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Man charged with manslaughter

By **ROBERT BARLOW**
 Staff Writer

A 19-year-old Big Spring man has died from a gunshot wound after he was allegedly fired on by his 22-year-old brother, according to the Big Spring Police.

the Big Spring Police Department was contacted in reference to a gunshot wound located at 1607 E. 11th Place which is Fire Station No. 3. After arriving on the scene, the individual with the gunshot wound was identified as 19-year-old Theron McVae.

shot wound to the left abdomen area," stated a Big Spring Police Department media release yesterday. "McVae advised that he was shot by his brother identified as Gregory Leal...22 years of age, while the two were at their residence located at 1733 Purdue."

After the shooting took place at the residence, McVae was transported by his mother to the fire station where the police were contacted. When officers arrived on the scene, McVae was still conscious and was able to give police a description of what had happened.

"McVae stated that he walked into Leal's room and Leal raised a handgun and shot McVae," read the BSPD press release. Leal was found at another location and taken into custody by the police where he

At approximately 5:00 p.m., "McVae had a single gun- See **DEATH**, Page 3

A new era in local health care



HERALD photos/Lyndel Moody

At top, second left, President of Greystone Ken Birdsong, Big Spring Mayor Larry McLellan, and SMMC CEO Emma Krabill cut the ribbon to mark the end of extensive renovation of the West Texas Plaza (formerly known as Malone and Hogan Clinic), and the opening of the hospital's Wound Care Center located in the clinic Wednesday. At right, while wearing a Big Spring High School baseball cap, Birdsong announces that Greystone along with State National Bank, an architecture firm, and a construction firm for the project has donated \$7,500 to the BSHS baseball program as a way of giving back to the community.



Greystone, SMMC hosts open house to tout newly renovated medical plaza and opening of new wound care center

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

An open house was held Wednesday afternoon to mark the completion of the renovation of the West Texas Medical Plaza and the opening of Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Wound Healing Center.

The \$4.5 million renovation project of what was formerly known as Malone and Hogan Clinic by new owners Greystone Brokerage & Development of Brentwood, Tenn., included extensive renovations to the building, parking area, and landscaping.

According to Matt Wright of Greystone, renovations included replacing the roof with an insulated rubber membrane one, replacing every glass exterior window in the building with more energy efficient ones, gutting and renovating all the common area restrooms, replacing 18,000 square feet of flooring, retexturing and painting the walls, upgrades or replacements

to the air conditioning/heating system and electrical systems, replacing all the finishings in the elevators, extensive work on the parking areas and landscaping, and painting the outside of the building.

"I've been doing this for about a decade now and I've been working with probably 30 or 40 hospitals around the country," Wright said. "The one thing I've noticed is a lot of hospitals can be very complacent and satisfied by obtaining the status quo and I definitely don't see that here and I don't think you have that here."

See **WTMP**, Page 3

Easter activities planned for community

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

Easter is coming up this weekend, and local churches will celebrate Christ's resurrection during their regularly scheduled worship services Sunday morning. Several churches will also hold other Easter-related events and WalMart Supercenter will also get into the action as the Easter Bunny will visit the store Friday and Saturday. Here is a list of special events being held throughout the community in conjunction with Easter:

- Alive in Christ Lutheran Church will hold an "Easter Eggstravaganza" event Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon at the church, located at 2805 Lynn Dr. The event will include cookie decorating, egg decorating, cake walks, and face painting; as well as an Easter egg hunt at 11:30, which will be divided by age.

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AARP tax assistance program hits submit button

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

Volunteers with the AARP tax assistance program helped to file 211 federal income taxes during the past two months, according to Ray Alexander, local program coordinator.

"Everything went well with the new program," Alexander said. "We ended up with a pretty good year. All the volunteers were pleased and said they wanted to come back next year. We are always looking for new people to help. We could also do with a couple

more counselors."

Alexander said volunteers helped to prepare and file electronically 209 federal tax forms and two paper forms which were submitted by mail.

"They saved about \$40,000 in preparation fees," he said.

The program is offered free to seniors and low and moderate income tax payers. Volunteers offered weekly work sessions on Monday beginning in February and held the last session Monday, April 3.

The federal deadline for the 2016 federal tax form is Tuesday, April 18.

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Obituaries

John W. "Pinkie" Breyman



John W. "Pinkie" Breyman, 59, died on March 23, 2017, after a long illness in Bossier City, La., at a hospital surrounded by his loving family.

Memorial service will be held on Friday, April 14, 2017, at 1 p.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1803 Wasson Rd, Big Spring, Texas. The family invites all who want to celebrate Pinkie's life to attend.

Pinkie was born May 12, 1957, in Farmington, N.M., to Dorene and John Breyman. He married the love of his life, Kathy, in 1990.

He survived by his wife Kathy; and two sons, Jonathan Cory Breyman, and Justin McDonell and wife Heather; two granddaughters, Sage and River, all of Bossier City, La.; his stepmom, Helen Breyman of Breckenridge, Texas; one brother, Chuck Breyman and wife Cynthia of Big Spring, Texas; two sisters, Debbie Rister and husband Randy of Clyde, Texas, and Connie Kishimoto and husband Mike of Glenwood Springs, Colo.; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

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He was preceded in death by his mom, Dorene Breyman of Big Spring; his dad, John E. Breyman of Breckenridge, Texas, and several brothers-in-law; a nephew and great-niece.

Pinkie lived in Big Spring From 1982 to '88 while working for B&B Downhole Tool Service, and was active in coaching Little League baseball with his brother, Chuck. He was an avid hunter and fisherman, who loved the outdoors. He eventually went to work for Halliburton in Bossier City, La., and met his wife, Kathy, there. Pinkie loved God and his family, and was funny and witty as he retold stories about family hunting trips and vacations with his brother, sisters, nieces and nephews. He also taught his sons the value of work and appreciation of nature through his example. He was extremely proud of his two granddaughters, Sage and River. He will be sorely missed by all of his friends and family who loved how caring and generous he was with those he loved.

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

Paid obituary

John Hilger



John Hilger, 46, of Big Spring, died Friday, Feb. 24, 2017, at his home.

Memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 15, 2017, at Myers and Smith Chapel.

He was born March 9, 1970, in Berwyn, Ill., to Pamela Jerri Hembree and John James Hilger Sr. He moved to Big Spring in 1986 from

Sumpter, S.C. He received his associate's degree in business from Howard College. He was also a licensed plumber.

He is survived by his mother, Pam Hembree of Big Spring; two brothers, Matthew Hilger of Big Spring and Michael Hilger of Midland; his grandparents, Gloria and Frank Chapman of Big Spring; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles.

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **DESTINY MARIAH FRANCO**, 18, of 3307 Drexel Ave. was arrested on outstanding warrants.
- **ANSELMO VICENTE RANGEL**, 20, of 1708 West Third St. was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.) and evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.
- **JOSE ANTHONY CHAVEZ IV**, 21, of 202 Texas Rd. was arrested on outstanding warrants.
- **ANDY LEE CUELLAR**, 32, of 1219 Frazier Street was arrested on warrants for failure to main-

tain financial responsibility and bail jumping/failure to appear.

- **MARCUS EMORY STURGILL**, 28, of 1008 N. Gregg St. was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JEREMY GOMEZ**, 32, of 1800 S. Main St. was arrested on a charge of criminal trespassing.
- **JENNIFER F. GONZALES**, 43, of 2110 S. Nolan St. was arrested on a warrant for theft of property (\$100 to \$750).
- **KYLE LOGAN GERSTENBERGER**, 25, of 3108 Sherman Rd. was arrested on a warrant for driving with an invalid license.
- **GARY JAMES MIEARS**, 30,

of 607 West 18th St. was arrested on outstanding warrants.

- **HARASSMENT** was reported in the 1700 block of East Third Street.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 400 block of Northeast Ninth Street and at the intersection of North Midway and Old Colorado City Highway.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 400 block of South Birdwell Lane.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 900 block of South Aylesford Street.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 2400 block of Alabama.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of Aylesford. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of Frank Davis Ave. One person was transported

to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of Dogwood. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of West 15th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of State Park.
- **PASSENGER VEHICLE FIRE** was reported in the 900 block of East Sixth Street.

Take Note

- Coahoma ISD Pre-K pre-registration is April 18-21 at the Coahoma Elementary Office from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. To register, parents must first take proof of address to the administration building, and then head to the elementary and fill out a pre-registration form.

You must bring the following: a state sealed birth certificate (not the hospital issued one with footprints), the child's Social Security card and shot record, and the parent's driver's license. All documents must be originals, no copies. The student must meet the following qualifications:

- Transfers accepted for Pre-K.
- Students must be four on or before Sept. 1.
- Be unable to speak and comprehend the English language
- Be educationally disadvantaged, which means a student eligible to participate in the national free or reduced-price lunch program.
- Be homeless, as defined by 42 United States Code (U.S.C.) Section 1143a, regardless of the residence of the child, of either parent of the child, or of the child's guardian or other person having lawful control of the child
- Be the child of an active-duty member of the armed forces of the United States, including the state military forces or a reserve component of the armed forces, who is ordered to active duty by proper authority; or is the child of a member of the armed forces of the United States, including the

state military forces or a reserve component of the armed forces, who was injured or killed while serving on active duty

- Be in, or have been in, the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) following an adversary hearing held as provided by Section 262.201, Family Code.

• The 19th annual "Master the Mountain" event will be at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 22, at Big Spring State Park. Master the Mountain will consist of both a 10K run and a 5K fun run/walk. Master the Mountain will help support the Permian Basin Women's Resource Center (The Life Center of Big Spring) and Big Spring State Park.

Those interested in participating in the event can register online at www.permianbasinevents.com, by email at info@permianbasinevents.com or usatraig@suddenlink.net; or in person at 8 a.m. on race day.

