2,400,453
Institutional support	6,554,883
Operation and maintenance of plant	3,647,964
Scholarships and fellowships	1,968,209
Auxiliary enterprises	2,390,485
Depreciation	2,529,490
Total operating expenses	31,925,482
Operating loss	(22,497,866)
NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)	
State appropriations	10,984,961
Property taxes for operations	7,604,949
Property taxes for debt service	1,463,648
Payments in lieu of taxes	156,356
Federal revenue, non-operating	4,120,246
Investment income (net of investment expenses)	41,601
Interest on capital related debt	(725,921)
Gain (Loss) on disposal of fixed assets	235,281
Other non-operating revenues	212,342
Net non-operating revenues	24,093,463
Income before other revenue	1,595,597
Other revenue	
Capital contributions	57,017
Increase in net position	1,652,614
Net Position – beginning of year	43,436,176
Net Position – end of year	\$ 45,088,790

5 missing after Oklahoma rig explosion



Smoke billows from the site of a gas well fire near Quinton, Okla., early Monday, Jan. 22, 2018. Several people are missing after a fiery explosion ripped through the eastern Oklahoma drilling rig, sending plumes of black smoke into the air and leaving a derrick crumpled onto the ground, an emergency official said.

AP photo

QUINTON, Okla. (AP) — Five people are missing after a fiery explosion ripped through an eastern Oklahoma drilling rig on Monday, sending plumes of black smoke into the air and leaving a derrick crumpled on the ground, emergency officials said.

More than 20 employees were at the natural gas well site when the blast was reported around 8:45 a.m., Pittsburg County Sheriff Chris Morris said. Aerial footage shows several fires were still burning by midday on the rig and other equipment; the derrick, a towering metal structure above the well, collapsed onto the ground.

Emergency crews were pulled away after other explosions at the site, where several tanks are also located, Pittsburg County Emergency Management Director Kevin Enloe said during an afternoon news conference.

"Pretty much everything that

is on location is on fire," Enloe said.

The explosion occurred west of the town of Quinton, about 100 miles (161 kilometers) southeast of Tulsa. Enloe said firefighters were letting the blaze burn and weren't putting water on it to keep from spreading possible hazardous materials at the site.

Enloe said about 17 workers were pulled from the site following the blast, including one who suffered minor burns and was treated at the scene. He said crews were searching the surrounding woods to see if anyone had fled into the area.

"Most everybody was taken off the site and taken to a secure site here in Quinton," said Morris, the sheriff. He said workers were "pretty shook up."

"It's a pretty dramatic deal to go through," he said.

Confirmation of any fatalities

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Solar industry on edge as Trump weighs tariffs on panels

By **DAVID KOENIG and SUSAN MONTOKYA BRYAN**
Associated Press

DALLAS — Solar energy is booming in the United States, but companies riding the wave fear that President Donald Trump could undercut them this week if he decides to impose new tariffs on imported solar panels.

Businesses that install solar-power systems are benefiting from a glut of cheaper panels made overseas, mostly in Asia. That has made solar power more competitive with electricity generated from coal and natural gas.

A green-technology research firm estimates that tariffs could cost up to 88,000 U.S. jobs related to installing solar-power systems.

On the other side are two U.S. subsidiaries of foreign companies that argue the domestic manufacturing of solar cells and modules has been decimated by a flood of imports, mostly from Chinese companies with operations throughout Asia.

Imports of silicon photovoltaic cells, the building blocks of solar panels, soared nearly 500 percent between 2012 and 2016, according to the U.S. International Trade Commission.

The four members of the commission — two Republicans and two Democrats — unanimously ruled in October that import are hurting American manufactur-

ers, although they differed on exactly how the U.S. should respond. Trump has until Friday to act on the agency's recommendations for tariffs of up to 35 percent.

Trump has wide leeway — he can reject the recommendations, accept them, or go beyond them and impose tougher tariffs. Congress has no authority to review or veto his action. Countries harmed by his decision could appeal to the World Trade Organization.

The trade case grew out of a complaint by Suniva Inc., a Georgia-based subsidiary of a Chinese company, which declared bankruptcy last April. Suniva was joined by SolarWorld Americas, the U.S. subsidiary of a German company. Suniva wants higher tariffs than those recommended by the trade commission.

The U.S. Commerce Department imposed stiff anti-dumping duties on imported panels made from Chinese solar cells in 2012 and 2015. Tim Brightbill, SolarWorld Americas' lawyer, said Chinese companies have gotten around those sanctions by assembling panels from cells produced in other Asian countries such as Malaysia and Vietnam. That makes the current trade case even more important, he said.

"It is a global case. It addresses



AP photo

This Feb. 1, 2017, file photo shows Affordable Solar president Kevin Bassalleck talking about the full-time positions his company will create as Gov. Susana Martinez listens during a news conference in Albuquerque, N.M.

the global import surge," Brightbill said. "We need the strongest possible remedies from President Trump to maintain solar manufacturing here in the United States."

A consultant for SolarWorld said tariffs on imports could create up to 45,000 U.S. jobs,

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Hospital in Dallas following the shooting in the town of Italy, some 45 miles (70 kilometers) south of Dallas, said Sgt. Joe Fitzgerald of the Ellis County Sheriff's Office. Fitzgerald said he did not know how many students were in the cafeteria at Italy High School when the shooting happened at about 7:50 a.m.

