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School officials discuss SB 381

□ The bill allows for use of SUVs instead of buses in rural districts.

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Rural school districts in the area have carefully weighed the pros and cons of a bill currently traveling through the New Mexico legislature that would allow for the replacement of buses with much smaller vehicles in certain situations.

Senate Bill 381, currently awaiting a third reading on the senate floor, states that school districts may utilize district-owned sport utility vehicles in place of school buses to transport one to six students “whose residence, within the boundaries of the school district, is five or more miles from the student’s or students’ school or schools,” according to the bill’s legislation.

Grady Municipal

Schools Superintendent Ted Trice said he was in support of any legislation that could save his district the cost of fuel for buses, but noted that SUVs are not as distinctive as buses are, and thus could prove to be a safety concern.

“My only thought about that is that people see a yellow school bus, they notice and pay attention to it. If you’re in a suburban that’s not painted yellow, people aren’t going to pay attention to that, so that may be a safety issue as far as people not paying attention to a vehicle full of kids,” said Trice.

Because of a high volume of young children

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Staff photos: Kevin Wilson

Above: Steve Rios of Denver points his dog, Quinta, to a tube to open their dog agility run Saturday morning at the Curry County Events Center. Quinta, 2, is a Nova Scotia duck tolling retriever.



Left: Steve Yost of Albuquerque leads his miniature Schnauzer, Abby, through the weave portion of an agility trial.

Residents divided on time change

□ A bill to keep state on one zone passes Senate, waits in House.

By Kurt Munz-Raper
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A bill scrapping moving clocks forward and backward for daylight saving time in the state has prompted mixed reactions from local residents.

Senate Bill 239 proposes making Mountain daylight saving time the permanent time zone for the state, as opposed to just eight months each year.

The bill passed the Senate 26-15 and is currently in the House of Representatives.

Daylight saving time is this coming Sunday.

According to the bill, a state can “exempt itself from the change to daylight saving time as long as it does so uniformly as an entire state.”

The bill also notes state residents are better accustomed to daylight saving time, as changing clocks

can disrupt schedules.

Atlanta native Darius Lyons, currently stationed at Cannon Air Force Base, agrees with the bill.

“It doesn’t bother me at all,” Lyons said. “A lot of states are changing it. If it’s working for everybody else, why not for New Mexico?”

Clovis resident Bilal Bhatti agrees it is worthwhile to see how the change affects other states like Arizona, adding the change would benefit him as a morning person who is most productive during the summer.

“If it’s more daylight for me, I like that,” said Bhatti. “If we keep more daylight in the mornings,

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Dogs on trial

□ The American Kennel Club agility competition is at Curry County Events Center.

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A vast array of talented canines placed their skills on display during Saturday’s American Kennel Club agility competition, as hundreds of dogs are being put through the paces before judges throughout the weekend at the Curry County Events Center.

AKC officials said the event, which is hosted by the Clovis-Portales Kennel Club, draws competitors ranging from

novice to national title contenders, is designed to demonstrate a dog’s willingness to work with his handler in a variety of situations, with agility being an athletic event that requires conditioning, concentration, training and teamwork. Dogs and handlers must negotiate an obstacle course while racing against the clock.

Contestants navigate two courses — the standard course, which contains the A-frame and other varied obstacles, in addition to the jumpers and weaves layout. Officials said dogs must meet the qualifications for each course, run

through three times and get a title. After they get a title, there are four levels — novice, standard, excellent and masters. Once the competitors attain the masters level, they begin working on their championship.

“A lot of the dogs here are going to head to the AKC National Agility Championships in Atlanta, Georgia, at the end of this month,” said La Cruces resident Hokie Wiley, who said she owns the fastest Boxer in the nation, as well as

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Curry County manager updates on program cuts, issues

Editor’s note: Curry County Manager Lance Pyle discussed several topics as part of a periodic series checking up on issues related to the county.

At what stage is the Curry County Detention Center expansion?

We’re currently in the design/development phase of the project. The goal is to have that

phase completed in probably the end of May, first part of June. The next phase would be the development of the construction documents, to proceed with the project going to bid. We anticipate the project going to bid in the fall of 2017.

The construction on the project is anticipated to take at least 18 months from when the contract is awarded.

The project will have to be done in phases, so that we can keep the inmates housed in county.

How has the county’s DWI program fared after the nearly \$100,000



Pyle

funding cut in November?

We re-assessed the program and the services that we were providing. We were able to continue providing enforcement and prevention services and compliance, and we were able to keep all existing staff employed in addressing those cuts.

We had a vacant position of teen court coordinator, and we chose not to fill that position to

assist us with providing the services and getting through this fiscal year. We usually do a lot of advertising and awareness, and we eliminated those items to be able to do the prevention and the enforcement.

Are there any specific state costs officials are concerned

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Forecast:

Today



High: 75
Low: 46

Monday



High: 73
Low: 34

Tuesday



High: 70
Low: 34

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House votes to hike statewide minimum wage

By Andrew Oxford
THE NEW MEXICAN

The state House of Representatives voted Friday night to raise the hourly minimum wage to \$9.25 from \$7.50 in 2018.

The 37-30 vote, just days after the state Senate overwhelmingly passed a slightly smaller increase to \$9, signals that a raise in the statewide minimum wage is increasingly likely as the legislative session enters its final weeks. The issue has been a priority for Democrats, who promised a raise during last year's election, but it also has won some support from Republicans.

The House vote on HB 442 was not strictly along party lines. Rep. Sarah Maestas Barnes, R-Albuquerque, broke with her party to vote in favor of the bill, while Rep. Candy Sweetser, D-Deming, voted against it.

As the bill heads to the Senate, it is unclear how high lawmakers will agree to go with a wage increase and whether Gov. Susana Martinez will approve it.

The Governor's Office said last week that Martinez could support a raise, but it has not commented on any particular bill. "The governor supports raising the minimum wage so long that it's in line with neighboring states and doesn't hurt small businesses," spokesman Chris Sanchez said in an email.

Republicans generally depicted HB 442 as a burden on businesses that would ultimately backfire on employees by leading companies to hire fewer staff.

Democrats have argued that the measure will improve the quality of life for the lowest-paid New Mexicans, who have not seen an increase in the minimum wage since 2009.

"It's appalling when hardworking New Mexicans can't put food on the table despite working full-time," the bill's co-sponsor, Rep. Debbie Rodella, D-Espanola, said in a statement. "Too many families are only one crisis away from a complete economic breakdown."

Democrats voted down a last-minute proposal by House Minority Leader Nate Gentry, R-Albuquerque, to change the bill, lowering the increase to \$8.45. Gentry said the amount is the average of minimum wages in neighboring states. A minimum wage of \$9.25 would, for example, still fall below Arizona's rate of \$10 and Colorado's rate of \$9.30. But it would be higher than the federal rate of \$7.25 in Texas, Utah and Oklahoma.

"We need to remain competitive," Gentry argued.

Rep. Larry Scott, R-Hobbs, offered Santa Fe as an example of what he argued are the negative effects of raising the minimum wage. Scott pointed to what he described as the flight of national retailers from the City Different's shopping malls as proof that such policies drive away employers.

"If you like what you see with the current minimum wage in this city, then vote for this legislation," Scott said.

HB 442 would increase the hourly minimum wage to \$9.25 on Jan. 1,

2018. The hourly wage for tipped employees, such as waitresses and baristas, would increase from \$2.13 to 40 percent of the new statewide minimum wage, a total of \$3.70.

But the bill also would prohibit local governments from imposing certain labor regulations, such as policies curbing flexible scheduling decried by workers rights groups as leaving low-wage laborers with uncertainty about the number of hours they might work in a week. Some lawmakers also raised concerns that the provision would block local governments from requiring businesses provide paid sick leave for employees, as has been proposed in Albuquerque.

And unlike a few other proposals this year for raising the minimum, HB 442 would not adjust the minimum wage annually based on the cost of living.

A few local governments across New Mexico have already raised minimum wages above the state's rate. Tied to the cost of living, the minimum wage in Santa Fe has climbed to \$11.09. The lowest-paid workers in Albuquerque could see a boost from the bill passed Friday night, however, with the minimum wage there currently set at \$8.80. Workers also could enjoy a slight bump in Las Cruces, where the minimum wage currently sits at \$9.20 per hour, though it will rise to \$10.10 in 2019.



Events calendar

- Today**
- **ENMU Symphonic Band & Wind Symphony concert** — 3 p.m. in Buchanan Hall at ENMU, Portales. Admission: Free. Information: 575-562-1011
 - **Clovis/Portales Kennel Club dog agility trials** — 8 a.m. at Curry County Events Center. Admission: Free. Information: 575-935-7000
 - **Teen game day** — 4:30 p.m. at Portales Public Library for ages 13-18. Activity: NES game cubecrafts. Information: 575-356-3940
 - **Preschool storytime** — 6 p.m. at Portales Public Library. Book: Lucky Charms. Information: 575-356-3940
 - **John Sampen classical saxophonist** — 7 p.m. in Buchanan Hall at ENMU, Portales. Admission: Free. Information: 575-562-1011
- Monday**
- **Stitch Addicts** — 1:30 p.m. at Clovis-Carver Public Library. Lesson: March daffodil granny square. Information: 575-763-9687
 - **Movie night singalong** — 6 p.m. at Clovis-Carver Public Library. Movie: "Les Miserables." Information: 575-763-9687
- Tuesday**
- **Afterschool @ the library** — 4:30 p.m. at Portales Public Library for grades K-6. Activity: Leprechaun traps. Information: 575-356-3940
 - **Books and babies** — 10:30 a.m. story time for ages 0-3 at Portales Public Library. Book: Shape Up. Information: 575-356-3940
 - **Liu Xuefel piano recital** — 7 p.m. in Buchanan Hall at ENMU, Portales. Admission: Free. Information: 575-562-1011
- Wednesday**
- **Preschool storytime** — 10:30 a.m. at Portales Public Library. Book: Lucky Charms. Information: 575-356-3940
 - **Tween game day** — 4:30 p.m. at Portales Public Library for ages 9-12. Xbox One free play. Information: 575-356-3940
 - **Toddler Time** — 10 a.m. at Clovis-Carver Public Library. Information: 575-769-7840
- Thursday**
- **Colour Creators** — 10 a.m., 6 p.m. at Clovis-Carver Public Library. Information: 575-769-7840
 - **Preschool story hour** — 10 a.m. at Clovis-Carver Public Library. Book: M is for Music. Information: 575-769-7840
- Friday**
- **Lions Club gun, knife and coin show** — 1 p.m.-7 p.m. at Clovis Civic Center. Admission: \$5. Information: (518) 542-4788 or joe90t@yahoo.com
 - **Blood drive** — 1 p.m.-4 p.m. at Wheatfields Senior Living Center, Clovis. Information: 575-625-9743 ext. 2100
- Saturday**
- **Lions Club gun, knife and coin show** — 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Clovis Civic Center. Admission: \$5. Information: (518) 542-4788 or joe90t@yahoo.com
- Ongoing**
- **Pintoes artist of the month** — Sandra Chancy is the featured artist for March at Clovis-Carver Public Library. Information: 575-769-7840
 - **Portales tax-aid** — 2 p.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays through April 13 at ENMU, room 103 in the College of Business. First come, first served. Information: 575-356-8576
 - **Clovis tax-aid** — 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Monday-Thursday through April 18; 8 a.m.-11:30 a.m. through April 18 at Baxter Senior Center by appt; 4 p.m.-7 p.m. on various days at Clovis-Carver Public Library. Information: 575-356-8576

Meetings calendar

- Monday** 769-7828
- **Parks, Recreation and Beautification Committee** — 5:30 p.m. in assembly room at city hall, Clovis. Information: 575-769-7828
 - **Cultural and Ethnic Affairs Committee** — Noon in Bert Cabiness City Government Center at city hall, Clovis. Information: 575-
- Tuesday**
- **Roosevelt County Commission** — 9 a.m. in commission room at courthouse, Portales. Information: 575-356-5307
 - **Portales City Council** — 6:30 p.m. in council chambers at the Memorial Building. Information: 575-356-6662 ext. 1012
- Wednesday**
- **Curry County Commission** — 9 a.m. in north annex at Clovis-Carver Public Library. Information: 575-763-9654
 - **Civil Aviation Board** — 6 p.m. at Clovis Municipal Airport Terminal Building. Information: 575-769-7890
- Thursday**
- **Local Emergency Planning Committee** — 1 p.m. at city hall, Clovis. Information: 575-769-7828
 - **Commission of Older Adults** — 3 p.m. in police department conference room, 300 N. Connelly, Clovis. Information: 575-769-7828

- Friday**
- **Planning and Zoning Commission** — 3 p.m. at city hall, Clovis. Information: 575-

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MARCH 5

On this date ...

1997: Clovis schools Superintendent Joe Mack Mitchell, 52, announced his retirement. He said he was looking into "other kinds of work," but had no specific plans. Mitchell had been an educator for 30 years. His salary was \$74,900 annually. He cited the implementation of Character Counts and HOSTS (Helping One Student to Succeed) as career accomplishments.

1962: Associates Loan Co. at 520 Pile St. in Clovis advertised "You're welcome to our money!" A newspaper ad read, "Try our famous Payday Loan. Or you can get cash for any good purpose in any amount \$25 to \$1,000. Our terms are fair, our people are accommodating and we can help you in a hurry." A \$50 loan for two weeks cost 81 cents in interest, the newspaper ad read.

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March 16 and 17

Daffodil Days

for Plains Regional Medical Center Hospice

One of the first flowers of spring, the daffodil is a symbol of hope and courage. Now you can share this hope with others. Proceeds from the daffodil sales benefit hospice patients who need financial help with end-of-life care and equipment.

Dancing Daffodils (20 daffodil arrangement) \$35
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To order daffodils or to find out how to make a donation, please call (575) 769-7399.

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Obituaries

Death notices

Janie Mock

Janie Novella (Radcliff) Mock, 71, of Clayton, died Wednesday, March 1, 2017, in Amarillo, Texas. She was born Dec. 4, 1945, in Elida. **Services:** 11 a.m. Monday at Church of Christ in Clayton. **Information:** 575-374-2211.

Stephan Pinkert

Stephan "Steve" Pinkert, 45, of Portales, died Friday, March 3, 2017, in Amarillo, Texas. He was born March 24, 1971, in Portales. **Services:** 2 p.m. Thursday at Third and Kilgore Church of Christ in Portales. **Information:** 575-356-4455.

April Robinson

April Denise Robinson, 50, of Clovis, died Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2017, at her home. She was born Nov. 29, 1966, in Charlotte, North Carolina. **Services:** Noon Tuesday at St. John's Baptist Church in Clovis. **Information:** 575-762-4435.

Donald Ayers

Donald Ayers, 58, of Portales, died Thursday, March 2, 2017, in Portales. He was born Sept. 21, 1957, in Roswell. **Services:** 10 a.m. Thursday at First United Methodist Church in Portales. **Information:** 575-356-4455.

Funerals

Today
Sarah Roberts — 2 p.m. at Hydration Station, Portales

Monday
Janie Mock — 11 a.m. at Church of Christ, Clayton, New Mexico

Scotty Holmes — 2 p.m. at the Wheeler Mortuary Chapel, Portales

Tuesday
Rudy Garcia — 10:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, Clovis

April Robinson — Noon at St. Johns Baptist Church, Clovis

Thursday
Donald Ayers — 10 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, Portales

Stephan "Steve" Pinkert — 2 p.m. at Third and Kilgore Church of Christ, Portales

March 18
Leaviatha Jones — 1 p.m. at First Methodist Church, Tatum

Scott Edwin (Scotty) Holmes

October 19, 1937 – February 28, 2017
Funeral services for Scotty Holmes, 79, of Portales, will be at 2:00 PM, Monday, March 6, 2017, in the Wheeler Mortuary Chapel with Rev. Brad Morgan officiating. Burial will follow in the Portales Cemetery with Jared Shearer, Jody Nix, Billy Ray Holmes, Dakota Yarbrough, Zackery Green and Gage Holmes serving as pallbearers. All of Scotty's golfing buddies and his many friends will be honorary pallbearers.



Scotty Edwin Holmes was born October 19, 1937, in Lubbock, TX to the home of Myrtle (Dowdy) and Henry Elgin Holmes, and died February 28, 2017, in Lubbock, TX. Scotty began working at Bishop Printing in Portales when he was still a teenager, and worked there until the late 1980's when the company closed. At that time he took a job in the print shop at Eastern New Mexico University. In the mid 1990's Scotty went to work in the Parks Dept. for the City of Portales, and worked for a time in the Portales Cemetery. After a few years he retired near the year 2000. In 1955 Scotty joined the New Mexico National Guard unit, and served until 1964, attaining the rank of Platoon Sgt. He was active in the American Red Cross from 1987 until 1993. From 1988 until 1992 he served as the Annex Officer for Civil Emergency Preparedness for the community. Scotty was an avid golfer, and he loved animals. He enjoyed gardening, and always grew lots of vegetables and flowers. He was a terrific dancer, and loved going out to dance. All of his friends knew that Scotty enjoyed pulling pranks. He is survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Kelly and Jerry Nix of Portales and Kara Yarbrough of Texas; five grandchildren, Natasha (Jared) Shearer, Zackery Green, Dakota (Skye) Yarbrough, Reyn Yarbrough and Erika Yarbrough; two great-grandchildren; a sister, Montez Ray of Lubbock, TX; three special nieces, Carol Holmes-Payne, Marsha Teel and Patricia Hughes, and two special nephews, Billy Ray Holmes and Rick Akard as well as a number of other nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, Keith, Alan and Robert Holmes and a sister, Jewell Keith. Arrangements are under the direction of Wheeler Mortuary of Portales. 575-356-4455, wheelemortuary.net

Time

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it gets people up earlier and get productive in the morning. The sooner I see the sun rise, the faster I get up. I like to be productive in the mornings." But not all residents see the benefits of the change. "That's weird," said Charlee Hall. "It's always been you change it (the clocks) twice. Why change it now? Everyone's used to it. You always get a quote saying, 'It's time to change your clocks.' It's always been like that since I was born." She added it might only prove more confusing, asking "Why add this on top of everything else that is going on right now?" Clovis resident Cedric Chapman, who travels in-between jobs in Clovis and Friona, already has to balance Mountain and Central

times, and believes it would be more complicated traveling between one state that changes clocks and another state that doesn't. "It throws off the time a little bit," said Chapman. Portales resident Bill Singleton said he was indifferent to the bill. "I adjust my time for whatever is convenient for the job I'm doing," he said. "I'm gonna do it (work) whether it's daylight savings or not. If I need to be there at six in the morning, I'll be there at six in the morning." Singleton added if Texas and other states followed suit, it would be less confusing to manage time zones. "You've got to always keep up with that," he said. "If everybody would do it at the same time, the relationship would be easier. If your flight (in Texas) leaves at nine, how does that compare to what my watch says?"

April Robinson

November 29, 1966 – February 28, 2017
April Denise Robinson, 50, of Clovis, NM died Tuesday, February 28, 2017, at her home. Visitation will be held Monday, March 6, 2017, from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Muffley Funeral Home, 1430 Thornton. Services will be held at 12:00 pm Tuesday, March 7, 2017, at St. Johns Baptist Church, 1215 Gila Street, with Pastor Joe Callahan officiating. Burial will follow at Lawn Haven Memorial Gardens. Raymond Fox, Paul Young, George Houston, William Cannon, Doug Hunter, and Dewey Patton will serve as pallbearers.



April was born November 29, 1966, in Charlotte, NC to Pete and Annie Harris. She worked at ENMRSH for 21 years as a job coach. April was a member of St. John's Baptist Church and served on the Kitchen Committee. She was always willing to give a helping hand. Her daughters will always remember what a loving mother she was and how much she enjoyed it. She loved adventure, always trying new things and going to new places. Survivors include: her two daughters; Mariah Robinson and Amiah Robinson both of Albuquerque, NM, and a host of family from Clovis. She was preceded in death by her parents, Pete and Annie Harris. The family request memorial contributions be made to Ronald McDonald House Charities Inc., 26345 Network Place, Chicago, IL 60673-1263 or Rev. Fred William Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 786, Clovis, NM 88102. Arrangements have been entrusted to Muffley Funeral Home (575) 762-4435 www.muffleyfuneralhome.com.

Currie J. Maben

July 11, 1933 – February 23, 2017
Currie Maben, 83, of Clovis, died February 23, 2017, at his home. No services are scheduled. Currie Maben was born July 11, 1933, in Hobart, Oklahoma, to John Currie Maben and Martha Hill Maben. On February 8, 1960, he married Nadine Magnum in St. John's, Arizona. Currie served in the US Army and worked in construction. He enjoyed horses, horse racing, hunting and fishing. Survivors include: his wife; Nadine Maben, a son; Johnny (Julie) Maben of Silver City, NM. He is preceded in death by: his parents; John and Martha Maben, a brother; Jim Bob Maben, and a cousin; George Maben. Arrangements have been entrusted to Muffley Funeral Home and High Plains Crematory, 575-762-4435, www.muffleyfuneralhome.com.



Rudy Garcia

March 6, 1946 – February 27, 2017
Rudy Garcia, 70, of Clovis, NM died Monday, February 27, 2017, at Covenant Specialty Hospital in Lubbock, TX. A rosary will be held on Monday, March 6, 2017, 7:00 pm, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, Clovis, NM. A Memorial Mass will be held on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, 10:30 am, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, with Father Fernando Saenz officiating. Burial will follow at Mission Garden of Memories. Rudy Garcia was born March 6, 1946, in Clovis, NM, to Eloy Garcia and Amelia Apodaca Garcia. He worked in construction and was of the Catholic faith. Rudy enjoyed deer hunting, camping, fishing, and listening to Mexican Music. Survivors include: 3 sisters; Lindy (Jim) Esquibel of Clovis, NM, Josie Yorba of Orange, CA and Gloria (Rey) Amezcua of Riverside, CA, 3 daughters; Renee (Dave) Miller of Santa Anna, CA, Michelle (Dan) Crowe of Prosper, TX and Lisa (Rolf) Lorentzen of Vashon, WA, and 6 grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents; Eloy and Amelia Garcia, and a brother; Eddie Garcia. Arrangements have been entrusted to Muffley Funeral Home and High Plains Crematory, (575) 762-4435, www.muffleyfuneralhome.com.



City permits

A look at permits filed with the city of Clovis during February, according to city records:
■ 3 — New residential permits filed in February, bringing the 2017 total to four.
■ 1,933 — Average square footage of the new residences.
■ 7 — Add/remodel residential permits filed in February. There are 11 so far this year.
■ 7 — Add/remodel commercial permits filed in February, making the total nine.
■ \$4,464 — Most expensive permit fee, filed for a commercial

addition on the 2000 block of Humphrey Road.
■ \$20 — The lowest permit fee, occurring three times for fencing work.
■ 33 — Total permits in February.
■ 43 — Total permits for 2017.
■ \$16,174 — Permit fees for February.
■ \$20,026 — Permit fees for 2017.

— compiled by Kevin Wilson

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who require car seats, Melrose Municipal Schools Superintendent Jamie Widner said the bill would not be viable for his district. "The problem that's gonna arise is very little kids that are on our routes are gonna have to have booster seats, and you're gonna have to have car seats. It's just not feasible for us. We're gonna continue using school buses," he said, adding that most of his bus routes have more than six riders. "For us, we're gonna have more than will fill a suburban on every one of our routes, and that's where the rub is going to come for us. Even

on a day when we may just have six or seven on a route, it's still gonna be a hassle to get kids into the back seat and buckled in," he said. Floyd Municipal Schools Superintendent Damon Terry noted the adaptability of SUVs to many of the rural roads in his district make them a choice he could support. "I know buses are extremely safe and all that, but I know there are some instances that come up that it would be a lot wiser and a better use of our resources to use a suburban," he said. "My ultimate thought is, any time we can gain local control and utilize our resources in a manner that's best for our school, I'm in favor of that."

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Viewpoint

Trump may now get the gravity of high office

In a welcome departure from his previous public speeches, President Donald Trump delivered an optimistic message to the nation Tuesday, promising a new era of prosperity, a new approach to immigration, rebuilding of America's infrastructure, a strengthening of the military, an overhaul of the nation's health care system and tax code and, most notably, "a new chapter of American greatness."

Absent from his first joint address to Congress were petty attacks on his detractors, unhelpful tangents and haranguing of the media.

But hyperbole remained a key theme in his well-rehearsed, hourlong speech. In describing his ascendency to the presidency, Trump said, "In 2016, the earth shifted beneath our feet." He also claimed a new "national pride is sweeping across our nation" that "is placing impossible dreams firmly within our grasp."

Though light on specifics on how he plans to reach the goals he laid out, the president provided a message of unity that was lacking in his inaugural address. Saying he believes "real and positive immigration reform is possible," Trump urged congressional Republicans and Democrats to "work together to achieve an outcome that has eluded our country for decades."

And he added some needed clarity to his policies, reiterating his plan to build a wall along the Mexican border while emphasizing that a path to citizenship for undocumented workers already here is off the table but he's open to providing a path to legal status for those immigrants.

In a decidedly un-Republican turn, Trump called on Congress to provide paid family leave for new parents, make child care accessible and affordable, invest in women's health and promote clean air and clear water.

"We've financed and built one global project after another, but ignored the fates of our children in the inner cities of Chicago, Baltimore, Detroit — and so many other places throughout our land," he said.

He even pledged to work with Muslim allies to extinguish Islamic State terrorists, going so far as to acknowledge the killings of Muslims as well as Christians in the Middle East.

Trump opened by condemning the recent wave of anti-Semitic vandalism and threats targeting Jewish cemeteries, community centers and schools — actions many Democrats have said he initiated with anti-Semitic comments made during the campaign.

Tuesday night, Trump said, "We are a country that stands united in condemning hate and evil in all of its very ugly forms."

Although he reiterated his plan to move quickly on repeal of the Affordable Care Act, he said, "The way to make health insurance available to everyone is to lower the cost of health insurance, and that is what we are going to do."

Trump also said he would honor historic alliances, including the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, even though he questioned the treaty during his campaign. But he also said he would consider new ones as well, even with former enemies such as Russia.