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For tournament information and tee times please contact the City of Big Spring Municipal Golf Course at 432-264-2366 or Charlie Garcia at 432-213-2081.

Shawn Ann Simpson

Shawn Ann Simpson, 53, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, April 11, 2017, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 86 inmates at the time of this report.

- **DIMAS ANGUIANO**, 60, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).
- **ROBBY CARROLL ATKINSON**, 45, was booked by HCSO on a charge of theft of property (less than \$100).
- **TIA BAILEY**, 26, was booked by HCSO on a charge of theft of property (less than \$100).
- **JOSE ANTHONY CHAVEZ IV**, 21, was booked by BSPD on warrants for possession of drug paraphernalia, no driver's license, failure to maintain financial responsibility, expired registration, and violation of promise to appear.
- **MOHAMMAD MEHDI ETE MADNIA**, 30, was booked by DPS on a charge of possession of a controlled substance (less than 1 gram).
- **DESTINY MARIAH FRANCO**, 18, was booked by BSPD on bondsman off bond warrants for theft of a firearm and organized criminal activity.
- **JAMES MATTHEW GONZALES**, 25, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for non-payment of child support.
- **EMILY ANN KEY**, 25, was booked by BSPD on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear; and on another outstanding warrant.
- **GREGORY ROBERT LEAL**, 22, was booked by BSPD on charges of tampering with or fabricating physical evidence and manslaughter.
- **BRANDY ANN MARTINEZ**, 20, was booked by BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for theft of property (\$50 to \$500); and on a charge of possession of a controlled substance (less than 1 gram).
- **GARY JAMES MIEARS**, 30, was booked by BSPD on warrants for no driver's license and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- **EVERETT LEE PARTON**, 52, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for terroristic threat/creating fear of serious bodily injury.
- **ANSELMO VICENTE RANGEL**, 20, was booked by BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.) and evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

Support Groups

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

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

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

- 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.

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Phones and social media turn consumers into whistleblowers

NEW YORK (AP) — Look out, Corporate America. Customers armed with smartphones and video cameras are watching when you screw up. The viral video of a ticketed passenger dragged forcefully off a United flight is only the latest example of bad behavior exposed in the age of social media.

In February, Uber came under fire after a driver posted video of CEO Travis Kalanick berating him. Earlier, a Comcast technician was shown in a video sleeping on a customer's couch, and an audio recording chronicled one man's herculean efforts to drop Comcast service; they are among the embarrassing customer complaints that ultimately forced improvements. FedEx had to respond after video showed a driver carelessly throwing a package with a computer monitor over the front gate. Beyond the corporate sphere, smartphone videos of

police brutality have prompted protests and investigations.

Not long ago, such incidents might have gotten a mention on the local news at most, and quickly disappeared. But smartphone cameras and social media have democratized information and shifted power to consumers. Companies can no longer sweep complaints under the rug.

"That's something a lot of companies just don't get," said Paul Argenti, a professor of corporate communications at Dartmouth's Tuck School of Business. "Companies still operate as if they can hide things and make believe something didn't happen."

Uproar over United video imperils Chicago airport police

CHICAGO (AP) — The video of a passenger being dragged by an officer from a United Express flight shined an unwanted spotlight on the little-known police force that guards Chicago's two main airports and could threaten the agency's future.

Chicago's aviation officers are not part of the regular police force, unlike in many other big cities. They get less training than regular officers and can't carry firearms inside the airports. Three of them were put on leave amid outrage over how they treated the passenger.

Cellphone footage of the confrontation "really has put it at risk," Alderman Chris Taliaferro said Wednesday, a day before aldermen were scheduled to grill United and the Chicago Aviation Department about

why a Kentucky physician was yanked out of his seat after he refused to get off the full jetliner at O'Hare Airport.

The City Council is looking for answers about the embarrassing video that has been seen around the world. At the top of the list of questions is whether the airport officers even had the legal authority to board the plane, said Alderman Michael Zalewski, who leads the council's aviation committee.

"They are allowed in the terminal and baggage area, but my understanding is they may not be allowed on a plane," he said. Zalewski also said that he is not sure if the officers have the authority to make arrests or if they are authorized only to write tickets.

50 years after war, settlements blur future borders

JERUSALEM (AP) — For many Israelis, Har Homa is another neighborhood in Jerusalem, served by city bus lines and schools. Its quiet streets are lined with apartment buildings, pizza shops, supermarkets and pharmacies.

But for Palestinians and much of the world, this unassuming neighborhood is far more. It is an illegal settlement in east Jerusalem, and in some ways, the most damaging.

Har Homa lies on one of the last spaces of land linking the Palestinian areas of the West Bank to their hoped-for capital in east Jerusalem. If city planners have their way, Har Homa will soon become one of Jerusalem's largest Jewish neighborhoods, expanding a presence that many believe has already dealt a devastating blow to the Palestinian dream of independence.

DEATH

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confirmed to officers that he "fired a single shot" that struck his brother, police said. Leal was charged with manslaughter and tampering with evidence.

McVae was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center where approxi-

mately five hours after the incident, he was pronounced deceased by Justice of the Peace Connie Shaw at 10:04 p.m., according to the BSPD. The body was then transported to Lubbock where an autopsy will be conducted.

According to the Big Spring Police Department, the investigation is ongoing.

ACTIVITIES

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• Family Faith Center will hold several events Sunday in Comanche Trail Park. A sunrise communion service will start the day at 7:30 a.m. followed at 10:30 a.m. by a Resurrection Easter service, both in the amphitheater. From 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. there will be free food, a volleyball tournament, children's activities, and games at Cotton Mize Field. An egg hunt with 20,000 eggs will begin at 3 p.m. at Cotton Mize Field.

• First Church of the Nazarene will hold a Community Easter Egg Hunt Saturday starting at 11 a.m. in Comanche Trail Park. The event will also feature a bounce house, hot dogs, and pictures with the Easter Bunny.

• First Presbyterian Church will hold a Maundy Thursday service at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Church, located at 701 S. Runnels. First Presbyterian will also show the movie "Jesus Christ: Superstar" at 4 p.m. Saturday.

• Forsan Baptist Church will hold an egg hunt Saturday morning at 10 a.m. at Fred Holguin's

home, 306 E. Fourth St. in Forsan; and a Sunday Easter Sunrise Service Sunday at 7:15 a.m. at Evans Ranch off Wildfire Road. Brunch will be served at 9 a.m. at the church, 201 Main St. in Forsan, followed by Easter worship service. The public is welcome to all events.

• WalMart welcomes the Easter Bunny, who will be roaming the store from noon to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday. WalMart patrons and children are welcome to take "selfies" with the bunny. WalMart is located at 201 W. Marcy Dr.

WTMP

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"From the time I've been coming here, the hospital has been focuses on the how to recruit the best specialized care into Big Spring and anytime they can keep someone from driving an hour to see a doctor it's a win for the hospital and a win for the patient," he continued. "So we hope that the West Texas Medical Plaza can contribute to that mission."

Write said he hopes the newly updated medical office center will continue to help SMMC expand medical service opportunities it offers to the community.

"We hope the investment in West Texas Plaza pays dividends to everyone in Big Spring," he said. "Just in the last year, we have seen a new wound care center as well as the first ear, nose, and throat doctor here since the early 80s. We are excited to see this trend continue and hope that the West Tex-

as Medical Plaza can be a part of that."

Starting off the ceremony, Emma Krabill, CEO of SMMC, said the renovation of the aging structure was possible because of the partnership with Greystone, SMMC, and the city of Big Spring. Through the Economic Development Corporation of Big Spring, Greystone was able to purchase the building from the city and also secure an additional \$650,000 in incentives to renovate the structure. State National Bank also contributed financially to the deal.

"Today as we bring this building back to life and show you not only our Wound Care Center but all the specialities that are featured here, we are happy to tell you that there are many more things to come here at Scenic Mountain Medical Center in the next few months and next years as we continue to serve our community," Krabill said.

"Right now you may be wondering what is

happening with health care, so let me tell you," she continued. "You maybe hearing a lot of things going on in terms of changes at the state level and also nation-wide and different things that will be coming down the line for hospitals and health-care in general," she continued. "We don't know a lot of things and it is creating a little bit of uncertainty but there are two things we do know 100 percent for sure. One is America needs safe hospitals to serve its community."

Krabill said the hospital staff is committed to providing a safe environment for its patients and guests.

"We are committed to using our best clinical judgement to heal our patients. And we are committed to being nice to our guests at all times. And we remind ourselves everyday of this pride," she said. "And it doesn't matter what the environment brings that day. It doesn't matter how we feel about things that

are being thrown at us that day. That is our product and our choice we make every day."

She also encouraged the community to not only use the services the hospital provides but also give feedback on what new services are needed.

"We need you to tell us what we are doing right and what we are not doing right, so we can continue to improve and that is a promise so we are growing but at the same time we are becoming a new hospital that can serve your needs," she said.

During the ceremony, Ken Birdsong, president of Greystone, announced the company along with State National Bank, an architecture

firm, and a construction firm for the project had donated \$7,500 to the Big Spring High School baseball program as a way of giving back to the community

A ribbon cutting was held in the front lobby to mark the event. Following, hospital staff provided tours of the new facility for the public.

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Dorothy Bailey, 83, died Tuesday. Funeral service was held at 2:00 PM today at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Michael Edward Bearden, 73, died Thursday. Services are pending.

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Federal lawsuit filed in Texas high school hazing scandal

LA VERNIA, Texas (AP) — A federal lawsuit contends football players at a San Antonio-area high school were subjected to hazing, sexual abuse and other mistreatment as part of an initiation that coaches and others failed to stop.

The lawsuit was filed Tuesday by the parents of a former player who has since withdrawn from La Vernia High School. It names as defendants the La Vernia Independent School District, its superintendent and others.