Lee Joffre, superintendent of the Italy Independent School District, which has about 600

students, said the shooter left the building immediately after opening fire. Sheriff's officials say the boy was found and taken into custody without incident.

Fitzgerald and Joffre both said at a news conference that they don't know the relationship between the victim and shooter. Neither knew the girl's condition, and Parkland spokeswoman April Foran said she could give no information.

Joffre would not say whether the suspect had any previous disciplinary issues at the school. He said that when the district offi-

cials became aware there was an active shooter, the district "immediately took action to get our students in a safe position."

Joffre said the district is now working to reunite parents with their children. He said it was also working to make sure grief counseling was available for students.

"This is a trying time for our community and our school," he said.

Italy, which promotes itself as "The Biggest Little Town In Texas," has about 2,000 residents and is located just off Interstate 35 between Dallas and Waco.

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while abroad "by professional head twisters" but later realized his error and abandoned his plot.

"This is a scared, confused, 23-year-old kid, an American kid, who gets his head twisted," Shamsky said. He called Mohamud's plan "nonsensical."

Prosecutors noted Mohamud contacted others from jail after his arrest and told them not to say anything.

"Before Sept. 11, 2001, a plot to take down the twin towers would have been considered nonsensical," said assistant U.S. attorney Doug Squires. "Because of the FBI, this plot was taken down, and we're all safer for it."

Several members of Mohamud's family were in court but did not speak. Watson said, referring to a letter Mohamud's sister had written, "Your actions have shaken the whole family."

An investigation continues. Watson made reference to a plot involving at least five people. Shamsky referred to a group he called "the basketball five," but wouldn't elaborate.

The judge also sentenced Mohamud to 10 years of supervision after his release from prison and ordered him to earn his GED while behind bars.

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Energy and technology companies lead US stocks higher

By MARLEY JAY

AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK — Energy and technology companies are rising Monday, putting major indexes on track for more record high closes. Smaller companies reversed some early losses after the Senate reached a short-term deal to end the government shutdown. High-dividend stocks are also up as bond yields hold steady. Yields had climbed to their highest level in more than three years last week.

KEEPING SCORE: The Standard & Poor's 500 index picked up 15 points, or 0.5 percent, to 2,825 as of 3:30 p.m. Eastern time after closing at another all-time high on Friday. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 77 points, or 0.3 percent, to 26,149. The Nasdaq composite added 53 points, or 0.7 percent, to 7,389. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks gained 4 points, or 0.3 percent, to 1,601.

HEALTH CARE DEALS: Sanofi said it will buy hemophilia treatment maker Bioverativ for \$105 a share, a deal the companies valued at \$11.6 billion. Bioverativ makes Elocate and Alprolix, which treat two different types of hemophilia. It's part of Sanofi's growing focus on rare diseases, which can command high prices at a time generic medications for more common ailments are falling.

Bioverativ jumped \$39.55, or 61.7 percent, to \$103.66 while Sanofi lost \$1.43, or 3.2 percent, to \$43.17.

Meanwhile Celgene will pay \$87 a share, or \$9 billion, for its partner Juno Therapeutics. Juno is one of several companies developing CAR-T cancer therapies, which genetically engineer patients' blood cells into "living drugs" that fight cancer. The stock surged last week on reports Celgene might buy the company. On Monday it rose \$18.08, or 26.7 percent, to \$85.90 while Celgene added 35 cents to \$103.01.

Marina Severinovsky, an investment strategists at Schroders, said drugmakers and other health care companies are likely to spend more money. The Republican-backed tax package gave the companies a one-time tax break on money they've been keeping overseas, and that tax break might encourage more deals.

"The health care industry is one of the ones that hoards a lot of cash offshore," she said.

OPEN ... FOR NOW?: Stocks turned a bit higher after Senate Democrats said they will support a bill that would fund the federal government for three weeks. That came after Republican leaders said they will soon address immigration and other contentious political issues. The government shut down after the previous funding bill expired Friday.

The threat of a shutdown has loomed for months, but hasn't troubled Wall Street because investors doubt it would have much effect on the market or the economy unless it persists for a long time. Smaller companies, which could be hurt the most by a reduction in consumer spending or confidence, switched from small losses to solid gains.

SHOPPING FOR INSURANCE: Insurer AIG is buying Validus, a provider of reinsurance, primary insurance, and asset management services, for

\$5.56 billion, or \$68 a share. Validus gained \$20.67, or 44.2 percent, to \$67.39 and AIG slid 68 cents, or 1.1 percent, to \$60.87.

"AIG became synonymous with this \$180 billion bailout and here they are making a deal with cash," said Severinovsky. "We've got a pretty healthy global economy and companies are more willing to take a risk than they have been in recent years."

COPY THAT: Investors Carl Icahn and Darwin Deason are calling for the removal of Xerox CEO Jeffrey Jacobson as the copier company reportedly seeks a deal with camera company Fujifilm. Icahn and Deason own 15 percent of Xerox, and they said Monday they don't trust Jacobson to lead the potential negotiations.

Xerox stock rose 80 cents, or 2.5 percent, to \$32.60.

ENERGY: Halliburton climbed after the oil and gas drilling services company posted a bigger adjusted profit and greater revenue than analysts expected. Its stock advanced \$3.34, or 6.3 percent, to \$56.36. Competitor Schlumberger, which reported better-than-expected results Friday, gained \$3.33, or 4.4 percent, to \$79.75. That helped energy companies move higher.

