

## A meeting for the La Pryor Cemetery

will be held at Bermea Park Sunday, March 25 at 3:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to elect the new board of directors for Sunset Hill Cemetery La Pryor, Texas.

## Crystal City I.S.D.

The Board of Trustees of the CCISD will meet in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. today, Wednesday, March 21 in the CCISD Administration Building Conference Room, 613 W. Zavala St. in Crystal City

## ZCAD - NOTICE OF OFFICE CLOSURE

The Zavala County Appraisal District will be closed till 2:00 p.m. on Thursday March 22, 2018 for staff training and will also be closing on Tuesday March 27 at 3:00 p.m. and all day on March 28, 2018 all day for ARB training in San Antonio. Office will resume normal business hours on Thursday March 29. If you have any question you may contact the Zavala County Appraisal District at 830-374-3475.

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## CCSCT achieves 100% of federally mandated standards

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Office of Community Services, released Information Memorandum No. 138 announcing the implementation of 58 Organizational Standards that private Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) eligible entities must implement. CCSCT is one of 40 CSBG eligible entities funded in Texas through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA).

The 58 Organizational Standards are built around 3 major elements of operation including: Maximum Feasible Participation; Vision and Direction; Operations and Accountability. On February 20, 2018, TDHCA notified CCSCT of successfully meeting 100% of the 58 Organizational Standards for the second consecutive year. TDHCA conducted a thorough review of documents submitted by CCSCT, demon-

strating implementation of all 58 Organizational Standards. CCSCT provides services in 23 counties in south central Texas including Atascosa, Bandera, Bee, Comal, Dimmit, Edwards, Frio, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, Kinney, La Salle, Live Oak, Maverick, Medina, McMullen, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde, Wilson, Zavala.

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For additional information about programs and services provided by CCSCT please visit our website at [www.ccsct.org](http://www.ccsct.org) and like our Facebook Page.

## Celebrating Women's History Month

### Texas Native Blazes Trails in Home State and Florida

By Debra Parsons,  
Winter Garden SWCD

While passing through Piedras Negras, Mexico many years ago, Guadalupe Berrones noticed a long line of people standing outside a rundown building with its garage door propped open. It was a Mexican restaurant, the only restaurant for many miles, selling tacos. The tacos did not taste very good, but the thought of owning and operating her own restaurant was a powerful vision Berrones carried away with her that day.

Born in Crystal City, Berrones was raised along with her nine siblings north of La Pryor on the Holiday Farm, where her father was employed. Each year from third grade until graduating from high school, Berrones and her family would migrate north during the summer months to either Minnesota or North Dakota hoeing sugar beets. "I loved spending time with my family during the summer months; we were together day and night," said Berrones.

While studying business and management at St. Edwards University in Austin, Berrones was invited to an anniversary celebration in Florida. It was there that she met Cesar, her future husband. "It was love at first sight. We were married and became Christians along the way," said Berrones.

About two years later, in 1987, Berrones started her first restaurant south of Miami from the ground up. She rented a vacant building, hired a cook and in less than a year, Casita Tejas was opened. Berrones gives credit to community leaders who helped her because they wanted her to succeed as well as her husband Cesar. See Women's History Page 10