Authorities say objects were used to sodomize young players and that the hazing primarily involved the football team, with other teams involved to a lesser degree.

KENS-TV in San Antonio reports that three students were arrested Tuesday. Ten others have been charged with sexual assault.

2 plead guilty to fraud in \$30M Central Texas oil, gas scam

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Prosecutors say a Central Texas lawyer and his business associate have pleaded guilty in a \$30 million scam involving bogus oil and gas investments.

Robert Allen Helms and Janniece S. Kaelin, both of Austin, each pleaded guilty Tuesday to securities fraud and conspiracy to commit securities fraud and mail fraud.

Helms and Kaelin face up to 10-year federal prison terms and making restitution over what investigators have called a Ponzi scheme. Authorities say clients were defrauded between 2010 and 2013, with funds meant for energy-related investments instead used for personal expenses of Helms and Kaelin.

Prosecutors say Helms and Kaelin operated Austin-based Vendetta Royalty Partners and forged documents to create the appearance of mineral and royalty operations.

Texas: Vehicle found, driver missing in Fort Hood flooding

FORT HOOD, Texas (AP) — The search for a driver missing since a flash flood swept his vehicle into a flooded creek at Fort Hood continues.

Post spokesman Chris Haug had no immediate details on the person missing Tuesday in Clear Creek. However, a Fort Hood statement issued late Tuesday said the missing personal vehicle had been found but not the driver, and the search was to continue through the evening.

Haug says three other people, including at least one soldier, escaped their respective vehicles Monday night after being caught in high water on Fort Hood. Haug says a Bradley Fighting Vehicle, during a training exercise, got stuck in mud.

Ex-Dallas-area educator has plea deal in teacher visa case

DALLAS (AP) — Prosecutors say a former Dallas-area educator who helped recruit teachers from foreign countries through the H-1B visa program has pleaded guilty to hiring abuses.

Victor Leos formerly was human resources director for the Garland Independent School District. Records show Leos, in an April 3 plea deal, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit false statements related to immigration documents.

The Dallas Morning News reports Leos was approached by recruiters for bilingual teachers in the Philippines and Latin America. Authorities say Leos accepted kickbacks, travel and other benefits to recruit teachers not needed in the Texas district.

He faces up to five years in prison, a \$250,000 fine and repaying \$317,000 to the district.

Travis County DA alters policy on officer-involved shootings

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Travis County district attorney says she's changing longstanding policy on officer-involved shootings and will only forward to a grand jury those cases where a shooting was unlawful or if the facts are in dispute.

District Attorney Margaret Moore tells KVUE-TV and the Austin American-Statesman that she's discussed the change with groups like the Austin police union, which supports the move.

The district attorney's office previously forwarded to the grand jury all cases in which police used lethal force.

Moore says the change makes her office more accountable in determining which cases are forwarded for possible prosecution.

During border visit, Sessions outlines immigration plan



Attorney General Jeff Sessions, center, arrives for a tour of the U.S.-Mexico border with border officials, Tuesday, April 11, 2017, in Nogales, Ariz. Sessions toured the U.S.-Mexico border and unveiled what he described as a new get-tough approach to immigration prosecutions under President Donald Trump.

By **ASTRID GALVAN**
Associated Press

NOGALES, Ariz. (AP) — Attorney General Jeff Sessions toured the U.S.-Mexico border Tuesday and unveiled what he described as a new get-tough approach to immigration prosecutions under President Donald Trump.

The nation's top law enforcement official outlined a series of changes that he said mark the start of a new push to rid American cities and the border of what he described as "filth" brought on by drug cartels and criminal organizations.

The tour included visiting a port of entry, where Sessions exited an SUV in a white shirt and baseball cap before entering a restricted area.

Sessions has been steadily expanding the Justice Department's role in the anti-immigration agenda of the Trump administration, but the border trip offered the most comprehensive look yet at his plans.

During his visit, he urged federal prosecutors to intensify their focus on immigration crimes such as illegal border crossing or smuggling others into the U.S.

Such prosecutions are already happening on a large scale. They made up more than half of all federal prosecutions in fiscal year 2016, according to the Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse at Syracuse University. But prosecutions were slightly down from fiscal year 2015.

In a three-page memo, Sessions told U.S. attorneys to prioritize immigration prosecutions by appointing a border security coordinator who can oversee investigations, keep statistics and provide legal advice and training to prosecutors. The coordinators

would meet regularly with federal immigration authorities.

In addition, Sessions said federal prosecutors must consider bringing felony charges against those who have illegally entered the country more than once as well as those who marry to evade immigration laws. He also urged prosecutors to consider charging those illegally in the country with felony identity theft and document fraud.

"This is a new era. This is the Trump era," he said. "The lawlessness, the abdication of the duty to enforce our immigration laws, and the catch and release practices of old are over."

Sessions defended Trump's proposed border wall, saying it will be another tool to fight illegal immigration amid efforts within the Justice Department and other branches of government to punish and deter border crossers.

He also returned to a common theme from the Trump campaign by saying drug cartels and criminal gangs are turning American cities into "war zones" by raping and killing innocent people.

"It is here, on this sliver of land, where we first take our stand against this filth," he said.

Critics blasted the initiatives announced by Sessions as fear-mongering and anti-immigrant rhetoric not rooted in facts.

"Once again, Attorney General Sessions is scaring the public by linking immigrants to criminals despite studies showing that immigrants commit crimes at lower rates than the native born," said Gregory Z. Chen, director of government relations for the American Immigration Lawyers Association.

Sessions made the announcement in Nogales, a border city

that has witnessed a dramatic drop in immigrant and drug smuggling in recent years as more people enter the country in Texas, many of them Central Americans fleeing violence in Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador.

The Border Patrol's Tucson sector, which comprises most of Arizona, saw about 65,000 arrests of immigrants last fiscal year, roughly half the number agents made in 2012, according to Border Patrol data. Marijuana seizures have also dropped by about 28 percent from 1 million pounds in 2012 to 728,000 last year.

Following the border tour, Sessions spoke to officials at an International Association of Chiefs of Police conference outside Phoenix.

He discussed crime rates, the border wall, immigration enforcement and sanctuary cities. He chided critics of mass incarceration and the decline in the prison population.

Sessions was also set to speak with service members at Luke Air Force Base near Phoenix.

Sessions' immigration plans have long been foreshadowed. Even as it plans to cut the Justice Department's budget by more than \$1 billion, the Trump administration wants hundreds of millions of dollars to hire 60 federal prosecutors and 40 deputy U.S. marshals to focus on border cases.

The proposal also calls for adding \$1.5 billion to Immigration and Customs Enforcement's budget to find, detain and deport immigrants living in the U.S. illegally, along with more than \$300 million to hire 500 new Border Patrol agents and 1,000 immigration agents.

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Putin meets Tillerson as US, Russia fiercely feud over Syria

By JOSH LEDERMAN

Associated Press
MOSCOW (AP) — Fiercely feuding over Syria, Russian President Vladimir Putin met the top American diplomat in Moscow on Wednesday to see if they could rescue relations between the world's mightiest military powers. Russia's alleged meddling in the U.S. presidential election also hovered over the first face-to-face encounter between Putin and a Trump administration Cabinet member.

Leaving traveling U.S. reporters across town, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson met Putin in the Kremlin for almost two hours following fraught discussions with Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov.

The chief dispute concerned the Syrian government or opposition's culpability for a chemical weapons attack that killed more than 80 people in Syria last week, though broader disagreements over everything from Ukraine to Russia's support for once-fringe candidates in European elections are among other sore points between the former Cold War foes.

Steeped in geopolitical intrigue, the meeting between Putin and Tillerson wasn't formally confirmed until the last minute, following days of speculation about whether the Russian would refuse to grant the former oil executive an audience.

Putin's decision to host Tillerson signaled Moscow's intent to maintain communication with the U.S. even as they bash each other publicly in louder and louder tones.

The men know each other well from Tillerson's days as Exxon Mobil CEO. Putin had even granted Tillerson with a friendship honor.

Unlike he has done with previous secretaries of state, Putin didn't keep Tillerson waiting for hours on Wednesday.

The Russians held to a tentative schedule that was worked out in advance, U.S. officials said. They weren't authorized to discuss diplomatic conversations publicly and requested anonymity.

The meeting agenda wasn't announced. The U.S. and Russia have sharply disagreed over whether Syrian President Bashar Assad's forces or rebels were responsible for the



AP photo

US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, left, and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov walk prior to their talks in Moscow, Russia, Wednesday, April 12, 2017. Tillerson's Moscow talks hinge on new US leverage over Syria.

chemical weapons attack last week that led to U.S. retaliatory cruise missiles. Washington says it has no doubt about Assad's responsibility. Putin has spoken of having proof that it was a "false flag" operation intended to rally international opposition to Assad.

Before meeting Putin, Tillerson received a chilly reception from Lavrov, who told Tillerson that Russia was trying to understand the "real intentions" of the Trump administration.

"We have seen very alarming actions recently with an unlawful attack against Syria," Lavrov said, referring to the 59 Tomahawk missiles Trump launched at a Syrian air base to punish Assad for using chemical weapons. "We consider it of utmost importance to prevent the risks of replay of similar action in the future."

Tillerson conceded the two world powers had "sharp differences" that have obstructed cooperation but

voiced optimism they could make progress.

In the U.S., Trump sought to tamp down speculation he'll intervene militarily against Assad, who is being backed by Russian forces. Trump told Fox Business Network that his strikes were solely because Assad used chemical weapons. Turkey has said tests showed sarin gas was used. U.S. intelligence agencies have said similar.

"Are we going to get involved with Syria? No," Trump said. But, he added, "I see them using gas...we have to do something."

Russia, Assad's staunchest ally, has insisted the Syrian leader is blameless and that rebels disbursed chemical weapons.