Benchmark U.S. crude rose 25 cents to \$63.62 a barrel in New York. Brent crude, used to price international oils, added 42 cents to \$69.03 a barrel in London.

Wholesale gasoline gained 2 cents to \$1.88 a gallon. Heating oil stayed at \$2.06 a gallon. Natural gas climbed 4 cents to \$3.22 per 1,000 cubic feet.

BONDS: Bond prices gave up an early gain. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note remained at 2.66 percent, a three-year high.

POWER UP: Utility company FirstEnergy surged after it received a \$2.5 billion investment from a group of firms including Paul Singer's Elliott Management. Those investors will get \$1.62 billion in convertible stock and \$850 million in common stock, and FirstEnergy said the funds will help the company pack back debt and contribute to its pension fund as it converts to a fully-regulated utility.

Its stock climbed \$3.33, or 11.3 percent, to \$32.73.

CURRENCIES: The dollar rose to 110.99 yen from 110.60 yen from 110.98 yen. The euro edged up to \$1.2258 from \$1.2234.

METALS: Gold slipped \$1.20 to \$1,331.90 an ounce. Silver lost 5 cents to \$16.99 an ounce. Copper gained 1 cent to \$3.20 a pound.

OVERSEAS: The French CAC 40 added 0.3 percent and Germany's DAX edged up 0.2 percent. In Britain the FTSE 100 lost 0.2 percent. Tokyo's Nikkei 225 rose less than 0.1 percent and Hong Kong's Hang Seng advanced 0.4 percent. The Kospi in South Korea lost 0.7 percent.



AP photo

This Wednesday, July 8, 2015, file photo shows the exterior of the New York Stock Exchange. Global stocks are mixed, Monday, Jan. 22, 2018, after investors shrugged off the U.S. government shutdown.

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assuming that domestic capacity grows, and installation jobs would also increase. But U.S. manufacturing of solar cells employed only about 1,300 people at its recent peak in 2012, according to the trade commission.

While U.S. solar-cell manufacturing has shriveled, installations — from home rooftops to utility-scale operations — have boomed. Installations have soared more than tenfold since 2010, with the biggest jump coming in 2016, after prices for solar panels collapsed. In 2016, solar was the largest source of new U.S. electricity-generating capacity.

The Solar Energy Industries Association, a trade group for U.S. installers, says tariffs would drive up the cost of installing solar-power systems, leading to a drop in demand.

"We are selling energy that can be created by wind, by natural gas, by hydro, by coal, by nukes. When you raise the price of what we are selling, we can't compete," said Abigail Ross Hopper, the group's president.

Jim Petersen, CEO of PetersenDean, a California company that installs solar rooftop panels mostly for residential customers, once favored tariffs on imported panels, which he found to be of inferior quality. He has changed his mind.

Petersen said tariffs could stunt his business by raising the cost of a job, which ranges from \$6,000 to \$60,000 or more. He said he might be forced to lay off up to 25 percent of his 3,200 installers.

"This is bad for American jobs, bad for the consumer," he said.

In the New Mexico desert, Albuquerque-based Affordable Solar is working on a \$45 million solar farm to help power a massive new data

center for Facebook. The company's president, Kevin Bassalleck, said tariffs would hurt homegrown companies that make racks, tracking systems and electronics that are part of a power system. He said jobs at those companies are hard to outsource.

"If you ever set foot in a solar module assembly factory, most of what you see are robots. There are very few people," he said. "But if go out on to any one of our project sites like the Facebook project, you would see a small army of people working and installing things."

U.S. Sen. Martin Heinrich, a New Mexico Democrat and advocate for renewable energy, said tariffs won't revive U.S. solar manufacturing.

"The jobs that have been lost because of cheaper solar cells have already been lost," Heinrich said in an interview. "These tariffs are then going to take the very rapidly growing, successful, good jobs that we have built in manufacturing of the other equipment, in installing, and reduce those jobs to a fraction of what they should be."

Many people on both sides of the debate expect Trump to impose sanctions.

Brightbill, the lawyer for SolarWorld Americas, sounded confident.

"This administration's focus is on U.S. manufacturing and U.S. jobs and getting tough on China for the trade deficit," he said, "so we think the administration's goals are very well aligned with saving U.S. solar manufacturing."

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won't be possible until the fire is extinguished and investigators can get to the scene of the explosion, said Amy Elliott, a spokeswoman for the Oklahoma medical examiner's office.

"I pray there's not, but we just don't know yet," Elliott said.

State environmen-

tal and regulatory officials have been notified and were heading to the scene, according to Oklahoma Office of Emergency Management spokeswoman Keli Cain.

The drilling site was being operated by Oklahoma City-based Red Mountain Operating, said Matt Skinner, a spokesman for the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, which

regulates oil and gas operators in the state. Telephone and email messages left by The Associated Press with Red Mountain were not immediately returned.

Skinner said the company has not had any incidents or complaints in the last five years. Skinner said a company that specializes in rig fires and other well control problems also responded to the blaze.

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Steers take championship at Fort Stockton meet



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The Big Spring High School Steers and Lady Steers powerlifting teams pose with head powerlifting coach Chris McWilliams and assistant coach Jeff Pannell after their Jan. 20 meet in Fort Stockton. The Lady Steers brought home 5th place while the Steers captured the team championship.



Courtesy photo

Big Spring High School freshman Mattox Evans lifted in the 114 lb class during the Jan. 20 powerlifting meet in Fort Stockton. Evans placed 2nd in his weight class.