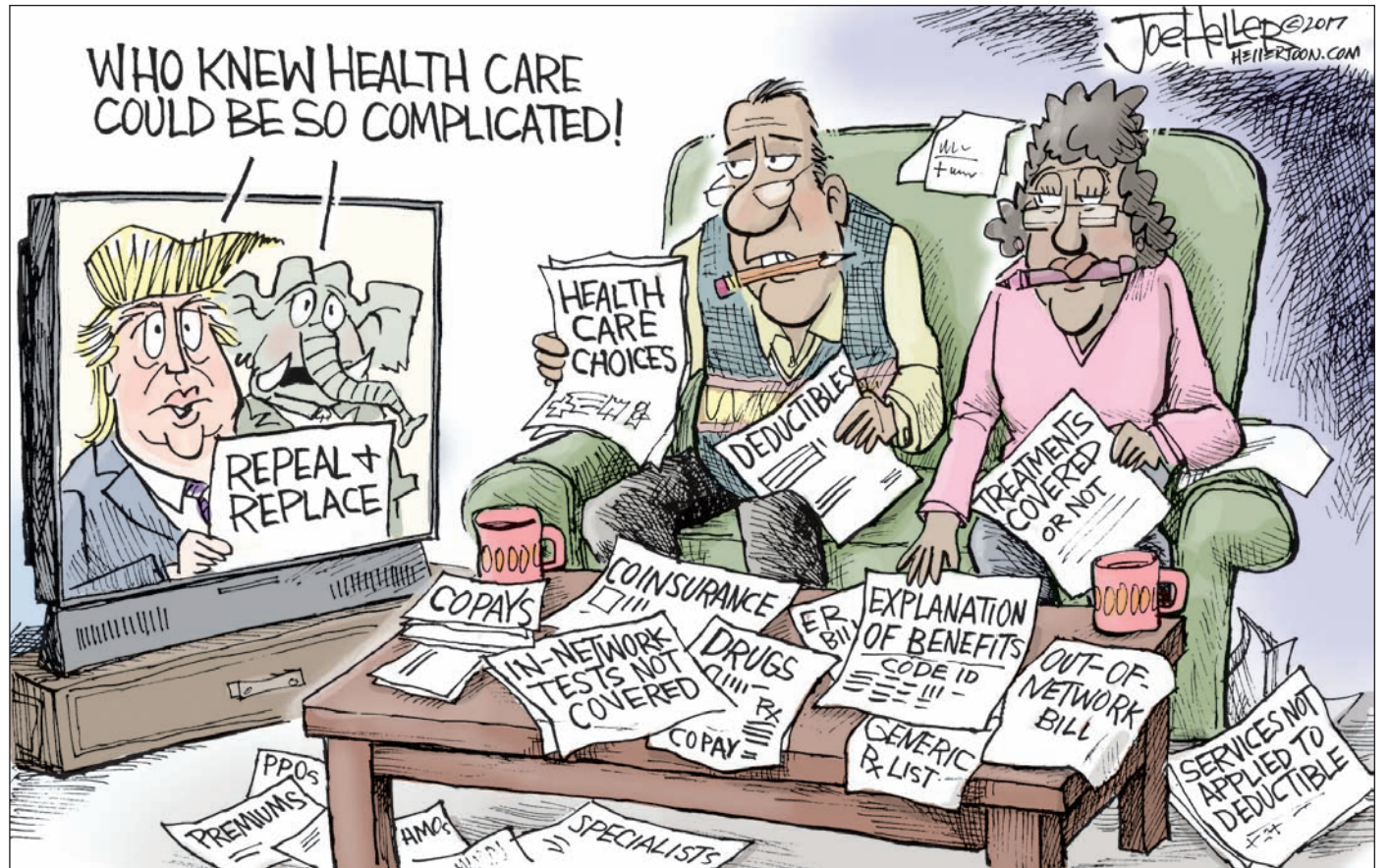
A highlight of the evening was Trump's recognition of Carryn Owens, the widow of Navy SEAL William "Ryan" Owens. Ryan Owens died in January during a raid in Yemen that military officials say yielded a trove of intelligence that will help in the fight against IS.

Owens' father has refused to meet with Trump, seeking an investigation into the raid that killed his son and as many as 29 civilians.

Carryn Owens, hands folded and looking upward in the House chamber, received the longest sustained ovation of the night.

Was the new president's speech, delivered with poise and discipline, a sign that he has come to understand the gravity of the high office he has undertaken and the challenges the country faces? Let's hope so.

— Albuquerque Journal



The Kid: I'm no horse thief

I love old news. Here are some things you might not know from eastern New Mexico's history:

■ In addition to Fort Sumner where he was killed and is buried, Billy the Kid was a frequent visitor to the Portales area.

Portales Springs is dry now, but was once a major watering hole along the trail that connected Fort Sumner to the Texas Panhandle.

It's located about six miles south of the city of Portales.

The Kid and his friend Charlie Bowdre were known to run horses on ranchland near the springs. Historians believe the horses were usually stolen.

The Kid denied he was a horse thief at least twice.

In a Dec. 12, 1880, letter to Gov. Lew Wallace, he wrote that the Las Vegas Gazette newspaper had called him a "Captain of a Band of Outlaws who hold Forth at the Portales."

"There is no such organization in existence," the Kid wrote to the governor. "So the Gentlemen must have drawn very heavily on his imagination."

In a jailhouse interview with the Las Vegas newspaper on Dec. 27, 1880, the Kid offered details.

"About that Portales business," he told the reporter, "I owned the ranch with Charlie Bowdre. I took it up and was holding it because I knew that sometime a stage would run by there and I wanted to keep it for a station."

But the Kid said he had to leave Portales because "certain men ... wouldn't let me live in the country."

He told the newspaper he made his living as a gambler.

■ Hard-riding, straight-shooting, sweet-singing Gene Autry performed at the Lyceum and Mesa theaters in Clovis on April 25, 1938.

Autry's parents, Delbert and Elnora Autry, lived in Clovis at the time. The singing cowboy's sister, Romadel Autry, was born in Clovis on Feb. 4, 1938.

A story about her arrival made the front page of the Clovis News-Journal.

The CN-J did not critique Gene Autry's performances, but did relay two encounters he had with locals — one with a young boy, another with the cops.

As Autry walked to his gig at the Mesa theater, he was approached by a child named Richard Lunsford, who was playing cowboy.

Asked his name, Richard responded: "I am Gene Autry."

The newspaper's gossip column, "Up and Down the Street" also reported:

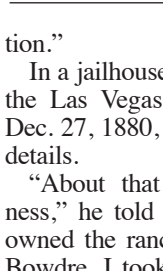
"It seems Chalky is no respecter of celebrities. He slapped an overparking ticket on the cowboy's automobile."

■ "Hell or High Water" was filmed mostly in eastern New Mexico in 2015, but it wasn't the region's introduction to Hollywood.

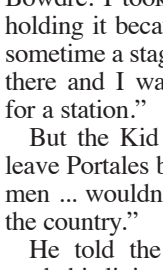
That probably came when



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Bruce Tinsley

Move over Chi-town; we're 'Windy City'

Decades ago — and probably centuries in many cases — people started giving nicknames to cities. Some stuck, others went by the wayside.

Denver is often referred to as the "Mile High City," New Orleans is noted as "The Big Easy" and Los Angeles has been dubbed the "City of Angels." We even have some popular ones a little closer to home as Albuquerque is labeled "The Duke City" and Roswell is known as the "Alien Capital of the World."

One of the U.S.' most famous monikers rests on Chicago: "The Windy City." Whomever came up with that nickname clearly has never been to Clovis, Portales and the surrounding communities.

The winds that "greeted" locals on Tuesday gusted between 55 and 65 mph. Take that Chicago and your meager breezes off that body of water separating you from Michigan. You might have the



Rob Langrell
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World Champion Cubs, but you don't stand a chance in this throw down.

Don't believe me?

Just ask the owners of the building at Seventh and Mitchell streets in Clovis near the Sonic Drive-In restaurant. The roof on their building looked like the remnants of an opened and discarded sardine can. Thank goodness it was unoccupied.

Not impressed? Then check in with Chip and Sheresa Lea. They've lived in Clovis about 15 years but they had their property and home nearly covered with tumbleweeds during the storm.

They called us at The Eastern New Mexico News and invited us out to see the resulting chaos. You can tell by the photos in Thursday's edition that the pesky tumbleweeds nearly piled as high as their roofline and heaped in front of the main entrance to their home.

Then there's the countless number of other people who saw large trees uprooted, part or all of their fences gusted over or shingles blown off their roofs and down the street. There were also innumerable accounts of people telling all who would listen on Facebook about how their trampoline or swing set was "relocated" in their — or a neighbor's — front yard.

Besides the actual damage also came the simple inconveniences. The blowing dirt is never any fun for us contact lens wearers, and you better remember to keep a good hold on any documents that you're

carrying while outside, lest they end up several blocks away in a mere seconds.

Outdoor activities were postponed, including a Clovis High baseball doubleheader between the Wildcats' junior varsity and Lovington. If anyone could have withstood sitting through the elements in that one, it might have been fun to watch a "routine" pop fly to the third baseman end up landing foul — next to first base.

So the next time you hear a newspaper or TV broadcast refer to the "Windy City," know that they're way off base. That's our claim to fame — and we have the hard evidence to prove it.

Among the memorable news tidbits was this from United Press International, published Aug. 16, 1959:

"About 60 Navajos from northwestern New Mexico camped in a city park (near Tucumcari) and will join TV actors in filming a series of programs for the 'Rawhide' show.

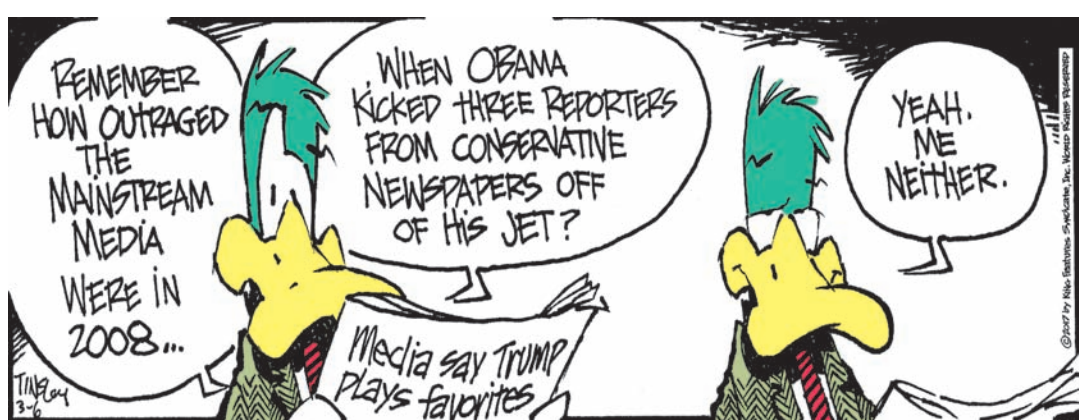
"The Indians appeared in full tribal regalia for the occasion."

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Love shines when you let past go

It's an odd time of year, that space between winter and spring.

Heavy. Dreary. Sleepy. Cold.

My garden, usually the go-to place to dig, to think things through, to "be" in creation, is dark. Raised beds, various tubs and pots of all shapes and sizes hold the remnants of last year's planting. Once so vibrant and alive, everything is withered.

Even squinting, it is hard

to see the beauty in the garden.

Like the gardens at Head Acres, there are times when my spirit feels heavy, weighted down with debris. We bring plants inside to survive the harsh conditions of winter, yet, we don't always tend to our own spirit.

During these periods, we can become so bogged down with the unpleasant bits of the daily grind that we lose our joy. Our spirit,



Patti Dobson
 Religion columnist

like our garden, becomes cluttered and heavy with the leftovers of hurts, ugly behavior, unkind words, gossip, mean-spiritedness. Like the garden, our spirit

may be so filled with dead-wood that nothing else can grow.

Our spirit begins to resemble the cold, slumbering earth. We think the words, bad actions and other bits and pieces are the worst things that can be tossed our way. But really, letting the weeds and thorns take over our spirit, to flourish from the ugliness is worse.

We become prisoners in the darkness, so covered in

these soul wounds that we can't grow.

Much like the winter garden that we clear of the remains of flowers and plants we tended so carefully, we have to clear out our spirit. We let go of past hurts, of things said and unsaid, of the debris of life.

The simple truth is we can't let the things others try to burden us with weigh down our spirit, to clutter our garden. As we

remove the trash and let go of the debris, we lighten the load, the burden of clutter. Cleaning out the old garbage allows us to grow. Our spirit blooms. And in the place of heaviness and darkness, love shines.

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Journalists best defense against politicians

Don't be fooled — fake news is real.

Here's proof, from "Weekly World News:"

■ "Punxsutawney Phil was found dead this morning in an apparent suicide.

"Terrified that the record-breaking snowfall would continue through March, Phil couldn't face the possibility that his prediction might be wrong."

More proof, from "The Onion:"

■ "(Oscars) President Cheryl Boone Isaacs warned, 'Only Hollywood's A-list celebrities are permitted to make political statements in their

acceptance speeches ... If you're nominated in any of the non-acting categories, it goes without saying that this (ban) especially applies to you."

President Trump told "Briertart News," "If you read the 'New York Times,' the intent is so evil and so bad ... they write lies."

Trump said the "fake news media" is "the enemy of the people."

Of course, being critical or even making mistakes doesn't qualify as "fake news." Certainly, journalists should immediately apologize for and correct



Wendel Sloan
 Local columnist

inaccuracies.

I've worked with media members for years, but have never met "The Media" — only individuals from a variety of competing outlets.

Most have been fair and conscientious. Like other professions, journalists take pride in upholding eth-

ical standards.

No matter where or to whom facts lead, I've never met a reporter who would pass on a career-making story.

The truth is biased toward facts, while alternative facts and lying are identical twins.

The wisest course for politicians is to be candid and transparent. Americans are forgiving of honest mistakes and sincere contriteness — but not dishonesty and cover-ups.

I've never known a genuine journalist who intentionally lies. (Alex Jones and his clones are not jour-

nalists.)

Politicians who want to stake the high ground in calling critical media "fake news" are obligated to role-model absolute fealty to facts.

Media members play indispensable roles in exposing corruption and masked agendas for robbing the defenseless. An unfettered press provides a unifying voice amplifying ordinary individuals' modest expectations of reasonably fair social and economic systems.

(Most working-class citizens are even willing to share a little of their mea-

ger treasure with the dispossessed beyond our arbitrary borders — knowing "there but for the grace of God...")

Journalists' unflinching digging for and publicizing of facts is the best defense against politicians — our employees — assaulting our freedoms by weaponizing the disingenuous wolf's cry of "fake news."

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Yucca Mountain discussed again for nuclear waste

By Matthew Schofield
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WASHINGTON — Thirty years after Nevada's Yucca Mountain was designated as America's only dumping ground for nuclear waste, not a single isotope has been sent there.

The state's political clout in Washington made sure of that, effectively hitting pause on a process of scientific studies and planning that began in 1987.

But times changed dramatically this year. Suddenly, Yucca Mountain is being discussed again.

Thank goodness, say officials in South Carolina and 28 other states with nuclear reactors.

The notion of protecting Yucca Mountain enjoyed powerful Washington allies for years, notably Sen. Harry Reid of Nevada, the Senate's Democratic leader from 2005 until January, and President Barack Obama.

But Obama is no longer the president, Reid is no longer a senator, and Democrats don't run Congress or the White House.

The future of Yucca Mountain now rests on an unanswerable question: What is President Donald Trump's vision?

The president hasn't proposed anything specific at this point, but the White House says it agrees with Secretary of Energy Rick Perry, who has implied he will consider reopening the process to use Yucca Mountain as a solution to a decades-old problem.

"Hopefully, this is the beginning of seeing real movement, real management of an issue that I think no

longer can sit and be used as a political football, one that must be addressed," he said. "And I think we can find a solution, both in the interim and the long term, of our nuclear waste."

Opponents of reopening the discussion point to Trump's interest in a Las Vegas hotel near the rail line that would haul the highly radioactive spent fuel from America's nuclear power plants to the cavern under the mountain. They hope that will sway him from the site.

"This is a big year for us," said Robert J. Halstead, executive director of Nevada's Agency for Nuclear Projects, which oversees potential nuclear efforts in the state from the governor's office.

Obama's plan had been to look for new nuclear-waste disposal options. Opponents of his efforts say the United States was essentially back to the beginning in its attempt to develop a permanent solution to a problem that physicists say could last for a million years.

Rep. Joe Wilson, R-S.C., was one of those critics, and he saw the opening presented when Obama left office. He has introduced legislation to restart the Yucca Mountain licensing process.

U.S. taxpayers have already paid \$3.7 billion to develop the site. South Carolina electricity customers have paid another \$1.3 billion in fees intended to pay for operating a disposal site, and customers in other states with nuclear power production have paid billions more.

"The Department of Energy should at least complete the licensing process for Yucca Mountain to

avoid South Carolina becoming a dumping ground for nuclear waste before pursuing an alternative that will cost billions of dollars and will take decades to complete," Wilson said in an email response to a question.

Without a disposal site, more and more irradiated waste will pile up around reactors across the nation. There are an estimated 4,500 tons of spent nuclear fuel in temporary storage in South Carolina from commercial reactors.

Beyond that, there are more than 10,000 tons of military and research nuclear waste at the Savannah River Site, near the Georgia border. Much of that waste is encased in glass tubes, 10 feet high, 2 feet across and weighing about 5,000 pounds each. Today there are 4,100 of them. By the time the site has finished creating the tubes, there will be an estimated 8,000.

The Savannah River Site also is home to another 33,000 tons of spent fuel from its own research reactors, which are no longer operating. A decade ago, the site had been planning to begin shipments to Yucca Mountain sometime soon. Today, the site is scheduled to finally be clear of its nuclear waste by 2065, though that's based on the notion that a new disposal site will take about 50 years to locate, plan, license and build.

For perspective on the dangers of this waste, consider that spent fuel fresh from a reactor, if handled without the proper shielding, delivers a lethal dose of radiation in a couple of seconds. The stuff that's 10 years old can take more than a minute to kill.

In another 100 years, the "spent fuel" being cooled down today will need a full 12 minutes to prove fatal.

Yet the materials, as they are being stored today, are quite safe.

Michael Driscoll, who helped develop the "deep boreholes" high-level nuclear-disposal option while a professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, said nuclear storage "is not a true crisis. Right now, you only need a parking lot and some cement containers and you can safely store nuclear waste today and for some time to come."

The problem comes after that



MCT: Chuck Kennedy

Train tracks lead into the Yucca Mountain radioactive waste disposal site in Yucca Mountain, Nevada.

"some time," though that is thought to be more than 100 years. Still, with the lack of a clock that is close to winding down, "the problem is entirely political," he said. "The technology we understand."

Experts generally agree that disposal sites must be geologic formations that haven't changed much in a million years, indicating they won't change much in the next million years. They can't interact with aquifers. They should not be subject to flooding or earthquakes. Such sites can be found. The U.S. Department of Energy reports on Yucca Mountain say it is one such place.

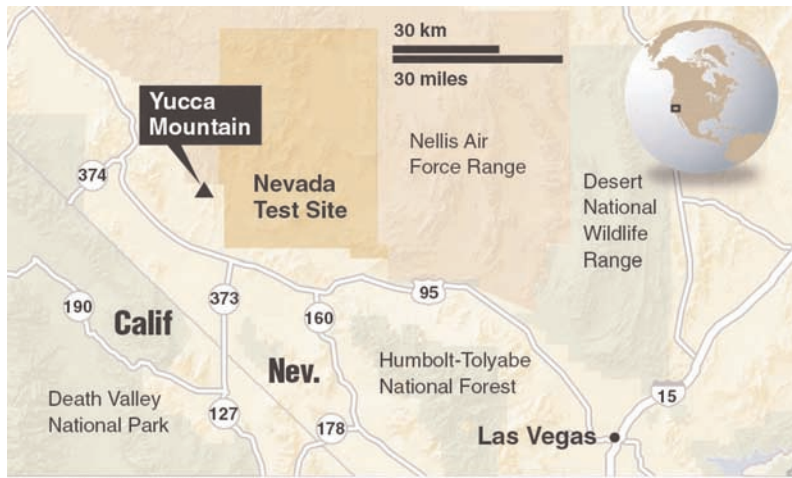
The politics are another matter. Nobody wants nuclear waste in

their backyard.

The licensing process for other sites will take 10 years or more, and construction can take another 10 years or more.

In the 1970s, the salt deposits under Lyons, Kansas, were seen as a likely disposal site. But at the time, Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., was becoming a political force, and the Kansas option was abandoned.

It was replaced by the Yucca Mountain option at a time when Nevada's House of Representatives and Senate members didn't have significant clout. In 2006, Sen. Jim Inhofe, R-Okla., issued a report titled "Yucca Mountain: The Most Studied Real Estate on the Planet."



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Trump claims Obama had phones wiretapped; Obama denies it

By Darlene Superville
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PALM BEACH, Fla. — President Donald Trump on Saturday accused former President Barack Obama of having Trump Tower telephones "wire tapped" during last year's election, a startling claim that Obama's spokesman said was false.

Trump did not offer any evidence or details, or say what prompted him to make the allegation.

Trump, whose administration has been under siege

over campaign contacts with Russian officials, said in a series of early morning tweets that he "just found out that Obama had my 'wires tapped' in Trump Tower just before the victory. Nothing found. This is McCarthyism!"

Obama spokesman Kevin Lewis said a "cardinal rule" of the Obama administration was that no White House official ever interfered in any Justice Department investigations, which are supposed to be conducted free of political influence.

"As part of that practice,

neither President Obama nor any White House official ever ordered surveillance on any U.S. citizen," Lewis said, adding that "any suggestion otherwise is simply false."

The White House did not immediately reply to inquiries about what prompted the president's tweets.

Trump, who used to speak of having a warm relationship with Obama, compared the alleged activity by his predecessor to behavior involving President Richard Nixon and the bugging of his political opponents.

"How low has President Obama gone to tapp my phones during the very sacred election process. This is Nixon/Watergate. Bad (or sick) guy!" he tweeted, mis-

spelling 'tap.'

Trump said the wiretapping occurred in October. He ran the presidential transition largely out of Trump Tower in New York, where he also maintains a residence.

Trump's tweets came days after revelations that Attorney General Jeff Sessions, during his Senate confirmation hearing, didn't disclose his own campaign-season contacts with Russia's ambassador to the United States. Sessions, a U.S. senator at the time, was Trump's earliest Senate supporter.

Trump's opening tweet Saturday mentioned Sessions and claimed the first meeting Sessions had with the Russian diplomat was "set up by the Obama

Administration under education program for 100 Ambassadors ..."

U.S. intelligence agencies have concluded that Russia interfered in the campaign with the goal of helping elect Trump over Democrat Hillary Clinton — findings that Trump has dismissed. The FBI has investigated Trump associates' ties to Russian officials. Congress is also investigating.

Trump has blamed Democrats for leaks of information about the investigation and the contacts.

Rep. Adam Schiff of California, the senior Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee, said in a statement that Trump was making "the most out-

landish and destructive claims without providing a scintilla of evidence to support them."

Schiff added: "No matter how much we hope and pray that this president will grow into one who respects and understands the Constitution, separation of powers, role of a free press, responsibilities as the leader of the free world, or demonstrates even the most basic regard for the truth, we must now accept that President Trump will never become that man."

It was unclear what prompted Trump's new charge. The president often tweets about reports he reads on blogs and conservative-leaning websites.

HOROSCOPES

Sunday, March 5, 2017

Stella Wilder

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You're ready to offer assistance to someone when it becomes necessary, but you may have to interpret unspoken signs and signals.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You may be wavering between two very clear and viable options. A chance encounter is likely to make the decision for you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You need to feel as though your ideas are in play, but take care that you don't come off as petulant or disagreeable when you present them.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You must keep track of what is true and what is false, what is real and what is unreal, throughout this rather tricky day. Don't go too fast!

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Your view may be clouded by the fact that you haven't yet extricated yourself from a bad situation. You must do that immediately!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You are tempted to exaggerate certain things for dramatic effect. While it might work in the short term, long-term consequences could be dangerous.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You may be concerned about your reputation, but trust that those who are looking out for you will be thorough and effective.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You may not understand someone's approach, but a closer look tells you that some aspects of it might serve you well if you adopt them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — You will want to adapt quickly to changing circumstances, lest you fall behind when you're unable to address immediate concerns.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — You can ease tensions between parties who seem to have no idea how to resolve a crisis. You have several suggestions to offer.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — The work you do around the home will bolster your efforts throughout the coming week. You can perform magic with a young family member.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You cannot afford to hesitate once you have pledged your loyalty to a cause. Many are depending on your immediate assistance.

TODAY IN HISTORY

In 1770, the Boston Massacre took place as British soldiers who'd been taunted by a crowd of colonists opened fire, killing five people.

In 1868, the U.S. Senate was organized into a Court of Impeachment to decide charges against President Andrew Johnson, who was later acquitted.

In 1927, "The Adventure of Shoscombe Old Place," the last Sherlock Holmes story by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, was published in the U.S. in Liberty Magazine.

In 1933, in German parliamentary elections, the Nazi Party won 44 percent of the vote; the Nazis joined with a conservative nationalist party to gain a slender majority in the Reichstag. In 1946, Winston Churchill delivered his "Iron Curtain" speech at Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri, in which he said: "From Stettin in the Baltic, to Trieste in the Adriatic, an 'iron curtain' has descended across the continent, allowing police governments to rule Eastern Europe."

In 1953, Soviet dictator Josef Stalin died after three decades in power. Composer Sergei Prokofiev died in Moscow at age 61.

In 1970, the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons went into effect after 43 nations ratified it.

In 1977, President Jimmy Carter took questions from 42 telephone callers in 26 states on a network radio call-in program moderated by Walter Cronkite.

In 1994, a jury in Pensacola, Florida, convicted anti-abortion activist Michael F. Griffin of first-degree murder in the shooting death of Dr. David Gunn; Griffin was immediately sentenced to life in prison.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Harry Prime is 97. Actor Dean Stockwell is 81. Actor Eddie Hodges is 70. Singer Eddy Grant is 69. Rock musician Alan Clark (Dire Straits) is 65. Magician Penn Jillette is 62. Rock musician John Frusciante (fROO-SHAN'-tee) is 47. Actress Eva Mendes is 43. Actress Kimberly McCullough is 39. Actress Karolina Wydra is 36. Singer-songwriter Amanda Shires is 35. Actress Dominique McElligott is 31. Actor Sterling Knight is 28. Thought for Today: "Freedom is not worth fighting for if it means no more than license for everyone to get as much as he can for himself." — Dorothy Canfield Fisher, American author and essayist (1879-1958).