The palpable tension hanging over Tillerson's trip spoke to a widening chasm between the two world powers.

Only weeks ago, it appeared that Trump, who lavishly praised Putin throughout the campaign, was poised

for a potentially historic rapprochement with Russia. But any expectations of an easy rapport have crashed into reality as the two countries trade escalating accusations over what happened last week in rebel-held territory in northern Syria.

"Frankly, Putin is backing a person that's truly an evil person," Trump said, referring to Assad. "I think it's very bad for Russia. I think it's very bad for mankind."

Of Assad, Trump added: "This is an animal."

And Putin, who U.S. intelligence agencies say tried to help Trump get elected, insisted that relations with the U.S. had only gone downhill since Trump took office in January.

"The level of trust at the working level, especially at the military level, has not become better but most likely has degraded," Putin said in an interview broadcast Wednesday by state television channel Mir.

Spicer says Hitler comment 'inexcusable and reprehensible'

By KEN THOMAS and JILL COLVIN

Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) — White House press secretary Sean Spicer said Wednesday that his attempt to compare the Holocaust and Syrian President Bashar Assad's use of chemical weapons was "inexcusable and reprehensible" and was made all the worse by this being a holy week for Christians and Jews.

He said the comment, made Tuesday at the White House briefing, was personally and professionally disappointing, and he asked for "folks' forgiveness."

"To make a gaffe and a mistake like this is inexcusable and reprehensible," Spicer said during a previously scheduled appearance at a forum on the presidency and the press sponsored by the News-Item. Christians are preparing for Easter on Sunday, and Jews are celebrating Passover.

"It really is painful to myself to know that I did something like that," Spicer said. "That obviously was not my intention. To know when you screw up that you possibly offended a lot of people ... I would ask obviously for folks' forgiveness to understand that I should not have tried to make a comparison."

It was Spicer's second apology in as many days, following an initial mea culpa Tuesday during an interview with CNN. Earlier Tuesday during the daily White House briefing, Spicer told reporters that Adolf Hitler "didn't even sink to using chemical weapons." The comment drew an instant rebuke from critics, who noted the remark ignored Hitler's use of gas chambers to exterminate Jews during the Holocaust.

Reaction to Spicer's initial comment continued Wednesday, with Jerusalem's Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial inviting him to visit its website. In the CNN interview, Spicer said his comments did not reflect Trump's views but "were a distraction from him and frankly were misstated, insensitive and wrong." He added, "Obviously it was my blunder." Spicer reiterated that sentiment at Wednesday's forum.

After making the ini-

tial comment, Spicer was asked about it again during the briefing but offered a garbled defense in which he tried to differentiate between Hitler's actions and the gas attack on Syrian civilians last week. The attack in northern Syria left nearly 90 people dead. Turkey said sarin gas was used.

"I think when you come to sarin gas, there was no, he (Hitler) was not using the gas on his own people the same way that Assad is doing," Spicer said. "There was clearly ... I understand your point, thank you. There was not ... He brought them into the Holocaust center I understand that."

After the briefing, Spicer emailed reporters a statement that said: "In no way was I trying to lessen the horrendous nature of the Holocaust. I was trying to draw a distinction of the tactic of using airplanes to drop chemical weapons on population centers. Any attack on innocent people is reprehensible and inexcusable."

Reaction from around the world continued Wednesday. A spokesman for German Chancellor Angela Merkel said comparing Nazi war crimes to present-day situations "leads to nothing good."

Robert Rozett, director of libraries at Yad Vashem, said Spicer's comment implied a "profound lack of knowledge of the events of the second World

War, including the Holocaust" and "are liable to strengthen the hands of those who seek to destroy history."

In the U.S., Democrats and Jewish organizations condemned the comments.

House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi of California said in a statement that Spicer was "downplaying the horror of the Holocaust" and should be fired. Sen. Ben Cardin, D-Md., said on Twitter, "Someone get @PressSec a refresher history course on Hitler stat (hashtag)#Icantbelievehereallysaidthat."

The New York-based Anne Frank Center for Mutual Respect also called on Trump to fire Spicer, saying he denied that Hitler gassed Jews during the Holocaust. Rep. Lee Zeldin, a Jewish Republican from New York, said in a statement that the comparison could be made "a little differently and it would be accurate, but it's important to clear up that Hitler did in fact use chemical warfare to murder innocent people."

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Answers: 1) Rose, 2) Daisy, 3) Lily, 4) Poppy, 5) Iris, 6) Petunia, 7) Violet

Flower Power



You might think flowers are pretty, but in the 1960s and 1970s, flowers took on a whole new meaning with the slogan "flower power." The Vietnam War had started, and many people did not think American soldiers should fight in it.

To show that they were not for the war, many people wore flowers in their hair, dressed in flowered clothing and handed out flowers. They were called "flower children," and their goal was to protest the war peacefully.

Flower children wanted peace, and they pushed for it with flowers. Peace did not come for some time, but eventually, the American soldiers came home and the Vietnam War ended.

What Rhymes with Bloom?

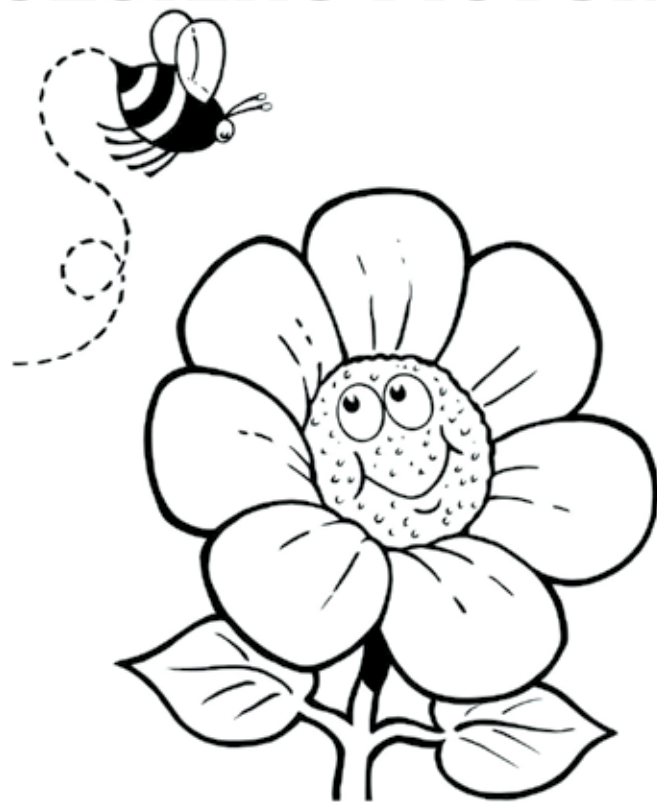


List 10 words that rhyme with "bloom."

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Some answers: boom, broom, doom, gloom, groom, loom, room, tomb, whom, zoom

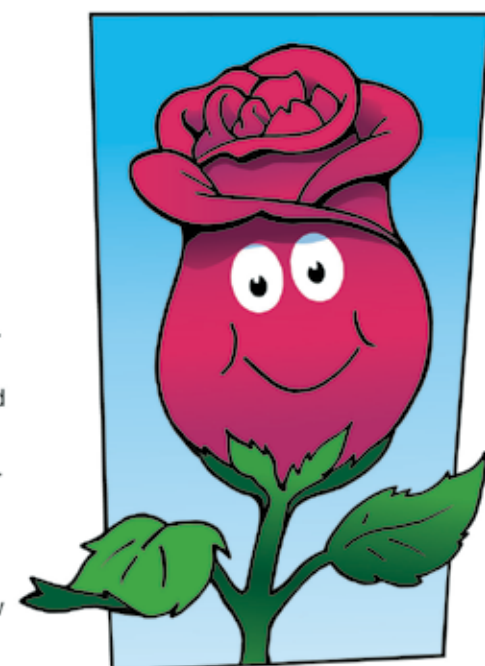
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Fact or Fiction? Rose Challenge

There are over 100 types of roses. Here are some questions about them. How many can you answer correctly?

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- Most roses have five petals. **Fact or Fiction?**
- Most roses are thornless. **Fact or Fiction?**
- The fruit of roses is called rose hips. **Fact or Fiction?**
- Rose hips are poisonous. **Fact or Fiction?**
- Most roses are grown in California. **Fact or Fiction?**
- George Washington grew roses. **Fact or Fiction?**
- Roses are used in perfume. **Fact or Fiction?**
- The rose is the national flower of England. **Fact or Fiction?**
- Roses are a popular way to show love. **Fact or Fiction?**



Answers: 1) Fiction, roses come in many colors, 2) Fact, 3) Fiction, most roses have thorns, 4) Fact, 5) Fiction, rose hips are used in all kinds of food and medicine, 6) Fact, 7) Fact, 8) Fact, 9) Fact, 10) Fact

JOKES



Q: What do you get when you plant kisses?

A: Tulips!

Q: What is a frog's favorite flower?

A: Croak-us!

Mavericks end season with 100-93 win over Grizzlies

By PHIL STUKENBORG

Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Without starters Dirk Nowitzki, Harrison Barnes and Wesley Matthews, the Dallas Mavericks were undermanned Wednesday night against the Memphis Grizzlies.

Forward Nicolas Brussino, making his second start of the season, and reserve guard Devin Harris each scored 15 points and the short-handed Mavericks ended a five-game losing streak with a 100-93 victory.

The Mavericks won despite leaving Nowitzki, Barnes and Matthews at home to rest. Reserve guard J.J. Barea, averaging 10.9 points, also remained in Dallas as coach Rick Carl-

isle opted to use his younger players in the regular-season finale.

"The group that was out there at the end, everybody did something good," Carlisle said. "All of this stuff really helps these guys get better."

Memphis, the seventh seed in the Western Conference, was led by Mike Conley and Zach Randolph, who scored 15 points each. Marc Gasol added 13 points.