Courtesy photo

Big Spring High School junior Gabby Lopez lifted in the 165 lb class during the Jan. 20 powerlifting meet in Fort Stockton. Lopez placed 6th in her weight class.

Special to the Herald

The Steer and Lady Steer powerlifters had an outstanding showing this past weekend in the Fort Stockton Powerlifting Meet, with the Steers capturing the Team Championship out of 10 teams at Fort Stockton. Below are the final results of the meet.

Lady Steers

- Serenity Garcia was 2nd in the 148 lb class
- Alani Torres was 6th in

the 148 lb class

- Janeigh Vanderbilt was 3rd in the 165 lb class
- Gabby Lopez was 6th in the 165 lb class
- Charlie Roberts was 1st in the 181 lb class
- Hallie Hyatt was 2nd in the 181 lb class

Charlie Roberts was named the best lifter of the meet for the Lady Steers finished 5th out of 10 teams.

Steers

- Mattox Evans was 2nd in the 114 lb class
- Bryson Ovalle was 1st in the 123 lb class
- Cruz Martinez was 5th in the 123 lb class
- Justin Ormsby was 1st in the 132 lb class
- Joshua Lopez was 5th in the 132 lb class
- Will Woolverton was 11th in the 148 lb class
- Isaiah Johnson was 3rd in the 165 lb class
- Kevin Rodriguez was 4th in the 165 lb class
- Ivan Delgado was 2nd in

the 242 lb class

- Isaiah Rodriguez was 4th in the 275 lb class
 - Daniel Roberts was 7th in the 275 lb class
 - Jordan Dunn was 1st in the Super Heavyweight class
- The Steers captured the Team Championship out of 10 teams at Fort Stockton.
- "I am very proud of how our kids competed in our 2nd powerlifting meet of the year," said Chris McWilliams, head powerlifting coach at Big Spring High School. "Our athletes worked

as a team at the Fort Stockton meet. These Steer and Lady Steer athletes have prepared for roughly two months getting ready for this season, and the hard work is definitely paying off. I was also impressed as the number of parents that made the drive to Fort Stockton to support our athletes."

Up next, the Big Spring High School Steers and Lady Steers powerlifting teams will travel to Crane to compete on Saturday, Feb. 10.

Hawks beat NMMI 83-78 in OT

By STEVE BELVIN
Staff Writer

New Mexico Military Institute coach Ralph Davis put it best: On this night, Howard was tougher.

The Hawks won a thrilling 83-78 overtime contest over the Broncos in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play Monday night at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. It was an uphill battle for the Hawks, who trailed for three-fourths of the game, but Howard's never-say-die attitude coupled with a pesky man-to-man defense was enough to put Howard at 3-4 in league play and 15-6 overall. NMMI, which had won four straight, falls to 3-4 and 12-8.

This overtime production was made possible by Derrick Green who launched a 35-footer at the buzzer, sending the game into overtime, tied at 69 each. It was

a heart breaker for the Broncos who seemingly had the game won when Jordyn Owens made a free throw giving his team a 69-66 lead with a few ticks on the clock.

NMMI struck first in overtime as Atem Bior scored a basket. Howard answered as RicQuail Smoot scored inside to tie the game. Next Howard scored six quick points Jake Hutchings nailed his fifth three-pointer of the game and Jack Pagenkoph converted a three-point play off a drive to the basket, Howard led 77-71 with 2:48 left in overtime.

Howard never relinquished the lead. NMMI cut the lead to 80-78 with 36 seconds left but Howard iced the contest with some clutch free throw shooting from sophomore guard Jeremy Hayes. The Baton Rouge native was golden at the line all night,

making 11 of 12 attempts, finishing with 21 points and four assists. Equally as golden was Hutchings, who also finished with 21 points including going 5-of-6 from the three-point line. Hutchings and Smoot paced Howard with nine rebounds each.

Howard coach Scott Raines liked his team's fortitude.

"We were on life supports there for a little while," he said of his team's slow start. "We dug ourselves into a hole and we started subbing in and things picked up. The biggest play of the night was when DG (Green) hit that 35-footer. We had some kids make some big plays down the stretch."

NMMI opened the game with a three-pointer by Owens. The Broncos quickly opened up a

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Coahoma JV falls to Stanton Buffs

Special to the Herald

Bulldogettes lose heartbreaker in overtime

STANTON - After overcoming a 9-point deficit to push the game into overtime, the Coahoma Bulldogettes lost 23-20 to the Lady Buffs in junior varsity basketball action Friday.

Coming back for the second half, the Bulldogettes, who were already down by 7 points, quickly saw their deficit widen as a Stanton player buried a shot to leave the score

15-6 in favor of the Lady Buffaloes. Then Macee Grant netted a three-pointer igniting a fire under the Bulldogettes. Julia Cortez stepped up to the charity line and nailed a basket to help cut Stanton's lead to 5. With Stanton in the Coahoma's backcourt threatening another score, Kenzie Canalez got the ball and raced down to the Buffalo's post to successfully sink a field goal into the net. Grant followed with one of her own and then a foul brought Canalez to the free throw line where she nailed one basket to