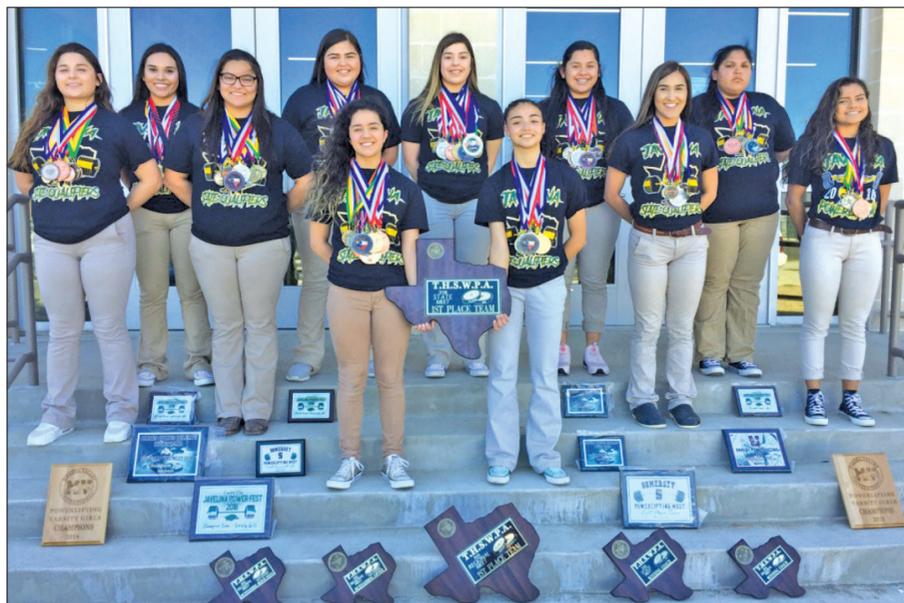


Oats growing after brush management practices applied at La Pryor ranch.

## Lady Javelina Powerlifters win THSWPA State 4A Team

Congratulations to the The Lady Javelina Powerlifting Team for winning the Texas High School Women's Powerlifting Association State Competition 4A STATE TEAM. The Lady Javs fought a tough battle against 80 teams. The decision came down to the last lifting platform of the two day state THSWPA meet beating the 2017 4A state team by a nail biting one point. Aaliyah Garcia, Aly Urrabazo and Kianna Lara set, tied and broke nine state records. The Lady Javelina Powerlifters brought home TWO State Champions, EIGHT state medalists and twelve girls ranked in the top twelve in the state of Texas in the THSWPA 4A Division. Several of the Lady Javelina Lifters were approached from college recruiters and scouts.

**STATE Champion:** Aaliyah Garcia 105 pound with a 790 pound total. Aaliyah



Back Row-Left to Right: Pracilla Ramirez, Bethanie Rodriguez, Kianna Lara, Maria Rodriguez, Luz Garcia. Middle Row-Left to Right: Haylee Lasiter Gabriella Patino, Joanna Arredondo and Brea Eguia. Third Row-Left to Right-**State Champions**-Aly Urrabazo and Aaliyah Garcia.

broke the THSWPA squat record with her second squat squatting 315 pounds and broke the squat record again

with her third squat squatting 335 pounds. Aaliyah benched 150 pounds and deadlifted 305 pounds. Aaliyah tied the

THSWPA 105 pound total with a 790 pound total.

**STATE Champion:** Aly  
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Zavala County AgriLife Extension Recognizes Pets Barn for outstanding service given to the Zavala County 4-H and Youth Development program, specifically the 4-H Clover Kids Rabbit Program. Pictured above is Pets Barn manager Marty Alonzo (holding plaque) and Staff L-R Jewells Fernandez, Marty Alonzo, Marcos Munguia and Ashley Arreola. The Pets Barn store is located at 803 SW Military Drive in San Antonio. They have worked closely with the Extension office in locating rabbit projects for Zavala County Youth.

## Templo Emanuel to hold Holy Week services

Pastor Dino Espinoza and the Templo Emanuel congregation invites families and friends to celebrate Holy Week with us. For more information please call 374-5452 or 374-2422.

Sunday, March 25: Palm Sunday 10:30 a.m. Service and at Noon a POT LUCK LUNCHEON. Bring your family, friends and food.

Wednesday, March 28: 7:00 p.m. Holy Week-FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICE

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# Powerlifting

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Urrabazo 123 pound with a 910 pound total. Aly squatted a 360 pound squat and deadlifted a 335 pound deadlift. Aly tied the THSWPA bench record with her opening lift of 190 pounds. Aly broke her own record by benching 200 pounds on her second bench and then broke the record again benching a total of 215 pounds.

**2nd Place STATE Silver Medalist:** Kianna Lara with a 1035 pound total - squatting 425 pounds and deadlifting 350. Kianna broke the THSWA bench record with a 270 pound bench. With that bench Kianna broke the 165 pound state total that belonged to Ex-CCHS lifter Kiana Lopez.