New travel ban delayed

By Jonathan Lemire
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — President Donald Trump was barely in office when he signed an executive order restricting immigration from seven Muslim-majority nations. There was not a moment to waste, he said, because any delay would allow the "bad dudes" to rush into the U.S.

Then federal courts struck down his ban. The White House said a new version would be coming.

That was a month ago. The urgency seems to have faded.

There has been no further legal appeal. And announcement of a replacement order has been repeatedly postponed, a reflection of legal difficulties, shifting administration priorities and politics. It now won't be unveiled until next week at the earliest, says a White House official.

"The holdup flies in the face of the mythology as to why they needed to rush the bill in the first place," said Doris Meissner, who was head of the Immigration and Naturalization Service for President Bill Clinton. "It was a contrived argument and

a reflection of inexperience and a rush to fulfill a campaign promise."

The delay stands in stark contrast to the ban's rollout, a swift action designed as the centerpiece of a barrage of executive orders to set a bold tone for the Trump administration's first days.

Trump signed it late on a Friday afternoon, prompting widespread protests at the nation's airports while hardening battle lines between the president's supporters and opponents. But the rushed order, composed with little outside consultation, drew fierce bipartisan criticism as federal agencies, foreign governments and travelers were left confused to its contents, creating chaos at airports and leaving the White House to defend the rollout by saying that its speed was necessary.

"If we waited five days, 10 days, six months to begin establishing the first series of controls, we would be leaving the homeland unnecessarily vulnerable," said senior policy adviser Stephen Miller who, along with chief strategist Steve Bannon, was the architect of the ban.

Dogs

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the fastest 16-inch jumping Boston Terrier in the country. "We're getting some AKC practice in here before heading to nationals. Some of the fastest dogs in the United States are here this weekend and it's always a great event."

Wiley said she garnered interest in the sport a few years ago on a lark.

"I was meeting a friend at the park and they were practicing for a dog trial," she said. "And while they were taking a break I got out there and put one of my other boxers through the course — and he was a natural. They referred me to a trainer and I have been involved ever since. It's great to be out there with your best friend. If you love your dog and want to have fun, this is the place to be."

Steve Yost of Albuquerque has been at the event all seven years its been in Clovis.

"The facility is one of the best in the state," said Yost, who brought four dogs — with one retired from events and present solely as a spectator.

Denver resident Steve Rios was at the inaugural Clovis offering, but hadn't come back since this year. He brought Quinta, a 2-year-old Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever. Rios said it's the only five-word breed that falls within AKC guidelines, so it's very easy to find Quinta on a run sheet.



Staff photos: Kevin Wilson
Above: Daisy, a mixed rescue dog, poses for a picture during Saturday's American Kennel Club agility trials at the Curry County Events Center. Daisy's owner, Donna Johnson of Amarillo, kept her dog staring at the camera by holding a dog treat above the photographer.

Left: Mary Lou Vardy of Lubbock waits for Bliss, her miniature Schnauzer, to sit for a designated period of time before going on to the next obstacle.

Q&A

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will negatively impact the county?

We are watching the legislative session very closely and working and communicating with our legislators. The county has been very concerned with the talk of having to fund an additional 1/16th percent to Medicaid. Currently, the county already funds 1/16th of Medicaid at over \$600,000 a year.

We are also watching any elimination or further phase-out of the hold harmless distribution from the state.

We're very appreciative of our area legislators. They're communicating, keeping us apprised on items, and it's been a great work relationship. They're aware of what the impact would have on Curry County.

hand for Curry County in 2017?

Completing the design/development and starting the construction on the renovation and addition to the Curry County Adult Detention Center. That is the county's number one priority, and something that we have been working on for several years to address the needs of the facility.

The county detention personnel is working hard to become the next detention facility to be accredited by the New Mexico Association of Counties.

Some of the other items that we have on the plans to work on is to renovate the historic courthouse and continue making improvements to the county roads.

It's kind of a year of construction for Curry County. We have the jail project, we're going to get on to the courthouse renovation, we're going to complete the Broadview fire station.

— Compiled by Staff Writer Eamon Scarborough

What would you say are the most important issues at

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Lawmakers push for expansion of rural broadband

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SANTA FE — Legislation designed to expand broadband internet access to the farthest reaches of New Mexico was sent to the governor for consideration on Friday.

The state Senate approved a trio of bills designed to accelerate expansion of broadband infrastructure. One bill sent to Republican Gov. Susana Martinez would ensure an opportunity to insert broadband conduit underground any time trenches are dug to access utility lines.

Another bill heading to the governor seeks to spur investment in broadband infrastructure by combining demand for internet access among public schools and other educational institutions, while recovering a large portion of costs from a federal program established in 1996 to help connect public libraries and schools to the internet. Other provisions would help connect Native American tribes to high-speed internet in return for rights-of-way.

Final House approval still is pending on a bill that would shore up a fund overseen by the Public

Regulation Commission to spur investment in broadband infrastructure projects. That bill could change the current 5 percent charge on telephone-service bills to a flat rate.

Democrats and Republicans alike have seized on the state's spotty broadband network as an obstacle to economic development and improving education. The Legislature is looking for ways to reduce the nation's second-highest unemployment rate and stimulate a sluggish state economy, with little money at their disposal amid a budget shortfall for the coming fiscal year linked to a downturn in the oil sector.

A spokesman for the governor declined to say whether she would support the legislation. Martinez has sponsored her own initiatives to increase broadband access at New Mexico schools in cooperation with the nonprofit group EducationSuperHighway.



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11648	ART	273	135	3	Hot Glassblowing	TR	6:00pm	8:30pm
10890	ENG	097	135	3	Basic Writing Skills II	MW	9:00am	11:30am
11394	ENG	097	136	3	Basic Writing Skills II	MW	12:00pm	2:30pm
10891	ENG	097	137	3	Basic Writing Skills II	TR	12:00pm	2:30pm
10746	ENG	097	138	3	Basic Writing Skills II	MW	6:00pm	8:30pm
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10274	HPE	128	135	1	Individual Health / Condition			
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10295	HPE	225	135	1	Advanced Golf	MW	8:00am	9:40am
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10811	HPE	245	135	1	Challenge Tennis	TR	6:00pm	7:40pm
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10337	MATH	107	135	4	Intermediate Algebra	MTWR	3:00pm	4:40pm
11633	MATH	107	136	4	Intermediate Algebra	MW	6:00pm	9:15pm
10366	OT	122	135	2	Woodworking I	TR	6:45pm	9:15pm
10370	OT	123	135	2	Woodworking II	TR	6:45pm	9:15pm
10768	READ	097	135	3	College Reading	MW	9:00am	11:30am
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11569	THTR	228	135	3	The Company Class	TR	6:45pm	9:15pm

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11647	ACS	102	1N7	3	Freshman Seminar
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KEEPING ON HIS TOES Professional bull rider will be Dancing with the Stars

By Jessica Bruha
ODESSA AMERICAN

A former professional bull rider from West Texas has been changing up venues lately, switching from arenas to photo studios and most recently, dance floors.

Bonner Bolton, who grew up on a ranch just north of Odessa, was named as a contestant on ABC's Dancing with the Stars series, which kicks off Monday, March 20.

"It's all a little surreal, kinda crazy," Sally Bolton, Bonner's mother, said Wednesday. "We're

excited for him."

After suffering a broken neck injury in January last year, during which he splintered part of his vertebra, the doctors told Bonner he could no longer ride bulls, Sally said. Bonner had been leading the Professional Bull Rider's 2016 season opener at the time. He then ended up working with a modeling agency, did some work as Scott Eastwood's stunt double in "The Longest Ride," and now, he will have the chance to compete once again.

"He is definitely a competitor and he's excited about a new

challenge and he really wants to learn what they're going to teach him and do well," she said.

His siblings are excited to see him compete, as well, she said. Bolton is one of five children with two older siblings, ages 29 and 32, and three younger siblings, ages 22, 20 and 17.

"We're all really excited to see him do it," Sally said.

Bonner began riding bulls when he was around 10 or 11, receiving guidance from his father, Toya, who also was a bull rider, she said. Bonner rode bulls for a long time, recovering from numerous injuries, but was

always ready to go back and compete.

As a mother it was hard seeing Bonner go through injuries of the sport, but she said, "we love the sport of rodeo. We love bull riding."

"Of course we never wanted to see any injury. I'm sure moms in every sport feel that way," she said.

In a few weeks, the Bolton family will get the chance to see him compete again, with thousands across the nation watching right along with them. Bonner's partner for the series is professional dancer Sharna Burgess.



ABC photo:
Craig Sjodin

Bonner Bolton with Sharna Burgess from ABC's "Dancing with the Stars." The new season begins March 20.



Staff photo: Kevin Wilson

A grassfire northwest of the County Road 14 and County Road intersection was put out early Saturday afternoon. Joel Gershon of the Clovis Fire Department said there were no injuries or structures damaged.

No injuries, damage reported in blaze

350 acres burned in the Curry County fire.

BY THE STAFF OF THE NEWS

A fire at the intersection of County Road L and County Road 14 charred 350 acres Saturday afternoon, per the Clovis Fire Department.

No injuries were reported in the blaze, which stretched from the late morning to the early after-

noon.

"This was a grass fire on CRP (Conservation Reserve Program) land," Battalion Chief Joel Gershon said. "There were no houses or equipment involved and we're unsure of the cause. It took crews an hour to contain the fire, with the help of county road department graders."

Tony's pic of the week



Staff photo: Tony Bullocks

Landon Lunsford of Clovis deals with the high wind Tuesday afternoon while putting up a fence in front of his home on 21st Street. Asked why he was putting up a fence in 50 mph winds, he replied, "I have a deadline to meet." Anyone able to work under the conditions on that day is worthy of my Pic' of the Week.

Whistleblower Protection Act revisions get local support

SB 299 outlines public employee requirements before filing suit.

By Douglas Clark
STAFF WRITER

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As revisions to the state's Whistleblower Protection Act continue in the New Mexico legislature, the measure has the support of management in both Curry and Roosevelt counties.

Sen. Jacob Candelaria introduced Senate Bill 299 at the beginning of the legislative session and now the Senate Public Affairs Committee has offered a substitute for Candelaria's original bill.

The Senate Public Affairs document references changing to whom public employees may report unlawful or improper acts, according to the bill's introduction — also requiring exhaustion of administrative remedies before Whistleblower Protection Act remedies would be available.

"Curry County strongly supports amendments to the Whistleblower Protection Act (WPA)," Curry County Manager

Lance Pyle said. "Public employees paid with tax dollars should be required to utilize all grievance and administrative remedies prior to filing suit against a governmental entity. The entities should be given an opportunity to investigate, discuss and try to work out a solution prior to a suit being filed."

"This substitute bill is not perfect; however, it appears that it does improve the law. WPA claims have been extremely burdensome and costly to counties to defend and amendments are needed to improve the law while preserving the rights of public employees with valid complaints."

Section 2.A of the measure has been changed to require the reporting of an incident, "to an individual or entity in a position (who is able) to further the public interest."

Section 3 notes the act's protections are not in place unless, "the public employee has first exhausted the (available) grievance and administrative remedies."

"While this is a very limited improvement to the act, requiring exhaustion of administrative remedies through the New Mexico Human Rights Bureau would put it in line with the other employee protection laws," Roosevelt County Manager Amber Hamilton said. "Inclusion of administrative remedies will not restrict the type of claim that can be pursued, but will require aggrieved workers to speak up within 300 days. The county takes claims of this nature very seriously, as our employees are our number one priority."

Hamilton said the essential element to the claims is a quick and appropriate notification of the type of allegation — providing for prompt and early resolution of potential claims.

"We applaud and support Sen. Candelaria for carrying forward this legislation, as well as the New Mexico Association of Counties for pursuing this priority," she said.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE



Staff photo:
Alisa Boswell

Abby Ontiveros, 11, left, and Olivia Low, 11, sip on beverages and snack on cakes Saturday morning at the fifth annual Altrusa Char-i-Tea event that raises money for the New Mexico Christian Children's Home.

Travel Channel spotlights NM State Fair

ALBUQUERQUE JOURNAL

ALBUQUERQUE — Dieters should consider skipping the following.

The New Mexico State Fair will be in the spotlight today during a "best of the best" episode of the Travel Channel's "Food Paradise" that will highlight some of the best fair foods in the United States.

The show will feature a pair of local, longstanding New Mexico State Fair concessionaires — Casa Dog, owned and operated by Gil Stewart and Rex's Makin Bacon, owned by Rex Thompson.

The episode includes a deep-fried enchilada dog from Casa Dog, consisting of a bakery bun,

which holds the hot dog, which is wrapped in a corn tortilla and a thick piece of smoked bacon.

Both vendors operate multiple food booths at the event and have been serving up State Fair food for decades.

"We really enjoyed the opportunity to host the Travel Channel crew at last year's New Mexico State Fair. We know from experience that fair food is one of the best things about the event, and one of the main reasons people come to the fair year after year," said Dan Mourning, general manager of the New Mexico State Fair in a news release.

"The New Mexico State Fair has gained national attention as a pre-

mier event, and the folks at the Travel Channel were drawn to our uniquely delicious New Mexico cuisine as well some of the traditional fried favorites you've come to expect during a visit to the fair."

The Travel Channel filmed the episode on site at the State Fair during the 2016 event, and its description of the episode indicates it visited to taste the "best of the best."

Two other fairs and their foods will also be featured in Sunday evening's episode, which will be repeated multiple times through the month of March. Check your local provider for the Travel Channel and local listings for times.

TIPS FOR TALKING TO KIDS ABOUT THE NEWS



By Caroline Knorr | Common Sense Media

Shootings, terrorist attacks, natural disasters, end-of-the-world predictions — even political coverage of current events — can be upsetting news for adults, not to mention kids. In our 24/7 news world, it's become nearly impossible to shield kids from distressing current events.

Today, kids get news from everywhere. This constant stream of information shows up in shareable videos, posts, blogs, feeds, and alerts. And since much of this content comes from sites that are designed for adult audiences, what your kids see, hear, or read might not always be age-appropriate. Making things even more challenging is the fact that many kids are getting this information directly on their phones and laptops. Often parents aren't around to immediately help their kids make sense of horrendous situations.

The bottom line is that young kids simply don't have the ability to understand news events in context, much less know whether or not a source of information is credible. And though older teens are better able to understand current events, even they face challenges when it comes to sifting fact from opinion — or misinformation.

No matter how old your kids are, threatening or upsetting news can affect them emotionally. Many can feel worried, frightened, angry, or even guilty. And these anxious feelings can last long after the news event is over. So what can you do as a parent to help your kids deal with all this information?

TIPS FOR ALL KIDS

- **Consider your own reactions.** Your kids will look to the way you handle the news to determine their own approach. If you stay calm and rational, they will, too.
- **Take action.** Depending on the issue and kids' ages, families can find ways to help those affected by the news. Kids can write postcards to politicians expressing their opinions; families can attend meetings or protests; kids can help assemble care packages or donate a portion of their allowance to a rescue/humanitarian effort.

TIPS FOR KIDS UNDER 7

- **Keep the news away.** Turn off the TV and radio news at the top of the hour and half hour. Read the newspaper out of range of young eyes that can be frightened by the pictures (kids may respond strongly to pictures of other kids in jeopardy). Preschool kids don't need to see or hear about something that will only scare them silly, especially because they can easily confuse facts with fantasies or fears.
- **Stress that your family is safe.** At this age, kids are most concerned with your safety and separation from you. Try not to minimize or discount their concerns and fears, but reassure them by explaining all the protective measures that exist to keep them safe. If the news event happened far away, you can use the distance to reassure kids. For kids who live in areas where crime and violence is a very real threat, any news account of violence may trigger extra fear. If that happens, share a few age-appropriate tips for staying and feeling safe (being with an adult, keeping away from any police activity).
- **Be together.** Though it's important to listen and not belittle their fears, distraction and physical comfort can go a long way. Snuggling up and watching something cheery or doing something fun together may be more effective than logical explanations about probabilities.

TIPS FOR KIDS 8-12

- **Carefully consider your child's maturity and temperament.** Many kids can handle a discussion of threatening events, but if your kids tend toward the sensitive side, be sure to keep them away from the TV news; repetitive images and stories can make dangers appear greater, more prevalent, and closer to home.
- **Be available for questions and conversation.** At this age, many kids will see the morality of events in stark black-and-white terms and are in the process of developing their moral beliefs. You may have to explain the basics of prejudice, bias, and civil and religious strife. But be careful about making generalizations, since kids

will take what you say to the bank. This is a good time to ask them what they know, since they'll probably have gotten their information from friends, and you may have to correct facts.

• **Talk about — and filter — news coverage.** You might explain that even news programs compete for viewers, which sometimes affects content decisions. If you let your kids use the internet, go online with them. Some of the pictures posted are simply grisly. Monitor where your kids are going and set your URLs to open to non-news-based portals.

Additional resources

For more information on how to talk to your kids about a recent tragedy, please visit the National Association of School Psychologists or the American Psychological Association.

TIPS FOR TEENS

• **Check in.** Since, in many instances, teens will have absorbed the news independently of you, talking with them can offer great insights into their developing politics and their senses of justice and morality. It will also help you get a sense of what they already know or have learned about the situation from their own social networks. It will also give you the opportunity to throw your own insights into the mix (just don't dismiss theirs, since that will shut down the conversation immediately).

• **Let teens express themselves.** Many teens will feel passionate about events and may even personalize them if someone they know has been directly affected. They'll also probably be aware that their own lives could be affected by violence. Try to address their concerns without dismissing or minimizing them. If you disagree with media portrayals, explain why so your teens can separate the mediums through which they absorb news from the messages conveyed.

Marie-Louise Mares, Associate Professor in the Department of Communication Arts at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, contributed to this article.

APPS & SITES THAT HELP GIVE BACK

Common Sense Media

Donating to charity through text messages and websites is great, but kids may need something more pps and sites can help families take direct action, learn about important causes, and nurture compassion. Aside from developing empathy and gratitude, helping others can boost kids' self-esteem and expand their worldview. From a trivia game that eases world hunger to stories about people in need, these apps and sites help kids do good.



SUSTAINVILLE - AN ETHICAL GAME

Sustainable-community sim app teaches kids to help and conserve.

Recommended for ages 8 and older

Devices: iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad, Mac, Android, Fire, Fire, Windows Phone, Kindle interactive to help them understand how they're helping.



FREE RICE

Free Rice exists to provide free education and help end world hunger. Period.

Recommended for ages 9 and older

freerice.com



PEACECORPS

Peace Corps Challenge fosters understanding and compassion across the globe.

Recommended for ages 11 and older

peacecorps.gov/kids/



CHARITY MILES - RUNNING & WALKING DISTANCE TRACKER

Kids can help charities of their choice through walking, running, and biking.

Recommended for ages 13 and older

Devices: iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad, Android



TAKINGITGLOBAL

By providing digital camaraderie with real opportunities to create social change, the site is an excellent resource for activist-minded teens.

Recommended for ages 13 and older

tigweb.org



YOUTH SERVICE AMERICA

Thorough resource connects kids to organizations and grants to make a positive impact in their communities.

Recommended for ages 13 and older

ysa.org



VOLUNTEER MATCH

Safe, secure site links teens to volunteer opportunities in their communities and online.

Recommended for ages 15 and older

volunteermatch.org



DOSOMETHING.ORG

Not-for-profit site encourages and supports youths to get involved in social change.

Recommended for ages 16 and older

dosomething.org

10 BOOKS TO HELP KIDS UNDERSTAND THE IMMIGRANT EXPERIENCE



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Captivating stories of the immigrant and refugee experience can help kids understand what people go through when they move to a new country and start new lives. These novels and memoirs for kids 10 and under can help build empathy among readers, and kids from immigrant families can see reflections of their own struggles and triumphs.



THE ARRIVAL

By Shaun Tan

Wordless immigrant story is a visual masterpiece. Recommended for ages 9 and older (Arthur A. Levine, 2007)



A FARAWAY ISLAND

By Annika Thor

Moving story of Jewish sisters living as refugees in Sweden. Recommended for ages 9 and older (Random House Books for Young Readers, 2010)



THE GIRL IN THE TORCH

By Robert Sharenow

Immigrant girl braves early 1900s NYC in tale of resilience. Recommended for ages 9 and older (Balzer + Bray, 2015)



THE ONLY ROAD

By Alexandra Diaz

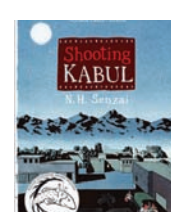
Harrowing, heartfelt tale of Central American teen refugees. Recommended for ages 9 and older (Simon & Schuster, 2016)



ESPERANZA RISING

By Pam Munoz Ryan

Historical fiction at its best in story of '30s farmworkers. Recommended for ages 10 and older (Scholastic Press, 2011)



SHOOTING KABUL

By N. H. Senzai

Life and 9/11 through lens of 11-year-old Afghan immigrant. Recommended for ages 10 and older (Paula Wiseman, 2011)



MAMÁ THE ALIEN/MAMÁ LA EXTRATERRESTRE

By René Colato Laínez

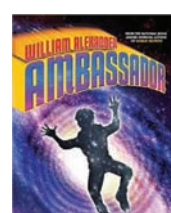
A kid-friendly, bilingual picture book about being a documented immigrant. Recommended for ages 4 and older (Children's Book Press, 2016)



THIS IS ME: A STORY OF WHO WE ARE AND WHERE WE CAME FROM

By Jamie Lee Curtis

Colorful look at immigration celebrates bringing items from home. Recommended for ages 5 and older (Workman Publishing Co, 2016)



AMBASSADOR

By William Alexander

Complex adventure mixes immigration issues, space travel. Recommended for ages 9 and older (Margaret K. McElderry, 2014)



ANGEL ISLAND: GATEWAY TO GOLD MOUNTAIN

By Russell Freedman

Historic immigration station comes alive in photos, poems. Recommended for ages 9 and older (Clarion Books, 2014)

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New Mexico school building gets historic designation

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

VADO — An elementary school in southern New Mexico that served for more than a quarter-century as a segregated school for African-American students has been added to the national list of historic places.

Paul Laurence Dunbar Elementary was as a four-room school from 1926 until 1957. It has since served as the city of Vado's community center and home to a federal program that promotes school readiness for low-income families, The Las Cruces Sun-News reported.

Vado residents gathered Tuesday to celebrate the building's listing on the National Register of Historic

Places, which became official on the last day of Black History Month.

"We have been working on this for years," said Espy Holguin, an officer of the Vado Historical Society.

The school, named after renowned poet Paul Laurence Dunbar, was constructed after a 1925 state law permitted racial segregation in public schools.

Lifelong Vado resident Bobbie J. Boyer attended the school from 1945 until 1954. She said two grades were taught in each of the school's four classrooms, and she remembered "outstanding teachers and the principal, Giels B. Grimes."

The school's historic designation "means a lot to those of us that have

"It is important to remember this school and that Vado was an all-black community when it was settled because not everything that happened to black people in history happened in the South."

— Bobbie J. Boyer, Attended Paul Laurence Dunbar Elementary

lived in Vado," Boyer said.

Boyer, whose family founded Vado as one of New Mexico's first black communities, said the school's designation as a landmark was the dream of her late husband,

Roosevelt, and the Boyer family. The Boyer family came to New Mexico from Georgia in about 1901, according to a news release from the New Mexico Historic Preservation Division.

"So many black people came to New Mexico from southern states for a better life," Boyer said. "It is important to remember this school and that Vado was an all-black community when it was settled because not everything that happened to black people in history happened in the South."

Segregation in New Mexico ended shortly after the 1954 Brown vs. Board of Education U.S. Supreme Court decision.

The school is among six surviving schools built during segregation

in New Mexico.

"The Dunbar school is a landmark in the history of segregation and in the history of African Americans in New Mexico," said Jeff Pappas, director of the state Historic Preservation Division. "We're grateful to have had the opportunity to list this school in the State and National Register, not only for its important place in the state history, but because it opens the door for other underrepresented communities to come forward with important buildings and other cultural resources to be recognized in the Registers."

Plaques commemorating the historic designation will be placed outside the red-brick veneer building, Holguin said.

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AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: IT'S NOT THE ABSENCE OF FEAR, IT'S OVERCOMING IT. SOMETIMES YOU'VE GOT TO BLAST THROUGH AND HAVE FAITH. — EMMA WATSON

SOUTHWEST ROUNDUP

Senate approves bill on guns

SANTA FE — The New Mexico Senate has approved a bill to require people involved in domestic violence situations to surrender their guns and prohibit them from purchasing guns while a protective order is in effect.

The Senate's 25-15 vote Saturday sends the bill sponsored by Democratic Sen. Joseph Cervantes of Las Cruces to the House for consideration.

Under the bill, surrendered firearms would be turned over for safekeeping to law enforcement, a federally licensed gun dealer or an individual who has undergone a federal background check and who is not a household member of the gun owner.

The bill requires a court to determine whether a person presents "a credible threat" and requires that the person be given notice and an oppor-

tunity to be heard.

Wife guilty of burning husband

SANTA FE — A northern New Mexico woman has been convicted of aggravated battery against a household member for setting her husband on fire back in 20015 and he was arrested for allegedly making a threatening gesture during her trial.

Defense attorney Roderick Thompson tells the Santa Fe New Mexican that the jury verdict Thursday means 43-year-old Layla Coriz of Chimayo could face up to three years behind bars.

James Coriz was burned on his chest, face and other parts of his body. The couple had argued earlier.

James Coriz was arrested Thursday on suspicion of bribery of a witness — a state police officer who testified during the trial — for allegedly running his hand across his throat.

Officials prep for irrigation season

ELEPHANT BUTTE — Federal officials are getting ready for the irrigation season along the Rio Grande in southern New Mexico and water will start moving through the system in the coming week.

The Bureau of Reclamation says it will begin releases from Elephant Butte Dam on Monday morning. The release will quickly ramp up to 600 cubic feet per second as the water heads to Caballo Reservoir, with the rate doubling the following week.

The release from Caballo is scheduled to begin March 31.

Officials say the dry riverbeds below both reservoirs will take on water quickly and the water will begin to flow downstream. Citing safety concerns, they're warning people to stay out of the river channels.

Lawmakers OK hemp research

SANTA FE — A bill to create a research program for the industrial production of hemp in New Mexico is headed to the governor's desk for consideration.

The legislation was approved by the Senate on a 30-12 vote Friday and now goes to Republican Gov. Susana Martinez for consideration.