The Grizzlies led by 12 midway through the third quarter following a three-point play by Wade Baldwin, but the Mavericks rallied.

Trailing 74-70 entering the final period, the Mavericks opened with a 17-8 run to take an 87-82 lead with 5:28 to go. A.J. Hammons and Jarrod

Uthoff each had six points during the run. The Grizzlies never led again.

"I think it's a morale booster," Uthoff said. "This is the beginning of a lot of us, for our career, and it is always nice to get a win with us playing."

Brussino, completing his rookie season, had a career-high point total and was 4-of-8 from beyond the arc. His 3-pointer with 1:15 to go gave Dallas a 97-90 advantage.

"They were physical with him early," Carlisle said. "He adjusted and he got into more of a leveraged position on offense and defense. He made them foul him a few times, got open for a few shots and hit the big dagger shot at the end."

Dallas made its run after the Griz-

zlies had benched their starters. Conley played the first two quarters (17 minutes) and Gasol played the first three (24 minutes).

No starters played in the fourth quarter and the Grizzlies went 6-for-26 shooting, including an 0-for-6 effort from Andrew Harrison.

"They were all trying to make their mark on the game and I think that leads to a lot of mistakes," Memphis coach David Fizdale said.

"I don't think they really worked to help each other, but that's young guys when you throw them in the end of the game and they're trying to show something. The effort was there, but

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Hayward scores 14, Jazz beat Spurs 101-97

By KAREEM COPELAND

AP Sports Writer

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Gordon Hayward can already feel the difference.

The seventh-year Jazz forward will play in his first playoff game since 2012 after scoring 14 in a 101-97 regular-season finale win over the San Antonio Spurs on Wednesday night.

This postseason will be completely different for the first-time All-Star from the four-game, first-round sweep against the Spurs during his second season in the league.

"It's been so long and I was in a completely different role, so it's almost like it's new to me, too," Hayward said. "This time last year we all would have been booking our flights to wherever we were going on vacation. Shipping cars. People would be out of here."

"There's definitely a different vibe around the locker room. A different feel."

Utah will face the Los Angeles Clippers in the opening round of the playoffs. Los Angeles earned the No. 4 seed by holding the tiebreaker between the teams.

"It's the real season now, it starts now," Jazz guard George Hill said. "It's a game of possessions and every possession matters in the playoffs. You've got to control the game."

(H o m e c o u r t) doesn't matter. ... If you want to win championships, you've got to go on the road and win."

The win was a

season-best ninth straight at home, the longest streak for the Jazz since 2012.

Hayward was an efficient 7 for 9 from the field while Rudy Gobert, George Hill and Shelvin Mack all finished with 13 for the Jazz.

LaMarcus Aldridge paced the Spurs with 18 points and Kawhi Leonard added 14. San Antonio faces Memphis in the playoffs on Saturday.

"The way that we've approached this is, 'What do we need to do to help us be ready?'" Jazz coach Quin Snyder said. "We needed to play and play well and compete. And we needed to come out of the game healthy."

Both the Jazz and Spurs played all their players for most of the game, but turned it over to the reserves down the stretch. The Jazz led most of the night before a Kyle Anderson jumper tied the game at 88-88 with just under five minutes remaining. A Shelvin Mack 3-pointer put the Jazz up 96-94 as the two teams went back and forth down the stretch.

San Antonio, however, never led again as a Dante Exum steal with 28 seconds remaining forced the Spurs into a foul situation and the Jazz iced the game from the free-throw line.

TIP-IN

Spurs: Pau Gasol reached the 20,000 career-points with 13 points and now has 20,001 for his career. "It's very humbling," Gasol said. "It's hard to imagine to be able to get to those numbers. It just proves the

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Rangers hit 3 HRs, prevent Angels comeback in 8-3 win



Texas Rangers' Carlos Gomez, right, celebrates with Nomar Mazara, left, after hitting a home run against the Los Angeles Angels during the seventh inning of a baseball game, Wednesday, April 12, 2017, in Anaheim, Calif.

By GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Mike Trout stepped to the plate against young Rangers reliever Jose Leclerc with a runner on second base and the entire Angel Stadium crowd anticipating another exhilarating comeback.

Three pitches later, Trout was back in the dugout. One pitch after that, Albert Pujols joined him.

The Rangers' bullpen had no interest in another night of drama.

Joey Gallo hit a go-ahead, two-run triple in the fifth, and the Rangers coolly prevented a third straight late-inning comeback by the Angels, beating Los Angeles 8-3 on Wednesday.

Mike Napoli, Elvis Andrus and Carlos Gomez homered for the Rangers, and A.J. Griffin (1-0) pitched six innings of four-hit ball to pick up his first victory in six starts dating to last September.

A trio of Texas relievers doused

the Angels' hopes for a third consecutive victory featuring a rally from a multi-run deficit in the ninth inning. The Angels rallied from a six-run deficit in the ninth to beat Seattle last Sunday, and followed it up against the Rangers on Tuesday with a rally from a three-run deficit in the ninth and a walk-off win in the 10th.

The third time had no charm, thanks to Texas' relievers.

"It was huge, especially for our bullpen," said Andrus, who homered in back-to-back games for the first time in his career. "They were able to come back and shut that team down. That's the bullpen we know."

LECLERC'S MOMENT

Leclerc did the most eye-catching work in just his 16th big league appearance, thwarting the Angels' eighth-inning threat by striking out Trout on a pair of nasty changeups and getting Pujols to pop out.

"I was a little nervous, but I took a little break and I said, 'Let's throw strikes,'" Leclerc said. "I just wanted to use the best pitches in my repertoire."

Trout hit an early homer and drove in his ninth run in nine games for the Angels, but they were beaten at home for the first time this season after four straight wins.

STARTING SLOWLY

Los Angeles (6-3) lost for just the second time since opening day thanks to its latest mediocre starting pitching performance.

Jesse Chavez (1-1) yielded five runs and five hits before getting chased in the fifth inning. Only one Angels starter has made it through six innings for Los Angeles, and the rotation has a combined 5.67 ERA.

"We've got confidence in this group," manager Mike Scioscia

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Altuve, bullpen rally Astros past Mariners 10-5

By JIM HOEHN

Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP) — Jose Altuve picked a good time to start looking like Jose Altuve.

Altuve, who began the season 3 for 21, hit three singles and drew two walks, helping the Houston Astros overcome an early five-run deficit and rally past the Seattle Mariners 10-5 on Wednesday night.

"I don't know if he was ever

out of him, other than he wasn't getting the number of hits. He continued to be good," Astros manager A.J. Hinch said. "He's such a good player and we expect so much out of him. I know he needed it mentally to feel like Jose Altuve again."

Altuve, a two-time AL batting champion, went 5 for 8 in the final two games of the series to raise his average to .275.

Four Houston relievers

combined for five scoreless innings after starter Mike Fiers got knocked around. Tony Sipp, Brad Peacock (2-0), Luke Gregerson and Jandel Gustave allowed just three hits.

Carlos Beltran drove in three runs for Houston, which trailed 5-0 after three innings. The Astros, who had one hit through the first three innings, finished with a season-high 16 hits.

"We do believe in our club,"

Beltran said. "I do feel that it was about time we started swinging the bat collectively and we did that today. We put together quality at-bats and basically everyone fed off that. That was the key today. We did not feel when they scored those five runs that we were out of the game."

The Astros got three runs in the seventh off Dan Altavilla (1-1) for a 6-5 lead, with Alex Bregman's RBI double putting them ahead. Carlos

Correa capped the comeback by scoring on a wild pitch.

Houston added three more in the eighth on a sacrifice fly by Josh Reddick and two-run double by Beltran.

Fiers lasted just four innings, allowing five runs and six hits.

The Mariners scored twice in the first and then made it 3-0 when Mike Freeman, called up from Triple-A on

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#9350 March 12 & 13, 2017

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Apr 5, 2017
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, May 10, 2017
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit P. O. Box 12967 Austin, Texas 78711-2967 Fax: (512) 463-6780 Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

Rule 37 Case No. 0304381 Status/Permit No. 824649

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SM ENERGY COMPANY, [RRC Operator No. 788997] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the NEW DRILL per-

Public Notice

mit in Sec. 24, Bk. 33 TLS, T&P RR CO/LOWE, O W Survey, A-1560, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, HOWARD County, being 3.8 miles SW direction from BIG SPRING, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of the record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exemption. A Protester should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512) 463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 (512) 463-6751.

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THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:
FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name: FLETCH A Lease/Unit Well No. : 1350WA Lease/Unit Acres : 370.54 Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 1.0 Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 420.0

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SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres.

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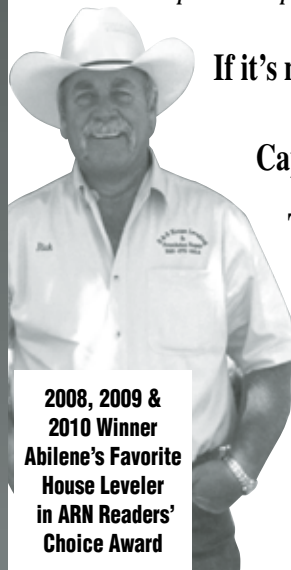
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SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You haven't forgotten about the person who

knocked themselves out to help you. However, you also haven't shown official appreciation, at least to your standards. You'll enjoy fulfilling this part of your to-do list.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Selfies don't always represent the prevailing narcissism of the age. Today's snaps will be about letting others know you're proud to be together and you want to share the memory in later days.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You may be worried about whether your plans have a solid foundation or not. Is there anything hidden you might be missing? Are your worries a form of resistance, or an intuition? Don't move until you feel better about this.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). In fairy tales, uninvited guests turn up at the party anyway, resentful at the slight and wielding spells of vengeance. In real life, it's just hurt feelings, but that's pretty bad, too. Include everyone and you won't have to worry about it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Regardless of how cool, or solid or useful a thing may be, what's popular now could be out tomorrow. You've no control over the trends, but you know what feels right for you

and you'll be happy you acted on that instinct.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 13). It is not imperative that you know what you're doing before you embark. If it were, no one would venture, create, explore or love. Trust yourself to figure it out as you go. You'll especially love where you go in May. June is for promises exchanged to be kept all year. July brings an investment opportunity. Taurus and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 4, 44, 49 and 15.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: "I am a Gemini woman, born May 31, 1963. My life keeps randomly intersecting with an amazing Libra male, born Oct. 23, 1956, despite the fact we live in different countries. When we do happen to connect, there is effortless synergy and great things happen. Are these connections strictly random?"