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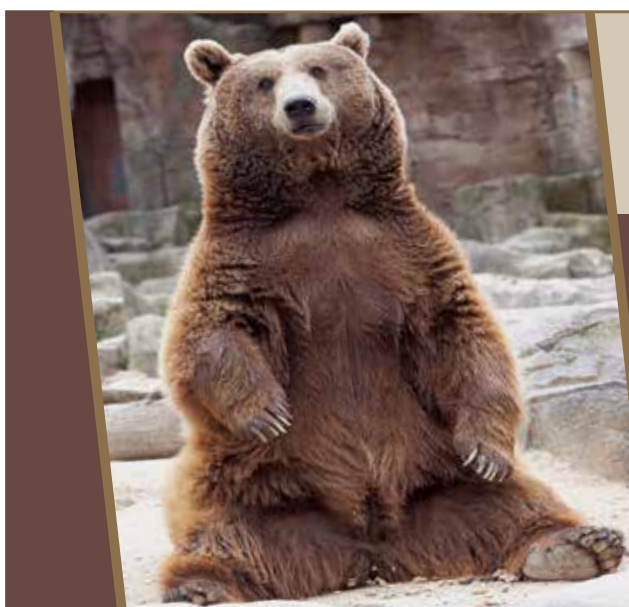
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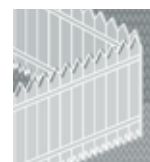
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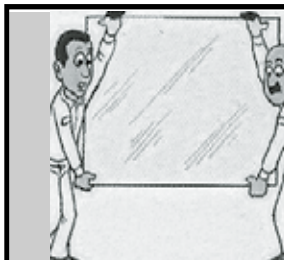


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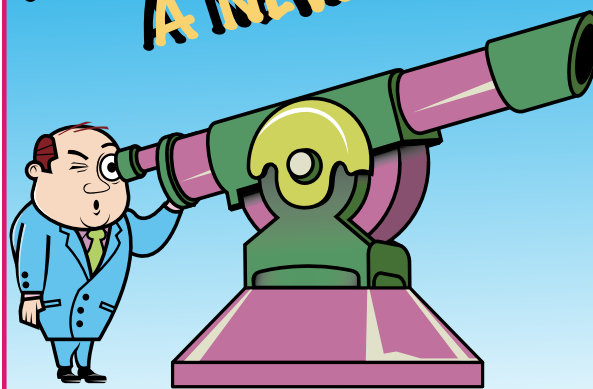
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♥	K 8 5 3	♥	J 10 7
♦	Q 10 6	♦	9 7 4 2
♣	K Q 10	♣	9 6 5 3
WEST		SOUTH	
♠	A J 2	♠	9 8 7 6 3
♥	9 6 2	♥	A Q 4
♦	8 5	♦	A K J 3
♣	A 8 7 4 2	♣	J

The bidding:	South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 NT	Pass	
3 ♦	Pass	3 ♠	Pass	
4 ♠				

Opening lead — ace of clubs.

This deal occurred in a knockout team event. Both South players arrived at four spades after similar auctions, and both Wests led the ace and another club. The two West players apparently had the same hope: that their partner would hold no more than two clubs and that a club ruff could be negotiated after West regained the lead with the ace of

spades.

At the first table, the declarer won the club continuation with dummy's queen, discarding a diamond from his hand. He then misguessed by crossing to his hand with a diamond in order to lead a spade toward dummy.

West, Mike Kamil, was quick to seize this opportunity. He rose with the ace and returned his remaining diamond, taken by South in his hand. When declarer next led a second spade and finessed dummy's ten, East, Mike Becker, won and returned a diamond for Kamil to ruff, defeating the contract.

At the second table, the declarer, who shall remain nameless out of simple modesty, foresaw that the opponents might maneuver a ruff in whichever red suit he elected to play at trick three. So, rather than try to guess which suit it might be safe to cross to his hand with, he ruffed the queen of clubs at trick two!

This apparent extravagance paid maximum dividends. After trumping his own trick, declarer led a spade toward dummy, finessing the ten and losing to the king after West followed low. South won East's diamond return with the ace, and a second spade lead picked up West's jack to secure the contract.

Tomorrow: Asleep at the switch.
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Power and the Planets

By HOLIDAY MATHIS



The distribution of power is often much trickier and more nuanced than appearances suggest. Power rides on perception. Perception is governed by what is made public or kept private. Tomorrow's Mercury-Pluto conjunction will be a light switch, able to illuminate or darken the halls with a flick. Get ready for a redistribution of power.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Today will present a "try before you buy" situation in the form of an item or an idea you can play around with awhile before it's decision time. You might be surprised about what makes the cut.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Steer clear of the "amateur therapy zone," in which under-qualified people are overtly attempting to fix emotional matters. Leave it to the professionals. You can learn a lot more in the "zone of casual relating and observing."

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It is easier to be kind and loving when you feel safe. That's why erecting an imaginary bubble of psychic protection around yourself will help your interactions. You'll be open and empathetic, yet you'll deflect negativity.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You won't shy away from confrontation; rather, you'll strive to face it the most effective way you can find. You won't mind playing "bad cop" to someone's "good cop" if it keeps the peace in the end.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's a little weird when spending your money becomes a group activity. However, weird can be good! And anyway, today this committee approach will be way more fun than spending your money alone.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Funny thoughts can be wise, and serious thoughts can be foolish. A great thing about today is that it won't be necessary to categorize your thoughts in any terms other than "helpful" or "not helpful."

LIBRA (Sept.