The bill would require the New Mexico Department of Agriculture to set up an industrial hemp research program to study the cultivation and marketing of industrial hemp. A more restrictive Senate bill is making its way through the Legislature.

Thirty-one states have authorized hemp research, while actual production occurred in 15 states last year.

— Wire reports

Newsday Crossword SATURDAY STUMPER by Matthew Sewell

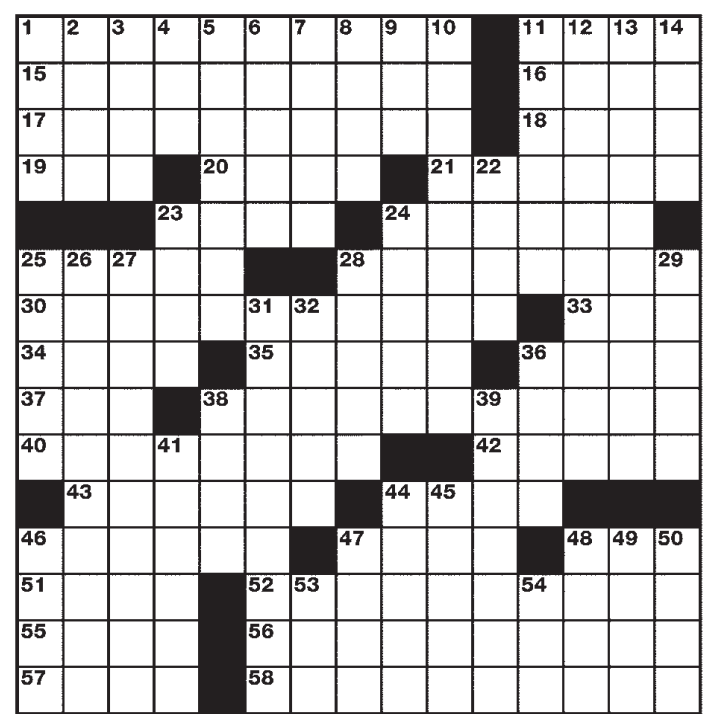
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- 1 Overwhelmed by detail
- 11 Fundamental demands
- 15 Say a new way
- 16 Breaks ground
- 17 Freely editable
- 18 Fed head before Ben
- 19 Article written by Günter Grass
- 20 Tank
- 21 Playful tots in Botticelli's *Venus and Mars*
- 23 Let it all out
- 24 USAF Thunderbirds safety gear
- 25 Tidbits often served with tea
- 28 Oversized atlas-page format
- 30 Planned
- 33 Freeway Series AL team
- 34 Wollongong welcome
- 35 *Macbeth* brew ingredient
- 36 "Wildly stronger" cooler brand
- 37 *Intérêt d'un amiral*
- 38 Saddam, in a 2003 most-wanted set
- 40 Name given to an unknown medieval versifier
- 42 School not far from Coca-Cola Plaza
- 43 What the stuffy may puff out
- 44 Dams, by definition
- 46 New-word source
- 47 Shallow water navigator
- 48 Word from Old Norse for "fear"
- 51 It might be up against the wall
- 52 Without gifts

DOWN

- 1 2001 storage-unit debut
- 2 Setting for the taste-test film *Bottle Shock*
- 3 *Los Mosqueteros*
- 4 Big name in space westerns
- 5 Manager who got the Beatles signed to EMI
- 6 Sound from cloud nine
- 7 Lose one's grip
- 8 Trickster's coin holders
- 9 Second-highest US Army award
- 10 Reels
- 11 Speculation starter
- 12 Exclamation of admiration
- 13 Time-jump subtitle
- 14 What the DoD omits from new IDs
- 22 *The Land of Painted Caves* author
- 23 Ricotta base
- 24 Swindler, so to speak
- 25 What Archimedes was finished with
- 26 As a spy
- 27 Tops in formality
- 28 One expected in vain
- 29 Youngest Girl Scout
- 31 Chuck-wagon descendant
- 32 Cameroonian concepts
- 36 Side sometimes sweetened with marshmallows
- 38 Termination of a sanctuary
- 39 Preteen hockey leaguers
- 41 Ancient sources of nail polish
- 44 Oceans or seas
- 45 "Shout-out!"
- 46 Food (overeater's state)
- 47 Name on the cover of *How to Draw Superheroes*
- 48 "Bonne fête" (Canadian birthday song)
- 49 Turned out
- 50 A long way from composed
- 53 Short-term foreign visitor, to the IRS
- 54 Situation Room grp.



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Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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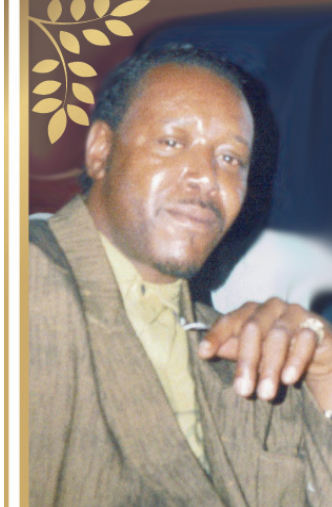


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Dwyane Warren
(December 15, 1963 - February 6, 2017)

The Family of Dwayne would like to thank our friends and family, for your prayers, calls, food, visits, and thoughts during our time of loss. We would like to wish a special thank you to Shameka Patton and family, Garzilius McCoy, Muffley Funeral Home, and St. John's Baptist Church. Your overwhelming support has been a blessing to all of us and may God bless you in return.

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May God Bless each and every one of you!



JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Kurek

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

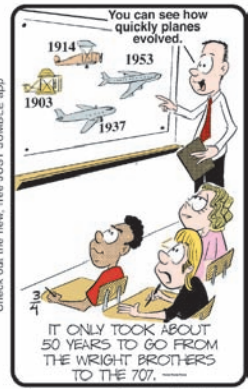
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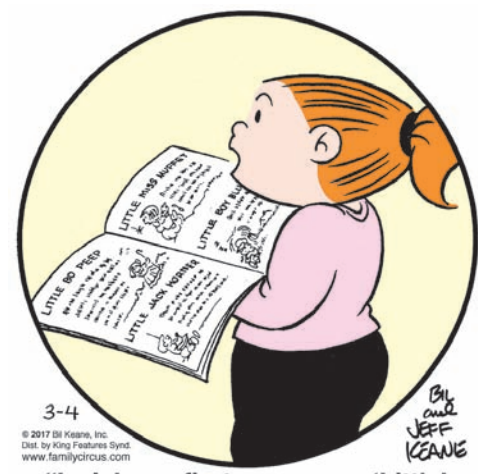
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IT ONLY TOOK ABOUT 50 YEARS TO GO FROM THE WRIGHT BROTHERS TO THE 707.

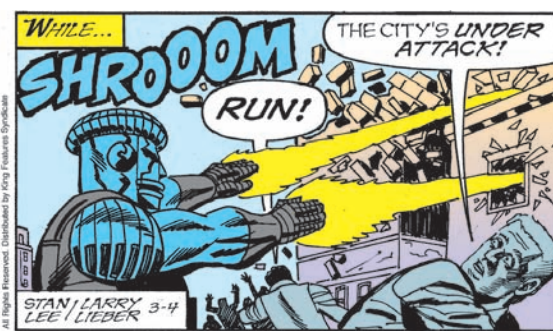
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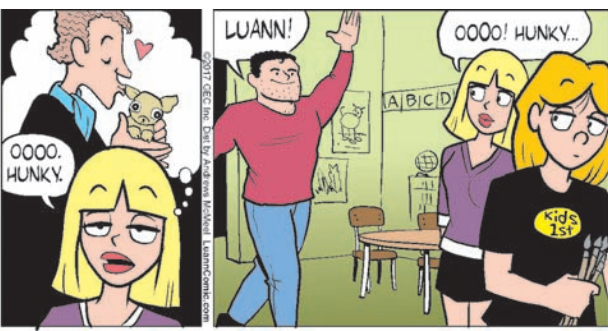
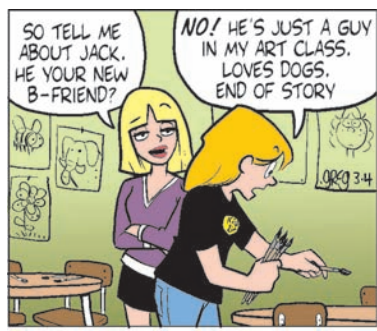


"I wish my first name was 'Little' so I could get a nursery rhyme written about me."

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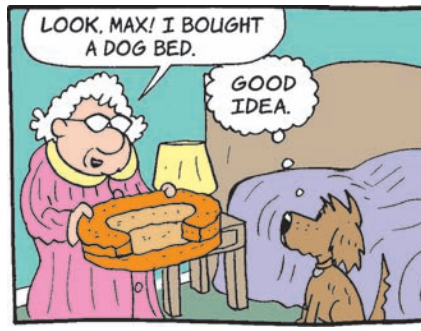
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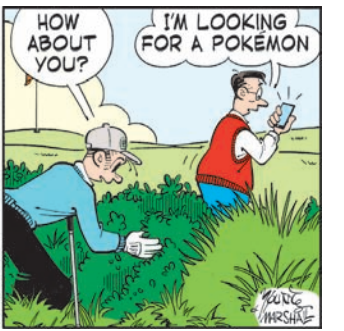
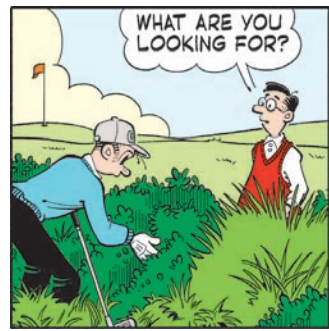
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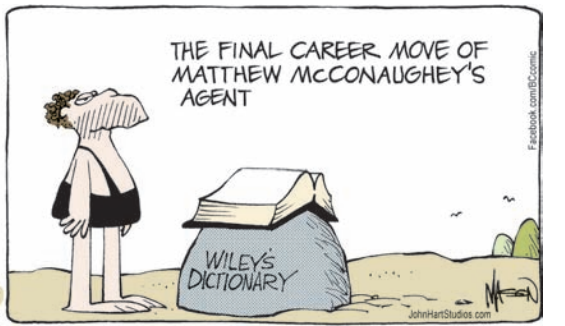
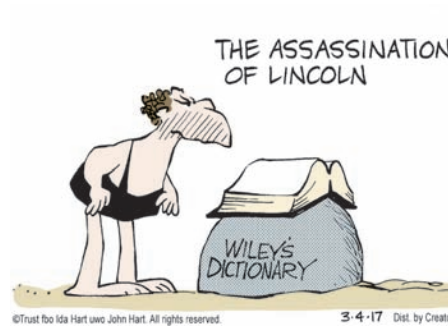
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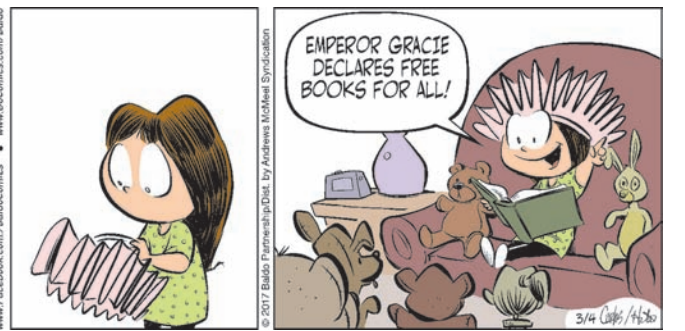
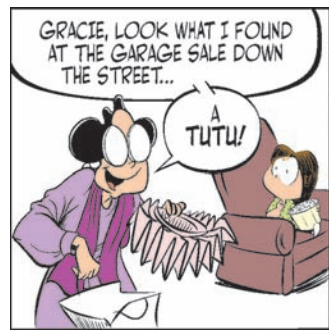
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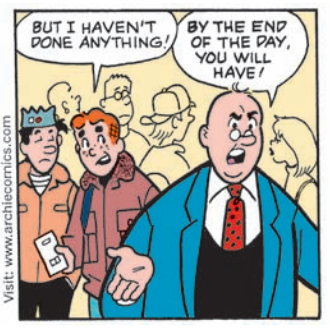
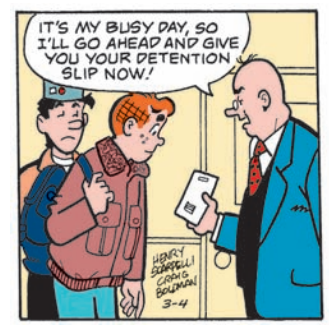
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Intervention might be the wake-up call sister needs

DEAR ANNIE: My sister and I used to be close, but after I married and had a baby, everything changed. When our father died, our relationship got worse.



Dear Annie
♦
Syndicated Column

We have a small family; it's just the two of us and our mother. Every year, I invite everybody to our house for Christmas, and every year, my mother gets hurt all over again because my sister makes other plans. My sister, her husband and her daughter travel to another state,

where there's no family. On Christmas morning, my sister calls and says how much she misses us and how it's

a shame her daughter never sees us.

When the family used to get together, my sister would get so stoned she could barely stand. She is not a typical stoner. She has a powerful job that has made her very wealthy. She also has eating disorders.

Their visits were always stressful for my parents and for my family. My sister would boss everyone around and fight with my mother. When my father died, my

sister inherited his business, making her even wealthier. For a while after that, my sister and her family visited us for holidays. My niece confessed to me that she hated her life and that she needed to hit someone at least once a day.

Here are my two problems. Problem No. 1: I feel a need to save my niece from my sister. I have invited her to spend a summer with us, but my sister does not respond. Problem No. 2: After inher-

iting our father's business, my sister is in charge of my finances and my mother's. If I took my account away, I know she would never speak to any of us again. Help. — **EXHAUSTED AND NOT HIGH**

DEAR EXHAUSTED: An intervention might be the wake-up call your sister needs to seek professional help. If she refuses treatment, call the Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline (800-422-4453) to see what re-

sources are at your disposal. As far as your concerns over pulling your account from your sister's control go, it's your money, and you can do with it whatever you wish.

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Above: Zoe Morrison is an aspiring performer and a student at Eastern New Mexico University.



Right: Morrison poses for a photo at Oasis State Park.

Still reaching for stars

Zoe Morrison was born and raised in Portales. She is the daughter of Jon and Dona Skinner, also of Portales. She graduated from Portales High School in 2016 and is a student at Eastern New Mexico University.

She plans to pursue a career in nursing. Morrison also works as a Certified Nurse Aid at Heartland Continuing Care Center in Portales.

Ever since she was a little girl she has loved to sing and is happy and more than willing to accept any opportunity to sing. Morrison said that she will sing just about anywhere. She has performed in talent shows, in choirs, at church and at the 2016 Floyd Jamboree. She said she especially loved singing in the Jamboree because she loves to perform country music.

She made the All State Choir for four years in a row during high school. She has also sung the National Anthem for local events.

WHAT'S YOUR IDEA OF A PERFECT DAY?

My idea of a perfect day is one with lots of free time to practice singing and playing my guitar.

WHEN YOU WERE A KID, WHAT DID YOU THINK YOU'D BE DOING AS AN ADULT?

When I was a kid, I thought that I

would be auditioning on shows like "American Idol" or "The Voice" pursuing singing as a career.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE SONG AT THE MOMENT?

My favorite song at the moment is "Small Town Boy" by Dustin Lynch.

IF YOU COULD MASTER ONE INSTRUMENT, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

If I could master an instrument, it would definitely be the guitar. I play a little but I would like to get better.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR GREATEST INDIVIDUAL ACCOMPLISHMENT?

I feel like one of my greatest accomplishments is becoming a voice in The Floyd Jamboree because I was so nervous. But, being on the show has boosted my confidence in myself and has encouraged me not to give up on singing.

HOW DO YOU FEEL WHEN YOU ARE PERFORMING?

I get a little bit nervous before performing sometimes, but overall, the size of a crowd doesn't bother me. I just enjoy being able to share the songs that I'm singing with the audience, while having fun in the

process.

WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE SINGER AND WHY?

My favorite singer is Carrie Underwood because she has such an amazing, strong voice, and her songs tell so many great stories.

WHO IS SOMEONE THAT HAS HAD A BIG IMPACT ON YOUR LIFE?

Someone who has made a huge impact in my life is my great-grandma, Edna Morrison. She encourages me to do my best at everything I do and she is always there for me to talk to when I need advice.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR MOST FAVORITE PLACE TRAVELED?

My favorite place I've traveled to so far was recently to Cozumel, Mexico, on a cruise with some great friends of mine.

WHAT DO YOU ENVISION YOUR LIFE BEING LIKE IN 10 YEARS?

I envision myself having a bachelor's degree in nursing, working in an emergency room or operating room, possibly at a hospital in Lubbock.

— Compiled by
CMI Correspondent
D'Nieka Hartsfield



Courtesy photo

Morrison performs "Whenever You Remember" by Carrie Underwood at the PHS Maypole event in 2016.

BIO

▶ **Name:** Zoe Morrison

▶ **Age:** 19

▶ **Profession:** CNA at Heartland Continuing Care Center

▶ **Hometown:** Portales

▶ **Family:** Parents, Jon and Dona Skinner of Portales

Roosevelt County ready for alien landing

Leaving or coming back into Portales in the dark is a little bit out of this world these days.

It feels like you're in some sort of futuristic or sci-fi movie as you pass through the dark prairie night with dozens of red lights flashing in unison. Any minute Mad Max might appear in front of you in his souped up Interceptor.

Once upon a time, on a dark night, you could've blindfolded someone then dropped them off in a pasture in Roosevelt County and unless they had lived in the area all their life and had a good set of bearings they just might have headed the wrong way back to town. I've seen it happen.

These days, if you can get past the feeling you're on a bad acid trip, all you have to know is where all the wind farms are located and you've got a flashing road map.

It got me to wondering about the peril we've placed ourselves in by putting up those huge blinking beacons. That's right folks, I'm pretty sure from outerspace Roosevelt County is starting to look a lot like an alien runway.

With wind tower beacons on each side of U.S. 70 and Portales at the end of the runway, it's only a matter of time before little green men from Mars are landing their space ships in Rotary Park.

I'm not sure what the Dean of Science Fiction, Portales' own late, great Jack Williamson would



Karl Terry
Local columnist

have made of this dilemma, but James T. Kirk would be moving his phaser rifle from "stun" to "kill."

The best thing we've got going for us is the F-111 posted at the end of the alien runway ready for battle. All we need to do is find a few surplus photon torpedoes to mount on the airplane and we'll be

ready to defend Goober Gulch and Mother Earth at large.

In an interesting side note, years ago while working as managing editor at the local newspaper, I devised the perfect April Fools gag to run on the cover. I took a photo of that infamous jet plane that sits on Portales' main thoroughfare and Photoshopped the plane out of the picture just leaving the concrete base. I had concocted the best story about aliens stealing the plane. A surly editor up the food chain scowled at me over the phone and said, "We don't do April Fool stories."

Now I fear my April Fool fantasy might actually become reality if we don't act quickly. This problem is bigger than Portales and I pro-

pose that we immediately have Trump's cabinet get in touch with the Russians. We'll need all the help we can get when flying saucers start landing in peanut patches and dairy cows are teleported onboard other-worldly spacecraft for devious experimentation.

If we can win the coming war with these creatures from a distant galaxy — if we can survive — it is quite likely we could supplant Roswell as the alien capital of eastern New Mexico.

Na-nu, na-nu my neighbors.

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Freeze frame



Courtesy photo

Sandy Vigil, Director of the Main Street Project, recently presented a program to Altrusa International, Inc. of Portales. She gave an update on the activities of the Main Street Project as they celebrate 20 years of service to Portales. She highlighted the ways the Project has been an asset to the community as well as the Economic Impact it has had. She showed pictures of some of the many ways the Yam Theater has provided services to the community. Cozetta Moore, President of Altrusa, left, presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Sandy.



Courtesy photo

Linda Leaming shows the bag of goodies and cards presented to her by Altrusa Portales as a going away gift and thank you for all she has done for the club.

Anniversary



Courtesy photo

Charles "Chuck" and Verna Butler celebrate 61 years of marriage. He is retired U.S. Air Force, she is retired from school food service. The couple celebrated with family.

Club notes

Beta Phi

Eight members, Collene Baldwin, Linda Hay, George Hay, Laura Loflin, Patsy

Lorenz, Royce Lorenz, Beverly Miller and Suzy Moore, attended the regular meeting of Beta Phi on Dec. 3 at Pop's Place in Clovis.

Red carpet fashion was a hit

The 89th Academy Awards was exactly one week ago and people are still buzzing about the red carpet fashion. Of course, every fashion correspondent had their personal picks of who should have been on the best and worst dressed list.

Aside from the controversial talk about who was to blame for the best picture on-stage announcement flub, the fashion was the next-best talked about thing at the 2017 Oscars and is an essential part of the show.

So, who made best dressed? Well, it depends on who you ask. Emma Stone, Ruth Negga, Viola Davis and Jessica Biel were, to name a few. The most talked about gowns gave us a theatrical feel.



D'Nieka Hartsfield
NiekaStyle

There wasn't a shortage of full body-covering gowns, embellished with jewels and sequins. The naked dresses gave it a rest this year with subtle sheers.

The look of the carpet was vintage inspired glam, with long sleeves with a little poof to accentuate the shoulders. This look was worn by recent red carpet favorites like Dakota Johnson and Ruth Negga, Johnson making the worst dressed list and Negga making it on the best dressed.

My favorite long sleeved gown was the Kaufman Franco dress worn by Jessica Biel. It was a shiny silver and gold dress with a built in choker-inspired neck piece that was very cute. She wore her hair dark, parted down the middle and pulled back with thick black eyeliner. She and her husband, Justin Timberlake, were said to be amongst the best dressed couples.

There were some celebrities who fell short with their ensembles. Sometimes one simple detail can kill an entire look. Although her gown was beautiful, Halle Berry was a fashion miss on this year's red carpet with her big curly hair. It looked lopsided. I'm a huge fan of big hair, but Berry's wig choice was just not a good

look. Her wig was reminiscent of an 18th century powder wig. She would have fared better with her signature pixie cut. She is one of few beauties who can pull off boy-short hair.

It's OK to try different things, because that's what fashion is all about, but even the most fashionable get it wrong sometimes.

Overall, the 2017 Oscar's red carpet was a fashion hit. There were, and always will be, the few questionable avant-garde looks, but nonetheless, most of the looks were glamorous and well put together.

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Learn about recycling for 'green' projects

Information on using inks and stamps to create backgrounds for craft projects, cavities and gum disease and making fringe flowers will be the featured topics on "Creative Living" on Tuesday at 9:30 p.m. and on Thursday at noon. (All times are Mountain.)

Designer and crafter Ann Butler will show how to use inks and stamps to create backgrounds for lots of different projects, including cards, scrapbooks, fabric designs, and much more. Butler's company is Ann Butler Designs in Villard, Minnesota. She'll also show her line of stamps and colorful inks and demonstrate how they work on different types of paper.

Carol Vander Stoep is a dental hygienist, author and myofunctional therapist. She's going to talk about the mouth's central role in health. She says that cavities and gum disease are just symptoms of unbalanced ecosystems in our bodies. Her book is titled "Mouth Matters," and she lives in Austin, Texas.

Designer and digitizer Laura Waterfield, owner of Laura's Sewing Studio, says that fringe flowers add



Sheryl Borden
Creative Living

additional dimension to embroidery designs. She'll demonstrate several types of fringe flowers that can be made with an embroidery machine. Waterfield is from Tomball, Texas.

Information on pressing flowers, fall foliage and using recycled materials for craft projects will be the featured topics on "Creative Living" on Tuesday at noon and on Saturday at 2 p.m.

Kate Chu represents pressed-flowers.com, and she's going to show different ways that pressed flowers can be attached to different objects, such as magnets, jewelry, candles and even light switch plates. She lives in Anaheim, California.

Curt Jaynes will talk about how to have beautiful fall foliage, and what to do when the weather starts to turn cold. Jaynes owns and operates GardenSource

Nursery and Landscaping in Portales.

Judy Novella is with Fairfield Processing Corp. in Danbury, Connecticut, and she will explain how to create "green" projects from recycled materials.

What is primal dentistry?

Perhaps we should question our casual attitudes about amputating tooth structures with high speed drills, using health-savaging heavy metals to fill the potholes, expecting our children to have shrinking faces (and airways) that can't hold a full complement of teeth, or suggesting a known neurotoxin like fluoride is a primary panacea against decay? Did our ancestors need these? Can't we know more, then do better?

Consider this: we are a walking collection of microbial ecosystems carrying 10 times more bacteria cells than human cells and 100 times more viruses. These can help or hinder optimal weight, mood and brain function, gut integrity, immunity, and so on. A more sensible approach is to control our internal environ-

ments so we predominantly host the microbes that keep us healthy and happy.

Parallels between soil and plant health and human health are striking. Just as pesticides often decimate the beneficial soil microorganisms and enzyme activity necessary for strong plants, systemic fluoride in-activates 68 enzymes and "foods" like sugars, other simple carbohydrates and processed foods skew human health in multiple ways. They create excessive acid waste in tissues and kill off beneficial microbes. Acid-loving hostile microbes like yeasts and germs that thrive in oxygen-free environments are happy to fill in and create health havoc. In the mouth, it is reflected as bleeding gums, crusty deposits, and tooth decay.

"Creative Living" is produced and hosted by Sheryl Borden. The show is carried by more than 118 PBS stations in the United States, Canada, Guam and Puerto Rico and is distributed by Westlink, Albuquerque.