First of all, your Libra man is actually a Scorpio! He was born on the cusp of Libra/Scorpio. (The sun changes signs around the 21st to 23rd of every month, a reminder for cusp folks to check the astrological calendar for the year they were born.) I can see your attraction for this glamorous Scorpio man who makes you feel like a million bucks when you're

together! This relationship brings one exciting possibility after another. I'm so glad you mentioned synergy. When alchemists combine different elements together they blend to produce a totally new matter. The alchemy of love is kind of like that: Sometimes we don't know what we're capable of until we meet someone else whose energy combines with ours to attract unique, one-of-a-kind circumstances. The energy of any relationship attracts all kinds of new opportunities (or conflicts). The randomness of this affair is a thrill for you, Gemini. Have fun with it!

CELEBRITY PROFILES: It has been rumored that the third president of the United States and Founding Father, Thomas Jefferson, had an astrologer. Though no conclusive evidence has surfaced, Jefferson did mention some astronomical discoveries of his day in correspondence, suggesting that he was interested in cosmic events. Jefferson was a bold Aries born under an expansive, forward-thinking Sagittarian moon.

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Annie's Mailbox

Problem Couple at Church

Dear Annie: My husband and I live in a small town and belong to a small church, which is struggling. I like our minister,

but a lot of people do not and have left our church for other churches, including a megachurch in a nearby town. It is hard to compete with that!

But several months ago, I found out that it is not just because of the min-

ister. A couple in our church have been running people off. They are involved in everything and are rude to other people and downright mean to the minister. I started watching their behavior, and I am just amazed that people who act this way can call themselves Christians. Their behavior is getting worse as the months go by.

We are going to be sharing a minister starting in July because we cannot afford to pay a full-time

one any longer. He is already a minister at a church in a nearby town. I was hoping that would be an end to our problems, but now I am not so sure. A few weeks ago, the wife left in the middle of the service, angry over something. She sat in the car the rest of the service. Her husband always runs the computer during worship and thinks no one else can do it right, but last Sunday, they were both gone and someone else did it just fine.

She wrote a post on Facebook about how they attended the church where our future minister already preaches. "Awesome message! So refreshing," were her comments. My greatest fear -- and I am not alone -- is that they are trying to get in good with the new minister before he even gets to our church. I am hoping that he is smart enough to see through these people. My question is: Should someone discuss these people with him, or should we just pray and hope for the best? -- Trying to Save Our Church

Dear Trying: I'll answer your question with another: What would Jesus do? By all indications, he would turn the other cheek and pray for this couple, showing them only mercy and kindness. Everyone is on a different path when it comes to faith and worship. If the couple are driven by ego and attention, that is between them and God. It is not something you need to worry about and resolve. These types of things always have a way of working

themselves out. If they are truly being fake and kissing up to the minister, he will probably see through that.

Dear Annie: I agreed with your advice to "Always a Bridesmaid, Now a Bride," whose sisters-in-law had all chosen her as a bridesmaid and who was deciding whether to use them as bridesmaids or to use four of her friends. You said the writer should do the former, but you did not tell her what to do with her friends. She should use them to help out in other areas of the wedding -- serving punch, cutting cake, being greeters and so on. They could even help with the decorations and bouquets. -- Em

Dear Em: Great idea, and help with preparation would no doubt be beneficial for brides and grooms on a budget.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
A problem solved

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
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♥ K 7 5 2
♦ Q 10 4
♣ K Q 6 2
WEST
♠ A 8
♥ Q J 4
♦ A K 9 2
♣ J 9 7 3
EAST
♠ 9 7 2
♥ 10 8 6 3
♦ 8 5
♣ 10 8 5 4
SOUTH
♠ K Q J 10 6 4
♥ A 9
♦ J 7 6 3
♣ A
The bidding:
North East South West
Pass Pass 4♠ Dble
Opening lead -- king of diamonds.
Dear Mr. Becker: I am writing to you from Sing Sing prison, where I recently acquired a rent-free apartment for life due to the sudden demise of a friend of mine with whom I had a violent difference of opinion.
We have a large group here that greatly enjoys bridge, but lately there has been quite a bit of friction among us, and some very unkind words have been directed toward me. It all began with this deal.
I was West and doubled South, a four-time loser, after he opened the

bidding with four spades. I led the king of diamonds, and when my partner signaled with the eight, I continued with the ace.
There was now no question about my leading another diamond, because I knew East would ruff, but I did not know whether to lead the nine or the deuce.
You see, East and I play suit-preference signals. I knew that if I led the nine, he would return a heart, while if I led the two, he would return a club. As you have said many times, in this situation a high card asks for the higher suit, and a low card asks for the lower suit. In this case, though, I did not want either suit returned. What I wanted was a trump return, so that I could give my partner another ruff.
I solved the problem very neatly by playing the 9-2 together! I then apologized to South, saying: "Oh, I'm sorry, but I'll play either card you want. It really doesn't matter."
East, who wasn't born yesterday, grasped the situation immediately. After ruffing the diamond, he returned a trump. As a result, South went down two instead of one. Judging from the way South reacted to all this, I must say I think he is a sore loser.
Sincerely, No. 31416.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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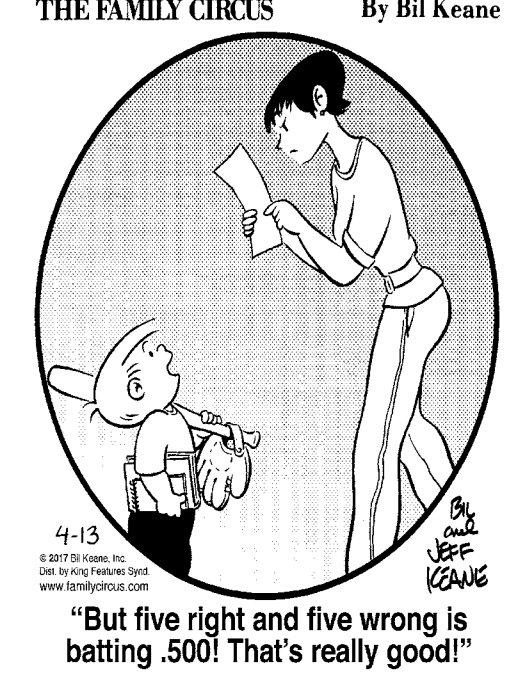
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



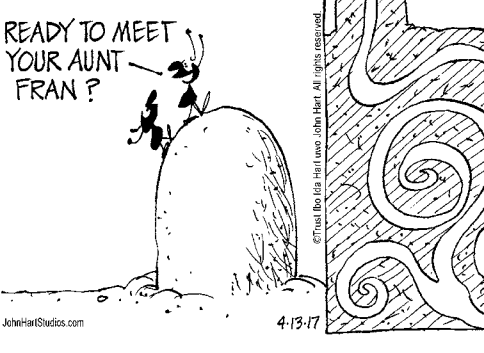
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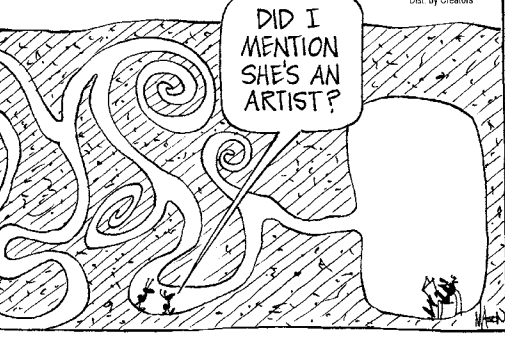
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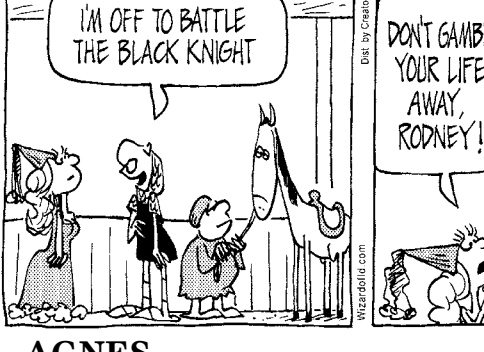
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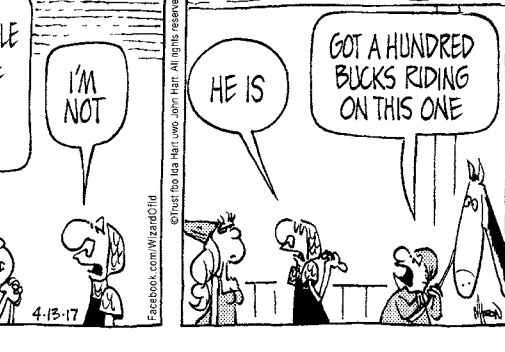
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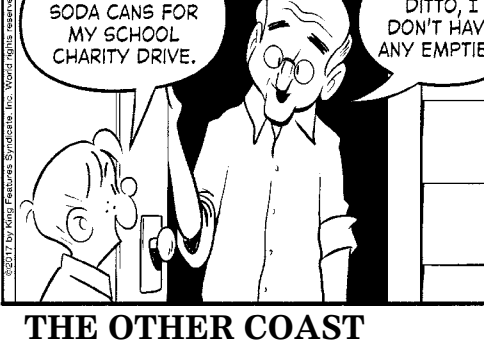
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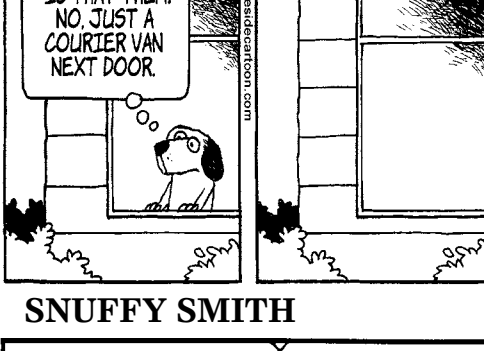
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I'D LIKE FOR YOU TO LEAVE THE BAR AND FIND A SEAT SOMEWHERE ELSE