**3rd Place STATE Bronze Medalist:** Kayla Jimenez in the 148 pound weight class with a 950 pound total, squatting 405 pounds, benching 185 pounds and deadlifting 360 pounds.

**4th Place STATE Medalist:** Maria Rodriguez in the 181 pound weight class with a 975 pound total 380 pound squat, 235 pound bench and a 360 deadlift.

**4th Place STATE Medalist:** Gabi Patino with a 980 pound total squatting 430 pounds,

benching 210 pounds and deadlifting 340 pounds.

**5th Place STATE Medalist:** Joanna Arredondo in the 123 pound weight class with a 790 pound total, squatting 340, benching 145 pounds and deadlifting 305 pounds.

**5th Place STATE Medalist:** Bethanie Rodriguez in the 220 weight class with a 1,010 pound total squatting 405, benching 250, and deadlifting 355 pounds.

**6th Place STATE Competitor:** Pracilla Ramirez in the 132 pound weight class squatting 330 pounds, benching 190 pounds and deadlifting 275 pounds.

**6th Place STATE Competitor:** Haylee Lasiter in the 165 pound weight class with a 385 pound squat, benching 200 pounds and deadlifting 315 pounds.

**9th Place STATE Competitor:** Brea Eguia in the 114 pound weight class with a 300 pound squat, 155 pound bench and a 245 deadlift.

**12th Place STATE Competitor:** Luz Garcia in the 259 weight class with a 400 pound squat, 225 pound bench and a 315 pound deadlift.

Congratulations to these AMAZING young ladies for representing CCHS, CCISD and the community with such strength, respect and pride. What a great honor it is for these ladies to bring the THSWPA 4A STATE TEAM TITLE back to Crystal City for the third time.

The Lady Javevina Lifters would like to thank ALL of our managers for the hard work you did helping us reach our goal.

Thank you to Boys Head Coach **Chaz Baxter** for your assistance with the girls. Thank You to Athletic Director **Davie Lopez** for making the trip to Waco to support and cheer for the girls.

Thank you to **Coach C.M. Tapia** for the motivating text messages to the team. Thank You to **Genisis "Button" Gomez** for the prayers and motivational text messages throughout the meet to update us on the live meet status.

Thank you to **John Montellano** for carrying on the tradition of driving us and giving us your motivational speeches.

A **BIG SHOUT** out to ex lifters **Amanda Lopez, Abigail Garza, Justin Lomas, and Felix Gutierrez**, for making the drive to Waco to help and encourage the team.

We would like to share our title with our family members, friends, community, managers, and ex-lifters without you we would not be the champions we are.

IT TAKES AN ARMY TO WIN A BATTLE! THANK YOU EVERYONE!!!

Best of Luck the Lady Javevina Powerlifters who will be traveling to Portland, Texas for the USPA Pure Energy World Qualifying Meet in April.

# Aldridge's double-double fuels Spurs by Warriors, 89-75

By RAUL DOMINGUEZ  
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — LaMarcus Aldridge continued to lead the way for the Spurs, who are trying to find a way to remain in the playoffs.

Aldridge had 33 points and 12 rebounds, and San Antonio blew a 16-point lead to the injury-ravaged Golden State Warriors before pulling away for an 89-75 victory on Monday night.

"I'm a leader, so I have to do what we need," Aldridge said. "Playing defense, blocking shots, scoring. It all comes with it."

San Antonio beat Golden State for the first time in four tries this season and won their fourth straight overall to move into fifth place in the Western Conference, a half-game ahead of idle Utah and New Orleans. Aldridge scored five straight points early in the fourth quarter to help the Spurs recapture a 66-65 advantage. He finished with 19 points in the fourth, including 11 straight that erased a four-point deficit and gave San Antonio a 72-65 lead it would not relinquish.

"He was a horse in that fourth quarter," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said. "Obviously, it wasn't a fair fight, but it just shows what kind of class they have and

how well coached they are and how badly they want to be champions again. They played great and we picked the right five minutes to play really well at the end of the game."

Already without injured All-Stars Stephen Curry, Kevin Durant and Klay Thompson, Golden State lost Draymond Green in the second quarter to a bruise in the pelvic area. Green took a knee to the upper groin while defending a drive to the basket by Danny Green.