Senior calendar

Baxter Curren Senior Center 908 Hickory, Clovis

Monday: 8:30 a.m. exercise class, 10 a.m. jewelry pals, 1 p.m. line dance, noon p.m. pinochle, 5 p.m. social night

Tuesday: 8 a.m. quilting, 9 a.m. pinochle 101, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. exercise equipment, noon pinochle, 6 p.m. Trivial Pursuit

Wednesday: 8 a.m.-5 p.m. exercise equipment, 10 a.m. sew days, 1 p.m. crafts

Thursday: 8 a.m. blood pressure, 8 a.m. eggs, gravy and biscuits \$4, **8:45 a.m. board meeting**, 9 a.m. pinochle 101, 1 p.m. bingo, 6 p.m. line dance

Friday: 8 a.m.-5 p.m. exercise equipment, 10 a.m. needle gang, noon pinochle, 7 p.m. dance with DJ Dale Allenberg

Saturday: 4 p.m. game night

Daily activities: 8-ball pool

Community Senior Center 1100 Community Way, Portales

Monday: Lasagna, tossed salad w/dressing, saltines, orange, apple-sauce walnut cake

Tuesday: Baked ham, spinach, sweet potato, cornbread w/margarine, cottage cheese, pineapple

Wednesday: Chicken spaghetti, beets, green salad w/dressing, garlic toast, pears

Thursday: Roast beef, mashed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, dinner roll, chocolate brownie

Friday: Stuffed chicken breast, spinach, California veg, biscuit, peach crisp

CRSMA Senior Diner's Club 901 West 13th Street, Clovis

Monday: Chicken strips w/gravy, baked potato, California veg, dinner roll w/margarine, ice cream

Tuesday: Scrambled eggs, sausage, potato cubes, biscuit and gravy, banana

Wednesday: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, cream gravy, corn on the cob, biscuit, pineapple pudding

Thursday: Beef taco bowl, lettuce, tomato, cheese, pinto beans, Spanish rice, cookie

Friday: Rigatoni w/meatball sauce, salad w/dressing, mixed veg, dinner roll w/margarine, pudding

Friendship Senior Center 901 West 13th St., Clovis

Monday: Daily activities

Tuesday: Daily activities, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. happy crafty crew, 4 p.m. fun night

Wednesday: Daily activities, **9 a.m.-2 p.m. garage sale**, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. happy crafty crew, 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Mexican train

Thursday: Daily activities

Friday: Daily activities, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. blood pressure check, 1 p.m.-3 p.m. bingo

Daily activities: 9 a.m.-11 a.m. coffee klatch, crafts, 8-ball pool, exercise equipment

La Casa Senior Center 1120 Cameo St., Clovis

Monday: Daily activities, 9 a.m. exercise, 1 p.m. bingo

Tuesday: Daily activities, 1 p.m. bingo

Wednesday: Closed for staff training

Thursday: Daily activities, pancake breakfast, 1 p.m. loteria

Friday: Daily activities, 1 p.m.-3 p.m. jam session/potluck

Daily activities: Sewing/crafts, 8-ball

pool

Other activities: 11 a.m. general meeting second Tuesday each month, 1 p.m.-5 p.m. dance, third Sunday each month, 1 p.m.-3 p.m. jam/potluck, last Friday each month

Los Abuelitos Senior Center 1515 W. Fir St., Portales

Sunday: Clovis dance

Monday: Daily activities, 1 p.m. bingo

Tuesday: Daily activities

Wednesday: Closed for staff training

Thursday: Daily activities, **10 a.m. board meeting**, **11 a.m. general meeting**

Friday: Daily activities, 1 p.m. loteria

Daily activities: 10:30 a.m. exercise, sewing/crafts, 8-ball pool

Other activities: 11 a.m. general meeting, second Thursday each month, 1 p.m.-5 p.m. dance, second Sunday each month, 8 a.m.-noon commodities, third Wednesday each month for ages 60-plus, blood pressure on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, applications at 1515 West Fir St. A. Information: 575-356-5056

Portales Senior Center 421 N. Industrial Dr., Portales

Monday: 8 a.m.-9 a.m. exercise, 9 a.m. games, noon pool

Tuesday: 8:30 quilting, 9 a.m. bridge, noon pool

Wednesday: 8 a.m. exercise, 9 a.m. card games, noon pool

Thursday: Noon lunch, noon pool, 2 p.m. Mexican Train dominoes

Friday: 8 a.m. exercise, 9 a.m. card games, noon pool, 1 p.m. dominos

Daily: 8 a.m.-4 p.m. weekday games (cards, Mexican Train dominoes, etc.)

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School menus

Clovis Elementary

Monday: Breakfast — Sausage biscuit. **Lunch** — Sloppy Joe, scalloped potatoes, green beans, chilled pears.

Tuesday: Breakfast — Pancake sausage on stick. **Lunch** — Mini tacos, salsa, Spanish rice, seasoned pinto beans, romaine lettuce, tomato.

Wednesday: Breakfast — Bean burrito. **Lunch** — Meat and cheese lasagna steamed broccoli, ranch salad, chilled pineapple.

Thursday: Breakfast — Mini pancakes. **Lunch** — Hamburger on bun, fries, garden salad w/ranch, chilled peaches.

Friday: Breakfast — Pan dulce. **Lunch** — Red chili meat and cheese enchiladas, Spanish rice, seasoned pinto beans, garden salad w/ranch, kiwi-strawberry side-kicks.

■ Breakfast includes 100 percent fruit juice, fresh fruit, milk, choice of cereal, toast or graham cracker. Salad bar offered daily.

Clovis Middle/Secondary

Monday: Breakfast — Breakfast wrap.

Lunch — Choice of baked pork chop, pizza, chicken chef salad, burrito, spicy chicken sandwich with seasoned green beans, mashed potatoes, chilled peaches, whole wheat roll.

Tuesday: Breakfast — Donut. **Lunch** — Choice of red chili cheese and meat enchiladas, pizza, ham chef salad, cheeseburger/hamburger, corn dog, spicy chicken sandwich, baked fries with seasoned pinto beans, Spanish rice, garden salad w/ranch.

Wednesday: Breakfast — Pancake sausage sandwich. **Lunch** — Choice of sweet Thai chicken, pizza, Hawaiian chicken chef salad, cheeseburger/hamburger, deli sandwich, spicy chicken sandwich, baked fries with brown rice, ranch salad, seasoned corn, cookie.

Thursday: Breakfast — Apple cinnamon bread. **Lunch** — Choice of meat and cheese lasagna, pizza, turkey chef salad, cheeseburger/hamburger, corn dog, spicy chicken sandwich, baked fries with steamed broccoli, ranch salad, chilled pineapple.

Friday: Breakfast — Sausage biscuit. **Lunch** — Choice of soft taco, pizza, taco chef salad, cheeseburger/hamburger, spicy chicken sandwich, baked fries with Spanish rice, salsa, refried beans, romaine lettuce, diced tomato, chilled mixed fruit.

■ Breakfast includes 100 percent fruit juice, fresh fruit, milk, choice of cereal, toast or graham cracker. Salad bar offered daily.

Dora

Monday: Breakfast — Breakfast pizza.

Lunch — Tostadas, ranch beans, salad.

Tuesday: Breakfast — Pancake sausage on stick. **Lunch** — Chicken Alfredo, broccoli, mashed potatoes.

Wednesday: Breakfast — Chicken biscuit. **Lunch** — Chili cheese tots, corn, carrots, roll.

■ Breakfast includes fruit, juice. Milk, fruit served with every meal.

Elida

Monday: Breakfast — Peanut butter and jelly sandwich. **Lunch** — Hot dogs, fries, salad, peaches.

Tuesday: Breakfast — Waffle sticks.

Lunch — Pizza, corn, salad, fruit roll-ups.

Wednesday: Breakfast — Muffins.

Lunch — Sandwich, chips, lettuce, tomato, pickle spears, ice cream.

■ Breakfast includes fruit, juice. Milk, fruit served with every meal.

Floyd

Monday: Breakfast — Quesadilla.

Lunch — Spaghetti w/meat sauce, green beans, pineapple tidbits, garlic bread.

Tuesday: Breakfast — Breakfast burrito.

Lunch — Taco salad, ranch style beans, apricots.

Wednesday: Breakfast — Blueberry muffin squares.

Lunch — Chicken nuggets, carrots, peaches, crackers.

Thursday: Breakfast — Scrambled eggs, toast. **Lunch** — Hamburger on bun, fries, orange.

■ Breakfast includes assorted fruit, juice, cereal. Lunch includes salad. Milk served with every meal.

House

Monday: Breakfast — Breakfast burrito, fruit cocktail. **Lunch** — Chicken wrap, rice bowl, carrots, pineapple chunks.

Tuesday: Breakfast — Cinnamon toast, fruit cocktail. **Lunch** — Ravioli in meat sauce, French bread, peaches.

Wednesday: Breakfast — Quesadilla, fruit cocktail. **Lunch** — Taco, rice bowl, pinto beans, fruit cocktail.

Thursday: Breakfast — Sausage pancake on stick. **Lunch** — Steak fingers w/country gravy, corn, roll.

■ Breakfast includes yogurt, granola bar, fruit, cereal, variety of juice. Lunch includes mixed salad, fresh vegetables, croutons, crackers, chips w/salsa. Milk served with every meal.

Melrose

Monday: Breakfast — Cheese quesadilla, juice. **Lunch** — Rib-a-que sandwich, garden salad, fruit.

Tuesday: Breakfast — Assorted cereal,

fruit. **Lunch** — Beef taquitos, corn on the cob, pinto beans, fruit.

Wednesday: Breakfast — Assorted muffins, juice. **Lunch** — Chili mac, celery sticks w/ranch, crackers, fruit.

■ Breakfast includes cereal, toast w/jelly. Milk served with every meal.

Portales Elementary

Monday: Breakfast — Pancake on stick, apple slices. **Lunch** — Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, w/gravy, roll, apple-sauce.

Tuesday: Breakfast — Crumb square, applesauce cup. **Lunch** — Corn dogs, baked beans, cucumbers, pears.

Wednesday: Breakfast — Benefit bar, cheese stick, raisins. **Lunch** — Frito pie, corn, slushie.

Thursday: Breakfast — Cheese filled bread stick, banana. **Lunch** — Pizza, fresh broccoli, apricot cups.

■ Breakfast includes juice. All meals include milk.

Portales Secondary

Monday: Breakfast — Pancake on stick, apple slices. **Lunch** — Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, w/gravy, roll, applesauce or chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes w/gravy, roll, applesauce.

Tuesday: Breakfast — Crumb square, applesauce cup. **Lunch** — Corn dogs, baked beans, cucumbers, pears or meat-ball sub, fries, cucumbers, pears.

Wednesday: Breakfast — Benefit bar, cheese stick, raisins. **Lunch** — Frito pie, corn, slushie or hamburger, lettuce, tomato, chips, slushie.

Thursday: Breakfast — Cheese filled bread stick, banana. **Lunch** — Pizza, fresh broccoli, apricot cups or steak sandwich, fries, pinto beans, apricot cups.

■ Breakfast includes juice. All meals include milk.

Texico

Monday: Breakfast — Muffin. **Lunch** — Ravioli, green beans, breadsticks, apple-sauce.

Tuesday: Breakfast — Breakfast sandwich. **Lunch** — Corn dog, mac and cheese, mixed veg, fruit cocktail.

Wednesday: Breakfast — French toast sticks. **Lunch** — Steak fingers, mashed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, hot rolls, peaches.

Thursday: Breakfast — Breakfast burrito. **Lunch** — Pork rib patty, ranch style beans, pickles, orange.

■ Breakfast includes assorted fruit, juice, cereal. Milk served with every meal.

On the shelves

The following books are available for checkout at:

Clovis-Carver Public Library

Van Gogh's Letters edited by H. Anna Suh and given in memory of Charles (Chuck) Higdon, presents more than 150 of Van Gogh's letters, excerpted, newly translated, and set side by side with over 250 sketches, drawings, and paintings. The result is an elegantly rendered collection that allows us to see into the heart and soul of one of the greatest, yet most troubled, artists of all time, and to view the world through the windows of his eyes.

Excellent Daughters by Katherine Zoepf unveils the never-before-reported story of this generation of Arab women, who are questioning authority, changing societies, and leading revolutions. Many are beginning to face down religious and social traditions, desiring to live independently, delay marriage, and pursue professional goals. The world changes because of wars and terrorist attacks, but also because of remarkable women who choose a different path.

A Space Traveler's Guide to the Solar System by astronomer Mark Thompson takes you on an epic voyage of discovery, a journey through the universe on your very own space mission. What would it be like to tour the solar system, visiting the sun and the planets. How would you navigate and produce fuel? What would you see, feel, eat, how would you survive? From take-off to the reality of living in the confines of a spaceship and the strange sensation of weightlessness, this is an adventure like no other. Suit up, strap in, and enjoy the ride!

The Secrets of Wishtide by Kate Saunders immerses us in Victorian England when Laetitia Rodd, no young ingénue in distress, but an older, competent widow, helps her brother, a defense barrister, in solving crimes. Although her husband's death left her in need, Laetitia refuses to become the unpaid governess of her nephews and nieces, and instead uses her arch intelligence to augment what few resources she does have to unravel an intriguing tangle of mysteries, including murder, to save the innocent and punish the guilty.

The Sleepwalker by Chris Bohjalian takes on upper-middle class America, ripping apart any illusion of safety or moral high ground when a sleepwalker who has experienced episodes of near violence while unconscious goes missing. However, more questions than answers arise as her daughter Lianna peels back the layers of the mystery surrounding the disappearance, and finds herself drawn to a lead detective who seems to know more than he is revealing.

Silence by Shusaku Endo, now also a major motion picture, captures the remarkable period of seventeenth-century Japan as two Portuguese Jesuit priests travel to a country hostile to their religion, where feudal lords force the faithful to publicly renounce their beliefs. Eventually captured and forced to watch their Japanese Christian brothers lay down their lives for their faith, the priests bear witness to unimaginable cruelties that test their own beliefs.

Portales Public Library

Death of a Ghost by M.C. Beaton

In the latest saga of Police Sergeant Hamish Macbeth, the villagers of Drim are concerned about what they fear might be ghosts in a nearby "haunted" castle. While the "ghosts" are presumed to be local teenagers that are smoking, doing drugs, and making a lot of commotion, and Inspector Blair, Hamish's professional rival, waves a series of murders off as closed, Hamish is certain that there is more to the strange noises coming from the castle. When Hamish and his policeman, Charlie Carson, spend the night in the castle to investigate, they find that there are no ghosts to be found, but instead they discover a dead body propped against a wall in the cellar, which later disappears when they return after briefly leaving. Hamish believes that the missing corpse must be linked to the other murders in the area, and that something or somebody strange is in fact lurking within the walls of the castle, but with the murders supposedly solved, he must find the connection before the "ghost" can kill yet another victim.

The Mother's Promise by Sally Hepworth

Alice Stanhope is a single mother who lives alone in Northern California with her teenage daughter Zoe, who suffers from crippling social anxiety. Zoe has never known her father or who he is, and Alice has no other family, but their dynamic of two has always worked for the both of them, with Alice protecting Zoe from the outside world. When Alice suddenly comes down with a severe illness, she worries about what the situation will do for Zoe and she reaches out to two women that she hopes will be able to help them: Kate, a nurse, and Sonja, a social worker. As both Sonja and Kate, practically strangers, become involved in Alice and Zoe's lives and the four of them grow closer, they learn that in addition to Alice's illness and Zoe's fears, Kate has been struggling with her feelings concerning her own infertility, while Sonja is skilled at helping other people while unable to move on in certain areas of her own life.

Most Dangerous Place by James Grippando

According to the FBI, the most dangerous place a woman between the ages of twenty and thirty can be in a relationship with a man due to the sad but real possibility of sexual assault—and this fact has never been so personal for Miami lawyer Jack Swyteck, who is suddenly faced with taking on a client tied to his own life. When Jack's old high school friend Keith Ingraham, now a successful banker in Hong Kong, comes to Miami for her his daughter's surgery, both men are looking forward to catching up with each other, but their plans and lives are thrown into disarray when Keith's wife, Isa, is arrested at the airport and is accused of trying to kill the man who raped her when she was in college. Jack agrees to represent Isa at Keith's request, but soon begins to regret his choice when he realizes that he will have to find a way to separate truth from fiction, vengeance from justice, and who the real victim is.

— Summaries by library staff

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Portales

Clubs/organizations

9 to 5 Club meeting — Third Tuesday of each month. Information: 575-356-2132

Bethel Club meeting — 2 p.m., second Tuesday of each month. Information: 575-356-4519.

Causes Club meeting — Second Monday of each month. Information: 575-276-4220

Elida Club meeting — Second Thursday of each month. Information: 575-607-6157

Friendship Club Meeting — 1 p.m., second Wednesday of each month. Information: 575-973-2007

High Plains Breastfeeding Alliance — Weekly play group, location and times vary. Information: Heidi Zamora at 575-763-7964.

Promise Keepers — 5:45 a.m. Mark's Grill, 1126 W. First St. Contact: John Pugh, 575-799-2000.

Mood Elevators — 3 p.m. Sunday at Bowl-A-Matic in Fort Sumner, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Calvary Baptist Church Fellowship Hall in Portales. A fellowship group. Meetings are subject to change. Information: 575-478-2525.

Peanut Valley Toastmasters — 7 p.m. Thursdays, ENMU broadcast center. Donna Labatt, 575-799-3215.

Portales Lions Club — Noon the first and third Thursday of each month at the Portales Senior Center, Industrial Drive. Information: 575-760-2417

Portales Masonic Lodge No. 26 — 7:30 p.m. every fourth Monday each month, 117 East 3rd Street. All Masons welcome. Information: Vern Newlin 575-626-4408

Portales Traditional Jam — 2-5 p.m. Sunday at Wesley Foundation, 1417 S. Ave. K, old

time, bluegrass, Celtic music. All instruments, ages and skills welcome. Information: 575-356-1051.

Roosevelt County Literacy Council — Free GED, ABE, ESL and citizenship classes, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday. Volunteers are also needed. Portales Public Library, 218 S. Ave. B, Information: 575-356-8500.

Roosevelt County Association of Educational Retirees — 2 p.m., third Thursday of every month, L.C. Cozens Administrative Offices, Zia Room. Information: 575-799-9615.

Roosevelt and Curry County Right to Life — Call for time and place. Information: 575-714-0455 or 575-714-0160

Seasoned Prayer Warriors — Love the Lord? Non-denominational prayer warriors meet each Wednesday at Emmanuel Baptist Church, noon. Praying for Portales. Information: 575-356-3588.

United Daughters of the Confederacy — Noon, first Saturday of each month. Information: 575-742-0307.

Women's Community Prayer Alliance luncheon — 11:45 a.m., third Wednesday of the month. Victory Life Coffee House. Information: 575-359-0050.

Education

Blackwater Draw Museum — 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Information: 575-562-2202.

Health

ENMRSH — 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Free development screening for infants from birth to 35 months. Call 575-742-9032 in Clovis/Portales, 575-487-2372 in Logan, 575-461-0212 in Tucumcari and 575-472-3111 in

Santa Rosa.

Pregnancy and TB Tests — 8-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Monday-Wednesday at La Casa Family Health Center, 1515 W. Fir. Information: (575) 356-6695.

Support groups

Alcoholics Anonymous AA — Willow group - 6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday at Central Christian Church, 1528 S. Main St. Lamplighters group - 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Sundays at COC Student Center, 207 S. Ave. K. Twisted Sisters group - 6 p.m. women only Mondays at First Presbyterian Church, 108 S. Ave. F. Men's group - 6 p.m. men only Mondays at COC student Center, 207 S. Ave. K. Information: 575-769-6052.

Bereavement Group — 1-2 p.m. second and fourth Monday of each month. Plains Regional Medical Center Home Health/Hospice, 1701 S. Ave. P. Support group for people whose loved ones have died and who would like help coping with grief, loss and living again. Information: Sandy Turner at 575-769-7399.

Brain Injury Support — 6 p.m. Thursdays at Wesley Foundation Building. Contact 575-359-1964 or karlathere-sa@msn.com.

Cancer survivors/caregivers support — 5 p.m. first and third Tuesdays at Mental Health Resources, 300 East First Street. Information: 850-797-1153

Diabetic Support — 6 p.m. Tuesdays at the auditorium, La Casa Family Health Center, 1515 W. Fir. Information: (575) 356-6695.

Divorce Care — 6:15 p.m. Wednesdays at First United Methodist Church parlor. Support/recovery for those going through divorce. Information: 575-356-8597.

Grief support — 6 p.m. Mondays at First United

Methodist Church. Information: Dr. Keith Wilks at dr.keithwilks@yahoo.com or 356-8597.

Hope for Hurting Women — 6 p.m. Tuesdays at 1513 S. Roosevelt Rd. 3, Portales. Prayer, support and encouragement for women. Information: 575-760-0598.

Narcotics Anonymous NA — 6:30 p.m. Mondays and Saturdays. Christian Campus House, 223 South Avenue K. Contact: Rick B. at 575-309-7593

Parents Anonymous — 7 p.m. Tuesdays at 1411 S. Ave. O. Parents can share their questions, concerns, problems and solutions about parenting. For information call Monica Hayes at 575-693-5867.

Seniors

Seniors commodity distribution — 8 a.m.-noon, third Wednesday of each month. Los Abuelitos Senior Center. Food distributed to people age 60 and up. Application: 575-356-5056 or at the senior center, 1515 W. Fir Street.

Square dance lessons — 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Starlight Swingers offers square dance lessons at the Portales Senior Center, 421 Industrial Drive. Call 575-356-5509 or 575-477-2318.

Volunteer

Interim Healthcare Home Care & Hospice — 2300 N Main St., Suite 19A, Clovis. Minimum requirement two hours per month. Walk-ins welcome. Contact Angela Laumbach, Volunteer Recruitment Coordinator at 575-763-9728 or 575-714-5000.

To update or add items to the community calendar, please contact the newsroom at 575-356-4481 or email mmontgomery@thenews.email

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Clovis

Charity

Food and clothing — 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., Saturdays, Bread of Life Ministries, Matt 25 Hope Center. Information: 575-762-2843.

Lighthouse Mission — 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.-3:30 p.m., clothing giveaway, Monday through Friday, 407 L. Casillas Blvd. Information: 575-762-1933.

Helping Hands — 8 a.m.-11 a.m. Saturdays, clothing and household goods giveaway. Pure Heart Word Center, 701 N. Prince. Information: 575-268-1565.

Curry County Crime Stoppers — Help Take a Bite out of Crime. Cash rewards for anonymous tips. Information: 575-763-7000.

Clubs/organizations

American Legion Unit 25 Ladies Auxiliary — 7 p.m. third Wednesdays each month; 7 a.m.-11 a.m., \$6 breakfast, open to the public, first Saturday each month; 2 p.m. Sundays and 7 p.m. Tuesdays, bingo; 9 p.m.-1 a.m., dance, every Friday. 2400 West. Seventh St. Information: 575-763-5392.

American Legion Post 117 Ladies Auxiliary — 5:30 p.m. first Tuesday each month, American Legion Post 117, 2900 W. Grand Ave. Information: 575-309-5673.

American Legion Post 117 Bingo — 11 a.m. Sundays, 12:30 p.m. Fridays at 2800 W. Grand Ave. Information: 763-4030; last Monday of each month, door prizes given out. Doors open two hours early.

Border Sport Shooters (an IDPA Club) — 5:30 p.m. third Saturday each month, Club Range. Call for directions, Information: Joe Stanford 806-777-2217.

Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts Roundtable — 7 p.m. second Thursday each month, Saint James Episcopal Church, 1117 N Main St. Information: Brian Chambers 575-760-9203

Boy Scout Troop 226 — 7 p.m. Mondays at Kingswood Methodist Church. Information: Cheryl Csakan 575-760-6048.

Boy Scout Troop 411 — 6:30 p.m. Mondays, Parkland Baptist Church, 921 Parkland Dr. Information: Calvin Poppen 575-218-4432.

Christian Believers Community Prayer Brunch — 10 a.m. third Saturday each month. Provides Christian counseling for substance abuse, provides a life coach and information for referrals. Christian Believers Center, Fifth and Main Street. Information: Sistar Yancy 575-763-1715.

Clovis Astronomy Club — 7 p.m., second Sunday each month at the Java Loft. Third Friday after dark, at Ned Houk Park. Annual fee: \$10. Information: 1-757-846-7509 or Clovis Astronomy Club Facebook page.

Clovis Breastfeeding Support Group — 6:30 p.m. First Tuesday of each month. Plains Reginal Medical Center, Cannon Room, Information: 575-219-2359.

Clovis Community Chorus rehearsals — 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Rehearsals on Tuesdays, First United Methodist Church sanctuary, 1501 Sycamore St. First rehearsal Jan. 24. Information: 575-762-0479

Clovis Evening Lions Club — 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, Matt 25, 1200 N Thornton St, 3rd floor. Information: Joe Whitehurst 575-760-1379

Clovis Masonic Lodge No. 40 — 7:30 p.m. First and third Tuesday each month, regular communication. 3100 Thornton. All Masons welcome. Information: Randy Stansell 575-762-4371

Clovis-Portales Community Orchestra rehearsal — 6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, First Presbyterian Church of Portales. Information: Ashleigh Talbert, 575-219-2160.

Clovis-Carver Public Library — 10 a.m. Wednesdays Toddler time; 10 a.m. Thursdays Preschool Story Hour. Information: Krissie Carter 575-769-7840.

Clovis Quilters' Club — 1 p.m.-3 p.m. second Monday each month, Trinity Lutheran Church. Open to all Quilters, beginners to advanced. Information: Shelley Winn 575-763-4398

Clovis Shrine Club — Noon Mondays, K-Bob's Steakhouse, 1600 Mabry Dr. All Shriners welcome. Information: Jerry Shade 575-762-3781.

Community Bible Study — 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays. An interdenominational Women's Bible study. Open to women of all denominations and Bible knowledge. Central Baptist Church, 2501 N Norris St. Children's classes for babies to age 5 and special classes for home schoolers through school year only. Information: 575-760-8565.

Cub Scout Pack 411 — 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at First United Methodist Church, Sycamore. Information: Michelle Bjorklund 248-790-3126.

Curry County Republican Women — 11:30 a.m. second Tuesday each month, KBob's Steakhouse. 1600 Mabry Dr. Information: Judy Jennings 575-762-2524 or 575-763-4390

Curry County Health Council — 3 p.m. - 4 p.m., every third Thursday each month, Hartley House, 900 N. Main St., Clovis.

Information: 575-763-6009.

Daughters of the American Revolution — 10 a.m. second Saturday each month September through June. Information or venue: Pam Wallace 575-760-2127 or Nancy Bauder 575-769-3146.

Disabled American Veterans Chapter 6 — 7 p.m. second Wednesday each month, 220 West Fourth St. Information: 575-762-5335.

Disabled American Veterans Chapter 6 Bingo — 7 p.m. Monday nights, Redarrow, Hilltop Plaza, 320 W. 21st St., Clovis. Information: 575-762-5335

Desert Cruzers Car Club cruises — 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, various locations and second Tuesday, various locations. General meeting. Information: Jerry Bailey 575-693-2511. Facebook: Clovis Desert Cruzers. clubs.hemming.com/desertcruzers.