23-Oct. 23). You are stepping into the gravitational pull of a different sphere of influence. It could be a new crush that will get you orbiting, or it could be an idea, project or attractive interest that draws you ever nearer.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There will be a strong inclination to rate yourself. If you must, then grade solely on what you've learned. Note that it would be ridiculous to grade yourself on money and resources you don't have.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Maybe you don't really have bad habits after all. Maybe you just have a few different versions of yourself vying for ultimate power over you, each trying to do what will serve its unique purpose.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You are always creating yourself. Sometimes this occurs in obvious, socially supported ways. But most efforts you make are quiet and internal -- decisions to be braver or more compassionate and patient.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You feel limited in a situation, but it's unclear whether these limits are real. The only way to know is to test them. If your small infraction causes an incommensurate reaction, it's an indication that the boundary is false.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The kind of change you want doesn't just drop down from the sky or naturally occur if you wait long enough. It has to be made. That's the main reason you'll be so busy today.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 23). You'll see loved ones more often this year, and your days will be improved by friendship. February shows a financial break-

through. March brings romance and creativity in abundance. A craving for freedom will lead you to new places and experiences. The skill you pick up in June will continue to enrich you for years to come. Aries and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 10, 5, 30 and 43.

COSMICALLY CURIOUS ABOUT... SAYING "NO." Last week, a sensitive Pisces asked for tips on saying no without hurting anyone's feelings. You can search the archives for the first four tips.

TIP NO. 5: Understand how "no" helps "yes."

Marketers call it the law of scarcity: People want what they can't have. If something is rare, it is perceived as having more value. If you decline most offers, the few that you accept will feel very special indeed. Those making the offers will cherish your time and crave your approval. On the other hand, saying yes to everything devalues what you have to offer. So you're actually doing everyone a favor when you say no often. You're building mystique and excitement around you, making your company into a prize.

TIP NO. 6: Grace takes practice.

No one is born graceful, not even a prima ballerina. Like physical grace, social grace takes practice. Many hours go into building that core of strength that is the essence of grace. For this reason, "no" should be a daily habit of yours and just as easy for you to say as "yes" is. I hope these tips empower you to make the choices that best represent what you really want to do in life!

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Caroline, Princess of Hanover, has devoted her life to philanthropy, especially through her work with the Red Cross, with the Princess Grace Foundation and as a goodwill ambassador to the United Nations. Like a true Aquarius, she focuses on the protection of children, families and human rights at large. With Mercury and Venus in Capricorn, no challenge is too daunting.

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

ANSWER:

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Today's Highlight in History:

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On this date:

In 1368, China's Ming dynasty, which lasted nearly three centuries, began as Zhu Yuanzhang was formally acclaimed emperor following the collapse of the Yuan dynasty.

In 1516, King Ferdinand II of Aragon, who with his late queen consort, Isabella of Castile, sponsored the first voyage of Christopher Columbus in 1492, died in Madrigalejo, Spain.

In 1789, Georgetown University was established in present-day Washington, D.C.

In 1845, Congress decided all national elections would be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

In 1933, the 20th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, the so-called "Lame Duck Amendment," was ratified as Missouri approved it.

In 1944, Norwegian painter Edvard Munch ("The Scream") died near Oslo at age 80.

In 1950, the Israeli Knesset approved a resolution affirming Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

In 1964, the 24th Amendment to the United States Constitution, eliminating the poll tax in federal elections, was ratified as South Dakota became the 38th state to endorse it.

In 1977, the original TV mini-series "Roots," based on the Alex Haley novel, began airing on ABC.

In 1978, rock musician Terry Kath, a key member of the group Chicago, accidentally shot himself to death following a party in

Woodland Hills, California; he was 31.

In 1989, surrealist artist Salvador Dali died in his native Figueres, Spain, at age 84.

In 1998, a judge in Fairfax, Virginia, sentenced Aimal Khan Kasi (eye-MAHL' kahn KAH'-see) to death for an assault rifle attack outside CIA headquarters in 1993 that killed two men and wounded three other people. (Kasi was executed in November 2002.)

Ten years ago: Tens of thousands of Palestinians poured into Egypt from the Gaza Strip after militants blew up a barrier dividing the border town of Rafah. Michael Chang, winner of the 1989 French Open, was elected to the International Tennis Hall of Fame, and IMG creator Mark McCormack and Tennis Week magazine founder Eugene Scott were selected posthumously.

Five years ago: Appearing before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton delivered fiery rejoinders to Republican critics of the Obama administration's handling of the deadly attack on a U.S. mission in Benghazi, Libya. Cardinal Jozef Glemp, 83, the longtime head of Poland's influential Roman Catholic church at a time when it played a key role in the fight against communism, died in Warsaw.

One year ago: President Donald Trump withdrew the United States from the sweeping Trans-Pacific Partnership trade pact, using one of his first actions in office to reject a proposed accord that was eagerly sought by American allies in Asia. Kansas Rep. Mike Pompeo was sworn in as CIA director immediately after the Senate confirmed his nomination, 66-32. Kim Clijsters and Andy Roddick were elected to the International Tennis

Hall of Fame.

Today's Birthdays:

Actress Chita Rivera is 85.

Actor-director Lou Antonio is 84.

Jazz musician Gary Burton is 75.

Actor Gil Gerard is 75.

Actor Rutger Hauer is 74.

Rhythm-and-blues singer Jerry Lawson is 74.

Sen. Thomas R. Carper, D-Del., is 71.

Singer Anita Pointer is 70.

Actor Richard Dean

Anderson is 68.

Rock musician Bill Cunningham is 68.

Rock singer Robin Zander (Cheap Trick) is 65.

Former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa is 65.

Princess Caroline of Monaco is 61.