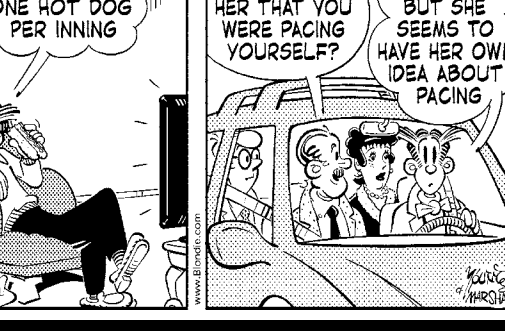
YES, BUT THERE ARE OTHERS WHO WANT TO SIT AT THE BAR...



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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, April 13, the 103rd day of 2017. There are 262 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On April 13, 1742, "Messiah," the oratorio by George Frideric Handel featuring the "Hallelujah" chorus, had its first public performance in Dublin, Ireland.

On this date: In 1613, Pocahontas, daughter of Chief Powhatan, was captured by English Capt. Samuel Argall in the Virginia Colony. (During a yearlong captivity, Pocahontas converted to Christianity and ultimately opted to stay with the English.)

In 1743, the third president of the United States, Thomas Jefferson, was born in Shadwell in the Virginia Colony.

In 1861, at the start of the Civil War, Fort Sumter in South Carolina fell to Confederate forces.

In 1917, American business tycoon James "Diamond Jim" Brady, known for his jewelry collection as well as his hearty appetite, died in Atlantic City, New Jersey at age 60.

In 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt dedicated the Jefferson Memorial in Washington, D.C. on the 200th anniversary of the third American president's birth.

In 1953, "Casino Royale," Ian Fleming's first book as well as the first James Bond novel, was published in London by Jonathan Cape Ltd.

In 1964, Sidney Poitier became the first black performer in a leading role to win an Academy Award for his performance in "Lilies of the Field."

In 1967, the movie "Casino Royale," a star-studded James Bond spoof very loosely based on the Ian Fleming novel, had its world premiere in London.

In 1970, Apollo 13, four-fifths of the way to the moon, was crippled when a tank containing liquid oxygen burst. (The astronauts managed to return safely.)

In 1986, Pope John Paul II visited the Great Synagogue of Rome in the first recorded papal visit of its kind to a Jewish house of worship.

In 1992, the Great Chicago Flood took place as the city's century-old tunnel system and adjacent basements filled with water from the Chicago River.

"The Bridges of Madison County," a romance novel by Robert James Waller, was published by Warner Books.

In 1997, Tiger Woods, at age 21 years and 3½ months, became the youngest player to win the Masters Tournament by a record 12 strokes at Augusta National Golf Club.

Ten years ago: A day after a dining hall suicide bombing claimed by al-Qaida, Iraq's parliament met in an extraordinary session on a Friday, the Muslim day of prayer, to declare it would not bow to terrorism; a bouquet of red roses and a white lily sat in the place of a lawmaker who was killed in the attack.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama arrived in Cartagena, Colombia, to attend the Summit of the Americas; however, the visit was overshadowed by a prostitution scandal involving a group of Secret Service agents and officers who had gone to Cartagena to prepare for the president's trip. North Korea's much-touted satellite launch ended in a nearly \$1 billion failure. (The North succeeded in launching a satellite eight months later.)

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Settled down
 - 5 Unwritten on
 - 10 Miscalculates
 - 14 The fifth st.
 - 15 Temporary tattoo medium
 - 16 Face in competition
 - 17 It means "outer"
 - 18 The Horse Whisperer author
 - 19 In that case
 - 20 Landscaper's decoration
 - 23 Memphis music
 - 24 Narrate
 - 25 Feel contrition for
 - 26 No longer funny
 - 27 Consumes
 - 30 Shot (for)
 - 32 Highlander
 - 34 Many London attractions
 - 38 Purchase for the present
 - 42 R&D facility
 - 43 Cool it
 - 45 Sound of the northwest
 - 48 Salon rinse
 - 50 Pilgrimage to Mecca
 - 51 Sean Lennon's mom
 - 52 Mosque leader
 - 56 Divests of
 - 58 Kindergarten craft tool
 - 62 Way up some slopes
 - 63 Carried
 - 64 Burgundy, to Berliners
 - 66 Likewise
- DOWN**
- 1 Master
 - 2 Sheriff's concern
 - 3 Break-in perpetrator
 - 4 Govt.-backed investment
 - 5 Course designer
 - 6 Big name in jeans
 - 7 Establish, as a statute
 - 8 Musical with FDR
 - 9 Sounding stuffy
 - 10 Mideast ruler
 - 11 Go straight
 - 12 Navy SEALs mission
 - 13 Highly motivated
 - 21 "In a way" ender
 - 22 Wool source
 - 23 Delay, with "down"
 - 28 Fuse measures
 - 29 Look good on
 - 31 Web access cos.
 - 33 Keeping everyone waiting
 - 35 42-season NBC series
 - 36 Antiquated oath
 - 37 ___ one (barely ahead)
 - 39 Minor, in law books
 - 40 Heavenly
 - 41 Motel locale
 - 44 Sleepwear
 - 45 Of mail
 - 46 Not up to it
 - 47 Sell well
 - 49 Pothook shape
 - 53 Informal apology
 - 54 All together
 - 55 Seasonal Golden Arches sandwich
 - 57 Large laughs
 - 59 Winged archer
 - 60 Technical sch.
 - 61 Comprehends
 - 65 Neighbor of Homer

GAME TRIO by Greg Johnson Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

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I thought the execution was really poor."

Behind 15 points from Conley and 47.6 percent shooting, the Grizzlies led 55-46 at the half. Memphis built a 10-point lead in the second quarter, but a Mavericks' lineup missing players averaging more than 70 points trimmed the margin to two points shortly before the half.

Conley said the experience the Memphis reserves received will be invaluable. And their playing time allowed the Grizzlies to be rested with another playoff series against the Spurs looming.

"Obviously, we want to win every game we play," he said. "I think we're just going to chalk it up and get ready for the series."

TIP-INS

Mavericks: Forward Dirk Nowitzki, completing his 19th season, did not make the trip. He averaged 14.2 points and 6.5 rebounds in an injury-filled 54-game season. ... Dallas failed to finish at .500 or better for the first time since 1999.

Grizzlies: Memphis started its regular lineup of Mike Conley, Tony Allen, Marc Gasol, Vince Carter and JaMychal Green. Allen left the game with 6:10 to go in the first quarter, hobbling off with a lower right leg injury. Allen did not return. ... Carter played in his 1,347th game and passed Kobe Bryant for 13th in regular-season games played.

GETTING SOME HELP

Randolph got credit for a basket he didn't make in the first quarter. Mavericks center Salah Mejri accidentally tipped in a Grizzlies' missed attempt. Randolph moved into 75th place on the NBA's scoring list with his first basket, a field goal that allowed him to pass Magic Johnson (17,707). Randolph, like Johnson, attended Michigan State.

STAYING HOME



AP photo
Memphis Grizzlies center Marc Gasol (33) shoots against Dallas Mavericks forward Nerlens Noel (3) in the second half of an NBA basketball game Wednesday, April 12, 2017, in Memphis, Tenn.

In addition to Nowitzki, J.J. Barea, Harrison Barnes and Wesley Matthews did not make the trip. In resting the foursome, the Mavericks left nearly 58 points in Dallas. Barnes finished the season as the team's leading scorer (19.2 points per game). Matthews, also a starter, averaged 13.5 points.

UP NEXT:

Dallas: Season over.

Memphis: Faces San Antonio in the first round of the Western Conference playoffs. Game 1 is Saturday at 8 p.m.



AP photo

Houston Astros' Jake Marisnick shatters his bat on a fielder's choice against the Seattle Mariners in the ninth inning of a baseball game Wednesday, April 12, 2017, in Seattle. The Astros won 10-5.

ASTROS

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Tuesday, opened the second with his first career homer.

Seattle extended the lead to 5-0 in the third on Taylor Motter's first homer, a two-run shot.

Mariners starter Yovani Gallardo walked three in the fourth to begin Houston's rally. Reddick and Altuve opened with consecutive walks and Correa singled to load the bases.

Gallardo struck out Beltran and Bregman before walking Brian McCann to force in a run.

Yuli Gurriel followed with an RBI single up the middle, but second baseman Robinson Cano made a diving stop on the grass and flipped the ball home, catching Correa off third, and he was tagged out in a rundown to end the inning.

"I thought he was throwing the ball well the first three innings. Got his curveball going and was aggressive, got in good

counts," Mariners manager Scott Servais said of Gallardo, who entered 15-5 in his career against the Astros.

"After that he lost his release point and couldn't get the feel for the curveball, and it was a struggle for him."

Astros: After an off day, Dallas Keuchel (1-0, 0.64) opens a three-game series at Oakland.

The left-hander has allowed one run on four hits in 14 innings in his first two starts.