Eastern New Mexico Amateur Radio Club — 9 a.m. third Saturday each month, DAV Hall. Information: www.ka5b.org , Roy Creiglow 575-791-3734 or Smitty 575-607-5009.

Eastern Plains Council of Governments Board — 10 a.m. second Wednesday each month. EPCOG office, 418 Main St. unless otherwise notified. Information: 575-762-7714.

El Desayuno Kiwanis Club — 6:45 a.m. Thursdays, Taqueria Jalisco, 217 West Seventh St. Information: Allan Isbell, 575-763-6559 or el.desayuno.kiwanis@gmail.com.

Elda Senior Center — 1 p.m. meeting on the first Wednesday of each month, board and card games on the second wednesday of month, art classes on the third wednesday of each month, floor games on the fourth wednesday of the month, Senior Citizens, 401 Clark St., Elda. Information: 575-274-6448.

Elda Senior Center Pancake Breakfast — 8 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month, Senior Citizens, 401 Clark St., Elda. Information: 575-274-6448.

Encanto Garden Club — 9:30 a.m. second Wednesday each month, Muffley's Backdoor. Visitors and new members welcome. Information: 575-799-5378.

Friends of Bluegrass — 7 p.m.-10 p.m. Thursdays at Farwell Community Center. Bring your instruments for a picking good time. Information: Tressie Stroud 575-276-8284.

Friendship Rebekah Lodge — 1 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays each month, 405 N. Main St. Information: 575-762-4843.

Girls Circle — 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. Wednesdays, Matt 25 Hope Center. Information: 575-763-7725.

Grady Alpha Extension Homemakers Club — 1:30 p.m. first Thursday each month, Grady Senior Center. Information: Katy Machechnie 575-799-5117.

Gold Wing Road Riders Association — 6:30 p.m. first Saturday each month, Red Lobster. Information: Tom Weingates at 575-762-5445.

High Plains Drifters Motorcycle Club — 8 a.m. Saturdays and 6 p.m. second Thursday each month, various locations. All bikes and non-members welcome. Information: Gary Baker 575-799-1993 for locations.

High Plains Patriots — 7 p.m. last Thursday each month, Master's Center. Information: Tim Ashley 575-760-5423 or www.highplainspatriots.com

Hi-Plains Toastmasters Club — 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Wheatfields Senior Living Community, theater room on second floor. 4701 N Prince Street, Clovis. Speaking and leadership club. Information: Donna Labatt 575-799-3215 or Kevin Wilson 575-760-9616.

Home at Heart — 6 p.m. third Tuesday each month, 21st St. Church of Christ, Clovis. Information: Jana Hudson at 575-639-1581

International Defensive Pistol Association — 12:30 p.m. third weekend each month. Shooting in Muleshoe. Map: border-sport-shooters.org. Information: Joe Stanford 806-777-2217.

Interim Health Care — 10 a.m. every Saturday through October 29. 2300 N. Main St., Suite 19A. Information: 575-763-9728

Just Us Club — 5:30 p.m. second Tuesday each month, First United Methodist, Melrose. Information: Carol Moore at 575-714-4781

Llano Estacado Quilt Guild — 9 a.m.-3 p.m. fourth Saturday every two months: May, July, Sept., Nov., Trinity Lutheran Church. Information: Shelley Winn 575-763-4398

Martin Luther King Meeting — 6:30 p.m. second Monday of each month, Clovis-Carver Public Library, 701 N. Main St., Information: 575-762-2752 or 575-777-4721

Masonic Lodge No. 26 — 7:30 p.m. Fourth Monday each month, regular communication, 117 East 3rd Street. Portales. All Masons welcome. Information: Vern Newlin 575-626-4408

Military Order of the Cooties — 7:30 p.m. first Friday each month, VFW Post 3015, 2815 West Seventh St. Information: 575-763-6561.

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) — 8:45 a.m.-11 a.m. first and third Tuesday, Central Baptist Church. Information: 941-

744-7040

New Mexico Legal Aid — 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, closed 12 p.m.-1 p.m. daily, 400 Pile St., Suite 401. Information: 575-769-2326

Noon Day Kiwanis Club — Noon, first and third Thursday each month, various locations. Information: Elaine Williford 749-0231 for locations.

Oddfellows Club — 2 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays each month, 405 N. Main St. Information: 575-762-4843.

Order of the Eastern Star — 7:30 p.m. first and third Tuesday each month, Melrose Masonic Lodge. Information: 575-355-2800.

Parkinsons Support Group — 5:30 p.m. second Monday each month, Clovis Community College, Room 101. Information: 806-725-0941

Pintores Art League — 6:30 p.m. first Thursday each month, CCC Phase V building, room 524. Information: 575-985-2337.

Planning and Zoning Commission — 3 p.m. second Wednesday each month, City Hall. Information: 575-769-7828.

Starlight Square Dance Club — 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Portales Senior Citizens Center, 421 North Industrial. Information: 575-760-1170.

Quality Pleasures Extension Club — 9 a.m., first Wednesday each month, Extension building, Curry County Fairgrounds. Information: LeeEllen Phipps at 575-683-5325

United States Civil Air Patrol Clovis High Plains Composite Squadron — 6:30pm-9:30pm every Tuesday, National Guard Armory, 601 S Norris St., Clovis, Information: beattie2001@hotmail.com

VFW Ladies Auxiliary 3015 — 7:30 p.m. first Thursday each month, Post 3015. Men and women's groups meet at some time. Information: 575-763-6561.

Water Policy Board — 9 a.m. second Tuesday each month, City Hall. Information: 575-769-7828.

Youth Services Lifeskills Class — 4 p.m.- 5:30 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays, Matt 25 Hope Center. Information: 575-763-7725.

Education

AARP Smart Driver Safety Program — 8 a.m.-noon. Third Tuesday Jan, March, May, Sept and Nov, Clovis Community College, room 101 unless otherwise scheduled. Pre-registration recommended. Fees: \$15 members, \$20 non-members (payable by check only). Register by phone: David Tanner, 575-769-1468

CPR and First Aid Classes — AHA HeartSaver and BLS Classes, 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. third Saturday each month. Four different classes you can take. Fee includes course book and completion card. Please call for the fees. Information: 575-742-3031 or 575-799-4114.

Clovis Municipal Schools Early Intervention Services — Developmental screenings by referral for children age 2-5 with suspected disabilities. Student Support Center, 1600 Sutter Place. No charge to families. Information: Mayte Flores 575-769-4490.

Eastern Plains Headstart — 8 a.m.-4 p.m., 901 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. Open enrollment for children ages 3 to 5 years old. Deadline by August. Information: 575-742-3426.

ENMRSH — 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Free developmental screenings for infants and babies birth through 35 months. Information: 575-742-9032.

GED classes — 8:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. or 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Monday-Thursday, Clovis Community College. 8-week classes. Must register. New students must attend orientation. Information: 575-769-4095.

Parenting classes — 2 p.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays, Hartley House, 900 Main St., Clovis. Information: 575-762-0050.

QPR Suicide Prevention Training — First and third Fridays, 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Matt 25 Hope Center, 1200 N. Thornton, Bethesda Room on second floor. Free training, RSVP required. Information: Junctions, 575-935-8522.

Health services

Birth certificates — 8 a.m.-10 a.m. and 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday. Cost: \$10. Clovis Health Department. Information: 575-763-5583.

Free pregnancy testing — 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, Pregnancy Resource Center, 621 North Main St., Clovis. Information: 575-935-5433.

HIV/STD testing — By appointment. Monday-Friday. Roosevelt County Health Office, 1513 W. Fir, Portales. Information: 575-356-4453.

Pregnancy tests — 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and 2 p.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Thursday and Friday 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Women's Medical Center, Suite A-1, 2000 West 21st St. Information: 575-762-8055. 8 a.m.-11 a.m. and 1 p.m.-4 p.m., La Casa Family Health Center, \$15, 1521 West 13th St. Information: 575-769-0888. 8 a.m.-4 p.m., \$15, La Casa Family Health Center, 1515 W. Fir, Portales. Information: 575-356-6695.

TB follow-up services — Monday-Friday. Appointment only. No charge. Clovis Health Department. Information: 575-763-5583.

TB testing — 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, La Casa Family Health Center, 1521 West 13th St. \$21. Information: 575-769-0888.

WIC (Women, Infants, Children) Nutrition Program services — 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Closed Noon-1 p.m. for lunch every day except Thursday. Department of Health, 1216 Cameo St. Information 575-762-3309; 8:15 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and 8:15 a.m.-Noon Fridays at Cannon AFB, 208 East Casablanca. Information: 575-784-2127.

Self-help

TOPS NM No. 3, Clovis — Noon Wednesdays, United Methodist Church, 1501 Sycamore, east door. Information: 575-309-4049 or 575-762-0308.

Senior

Baxter-Curren Bingo — 1 p.m. Thursdays, 908 Hickory. Information: 575-762-3631

Baxter-Curren Jam Session — 6:00 p.m. Tuesdays, 908 Hickory. Instrument playing. Information: 575-762-3631.

Baxter-Curren Gospel Singing — 2 p.m., Second Sunday each month, 908 Hickory. Information: 575-762-3631.

Baxter-Curren Friday Night Dance — 7 p.m., Every Friday, \$4 or \$5 entry fee, 40 + or older only, 908 Hickory. Information: 575-762-3631.

Friendship Senior Center — 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Sewing craft class, every Wednesday; 11 a.m. - 1p.m., Blood pressure, every Friday; 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Dominos, every Tuesday; 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Mexican Train, every Wednesday. 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Bingo, every Friday. 901 W. 13th Street. Information: 575-769-7913.

Friendship Senior Center General meeting — 3:30 p.m. every last Tuesday each month. 901 W. 13th Street. Information: 575-769-7913.

New Mexico Senior Olympics Enhance Fitness — 9:45 a.m. first class, 11 a.m. second class, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, Clovis Wellness Center, 1700 East Seventh St. Class participants make a 16 week commitment, free initial assessment. Free to seniors 50 and older. Jolene Fox Information: 575-749-5187.

Portales Senior Dance — 7 p.m.-10 p.m. Saturdays, Portales Senior Center, 421 N. Industrial Dr., Portales. Live band and potluck. \$5. Information: 575-356-8741.

Senior commodity distribution — 8 a.m. - noon, third Wednesday each month for ages 60-plus, Los Abuelitos Senior Center, 1515 West Fir St., A. Information: 575-356-5056.

Wheatfields Senior Living Community — 2 p.m., Curry County Outlaws Concert every second Sunday of the month; 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast Club every Tuesday each month, RSVP with Rochelle Iovinelli 575-762-8700. 4701 N Prince Street, Clovis.

Support groups

Al-Anon Fellowship — 6 p.m. Sundays, Mental Health Resources, West 21st Street. Friends and families of alcoholics are always welcome. Information: 575-762-3970.

Al-Anon: Live and Let Live — 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. Monday and noon Thursday, Highland Baptist Church, 2210 North Main Street entrance. Open to friends and families of alcoholics. Information: 575-769-6028.

Al-Anon: Serenity Circle — 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Presbyterian Church, 108 South Ave. F, Portales. Information: 575-769-6028.

Alcoholics Anonymous: The Fellowship Group — 12 p.m. daily & 7:30 p.m. every evening, 1119 Thornton St. Information: 575-769-6052.

Alzheimer's Association NM Chapter Caregiver Support Group — 12 p.m., third Tuesday of the month, Wheatfields Senior Living Community, 4701 N Prince St. Clovis, NM 88101. Lunch is provided complimentary of Wheatfields, RSVP Information: Pricilla Lujan 575-624-1552 or plujuan@alz.org.

Anger Management Class — 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Thursdays, Christian Believers, Main and Seventh streets. Information: 575-763-1715

Batterer's Intervention — Men's group: Wednesdays 10 a.m., 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. Women's group: Mondays 2 p.m. Hartley House, 900 Main St., Clovis. Information: 575-762-0050.

Bereavement support — 5 p.m. Thursdays, Plains Regional Healthplex, 2217 Dillon Street. Support group for people whose loved ones have died and who would like help coping with grief, loss and living again after loss. Information: 575-769-7399.

Bible study — 10:30 a.m. every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Wheatfields Senior Living Community, 4701 N Prince St. Information: Rochelle Iovinelli 575-762-8700.

Cancer survivors/caregivers support — 5 p.m. first and third Wednesdays at Mental Health Resources, 1100 West 21st Street. Information: 850-797-1153

Celebrate Recovery — 5:30 p.m. Free Fellowship Dinner, Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Services Legacy Life Family

Church, 622 Main St. Information: 575-769-2461 or 575-760-6204.

Celebrate Recovery — 7 p.m. every Monday, free Fellowship dinner, Living Word Church of God, 3719 E. 21st., Clovis. Information: 575-218-1914 or 575-763-6796.

Chef Spotlight—1:30 p.m.- 2:30 p.m. every third Wednesday. Wheatfields senior living community. Free event. 4701 N Prince Street, Clovis. Information: Rochelle Iovinelli 575-762-8700.

Children's domestic violence survivors — 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Thursdays, Hartley House, 900 Main St. Ages 4 and older. Information: 575-762-0050.

Christian intervention program — 7 p.m. Fridays, Calvary Tabernacle United Pentecostal Church, 212 Ash St. Information: 575-769-0329.

Defensive driving class — 8:30 a.m. Registration \$50, Class 9 a.m., third Saturday of each month, Matt 25, 1200 N. Thornton St., Clovis. Information: Ken Oswald, 575-760-4261

Double Trouble In Recovery 12-Step Program — Noon - 1 p.m. Fridays, Mental Health Resources, 1100 West 21st. Double Trouble In Recovery is a 12-step program that focuses on dually diagnosed individuals that may have a problem with alcohol, drugs, or mental illness. All are welcome. Information: 575-309-1865 or 575-749-9446

Domestic Violence Survivors — 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Thursdays, Hartley House, 900 Main St. Information: 575-762-0050.

Grief and Bereavement Support Group — 10 a.m., Saturdays, 6 week program beginning September 24. Chaplain Tamara Jaffe, Interim Hospice, 2300 N. Main St., Suite 19A. Information: 575-763-9728

GriefShare-Grief Recovery Support — 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., Wednesdays, Central Baptist Church, 2105 N. Norris St., room 203, repeating 13 week program for those greiving the death of a loved one, videos by leading authors and counselors, followed by small discussion groups, dinner available at 5 p.m., \$4, child care available, workbook. Information: 575-762-4727

Lamp Lighters Women's Group of A.A. — 7:30 p.m. Monday, Thursday and Friday. Trinity Church, 601 Avenue B, Portales. Information: 575-769-6028.

Milagro Group of N.A. — 6:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. Mondays and Saturdays, 223 S. Ave. K. Christian Campus House, Portales. Information: 575-309-7593.

Recovery Support — 7 p.m. Thursdays. Faith Based approach to recovery from substance abuse. Beacon of Light, 1320 Thornton. Information: 575-763-9510.

The We Group of NA — 6 p.m. Wednesdays, Church of the Brethren, Manana and Acoma (across from Stansells). Enter north side of the church. Information: 575-309-1673.

Volunteer

Interim Healthcare Home Care & Hospice — 2300 N Main St., Suite 19A, Clovis. Minimum requirement two hours per month. Walk-ins welcome. Contact Angela Laumbach, Volunteer Recruitment Coordinator at 575-763-9728 or 575-714-5000.

Hospice of Sandia: Volunteer information day — 8:30 a.m.- 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, 120 W. 21st St., Clovis. Minimum requirement two hours per month. Come learn about this exciting opportunity. Walk-ins at other times welcome. Contact Shannon Kohlenberg, Volunteer Coordinator at 575-935-5683.

Plains Regional Home Health and Hospice — Hospice provides the opportunity for patients who are terminally ill to stay at home and live life as fully as possible surrounded by their loved ones. To learn more, call Nichole Olguin Information: 575-769-7399.

REGIONAL EVENTS



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The Gin Blossoms, with opener Everclear, play at 8 p.m. at the Route 66 Casino in Albuquerque Saturday. Tickets are \$32-\$66.

Today
Make-a-Wish Classic Car Show

10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Amarillo Civic Center
 Admission: \$7 adults, \$5 kids
 Information: 806-358-9900

daytime
Ovo by Cirque du Soleil
 1:30 p.m., 5 p.m.

Santa Ana Star Center, Rio Rancho
 Tickets: \$20-\$140
 Information: 505-797-6671

Santa Fe Community Orchestra Mid-Season Concert
 4 p.m.

Lensic Performing Arts Center, Santa Fe
 Admission: Free
 Information: 505-988-1234

John Anderson
 7:30 p.m.
Cactus Theater, Lubbock
 Tickets: \$35-\$40
 Information: 806-762-3233

Monday
The Illusionists: Live from Broadway

7:30 p.m.
Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, Midland
 Tickets: \$60-\$70
 Information: 432-552-4430

Wednesday
Tribal Seeds, Raging Fyah

8 p.m.
Sunshine Theater, Albuquerque
 Tickets: \$20
 Information: 505-764-0249

Gordon Lightfoot
 8 p.m.

Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, Midland
 Tickets: \$47-\$87
 Information: 432-552-4430

Ovo by Cirque du Soleil
 7:30 p.m.

United Arena, Lubbock
 Tickets: \$25 child, \$38-\$140 adult
 Information: unitedsupermarketsarena.com

Thursday
Old Dominion: Meat and Candy Tour

8 p.m.
Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, Midland
 Tickets: \$23-\$129
 Information: 432-552-4430

Pierce the Veil 'Rest in Space' Tour with Falling in Reverse, Crown the Emper
 8 p.m.

El Rey Theater, Albuquerque
 Tickets: \$27-\$42
 Information: 505-510-2582

Ovo by Cirque du Soleil
 7:30 p.m.

United Arena, Lubbock
 Tickets: \$25 child, \$38-\$140 adult
 Information: unitedsupermarketsarena.com

Friday
In the Mood

5 p.m. buffet
 7 p.m. show
Spencer Theater, Alto
 Tickets: \$20 buffet, \$39-\$79 show
 Information: 575-336-4800

Trapfest Albuquerque
 8:30 p.m.

El Rey Theater, Albuquerque
 Tickets: \$23-\$28

Information: 505-510-2582
Rio Grande Arts & Crafts Festival Spring Show
 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Tingley Coliseum, Albuquerque
 Tickets: \$7 general, under 12 free, \$10 weekend pass
 Information: 505-850-8277

Western Antique & Collectibles Show
 Noon-6 p.m.

Civic Center, Amarillo
 Admission: Free
 Information: 806-378-9325

Ovo by Cirque du Soleil
 7:30 p.m.

United Arena, Lubbock
 Tickets: \$25 child, \$38-\$140 adult
 Information: unitedsupermarketsarena.com

Gary P. Nunn with Whitney Rose
 7:30 p.m.

Cactus Theater, Lubbock
 Tickets: \$15-\$25
 Information: 806-762-3233

Saturday
Gin Blossoms, Everclear

8 p.m.
Route 66 Casino, Albuquerque
 Tickets: \$32-\$66
 Information: 505-352-7829

505 Natural Muscle
Classic
 7 p.m.

Kimo Theater, Albuquerque
 Tickets: \$15-\$50
 Information: 505-768-3522

Rio Grande Arts & Crafts Festival Spring Show
 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Tingley Coliseum, Albuquerque
 Tickets: \$7 general, under 12 free, \$10 weekend pass
 Information: 505-850-8277

Three Dog Night
 8 p.m.

Inn of the Mountain Gods, Mescalero
 Tickets: \$20-\$35
 Information: 800-545-9011

Western Antique & Collectibles Show
 9 a.m.-10 p.m.

Civic Center, Amarillo
 Admission: Free
 Information: 806-378-9325

Ovo by Cirque du Soleil
 4 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

United Arena, Lubbock
 Tickets: \$25 child, \$38-\$140 adult
 Information: unitedsupermarketsarena.com

Hayes Carl and Bob Schneider
 7:30 p.m.

Cactus Theater, Lubbock
 Tickets: \$20-\$25
 Information: 806-762-3233

March 12
Rio Grande Arts & Crafts Festival Spring Show

10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Tingley Coliseum, Albuquerque
 Tickets: \$7 general, under 12 free, \$10 weekend pass
 Information: 505-850-8277

Western Antique & Collectibles Show
 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Amarillo Civic Center
 Admission: Free
 Information: 806-378-9325

Ovo by Cirque du Soleil

1:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m.
United Arena, Lubbock
 Tickets: \$25 child, \$38-\$140 adult
 Information: unitedsupermarketsarena.com

March 13
Bela Fleck & Abigail Washburn

7:30 p.m.
Lensic Performing Arts Center, Santa Fe
 Tickets: \$35-\$49
 Information: 505-988-1234

March 14
Well-Strung

7:30 p.m.
Lensic Performing Arts Center, Santa Fe
 Tickets: \$27-\$100
 Information: 505-988-1234

March 16
'Top o' the Murder to You' dinner show featuring The Brickstreet Players

6:30 p.m.
Clovis Civic Center
 Tickets: \$30-\$45
 Information: 575-935-5000

March 17
Alamogordo to Ireland, via Alaska

7 p.m.
Flickinger Center, Alamogordo
 Tickets: \$16-\$36
 Information: 575-437-2202

March 17
Excision with Cookie Monsta, Barely Alive

9 p.m.
El Rey Theater, Albuquerque
 Tickets: elreytheater.com
 Information: 505-510-2582

March 21
Yellowcard Final World Tour

7:30 p.m.
Sunshine Theater, Albuquerque
 Tickets: \$20
 Information: 505-764-0249

Carlos Nunez
 7:30 p.m.

Lensic Performing Arts Center, Santa Fe
 Tickets: \$24-\$39
 Information: 505-988-1234

March 22
Elton John & His Band

8 p.m.

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Mescalero
 Tickets: \$35-\$120
 Information: 800-545-9011

'Top o' the Murder to You' dinner show featuring The Brickstreet Players
 6:30 p.m.

Clovis Civic Center
 Tickets: \$30-\$45
 Information: 575-935-5000

March 18
Atlan
 5 p.m. buffet
 7 p.m. show

Spencer Theater, Alto
 Tickets: \$20 buffet, \$39-\$79 show
 Information: 575-336-4800

Treasures of the Earth Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Expo
 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Expo NM, Albuquerque
 Tickets: \$3 general, under 12 free
 Information: 505-850-8277

Dokken, Lita Ford
 8 p.m.

Inn of the Mountain Gods, Mescalero
 Tickets: \$30-\$55
 Information: 800-545-9011

March 19
Treasures of the Earth Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Expo

10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Expo NM, Albuquerque
 Tickets: \$1 general, under 12 free
 Information: 505-850-8277

Santa Fe Symphony presents Glazunov & Mahler
 4 p.m.

Lensic Performing Arts Center, Santa Fe
 Tickets: \$42-\$80
 Information: 505-988-1234

The Legendary Tommy Dorsey Orchestra
 7 p.m.

Cactus Theater, Lubbock
 Tickets: \$20-\$50
 Information: 806-762-3233

March 20
Excision with Cookie Monsta, Barely Alive

9 p.m.
El Rey Theater, Albuquerque
 Tickets: elreytheater.com
 Information: 505-510-2582

March 21
Yellowcard Final World Tour

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Sunshine Theater, Albuquerque
 Tickets: \$20
 Information: 505-764-0249

Carlos Nunez
 7:30 p.m.

Lensic Performing Arts Center, Santa Fe
 Tickets: \$24-\$39
 Information: 505-988-1234

March 22
Elton John & His Band

8 p.m.

8 p.m.
Tingley Coliseum, Albuquerque
 Tickets: \$45-\$150
 Information: 800-745-3000

Super Duper Kyle presents Super Tour with Cousin Stizz
 7 p.m.

Sunshine Theater, Albuquerque
 Tickets: \$18
 Information: 505-764-0249

Dawes
 7:30 p.m.

Lensic Performing Arts Center, Santa Fe
 Tickets: \$24-\$34
 Information: 505-988-1234

March 23
Carl Bernstein & Marilyn Priddy

7 p.m.
Flickinger Center, Alamogordo
 Tickets: \$4 youth, \$9 adult
 Information: 575-437-2202

The Midtown Men
 7:30 p.m.

Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, Midland
 Tickets: \$37-\$67
 Information: 432-552-4430

Kreator
 7 p.m.

El Rey Theater, Albuquerque
 Tickets: \$20
 Information: 505-510-2582

Popovich Comedy Pet Theater
 7 p.m.

Marshall Auditorium, Clovis
 Tickets: \$20 general, \$15 students/seniors/military
 Information: 575-769-4031

Kodo: Talko Performing Arts Ensemble
 6:30 p.m.

Lensic Performing Arts Center, Santa Fe
 Tickets: \$20-\$55
 Information: 505-988-1234

March 24
New Mexico Ag Expo

9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Roosevelt County Fairgrounds, Portales
 Admission: Free
 Information: 575-356-8541

Bead Fest
 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Santa Fe Convention Center
 Admission: \$15 for weekend
 Information: 800-777-2489

Amarillo Symphony presents The Rite of Spring
 7:30 p.m.

Globe-News Center, Amarillo
 Tickets: \$16-\$52
 Information: 806-378-3096

March 25
Dervish: Magical Music of Ireland

7:30 p.m.
Kimo Theater, Albuquerque
 Tickets: \$5-\$30
 Information: 505-768-3522

Southwest Chocolate & Coffee Fest
 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Expo NM, Albuquerque
 Tickets: \$10 adults, \$8 students/seniors/military
 Information: 505-850-8277

Olga Fantastique!
 6 p.m.

Popejoy Hall, Albuquerque
 Tickets: \$22-\$75
 Information: 877-664-8661

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 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

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March 26
Popovich's Comedy Pet Theater

7:30 p.m.
Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, Midland
 Tickets: \$25
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To build community and pride in Roosevelt County by serving as an information resource and by coordinating community enriched events and activities that contribute to the prosperity of the area.

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Ag Expo marks 25th anniversary

Show scheduled for March 24-25



The New Mexico Ag Expo sponsored by Plateau will be celebrating its 25th anniversary when it opens March 24-25 at the Roosevelt County Fairgrounds in Portales.

According to Chamber Executive Director Karl Terry, a program honoring the 25th anniversary will be held at 12 p.m. at the Jake Lopez Building during the Portales Rotary Club's annual pork chop luncheon. Past committee members will be recognized and memorabilia from over the years will be on display.