Singer Anita Baker is 60.

Reggae musician Earl Falconer (UB40) is 59.

Actor Boris McGiver is 56.

Actress Gail O'Grady is 55.

Actress Mariska Hargitay is 54.

Rhythm-and-blues singer Marc Nelson is 47.

Actress Tiffani Thiessen is 44.

Rock musician Nick Harmer (Death Cab for Cutie) is 43.

Christian rock musician Nick DePatie (Kutless) is 33.

Singer-actress Rachel Crow is 20.

Thought for Today:

"What is important is to spread confusion, not eliminate it."

Salvador Dali (1904-1989).

Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

1 Playwright George Bernard ____

5 Sore spot

9 Specialized vocabulary

14 Mexican food in a shell

15 Mon. follower

16 Atlantic or Pacific

17 Bump ____ (meet)

18 Some hosp. scans

19 Audacity

20 Bakery purchase for sandwiches

23 ____ Moines, IA

24 Disposable hanky

25 Walk wearily

27 Rip (apart)

30 Highway entrance

34 Hair that's entwined

38 Toy brick brand

40 Scandinavian furniture chain

41 Others beside close relatives

44 "That's too bad"

45 Money borrowed

46 Camping shelters

47 Be a good example of

49 Highest in quality

51 Butterfly catchers

53 Accident

58 Speedometer info: Abbr.

61 Den furniture

64 Suspect's excuse

66 Close firmly, as an envelope

67 Annoy

68 Permit to enter

69 Wolf's cry

DOWN

70 Luau instruments

71 Eat a sample of

72 Jet-black

73 Starts to blossom

11 Uncool person

12 Made a donation

13 Change for a five

21 Surpass

22 Emotionally distant

26 Stubborn laundry dirt

28 Female choir voice

29 Back-to-health program, for short

31 Similar (to)

32 Defrost

33 Picks up the check

34 Troublemaking child

35 Depend (on) in a memo

37 "The mail's here"

39 Heredity carrier

42 Reach by plane

43 Home's storage area

48 Lion or tiger

50 Offending the nose

52 Japanese "bar" food

54 Hedge plant

55 Three-line Japanese poem

56 Was unwell

57 Machine for printing newspapers

58 Beer maker's grain

59 "Not guilty," for instance

60 Chart-topping songs

62 Gas used in ad signs

63 Stare awkwardly

65 Small amount

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Answer to previous puzzle

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PURE EASE TAMER
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Upward basketball takes it to the hoop



Tony Claxton photo (claxtonphotography.com)

Lady Wildcat Anabelle Lloyd brings the ball up the court during an Upward Basketball game played with the Lady Fighting Irish on Saturday, January 20, 2018.



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Lady Wildcat Isabella Chavez puts up a shot during an Upward Basketball game played with the Lady Fighting Irish on Saturday, January 20, 2018.



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Lady Wildcat Loralai Heffle passes over a defender during an Upward Basketball game played with the Lady Fighting Irish on Saturday, January 20, 2018.

TCU upsets No. 7 WVU 82-73 after falling out of Top 25

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Basketball Writer

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — This was the kind of home-court celebration Jamie Dixon envisioned for TCU when he returned to his alma mater less than two years ago.

Students spilled onto the court, some even lifting Dixon into the air, after the Horned Frogs beat No. 7 West Virginia 82-73 on Monday night. Their first home win over a Top 10 team in nearly five years came on the same day they dropped out of the AP Top 25.

"We had lost so many of these, so many opportunities, close games, even the last two years, home games, big crowd, atmosphere," Dixon said. "We've had leads, and we had opportunity, and it just didn't happen for whatever reason."

Alex Robinson scored 17 points for TCU (15-5, 3-5 Big 12), even with a long 3-pointer at the end of the half taken away by video replay. Desmond Bane scored eight of his 15 points in just over a minute early in the second half to cap a game-changing 23-3 run that spanned the end

of the first half and first few minutes after the break.

"We just knew this was a big game. We lost the last one, we didn't play very well," said Robinson, who also had nine assists and seven rebounds.

All five West Virginia starters scored in double figures, but the Mountaineers (16-4, 5-3) shot only 33 percent and lost for the third time in four games. Jevon Carter had a team-high 16 points, while Sagaba Konate had 14, Daxter Miles Jr. 12, Lamont West 11 and Wesley Harris 10.

"First half, we stopped them seven consecutive times and we didn't score," coach Bob Huggins said. "It wasn't like we didn't have shots. We had shots. We're just not making any."

Kouat Noi had 13 points with three 3-pointers for TCU before being ejected because of a flagrant foul with just over 10 minutes left. Vladimir Brodziansky had 14 points, and Kenrich Williams had 14 rebounds.

Bane's quick burst, with two 3-pointers and a heady layup between those long-range shots, pushed TCU ahead 47-34 with 15:28 left. That capped a 12-1 run to start the second half after the Frogs finished the first half on an 11-2 spurt in which Bane made the go-ahead shot.

And that is even with Robinson's long 3 going into the break getting taken off the board after officials determined the ball was still on Robinson's fingertips when the clock hit zero, negating the 35-foot shot and leaving the Frogs' lead at two instead of five.

Robinson and his teammates were already in the locker room when the review took place, and found out it didn't count "when coach came in and told us."

BIG PICTURE

West Virginia: The Mountaineers trailed by 20 with 5 1/2 minutes left and made somewhat of a dent in that. But overall, WVU made only 25 of 75 shots — and 7 of 27 on 3-pointers, with Carter going 0 for 6 and Miles 1 for 8 from long range.