Keuchel is 2-1 with a 1.91 ERA in his last nine starts against the A's.

Mariners: Felix Hernandez (0-1, 4.09) makes his third start of the season on Friday to open a three-game series at home against Texas.

Hernandez is 18-23 in his career against the Rangers, including 11-12 with 3.69 ERA in 27 home starts.

Mariners: RHP Tony Zych, who began the season on the 10-day DL while recovering from biceps surgery late season, moved one step closer to returning.

"He threw a simulated game today and threw the ball very well," Servais said. ... RHP Steve Cishek, on the 10-day DL (hip surgery), also continues to progress. "He's getting really close to going out on a rehab assignment. I would think probably in the next four or five days," Servais said.

MARINERS MOVES

Right-handed reliever Casey Fien (0-0, 11:12 ERA), who appeared in five of the first nine games, was out-righted to Triple-A Tacoma on Wednesday and right-handed reliever Evan Marshall was called up.

Marshall made one appearance for Tacoma after being claimed on waivers from Arizona on April 6. Marshall pitched 1 2/3 scoreless innings for the Mariners on Wednesday night. ...

OF prospect Boog Powell completed an 80-game suspension after testing positive for a performance-enhancing substance last season and was reinstated to Tacoma.

RANGERS

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said. "I think we're going to start to see the length of the starts."

NAP'S SMACKS

Napoli's solo shot in the second inning added to his outstanding career numbers against the Angels, who drafted him in 2000.

He spent his first five big league seasons in Anaheim, and has consistently crushed the ball against Angels pitching ever since, batting .347 with 20 homers and 46 RBIs.

"We all have that chip on our shoulders when we want to do well against our former team,"

said Chavez, a former Rangers pitcher. "We're that team for (Napoli)."

TRAINER'S ROOM

Rangers: With reliever Matt Bush away from the club for treatment on his sore right shoulder, Texas recalled RHP Nick Martinez from Triple-A Round Rock. ... Rangers closer Sam Dyson was unavailable after throwing 24 pitches in Tuesday night's meltdown.

Angels: RHP Andrew Bailey went on the 10-day disabled list with right shoulder inflammation.

Los Angeles recalled right-hander Daniel Wright from Triple-A Salt Lake. Bailey hasn't al-

lowed a run all year, but felt pain in his shoulder Monday.

He joins closer Huston Street and starter Garrett Richards on the Angels' disabled list. ... J.C. Ramirez will start Friday in Kansas City to fill Richards' spot in the rotation.

UP NEXT

Rangers: Yu Darvish (0-1, 3.65 ERA) is winless after two starts for the first time since coming to the majors, but his seven career wins over the Angels are his most against any opponent.

Angels: Opening day starter Ricky Nolasco (0-1, 3.86) beat the Rangers for the first time last July.

SPURS

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type of player I am and that I have been and how hard I have had to work to get to those type of milestones.

"I'm just grateful of this moment, grateful for my teammates that have been around me and my coaching staffs that have coached me over the years and allowed me to play the way I have played."

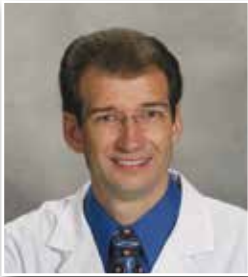
Jazz: Utah had its ideal starting lineup of Hayward, Rodney Hood, Hill, Gobert and Derrick Favors all

available for the first time since March 5, though Hood and Favors didn't start.

The Jazz are 11-2 when that unit starts this season.

GRADUAL PROGRESSION

The Jazz reached the 50-win mark this season for the first time since 2009-10 and are back in the playoffs for the first time since 2012. Utah embarked on a slow rebuild under general manager Dennis Lindsey and Snyder and watched the wins increase from 25 to 38 to 40 and now 51 since the 2013-14 season.



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Enjoy a home-cooked meal

BSHS culinary arts students show off their cooking skills



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At top, BSBS culinary art students pose for a picture after cooking and serving a meal to Hope Foundation board members and district officials Monday night. At right, Kelly McBee, career technology teacher, shows dinner attendees around the room where the meal was prepared.



Big Spring High School culinary art students treated HOPE (Help Our Pupils Excel) Foundation board members and Big Spring ISD officials with a home-cooked meal Monday evening. The HOPE Foundation, established in Nov. 2014, is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit corporation that awards grants to Big Spring ISD teachers to enable them

to implement innovative and creative instructional activities in their classrooms that might not be possible without this funding, according to a news release from the foundation. The high school culinary arts program received one of the first grants given from the young foundation. This week, the foundation announced this year's recipients.

LeBron James to open public school for at-risk kids

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — LeBron James understands what it's like being a kid on the outside looking for hope.

He's giving them some. James, who has been committed to helping kids in his hometown through a variety of educational programs, is teaming up with Akron public schools to open the "I Promise School" dedicated to aiding at-risk children who might otherwise be left behind.

"This school is so important to me because our vision is to create a place for the kids in Akron who need it most — those that could fall through the cracks if we don't do something," James said. "We've learned over the years what works and what motivates them, and now we can bring all of that together in one place along

with the right resources and experts. If we get to them early enough, we can hopefully keep them on the right track to a bigger and brighter future for themselves and their families."

The school, which will be backed by James' family foundation, will open in the fall of 2018 and focus on children in third and fourth grades. By 2022, the school will expand to accommodate students in grades one through eight.

It's the latest initiative by the Cleveland Cavaliers superstar, whose programs have supported 1,100 kids over the past six years.

Details are still being finalized on the new school by committees comprised of area leaders, educators, parents and other experts.

"We are excited about

the potential of the I Promise School to provide specialized programming and invaluable resources for our students," said David James, superintendent of Akron's Public Schools. "We've seen the positive influence of the LeBron James Family Foundation on our students and we look forward to continuing to do everything we can to put our students in a position to be successful."

James grew up in a single-parent home raised by his mother, Gloria, who was helped by other families in raising her now-famous son. James has previously partnered with the University of Akron to provide a guaranteed four-year scholarship to the school for students in his program who qualify.

Parent's Corner: Positively crazy for life

A few days ago, as the weather changed and the temperature dropped, I was doing some shopping and overheard the following comment, "I may be crazy but I think it's a great day!"

I latched on to the "I may be crazy" part and began reflecting on it in my own life. Yes, I may be crazy, but I think life is good and even though bad times may come our way, bad times can't keep us down. I may be crazy, but I've noticed that most of the things worth doing in the world had been declared impossible before they were done.

I may be crazy, but I believe that the only way to get rid of your enemy is to make him your friend. I may be crazy, but I have learned that success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed.

I may be crazy, but I've learned that we should not look back in anger or forward in fear, but around us in awareness. I may be crazy, but I believe that what lies behind us and what lies before us are small compared to what lies within us.

I may be crazy, but I believe that the man who follows the crowd will get no further than the crowd, but the man who makes his own trail will find himself in places no one else has ever been. I may be crazy, but I believe that very little happens unless first there is a dream.

I may be crazy, but I believe that we don't see things as they really are; we see them as we are. I may be crazy, but I believe that somewhere something incredible is happening. I may be crazy, but I believe that one of the most important trips you may take is meeting other folks half way. You know, it doesn't hurt to take a hard look at ourselves from time to time. I heard an interesting story that should help get us started.

During a visit to the mental asylum, a visitor asked the director what the criterion was which defined whether or not a patient should be institutionalized. "Well," said the director, "we fill up a bathtub then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the patient and ask him or her to empty the bathtub." "Oh, I understand," said the visitor. "A normal person would use the bucket because it's bigger than the spoon or the teacup." "No," said the director, "A normal person would pull the plug. Would you like to have your bed near the window?"



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Darrell Ryan is the Big Spring ISD Director of School Safety

Steer Pride Corner

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Tabitha Barbee, center, received the VFW District teacher of the year award Wednesday, April 5, 2017. Pictured are David Leonard, VFW Post 2013 Commander, Johnny DeLeon, Post 2013 Quartermaster, Barbee, Chris Wigington, Big Spring ISD Superintendent, and Melvin Park, VFW District 25 Commander.

Contractor bans foul language at school's construction site

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Foul language is being discouraged at one construction site in Philadelphia.

WTXF-TV reports a sign saying "No Foul Language" has been spotted at the site of the new library being built on the Temple University campus.

The station asked about the sign and was told nobody complained about bad language. Instead, Madison Construction says it put up the sign so workers will keep it clean around the students and anybody else who happens by.

Contractor David

Buehler says the company has meetings about workplace safety, and that avoiding cursing is also emphasized.

One student asked about the ban tells the TV station that they didn't understand the point of it.

Scholarship opportunity

The Howard County A&M Club is accepting applications from high school students who are graduating this May and have been accepted to Texas A&M University for fall 2017. Students must be Howard County residents and will enroll for at least 12 hours.

Deadline for applications is April 3, 2017. For more information and



to find the application, visit <https://westexags.com/>. Deadline for applications for current A&M students is June 1, 2017.

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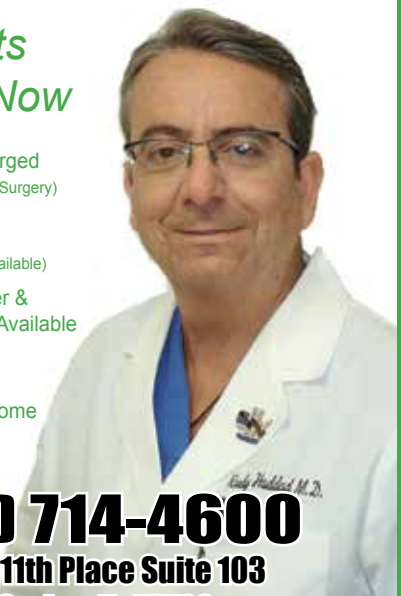
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