Another special feature of this year's Expo will be a Listening session with Rolando Flores, NMSU Dean of Agriculture, Consumer and Environmental Sciences and New Mexico Department of Agriculture Director Jeff Witte.

The session will seek to gather feedback from local producers to provide future direction for the two organizations.

Many of the favorite features are back at Ag Expo, including the Tumbleweed Classic Working Dog Trials, the mounted shooter demonstration, a chuck wagon camp and antique tractor displays and parades.

Education sessions on equine health and horse training will be held along with home economist seminars and gardening seminars.

For a complete schedule visit www.nmagexpo.com. For applications or more information about vendor booths, sponsorship or attendance call (800) 635-8036 or email the Expo at chamber@portales.com.

Chamber Notes

Spellman back for workshops

Eric Spellman of Spellman Associates will be giving seminars about online marketing techniques on Tuesday, March 7 in Portales and Clovis. The events are sponsored by the SBDC and hosted by Portales and Clovis Chambers and Portales MainStreet.

From 9-11 a.m. at the Clovis Chamber, Spellman will present "How To Manage Your Online Reputation For Free" and "Generating Leads With Your Website." Then at 1:30 p.m. at the Yam Theatre in Portales he will present "What's Better Than Being First on Google" and "Generating Leads With Your Website."

The workshops are free but attendees should register in advance by calling the Chamber or online through

the Chamber calendar item.

COB hosting Chamber lunch

ENMU's College of Business will host a Chamber Luncheon at noon on Thursday, March 30 in the Sandia Room at the CUB.

The seminar will focus on ENMU's intern program as well as other ideas for working together. The luncheon is free of charge to Chamber members.

Movie night features Moana

The Ambassadors will show the animated family feature "Moana" at 6 p.m. Friday, March 31 at the Yam.

Sponsored by Hamilton GM Country, the movie is free of charge. Hamilton will be giving out free leis and treats to kids. Concessions will be available.

Chamber Calendar

- March 7 -- "Help Your Business Grow," Yam
- March 21 -- Chamber Board, 11:30 a.m., Chamber
- March 23-26 -- Floyd Lions Jamboree
- March 24-25 -- NM Ag Expo, Fairgrounds
- March 30 -- Chamber Luncheon, 12 p.m., CUB
- March 31 -- Ambassador Movie, 6 p.m. Yam
- April 1 -- Great American Cleanup, 9 a.m., City Park

For more check the online calendar at:
www.portales.com

Business of the Month



Wells Fargo was named Business of the Month for March by the Roosevelt County Chamber of Commerce. The bank was noted as a new Champion tier member and for their help in sponsoring VBOC On the Road for veterans in the community as well as other involvement on both the company and staff level. Branch Manager Kathy Mead along with her banking team accepted the award from representatives of the Ambassadors.

Volunteer of the Month



Patricia Bazar of the United Way of Eastern New Mexico was honored posthumously by the Roosevelt County Chamber of Commerce in lieu of a Volunteer of the Month. In making the presentation, Chamber officials noted Bazar's untiring efforts to organize volunteers and non-profit activities in the area. She was instrumental in launching the 2-1-1 program as well as The Emergency Food Assistance Program. United Way staff and board, including John Ellis Erinn Burch and Alan Dropps accepted the award from Ambassadors.

Ribbon Cutting



Ambassadors and Chamber members helped Garth and Julie Stockard cut the ribbon for the Hydration Station. The couple just recently purchased the business. The shop which has sandwiches, coffee, tea, water and ice along with a party and meeting venue is located at University and Ave. E (right behind Ace Hardware).

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LEGAL 57675
March 5, 2017
March 12, 2017

INVITATION TO BID
BID NO: 17-102

The Board of Education, Clovis Municipal School District, is requesting competitive sealed bids for the construction of: Cameo and Freshman Academy Parking Lots and Zia Parking Lots.

Project bid/contract documents may be obtained from the location (s) listed in the complete Invitation to Bid (ITB) which may be reviewed beginning March 6, 2017 at www.clovis-schools.org, or by contacting Lydick Engineers.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on **Thursday, March 16th, 2:00 pm, at 1009 N Main St., Clovis, New Mexico.**

Bids will be received no later than **Thursday, April 13th, 2:00 pm.** Sealed bids must be delivered to:

Clovis Municipal School District
1009 N Main St.
PO Box 19000
Clovis, NM 88102
Phone No: (575) 769-4300

The Clovis Municipal Schools Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids and/or cancel this ITB in its entirety

LEGAL 57581
March 5, 2017
March 8, 2017

INVITATION TO BID

Notice is hereby given that the City of Clovis, New Mexico calls for sealed competitive bids on ITB-17-0305-01 for the Home Located at Wastewater Treatment Plant 879-CR-7.

The City of Clovis is requesting sealed competitive bids for construction services to build a Home at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Sealed Bids will be received at Clovis City Hall in the City of Clovis Purchasing Department, 321 N. Connelly St., Clovis, NM 88101 until 10:00 A.M. Mountain Time on Wednesday, March 15, 2017. At that time and place bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after closing time will be rejected and returned unopened.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at 10:00 A.M. Mountain Time on Thursday, March 9, 2017 at the City of Clovis, 321 Connelly St, Clovis, NM 88101.

Interested bidders may secure a copy of the bid on the link at the City of Clovis website (www.cityofclovis.org) or the Purchasing department at 321 N. Connelly St, Clovis, NM 88101.

The City of Clovis reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and waive all informalities as deemed in the best interest of the City

Ann Aldeguer
City of Clovis
Purchasing Agent

LEGAL 57433
February 24, 26, 2017
March 1, 5, 8, 2017

INVITATION TO BID

The Farwell Hospital District is accepting competitive bids from qualified person for an outdoor secure Memory Care area for Farwell Care and Rehabilitation Center located at 305 5th Street, in Farwell, Texas. Sealed bids will be accepted by Janice Brown, Director of Nursing, until 10:00 am, March 9, 2017. Bids received after 10:00 am, March 9, 2017, WILL NOT be opened or accepted. All accepted bids will be opened and read aloud on March 9, 2017 at noon, in the conference/board room of Farwell Care and Rehabilitation Center. Bid

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proposals will be considered at the meeting of the board of directors held on March 9, 2017. Criteria for selection/acceptance of bids will include the following: experience, cost, reliability, project timeline and references. All bids should address said criteria. For specifications on the scope of work, please contact Mike Maenle, Maintenance Director, Farwell Care and Rehabilitation Center, during business hours at 806-481-9027 or email: mmaenle@farwellcarecenter.com. Specification for required work will be available beginning February 23, 2017. The scope of work will include landscaping, fencing, and concrete work.

Bids may be delivered as follows:
Hand delivered, Mailed, Express Delivery
ACCEPTED until 10:00 AM - March 9, 2017

Farwell Care and Rehabilitation Center
305 5th Street
Farwell, Texas 79325

Farwell Hospital District reserves the right to waive any formalities or to reject any or all bids. No bid proposals may be withdrawn until the expiration of 30 days from the date bid proposals are opened.

LEGAL 57432
February 24, 26, 2017
March 1, 5, 8, 2017

INVITATION TO BID

The Farwell Hospital District is accepting competitive bids from qualified contractors for a renovation project of Farwell Care and Rehabilitation Center located at 305 5th Street, in Farwell, Texas. Sealed bids will be accepted by Janice Brown, Director of Nursing, until 10:00 am, March 9, 2017. Bids received after 10:00 am, March 9, 2017, WILL NOT be opened or accepted. All accepted bids will be opened and read aloud on March 9, 2017 at noon, in the conference/board room of Farwell Care and Rehabilitation Center. Bid proposals will be considered at the meeting of the board of directors held on March 9, 2017. Criteria for selection/acceptance of bids will include the following: experience, cost, reliability, project timeline and references. All bids should address said criteria. For specifications on the scope of work, please contact Mike Maenle, Maintenance Director, Farwell Care and Rehabilitation Center, during business hours at 806-481-9027 or email: mmaenle@farwellcarecenter.com. Specification for required work will be available beginning February 23, 2017. The scope of work will include electrical, flooring, texture/paint, doors/frames, and artwork.

Bids may be delivered as follows:
Hand delivered, Mailed, Express Delivery
ACCEPTED until 10:00 AM - March 9, 2017

Farwell Care and Rehabilitation Center
305 5th Street
Farwell, Texas 79325

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LEGAL 57399
February 24, 26, 2017
March 1, 5, 8, 2017

INVITATION TO BID

The Farwell Hospital District is accepting competitive bids from qualified persons for window replacement for the Independent Senior Apartments located at 305 5th Street, in Farwell, Texas. Sealed bids will be accepted by Janice Brown, Director of Nursing, until 10:00 am, March 9, 2017. Bids received after 10:00 am, March 9, 2017, WILL NOT be opened or accepted. All accepted bids will be opened and read aloud on March 9, 2017 at noon, in the conference/board room of Farwell Care and Rehabilitation Center. Bid

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proposals will be considered at the meeting of the board of directors held on March 9, 2017. Criteria for selection/acceptance of bids will include the following: experience, cost, reliability, project timeline and references. All bids should address said criteria. For specifications on the scope of work, please contact Mike Maenle, Maintenance Director, Farwell Care and Rehabilitation Center, during business hours at 806-481-9027 or email: mmaenle@farwellcarecenter.com. Specification for required work will be available beginning February 23, 2017. The scope of work will include materials and installation of new windows for Senior Apartments.

Bids may be delivered as follows:
Hand delivered, Mailed, Express Delivery
ACCEPTED until 10:00 AM - March 9, 2017

Farwell Care and Rehabilitation Center
305 5th Street
Farwell, Texas 79325

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LEGAL 57174
February 26, 2017
March 5, 2017
March 12, 2017
March 19, 2017

DIVORCE

TO: Chantelle Louise Strott, whose last known whereabouts is the city of Clovis State of New Mexico. By order of the Court for service by publication dated Feb. 17th, 2017. Nils Alexander Tuznik has a suit against you for Divorce. You are required to file with the Clerk of the Superior Court, and to serve upon the Plaintiff's attorney, Daniel M. Barnes, P.O. Box 398, Carrollton, Georgia 30112, an answer in writing within thirty (30) days of the first day of publication.

Witness, the honorable John Simpson, Judge of Carroll County Superior Court. This 17th day of February, 2017.

Carroll County Superior Court
Carroll County Courthouse
323 Newman Street
Carrollton, Georgia 30117

Daniel M. Barnes
Attorney for Plaintiff

LEGAL 57660
March 5, 2017
March 12, 2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF CURRY
NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PAUL DAVID HIGHFILL,

DECEASED.

Judge: David P. Reeb, Jr.
No: D-0905-PB-2017-00005

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION IN FORMAL INSTESTACY PROCEEDING

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO: The Unknown Heirs of Paul David Highfill, Deceased; the following named persons, if living, and if deceased, their respective unknown heirs: Jennifer Highfill Holt; Jason Aleric Highfill; and to

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any person having an interest in the subject of the hearing.

Hearing on the Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative, filed by Terri L. Clark, Petitioner, setting forth that the Decedent named above died intestate and seeking formal appointment of Petitioner as Personal Representative of this Estate, without bond, and in an unsupervised administration, shall be held in the Chambers of the Honorable David P. Reeb, Jr., District Judge at the Curry County Courthouse, in Clovis, New Mexico on the 28th day of March, 2017, at 8:00 o'clock, a.m. Notice of hearing of the Petition is hereby given to you once a week for two consecutive weeks: Pool Law Firm, P.C. 201 Innsdale Terrace, Clovis, NM 88101 are the attorneys for Petitioner.

DISTRICT COURT CLERK
(S E A L)
By: /s/ Matilda Montoya
Deputy County Clerk

LEGAL 57402
March 5, 2017
March 12, 2017

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PROPOSED ACTION AFFECTING LIQUOR LICENSE

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the City Commission of the City of Clovis, New Mexico, has received formal notice from the Alcohol and Gaming Division of the State of New Mexico of an application relating to a liquor license to be transferred into the corporate limits of the City of Clovis and which would if granted, affect the status of the license. The notice indicates preliminary approval of the proposed action by the Alcohol and Gaming Division, and notice was furnished to the City of Clovis pursuant to the provisions of Section 60-6B-4, New Mexico Statutes 1978 Annotated.

- License: The license in question is Application No. 1030284 Restaurant Beer and Wine License
- Proposed Action: Restaurant Beer and Wine License and location of Existing Liquor License, 320 W. 21st Street, Clovis, New Mexico, 88101.
- Hearing: The City Commission of the City of Clovis, New Mexico, will conduct a public hearing concerning the proposed liquor license action on Thursday, April 6, 2017 at 5:15 p.m., in the Clovis Carver Library North Annex, 701 N. Main Street, or information requests can be sent to the Regulation and Li-

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censing Department, Alcohol and Gaming Division, P.O. Box 25101, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87504-5101.

WITNESS BY HAND and the seal of the City of Clovis, New Mexico, 21st day of April 2017.

/s/ Vicki Reyes
Assistant City Clerk

(SEAL)

LEGAL 57649
March 5, 2017

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

NOTICE: The Portales Planning Commission will conduct a PUBLIC HEARING on Monday, March 20, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Memorial Building, 200 E 7th Street. The following item will be discussed:

- Submission of an application for the approval of a Subdivision in the County; Legal description being: the E 55 acres of the North half of the SE Quarter of Section 31 T1S R35E, NMPM, Roosevelt County, New Mexico submitted by Norbert Garcia.

Written testimony may be filed with the office of Planning & Zoning, any additional information may be obtained from the Memorial Building, 200 East 7th Street, or call 575-356-8449 prior to 3:00 p.m., Monday, March 20, 2017.

/s/ Donna Rutherford
Planning Director



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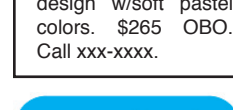
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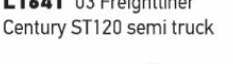
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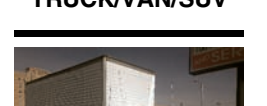


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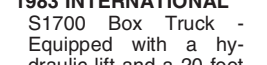
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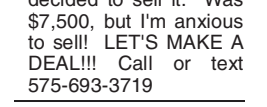


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Cats see winning streak end

□ Cleveland deals Clovis 3-1 setback in Hobbs tourney.

BY THE STAFF OF THE NEWS

HOBBS — If nothing else, the Clovis High baseball team is getting good pitching and defense.

If it holds up, the Wildcats could end up being a pretty competitive squad this season.

Clovis saw its three-game winning streak come to an end on Saturday in a weekend get-together hosted by Hobbs, but the Cats were in the game all

PREP BASEBALL

the way in a 3-1 loss to Rio Rancho Cleveland.

Since losing their opener to Hobbs 12-2 in the first game of a doubleheader on Feb. 23 at Bell Park, the Cats have given up just seven runs in their last four games.

“We’ve been in every ballgame except the first one,” CHS coach Richard Cruce said. “That’s all you can ask for.”

“Our pitching hasn’t been bad at all. We hit the ball well today; we just hit it right at people all day.”

Senior outfielder Jason Herrera gave the Storm (6-0), coached by former Cats coach

Shane Shallenberger, a 2-1 lead with a two-run homer off left-hander Colson Faircloth in the top of the third. Cleveland added an insurance run in the seventh when Shallenberger’s son, Treston, delivered a sacrifice fly.

Cruce said the Cats left the bases loaded in the second and stranded runners at third in the fifth and seventh.

“We just couldn’t get the big hit,” Cruce said.

Faircloth went the distance on a seven-hitter.

“Colson threw lights out,” Cruce said. “We’re going to be better down the road.”

Senior Josh Chapman went five innings for the victory for the Storm, with senior Ryan

Kraft picking up the save in a two-inning relief stint.

The Cats managed six hits, with Faircloth and senior Traejn Reames both going 2-for-3. CHS put the ball in play all day, striking out just one time against the two Cleveland hurlers.

Clovis got its lone run in the first when Reames singled, took second on a sacrifice, moved to third on catcher Jace Piepkorn’s infield hit and scored on a Tomas Gallegos groundout.

The Cats have another tournament outing on tap next weekend at Roswell. They face Lovington in the opening round at 4 p.m. on Thursday.

PREP SOFTBALL



Staff photo: Kevin Wilson

Clovis High softball coach Brandi Thomas talks with Marina Tapia prior to an at-bat in Saturday’s scrimmage. Thomas is in her second stint as coach after leading the program from 2005-14.

Lady Cats’ Thomas set for return

□ CHS alum resumes duties at helm of Clovis program following two-year hiatus.

By Dave Wagner
SPORTS WRITER

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CLOVIS — After two seasons away from the program, Brandi Thomas is returning as Clovis High’s softball coach this spring.

Thomas, a 1994 CHS graduate, coached the Lady Wildcats for 10 seasons after five years (2000-04) as an assistant.

“It was a good break,” she said. “It let me take a step back and see what I needed to do for the program and for the girls.”

The team struggled to a 5-21 record (0-12 in then-District 4-6A) last season. Former assistant Freddy Perez coached the Lady Cats the past two years.

This year’s squad is relatively young with just three seniors and four juniors.

“We’re pretty young, but we’re hungry,” Thomas said. “But like I told the girls, it’s a new year and (everyone) has to earn their spot.”

Junior Celeste Perez, who shared time in the circle last season with current senior Emily Chancey, should get “about 90 percent of the time in the circle” this season, although Chancey and others will pitch as well.

She’s ready for the challenge.

“I’m really excited,” she said. “I’m the main pitcher, but our other pitchers are just as good as I am.”

“I feel like we’ll do a lot better this season.” Thomas spent time over the summer working with Chavez on her pitches.

“My pitches have gotten a lot better,” Chavez said. “And I’ve added some new pitches.”

Thomas said most of the positions are still somewhat up for grabs heading into Tuesday’s season-opening 4:30 p.m. twin bill against Lovington at Lady Wildcat Field. Only Chancey in center and sophomore Maribel Gallegos in left are pretty much set for regular duty in those spots.

Junior Lauren Martin and sophomore Kelsey Kendall are competing in right field. Meantime, junior Brooklyn Hatley, sophomore Brittini Chavez and freshman Daisy Dodge are looking for playing time behind the plate.

Candidates at first base are sophomore Anyssa Casaus and junior Jazmin Lefevre, with

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PREP BASKETBALL

Rams roll into quarters

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STAFF WRITER

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PORTALES — The Portales boys basketball team used a 40-point first half to pull away from Shiprock Saturday night, advancing to the Class-4A quarterfinals with a 74-57 win.

The Rams (23-4) really spread the ball around on offense, with five players finishing in double-digit, led by Jeremie

Karngbaye with a game-high 20 points, Junior Ramirez added 12 while Jase Wallace, Darion Ontiveros and Ethan Self all scored 10 each.

Portales moves on to a 4:45 p.m. Wednesday quarterfinal against St. Michael’s at the Santa Ana Star Center in Rio Rancho.

“We started in man and [Shiprock] was so deliberate, we changed up our defense and it really caused them some problems,” said Rams coach Rickie McBroom. “They hurt us a little bit with penetration in the second half, but on a whole we got some offense and created

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Staff photo: David Norton

Portales’ Tyrese Dawson goes to the basket during the first half of the Rams’ 74-57 win over Shiprock Saturday night.

Bulldawgs thump CHS 86-55

□ Cruces uses 12-0 run to take control.

BY THE STAFF OF THE NEWS

LAS CRUCES — Second-seeded Las Cruces High wasted no time taking control of Saturday’s Class 6A boys state round-of-16 matchup.

Clovis High was within 8-7 before the Bulldawgs ran off 12 unanswered points en route to an 86-55 victory, and they

PREP BASKETBALL

never looked back.

“They just got on a little run,” CHS coach Scott Robinson said. “It’s as simple as they hit some shots, hit some 3s. Defensive coverage got away from us there.”

Cruces (25-4) gradually stretched its margin from there, although the Cats (12-16) managed to play the Bulldawgs relatively even after their slow start.

Three players scored in double figures for the Bulldawgs, including junior guard Markus

Collins with four 3-pointers and 17 points, junior forward Vincente Johnson with 14 and junior guard Alanso Johnson with three 3s and 11.

For the Cats, senior guard Taitt Kuchta had all three of the team’s 3-pointers and finished with 17 points, while junior guard Jakeem Wynn scored 16.

Cruces rode a 31-18 edge in field goals, including 7-3 on 3-pointers. Free throws were nearly identical — 16-for-21 for the Cats, 17-for-21 for Cruces.

Robinson said he was pleased his team continued to plug away after the rough start. “I was proud of our effort,”

he said. “Our kids continued to play and fight.”

Clovis was coming off consecutive years of three and five wins before flirting with the .500 mark this season. They went 5-5 in their first season in District 2-6A.

Ironically, the Wildcats’ last state tournament appearance came four years ago when they advanced to the 6A championship game, only to lose to the Bulldawgs.

“We took some big strides this year,” Robinson said. “We got back to the state tournament. There are lots of positive things to build on next season.”

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Go figure
13
Points for Texas A&M sophomore and Clovis native Danni Williams in Saturday’s 66-50 loss to No. 6 Mississippi State.

● Saturday’s scoreboard

AP Top 25 basketball

- Men**
- No. 1 Kansas (28-3) beat Oklahoma St. 90-85
 - No. 2 Villanova (28-3) beat Georgetown 81-55
 - No. 3 UCLA (27-3) vs. Washington St. (n)
 - No. 4 Gonzaga (29-1) vs. Pacific (n)
 - No. 5 North Carolina (26-6) beat No. 17 Duke (23-9) 90-83
 - No. 6 Oregon (27-4) beat Oregon St. 80-59
 - No. 7 Arizona (27-4) beat Arizona St. 73-60
 - No. 8 Louisville (24-7) beat No. 19 Notre Dame (23-8) 71-64
 - No. 9 Kentucky (26-5) beat Texas A&M 71-63
 - No. 11 Baylor (25-6) beat Texas 75-64
 - No. 12 Florida (24-7) lost to Vanderbilt 73-71
 - No. 13 Butler (23-7) lost to Seton Hall 70-64
 - No. 14 SMU (27-4) beat Memphis 103-62
 - No. 15 Florida St. (24-7) beat No. 25 Miami (20-10) 66-57
 - No. 20 Saint Mary’s (26-3) vs. Portland (n)

No. 23 Virginia (21-9) beat Pittsburgh 67-42

Women

- No. 1 UConn (30-0) beat Tulsa 105-57
- No. 2 Baylor (29-2) beat Texas Tech 95-63
- No. 3 Notre Dame (29-3) beat No. 14 Louisville (27-7) 84-73
- No. 5 S. Carolina (26-4) beat No. 20 Kentucky (21-10) 89-77
- No. 6 Mississippi St. (29-3) beat Texas A&M 66-50
- No. 9 Ohio St. (26-6) lost to Purdue 71-60
- No. 12 Texas vs. Oklahoma St., 5
- No. 13 Duke (27-4) beat No. 16 Miami (23-8) 57-52
- No. 19 Oklahoma vs. West Virginia (n)
- No. 22 Drake (25-4) beat Wichita St. 105-89
- No. 24 Kansas St. (22-9) beat Iowa St. 74-67
- No. 25 Temple (24-6) beat Houston 67-58

National Basketball Association

- Detroit 136, Philadelphia 106
- Milwaukee 101, Toronto 94
- Miami 120, Cleveland 92

- L.A. Clippers at Chicago (n)
- Charlotte at Denver (n)
- Memphis at Houston (n)
- Minnesota at San Antonio (n)
- Brooklyn at Portland (n)

National Hockey League

- Colorado at Winnipeg, 5 p.m.
- Boston 3, New Jersey 2
- Montreal 4, N.Y. Rangers 1
- Tampa Bay 2, Buffalo 1, SO
- Dallas 2, Florida 1
- Ottawa 3, Columbus 2
- Philadelphia at Washington (n)
- Chicago at Nashville (n)
- Vancouver at Los Angeles (n)
- Detroit at Edmonton (n)



Greyhounds

The ENMU women’s softball team pounded out 17 hits in an 11-0, five-inning win at Midwestern State to earn a split of Saturday’s Lone Star Conference doubleheader and take the series from the Mustangs.



Scores, standings and more

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Sports on TV

Sunday The Associated Press Auto racing

12:30 p.m. — FOX, NASCAR, Monster Energy Cup Series, Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500, at Hampton, Ga.

Golf

Noon — PGA Tour, WGC-Mexico Championship, final round, at Mexico City

Men's college basketball

10 a.m. — CBS, Cincinnati at UConn

11 a.m. — ESPN, Big South tournament, championship (at highest remaining seed)

Noon — CBS, Missouri Valley tournament, championship, at St. Louis

1 p.m. — ESPN, Atlantic Sun Championship (at highest remaining seed)

2:30 p.m. — CBS, Purdue at Northwestern

NBA basketball

1:30 p.m. — ABC, Golden State at New York

6:30 p.m. — ESPN, Oklahoma City at Dallas

NHL hockey

6 p.m. — NBCSN, St. Louis at Colorado

Rugby

11:30 a.m. — NBCSN, English Premiership, Worcester vs. Bristol (same-day tape)

1:30 p.m. — NBCSN, USA Sevens, semifinals, at Las Vegas, Nev.

10 p.m. — NBCSN, USA Sevens, finals, at Las Vegas, Nev. (same-day tape)

Soccer

6:30 a.m. — NBCSN, Premier League, Everton at Tottenham

7:30 a.m. — FS1, Bundesliga, Eintracht Frankfurt vs. SC Freiburg

9 a.m. — NBCSN, Premier League, Manchester City at Sunderland

4 p.m. — ESPN, MLS, New York City at Orlando City

6:30 p.m. — FS1, MLS, N.Y. Red Bulls at Atlanta

Track & field

3:30 p.m. — NBCSN, USA Indoor Championships, at Albuquerque

Women's college basketball

11 a.m. — ESPN2, ACC tournament, championship, at Conway, S.C.

12:30 p.m. — FS1, Big 12 tournament, first semifinal, at Oklahoma City

1 p.m. — ESPN2, SEC tournament, championship, at Greenville, S.C.

3 p.m. — ESPN2, AAC tournament, first semifinal, at Uncasville, Conn.

3 p.m. — FS1, Big 12 tournament, second semifinal, at Oklahoma City

5 p.m. — ESPN2, Big Ten tournament, championship, at Indianapolis

7 p.m. — ESPN2, Pac-12 tournament, championship, at Seattle

Monday

Men's college basketball

5 p.m. — ESPN, Southern tournament, championship, at Asheville, N.C.