"We've got guys that are 2 for their last 15 on 3s, and they're still shooting them," Huggins said.

TCU: The Frogs last home win over a Top 10 team was against No. 5 Kansas on Feb. 6, 2013. Their only win over a Top 10 since had been over the then-No. 1 Jayhawks in the Big 12 Tournament last March.

SLAMMING AHEAD

Bane's two-handed slam dunk with 1:15 left in the first half broke a 31-all tie and put TCU ahead to stay. He then made a putback when JD Miller couldn't convert on an alley-oop pass from Robinson, but the ball went right into Bane's hands.

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Courtesy photo
Sophomore Jeremy Hayes shoots for two during the Hawks' win over NMMI on Monday, Jan. 22, 2018. Hayes finished the game with an impressive 21 points and four assists.

HAWKS

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12-5 lead and led 36-26 at the half, thanks mainly to some hot shooting by forward Trevelin Queen, who scored 18 points in the first half. He was deadly, making 7-of-9 shots, including four threes. He finished the game with 22 points and battled foul trouble in the second half, eventually fouling out with at the 8:32 mark in regulation play.

NMMI led by as much as 43-29 three minutes into the second half, Howard gamely fought back as post player Amari McCray made his presence know underneath, scoring 10 points in the half. When Queen fouled out Howard had narrowed the lead to 53-50. McCray also fouled out at the 5:12 mark with Howard trailing 59-57. From that point on the scoring of Pagenkopf, Green and Hayes wore the

Broncos down.

After the game NMMI coach Davis had few words.

"They were tougher than we were," he said. "Things got a little crazy and we couldn't put them away. They were just tougher than us down the stretch."

NMMI

Matt Brown 1-0-2; Roselm Hurley 4-4-12; Jordyn Owens 4-4-13; Trevelin Queen 8-4-22; Atem Bior 3 5-11; Jaylen Williams 2-1-5 David Steelman 5-1-13; totals 27-17-78

HOWARD

Amari McCray 5-2- 12; Jeremy 4-11-21; Andre Ferguson 1-1-3; Andrija Blatancic 1-0-2; Derrick Green 4-3-11; Jack Pagenkopf 3-4-10; Jake Hutchings 7-2-21; RicQuail Smoot 1-1-3; totals 26-20-83,

Halftime- NMMI 36, Howard 26.

Regulation- Tied at 69.

Records- NMMI 12-8,3-4.; Howard 15-6, 3-4).



Courtesy photos
On Friday, Jan. 19, the Coahoma JV Bulldogs and Bulldogettes took on the Stanton Buffs in basketball action. The Bulldogettes fell to Stanton 23-20 and the Bulldogs lost to Stanton 46-28.

JV

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tie the score at 15-15. The Stanton girls earned the last point of the third quarter, also at the charity stripe, and the teams went into the fourth with the score 16-15 in favor of

the Lady Buffs.

As the game intensified, the teams traded the lead back and forth mostly at the free throw line. First Canales sank a ball at the charity stripe to tie the game once again at 16-16 just to see a Stanton player nail at shot at the free throw line. A few minutes later, the game was tied again this time thanks to Coahoma's Haven Martin who buried a shot from the paint. Stanton managed to pull away again this time by 3 points only to see their lead dissipate within the last minute of play thanks to Canales. With 8 seconds to play, the Bulldogettes tried one last desperate attempt to inbound the ball and make a play for the win but failed. The Stanton team would go on to win at the free throw line in overtime 23-20.

Coahoma JV falls to Stanton 46-28

STANTON - The Coahoma boys junior varsity team lost to the Stanton Buffaloes 46-28 in high school basketball action Friday evening.

The Stanton Buffaloes had a strong first half outscoring the Bulldogs 25 to 7. The Buffs jumped out early notching in a three-point shot at the beginning

of the game. Then Kolt Redden answered back sinking in a field goal for 2 followed by another successful basket from teammate Isaac Murillo. The Bulldogs would tie the game 5-5 thanks to a basket from the charity stripe by Murillo but then the Buffaloes went on a 10-point run to end the first 15-5 in favor of the Buffaloes.

In the second, the Stanton team netted 10 points but held the Bulldogs to only 2 with those coming from a field goal by Tony Hagans.

An energized Bulldogs team returned from the locker room for the third to net 11 points in the quarter over Stanton's 8. Coahoma's Seth Brooks started off the 'Dogs with nailing 2 points at the free throw line then Haggins hit two back-to-back three-pointers. Sean Striegler and Cody Salinas contributed to the Bulldogs' score.

Coahoma was able to gain another 10 points to the scoreboard in the fourth mostly at the charity stripe thanks to efforts by Striegler, D'Kota Harrison, Salinas, Brooks, and Redden. However, Stanton netted 13 for the quarter to add to their already wide lead and won the match 46-28.

TCU

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FALLING OUT
TCU dropped out of the Top 25 after losing five of its first seven Big 12 games, even though those five losses were by a combined 16 points. The Frogs are looking for their first NCAA Tournament

berth since 1998. Their last NCAA win was 30 years ago when Dixon was a Frogs guard.

UP NEXT

West Virginia is home to play Kentucky in the Big 12/SEC Challenge.

TCU plays the first of consecutive road games Saturday for its Big 12/SEC Challenge matchup at Vanderbilt, the SEC's only team with a losing record.

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