7 p.m. — ESPN, West Coast tournament, first semifinal, at Las Vegas, Nev.

7 p.m. — ESPN2, MAAC tournament, championship, at Albany, N.Y.

9:30 p.m. — ESPN2, West Coast tournament, second semifinal, at Las Vegas, Nev.

NBA basketball

6 p.m. — TNT, Indiana at Charlotte

8:30 p.m. — TNT, Boston at L.A. Clippers

NHL hockey

5:30 p.m. — NBCSN, Dallas at Washington

Soccer

1 p.m. — NBCSN, Premier League, Chelsea at West Ham

Women's college basketball

4 p.m. — FS1, Big East tournament, first semifinal, at Milwaukee

6:30 p.m. — FS1, Big East tournament, second semifinal, at Milwaukee

7 p.m. — ESPN2, AAC tournament, championship, at Uncasville, Conn.

9 p.m. — FS1, Big 12 tournament, championship, at Oklahoma City

Basketball

Prep State tournaments

Round of 16 matchups (Seeds in parentheses)

Boys Saturday Class 6A

- (1) Onate 52, (16) Sandia 40 (8) Atrisco Heritage 62, (9) Carlsbad 48 (12) Volcano Vista 77, (5) Rio Rancho 54 (4) Eldorado 54, (13) Santa Fe High 44 (3) Rio Rancho Cleveland 92, (14) La Cueva 52 (6) Cibola 5, (11) Albuquerque High 43 (10) Valley at (7) Hobbs (n) (2) Las Cruces High 86, (15) Clovis 55

Class 5A

- (1) Roswell High 71, (16) Bloomfield 66 (9) Kirtland Central 75, (8) Artesia 72 (5) Belen 67, (12) Lovington 59 (13) Del Norte 63, (4) Espanola Valley 56 (3) Farmington 53, (14) Los Alamos 40 (11) Grants at (6) Los Lunas (n) (7) Alamogordo 60, (10) St. Pius 50 (2) Capital 54, (15) Gallup 38

Class 4A

- (1) Hope Christian 71, (16) Hatch Valley 25 (8) Bernalillo 51, (9) Socorro 33 (5) West Las Vegas 82, (12) Ruidoso 50 (13) Sandia Prep at (4) LV Robertson (n) (3) Silver 52, (14) Navajo Prep 38 (11) Moriarty 66, (6) Pojoaque 32 (7) St. Michael's 59, (10) Wingate 48 (2) Portales 74, (15) Shiprock 57

Class 3A

- (1) Pecos 72, (16) Tucumcari 46 (8) Eunice 51, (9) Dexter 41 (5) Cuba 65, (12) Laguna Acoma 64 (13) Desert Academy at (4) Dulce (9) Santa Rosa 77, (14) McCurdy 41 (11) Clayton 65, (6) Newcomb 48 (7) Estancia 57, (10) Tularosa 46 (2) Texico 74, (15) Tohatchi 32

Class 2A

- (1) Magdalena 74, (16) Cliff 39 (8) Escalante 63, (9) Dora 51 (5) Mesilla Valley 81, (12) Alamo Navajo 58 (4) Fort Sumner 54, (13) Hagerman 42 (3) Mora 103, (14) Navajo Pine 62 (6) Menaul 70, (13) To'hajilee 51 (7) Jal 66, (10) Questa 56 (2) Lordsburg 57, (15) Gateway Christian 39

Class 1A

- (1) Quemado 92, (16) Wawatowa Charter 48 (9) San Jon 68, (9) Coronado 60 (5) Springer 83, (12) Grady 40 (4) Hondo 67, (13) Carrizozo 40 (3) Melrose 71, (14) Cimarron 42 (6) Vaughn 64, (11) Reserve 54 (10) Floyd 45, (7) Evangel Christian 31 (2) Maxwell 86, (15) Animas 48

Girls Friday Class 6A

- Hobbs 73, Santa Fe High 27 Volcano Vista 45, Rio Rancho 40 La Cueva 51, Centennial 33 Las Cruces High 55, Highland 27 West Mesa 58, Onate 55

Eldorado 40, Mayfield 36 Sandia 36, Cibola 28 Carlsbad 53, Atrisco Heritage 30

Class 5A

- Roswell High 52, Alamogordo 34 Lovington 50, Bloomfield 49 Roswell Goddard 77, Artesia 40 Albuquerque Academy 39, Farmington 35 Espanola Valley 35, Aztec 30 Gallup 54, St. Pius 44 Kirtland Central 51, Del Norte 42 Los Lunas 78, Grants 50

Class 4A

- Hope Christian 53, Taos 27 Sandia Prep 85, Wingate 68 Moriarty 49, Hatch Valley 41 Portales 75, Pojoaque 37 LV Robertson 51, St. Michael's 34 West Las Vegas 65, Socorro 43 Navajo Prep 59, Silver 44 Shiprock 64, Santa Fe Indian 38

Class 3A

- Eunice 57, Clayton 35 Dulce 55, Cuba 50 Laguna Acoma 67, McCurdy 47 Tularosa 57, Santa Rosa 54 Tohatchi 67, Dexter 48 Tucumcari 73, Newcomb 40 Loving 65, Pecos 48 Texico 59, Raton 14

Class 2A

- Tatum, 78, Mesa Vista 41 Mora 52, Ramah 36 Fort Sumner 61, Dora 46 Mesalero 62, Pine Hill 37 Lordsburg 43, Cliff 40 Escalante 62, Penasco 50 Navajo Pine 60, Magdalena 58 Logan 59, Jal 35

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NBA standings The Associated Press

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Rows: Boston, Toronto, New York, Philadelphia, Brooklyn.

Southwest Division

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Central Division

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Rows: Cleveland, Chicago, Indiana, Detroit, Milwaukee.

Northwest Division

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Rows: Portland, Phoenix, Sacramento, Minnesota, L.A. Lakers.

Pacific Division

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Rows: Golden State, L.A. Clippers, Houston, New Orleans, Sacramento, Boston.

Scores/schedule

Sunday's Games

Indiana at Atlanta, 11 a.m. Golden State at New York, 1:30 p.m. Boston at Phoenix, 3 p.m. Orlando at Washington, 3 p.m. Utah at Sacramento, 4 p.m. Oklahoma City at Dallas, 4:30 p.m. New Orleans at L.A. Lakers, 7:30 p.m. Miami at Cleveland, 5 p.m. Milwaukee at Philadelphia, 5 p.m.

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Sports in brief

Ace jumbo Thomas into first place

MEXICO CITY — Justin Thomas hit a 6-iron that one-hopped into the bottom of the cup. Dustin Johnson hit a wedge that never came down from a tree. In one of the 10 fairways that Phil Mickelson missed, a spectator apparently ran off with his golf ball.

Wie garners two-shot advantage

SINGAPORE — Michelle Wie shot a 5-under 67 Saturday to lead the HSBC Women's Champions tournament by two strokes after the third round.

College linescores

Lone Star Conference Saturday Angelo State 4, ENMU 2 ENMU 000 001 100 — 2 4 3 Angelo State 000 004 00x — 4 5 0

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Texico repeat bid starts strong

BY THE STAFF OF THE NEWS

SMALL-SCHOOL BOYS ROUNDUP

TEXICO — Laying in the weeds, ready to strike.

It worked for the Texico Wolverines last year, and they're fine doing the same this year.

The second-seeded Wolverines had little trouble making their way back to the Albuquerque metro phase of the Class 3A state basketball tournament, knocking off 15th-seeded Tohatchi 74-32.

Braden Frazee scored a game-high 24 points, but was followed closely by Dalton Thatcher's 23-point effort to help Texico (22-7) move on to a 5 p.m. quarterfinal against either Estancia or Tularosa at Cleveland High School.

"I like where we're at," Texico coach Scott Karger said. "Our practices have been good, our guys are really focused and our legs are really good."

The lead hit 40 late, though it looked like it would be competitive after a 21-15 first quarter. Texico got comfortable with a 25-10 second, and then outscored Tohatchi

28-7 in the second half.

"Our defensive intensity picked up," Karger said, "and I think the kids really stepped up."

Though the Wolverines have their eyes on a repeat, Karger knows the rest of the state expects a different result.

"Everybody thinks it's going to be Pecos, and that's OK," Karger said. "Everybody thought it was Lordsburg last year. I'm find with being the darkhorse."

In other area games on Saturday: **Class 2A** — At Fort Sumner, the fourth-seeded Foxes struggled with fouls early, but righted the ship with a dominating second half in a 54-42 win over 13th-seeded Hagerman.

Fort Sumner (23-3) faces Mesilla Valley in an 8 a.m. quarterfinal game on Tuesday at Mesilla Valley. Trailing 18-12 with three minutes left in the half, the Bobcats (15-14) took advantage of Fort Sumner's foul problems to score the final 12

points of the half for a six-point lead. But they managed only five points in the third stanza, and the Foxes pulled away after that.

Sophomore forward Brant West scored 21 points, junior guard Kreston Butterfield added 12 for the Foxes. Senior guard Isaac Morales led Hagerman with 11 points.

Class 2A — At Escalante, the ninth-seeded Coyotes fell 63-51 to end their season at 18-8.

The Lobos (18-11) move on to a 3 p.m. Wednesday quarterfinal against top-seeded Magdalena at the Santa Ana Star Center in Rio Rancho.

Aaron Jasso scored 18 to lead the Coyotes.

Class 1A — At Albuquerque, 10th-seeded Floyd got off to a good start and cruised past No. 7 Evangel Christian 45-31.

The Broncos (15-12) held the Eagles to just four first-quarter

points, and by halftime had opened a 20-10 lead. Evangel Christian (16-12) never made any serious inroads the rest of the way.

Junior guard Jarett East had two 3-pointers and led Floyd with 17 points. Evangel Christian got 14 points from 6-foot-3 senior center Trystan Dreier.

Floyd faces second-seeded Maxwell in a 9:45 a.m. quarterfinal game on Wednesday at Bernalillo H.S.

Class 1A — At Melrose, the third-seeded Buffaloes got off to a 33-8 lead at the quarter and never looked back. Senior guard Jared Lee led four Buffs in double figures with 21 points, while junior guard Sterling Sena added 15, junior forward Hunter Sorgen 14 and junior forward Jordan Jasso 10.

The Rams (10-15), who were down 49-18 at halftime, were led by 10 points from senior forward Joe Serna.

Melrose will take on sixth-seeded Vaughn in an 8 p.m. quarterfinal on Wednesday at Bernalillo.

Class 1A — At Springer, the Red Devils seemed to make a point with a 17-1 first quarter, but Grady hung in.

So fifth-seeded Springer posted a 40-15 third quarter, and ran away with an 83-48 win.

Isaiah Garcia scored 22 points and Estevan Romero scored 15 for the Red Devils (21-9), who move on to a 9:45 a.m. Wednesday quarterfinal against Maxwell at Bernalillo High School. Garcia and Romero split the team's 10 3-pointers.

Daniel Edwards led Grady (11-17) with 15 points.

"We were getting looks, but we played really tight," Grady coach Jason Lee said of the first quarter. "We got within 11 right before halftime. So I would say we were in it then, but they just blew us away in the third. They hit six 3-pointers in the quarter, and it seemed to me like they were all within 30 seconds. I know it had to be more spaced out than that, but it came in a hurry."

"Once they spread out and got into transition, it was a nightmare."

HOPEFUL HOUNDS



Lone Star Conference photo: Vladimir Cherry

The Eastern New Mexico University women's basketball team gets set prior to its Lone Star Conference first-round game Wednesday against Texas A&M-Kingsville. The Greyhounds (20-8), winners of their first LSC regular season title since 1993, are hoping to receive an at-large bid to the Division II regionals during today's selection. They were upset 69-67 in overtime by the Javelinas. Angelo State and Tarleton State play today in Allen, Texas, for the LSC championship and its automatic tournament bid.

Hounds claim series from MSU

BY THE STAFF OF THE NEWS

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

WICHITA FALLS, Texas — Eastern New Mexico University freshman Kaylee Rogers has been used to working, in a softball sense, long hours so far this season.

Rogers has thrown several games of 140 or more pitches this season, topped by the 161 she threw in a 9-7, eight-inning win over



Greyhounds

Midwestern State on Friday in which the Greyhounds rallied to win after blowing an early seven-run lead.

This time, there was no such comeback.

Rogers (9-6) tossed a five-inning one-hitter — using only 59 pitches, no less — as the Hounds completed a Lone Star Conference series win over the Mustangs and earned a Saturday split with an 11-0, run-rule win. MSU won Saturday's opener 6-3.

First baseman Erikka Burke continued to pound the ball for the Hounds (13-14, 6-3 LSC), driving in four runs with a two-run homer in the fourth — her eighth of the season — and a two-run double in the fifth. Designated player Samantha Brockman and shortstop Susannah Chandler each went 3-for-4 while second baseman Kylee Keller, right fielder Kamalani Peneku and center fielder Ashley Lopez all had two hits and combined for five RBIs.

ENMU finished with 17 hits in the abbreviated contest.

Rogers pitched around two walks to start the second inning. The only other baserunner for the Mustangs (10-13, 3-6) came when center fielder Lauren Lindgren hit a one-out single to center in the third inning.

In Saturday's opener, the Mustangs built a 4-0 lead after

two innings before ENMU pulled to within a run in the third on a two-out RBI single by Peneku and a two-run single by catcher Courtney Vigil.

The Hounds weren't able to add any more, though, and Midwestern State got insurance in the bottom of the sixth when left fielder Taylor Bermudes belted her first homer of the season, a two-out, two-run shot off Kiana Zerr (2-5).

ENMU stranded 14 runners, leaving the bases loaded in the second and fourth and two on three other times. Left fielder Cameron Conrad went 3-for-3 with a walk for the Hounds, who outhit the Mustangs 10-8, while Kylee Keller and Lopez each had a pair of hits.

Lindgren, who hit her fifth homer of the season in the second inning, and designated player Taylor Mordecai each has a pair of hits for MSU. Kelsey Knox (1-1) earned the win, going six innings, and Peyton Helton finished for her first save.

ENMU 9, Midwestern State 7, 8 innings (Friday) — The Hounds lost an early 7-0 lead, but after MSU forced bonus softball with four in the seventh ENMU answered with a two-run eighth.

Peneku led off the eighth with a double and scored when Chandler reached on a two-out throwing error by Mustangs shortstop Hannah Springs. Burke followed with a triple to plate Chandler.

It marked the third game in a row, all wins, that the Hounds had tallied nine runs on nine hits. Peneku went 2-for-3 with a walk, three runs scored and a two-run single in ENMU's four-run third, while Burke and third baseman Adriana Carabajal also had a pair of hits.

Elder Fullerton takes golf job

Outgoing AD steps in after son opts to focus on CHS spring football.

BY THE STAFF OF THE NEWS

CLOVIS — When son Cal received the Clovis High football coaching job last week, athletic director Dale Fullerton lost his, effective at the end of the school year.

In the meantime, he's picked up a temp job thanks to his son. Fullerton stepped forward to succeed his son as boys golf coach.

PREP GOLF

The younger Fullerton had expressed concerns after being named the Wildcats' football coach that it wouldn't be fair to either set of kids if he split between spring football and golf.

The elder Fullerton said with the team starting competition on March 22 in Hobbs, there was a short window to add an applicant who could also get buy-in from the players and their families. He also didn't want to simply promote junior varsity coach Hunter

McClemore and not give him help.

The best solution, he said, was to open the job up for next season and do what he could for the program this year.

"I'm going to try to come back as much as I can to help," Fullerton said, speaking Friday from Colonial Park Golf Course. Fullerton said he might not be able to attend every meet due to his AD duties, but he'd be at the meets at least a majority of the time.

The team was originally scheduled to begin the season March 13 in Alamogordo, but moved it off the schedule to pick up another tournament later in the year.

Pass rushers could come at premium

By Michael Marot
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NFL DRAFT

INDIANAPOLIS — Myles Garrett might be a nice guy off the football field.

On it, the Texas A&M defensive end can be as mean and nasty as anyone else whose dream job is dragging pretty-boy quarterbacks through the mud. And the imposing 6-foot-4, 272-pound Garrett intends to spend next season taking his new job quite seriously.

"I can't be smiling at folks while I'm sacking people," he joked Saturday at the NFL's annual scouting combine.

Some NFL team will learn to appreciate the refreshing candor coming from the early front-runner to be the first overall pick in the April draft.

Garrett looks like a proto-

typical pass rusher — big, fast, strong, a quick first step and incredibly productive in one of America's toughest football conferences.

But what makes Garrett particularly attractive to NFL scouts is his position. These days, the only players who seem to be prized more than franchise quarterbacks are the ones hitting them. And players like Garrett understand the expectations of being a consistent pass rusher.

"You have to be a game-changer," Garrett said. "You have to be able to turn the tide of a game at any given time. Somebody who, when it's third-and-15 and maybe it's the fourth quarter and we need a stop to get the ball back, they put you in and say 'You're the guy.' That's how good you have to be."

And many NFL teams are eager to get their first real

look at a deep class of potential game-wreckers.

Defensive linemen and linebackers work out Sunday in Indianapolis.

The list begins with Garrett, a unique athlete who finished with 15 sacks last season and 47 in three years with the Aggies.

If Garrett doesn't go No. 1 in the draft, Alabama defensive tackle Jonathan Allen could.

Allen had 22 1/2 sacks in his final two college seasons and returned two turnovers for touchdowns in 2016. He may have eased some concerns about both shoulders, which have been surgically repaired, by bench-pressing 225 pounds 21 times.

"It's not really a problem now, but it might be a problem 15, 20 years down the road so I'm not worried about that right now," he said, referring to an arthritic left shoulder. "I'm worried about playing

good for whichever team I go to."

Defensive ends Solomon Thomas, of Stanford, Taco Charlton, of Michigan, could both be taken early, too. UCLA's Takkariar McKinley's stock took a big jump with an 18-sack season in 2016, and Tennessee's Derek Barnett, Missouri's Charles Harris and Temple's Haason Reddick are all intriguing prospects in a defensive class that is rife with talent.

Barnett was sick Saturday and it's unclear if he'll work out.

Alabama linebacker Reuben Foster also will be missing after being sent home for getting into an argument with a hospital worker Friday.

But coaches, scouts and general managers realize the best pass-rushers won't stick around long on draft weekend because they are in such great demand.

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NBA considering new All-Star format

By Tim Reynolds
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Change is coming to the defense-optional All-Star Game, and NBA commissioner Adam Silver wants to hear ideas.

Silver and players' union president Chris Paul of the Los Angeles Clippers have spoken about how to make the game more competitive. No decisions have been made, but the Western Conference's 192-182 win over the Eastern Conference last month in New

Orleans underlined such a need.

Some All-Stars said that night they would like to see a more authentic game, and the league apparently agrees.

"We will change it by next year," Silver said. "It shouldn't be playoff intensity, but the guys should be playing."

Next year's game is in Los Angeles.

Silver spoke Friday at the Sloan Sports Analytics Conference, hosted by MIT. He even shared an email address — Adam(at)NBA.com — in case anyone wants to share suggestions with him.

"You hear people talking about 4-point shots, something that's not

about to happen in the NBA, but maybe in an All-Star Game," Silver said. "Maybe there's a few spots on the floor where it's a 4-point shot. Maybe there's a halfcourt shot in the last minute that's 10 points. I don't know. Those are crazy ideas."

New Orleans' Anthony Davis scored an All-Star record 52 points in this year's game, 10 points more than the mark by Wilt Chamberlain that stood for 55 years. The West has flirted with 200 points in each of the last two seasons — 196 in 2016, 192 this year. Giannis Antetokounmpo had 12 dunks by himself, and LeBron James was taking (and once, made) shots from the midcourt area.

"We collectively want to try to make All-Star weekend better for the fans," Paul told reporters in Milwaukee on Friday. "All the way around. Even in CBA talks and stuff like that, that was one of the things that the players, the owners and everybody was talking about. Trying to fix that, spice it up a little bit to keep it interesting."

Bucks coach Jason Kidd, a perennial All-Star as a player, is confident the league will find the right fix.

"Adam's a very smart man," Kidd said, "and they'll figure it out."

For this year's game, the voting process was changed — fan votes were no longer the sole basis for

selecting starters, but instead part of a formula that also took player and media balloting into account. The player-voting element in particular was criticized by some NBA coaches like Golden State's Steve Kerr, who said it wasn't taken as seriously as it should have been.

"In an All-Star game like this, guys aren't trying to get hurt," Cleveland's Kyrie Irving said after the All-Star Game. "We all enjoy the company of each other's presence. But at the same token, us as competitors, when it starts getting close, you can feel it. For me, I would love to play in a competitive game."



Staff photo: Kevin Wilson

Clovis High third baseman Marina Tapia is a touch late on the tag to Artesia baserunner Nikki Reyes in Saturday's scrimmage at Lady Wildcat Field. CHS opens the 2017 season at home on Tuesday in a 4:30 p.m. doubleheader against Lovington.

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several others — including senior Destinee Sotelo, junior Marina Tapia and sophomore Eleanna Garcia — vying at the other infield spots.

"We're very versatile," Thomas said. "That's what's good about being young. It's a good problem to have."

The Lady Cats have a challenging new grouping in District 2-6A, with La Cueva, Eldorado, Sandia, Manzano and Santa Fe High. They're still scheduled for

road twin bills against long-time district foes Hobbs and Carlsbad later this month.

"I know a lot about La Cueva and Eldorado," Thomas said. "La Cueva is always in the top four (in Class 6A), and Eldorado has probably pushed into the top 10."

"We've moved into a very 'non-friendly' softball district."

She said the goal is steady improvement.

"My goal this year was to teach the girls the game," Thomas said. "We talk about learning something new every day."



Staff photo: David Norton

Portales' Tyrese Dawson goes to the basket during the first half of Saturday's Class 4A first-round game at the Ram Athletic Center. Dawson had six points in Portales' 74-57 win.

Rams

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a lot of turnovers."

Portales used a good mix of fast break and half court offense to do their scoring, never relying on one or the

other. As most team's have found out this season, there was little Shiprock could do to keep Karngbaye from scoring on the inside — either off the pass or the offensive glass.

"We are really starting to do the stuff that we do in practice," said McBroom. "We are real proud of our kids and our community, for the sup-

port they gave us, but now we get ready to head to Albuquerque."

Three players were in double-figures for the Cheiftans (11-17), who found limited success against the Rams from the 3-point line all night. Arvin Begay scored 11 points while Landon Henderson and Kieon Harvey each scored 10.

AUTO RACING

Stewart-Haas transition has been smooth

By Paul Newberry
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HAMPTON, Ga. — So much for a transition period at Stewart-Haas Racing.

The NASCAR team hasn't slowed since switching from Chevrolet to Ford. Kurt Busch captured the season-opening Daytona 500, and Kevin Harvick followed up by earning the pole for Sunday's Monster Energy Cup race at Atlanta Motor Speedway.

"Hopefully this is the start of something great," Harvick said.

There was plenty of speculation about how the change would go, especially for a driver such as Harvick who had a long relationship with Chevrolet.

Turns out, he had no trouble getting back up to speed.

"It's fun to open Pandora's box," Harvick said. "You have to turn every leaf over and look at everything in your company. Everything is different from top to bottom. But one thing that stayed consistent was very good people. It's been fun to see a group of people come together and try to make things better. It's a major undertaking to do what we did."

Busch is still savoring the high from his Daytona victory. It may take a while to come down.

"You take it all in, you absorb it," Busch said. "Years ago, when I won the (2004) championship, you look at it and you think, 'Aww, man, this is a lot that goes along with it.' And maybe I didn't soak it all in. This time around, my phone is still 400 texts deep. I can't get caught up."

While Stewart-Haas is showing early dominance, don't forget about seven-time Cup champion Jimmie Johnson.

He's the two-time defending race winner in Atlanta.

"It's been a great track for me," Johnson said. "The last two races we won here, we didn't really get ourselves situated until late in the going. But able to come out on top. Just because you have a slow Friday or a slow start to the race, I don't think you can count anybody out. We have a lot of chances to work on the car and make big stuff happen here, which is really neat."

Here are some other things to watch for Sunday on the 1.54-mile tri-oval track:

Rocket man: Ryan Newman showed signs of bouncing back from a disappointing 2016 season, qualifying on the outside of the front row.

While saying the No. 31 team still had a long way to go, Newman's fast lap was a huge boost for the crew's morale.

Last season, he failed to qualify for the championship chase.

"It's a baby step," Newman said. "But it's huge. You can see the emo-

tions of the guys in the garage. That's something I didn't see for a while last year. Even (at season-opening) Daytona, we were not anyone that people were talking about. We were there. We had a competitive car. But we were never on anyone's one hand of who was going to win the race."

Stage racing: This will be the second test of the three-stage format that is designed to add more drama and excitement to the racing.

The first two stages are 85 laps apiece, while the final stage will cover 155 laps if the race goes the scheduled 325-lap distance.

The new format didn't have much impact in the crash-filled Daytona 500. Contenders such as Johnson and Dale Earnhardt Jr. were wiped out by wrecks, and there were lengthy red-flag delays that slowed the action in the restrictor-plate event.

This could be the first true test of how well the new system works.

Chase's homecoming: Chase Elliott had a shot at winning the Daytona 500, only to run out of gas with just miles to go.

He would love to pick up his first Cup victory at what is essentially his home track.

"You learn through this stuff and just try to figure out what you could've differently," said the 21-year-old Georgia native, who will start from the inside of the sixth row for Hendrick Motorsports. "From a performance side, I thought we did a good job. We were close, just not close enough."

Paving the way: This will be the final race on the aging asphalt at Atlanta Motor Speedway.

The track will get a new surface before the 2018 event — much to the chagrin of drivers such as Johnson, who relished the chance to wrestle with his car on a high-speed track that is especially hard on tires.

"This track is so fun and so interesting and so challenging," said Johnson, whose 80 career victories include five wins at Atlanta. "I hate that it's our last run on this asphalt."

Cope's return: Fifty-eight-year-old Derricke Cope will make his first Cup appearance in nearly eight years.

The 1990 Daytona 500 champion is racing the No. 55 car for low-budget Premium Motorsports, the start of what he hopes will be at least a limited schedule this season.

Cope failed to pass inspection in time to go through qualifying, along with four other cars, but no one had to worry about being sent home; there were only 39 entries for the 40-car field.

Cope's last Cup race was a start-and-park effort at Martinsville on March 29, 2009.

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