Draymond Green said he was suffering a "constant, annoying pain," but doesn't expect to miss any games.

"It'll be fine," Green said. "I think it's just something that's kind of like at the peak right now, but it's calmed down a little bit since it happened. It ain't that serious."

The Warriors weren't getting any sympathy from a Spurs team that has played without Kawhi Leonard for much of the season.

Golden State still managed to hold San Antonio to 12 points in the third quarter, matching the Spurs' season low for points in any period.

Two blocked shots propelled the Warriors to their first lead of the game.

JaVale McGee blocked Dejounte Murray's attempted floater and then scored on a dunk to pull Golden State

within 59-57 with 2:21 remaining in the third. Quinn Cook tied the game on a jumper after Patrick McCaw came from the weak side defensively to stuff Pau Gasol near the rim. Kevon Looney gave the Warriors the lead at 63-61 on jumper with two seconds left in the frame.

The Spurs responded by holding the Warriors to 12 points in the fourth quarter to help their bid for a 21st consecutive postseason appearance.

"They were great defensively," Golden State coach Steve Kerr said. "The Spurs turned it up a notch. They're fighting for their playoff lives and they played liked it."

Cook led Golden State with 20 points, Looney added 12 and Andre Iguodala and Nick Young had 10 each.

Mills finished with 12 points and Danny Green added 11.

TIP-INS

Warriors: Curry (right ankle), Durant (fractured rib) and Thompson (fractured right thumb) did not travel with the team, remaining in Oakland to continue rehabilitating their injuries. ... Curry was scheduled to be reevaluated Tuesday. ... The Warriors' highest point total in a quarter was 22 in the third. Golden State scored 42 points in the third quarter against Phoenix on Saturday, the 11th time it has scored 40-plus in a quarter this season. ... Golden State has won six games when trailing by 15 plus points.

Spurs: Leonard was not on the bench, as he has been for much of the team's current six-game homestand. Leonard (right quadriceps tendinopathy) has played in only nine games this season. ... Danny Green became the third player in franchise history with a 3-pointer in 400 career games, joining Manu Ginobili (746) and Bruce Bowen (411).

BOUNDING REBOUNDER: Murray had eight rebounds to set the franchise record for rebounds in a single season by a point guard. The 6-foot-5 guard has 385 rebounds in 1,436 minutes surpassing Johnny Moore's total of 378 collected in 2,689 minutes. "He's pretty athletic," Aldridge said. "He has a nose for the ball. He goes and gets them. That's big time for him. He's only going to get better from here."

UP NEXT-Warriors: Host Atlanta on Friday night.

Spurs: Host Washington on Wednesday night.

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## Springs of "Living Water"

by Pastor Dino Espinoza

### PRETENDING

Our childhood and even adolescent days were filled with dreams and illusions. We would pretend to be what we were not. The list was unending: a sports hero, a millionaire, a person a national influence, a great writer, a famous educator, or even an actor or actress. PRETEND is a mental picture that in some people becomes a constant image. Proverbs 13:7 talks about this: "One man pretends to be rich, yet has nothing; another pretends to be poor, yet has great wealth."

PRETENDING can become a deterrent because we fail to acknowledge our personal reality. PRETENDING becomes an excuse for not pursuing goals with effort, studies and above all God's grace and guidance.

**A PERSONAL PRAYER:** Lord, Thank you for dreams and visions that motivate me. BUT, help me be real and live

to my highest expectations. With your grace I will be able to enjoy life and bless the lives of those near me. Help me to BE ME and not live in a world of PRETENDING"

\* \* \*

### PRETENDIENDO

Nuestra niñez y aún nuestros días de adolescencia fueron llenos de sueños e ilusiones. PRETENDIAMOS ser lo que realmente no éramos. La lista era sin fin : un héroe deportivo, un millonario, una persona de influencia nacional, un gran escritor, un educador famoso o aún un actor o actriz. PRETENDER es un retrato mental que en algunas personas viene a ser un imagen constante. Proverbios 13:7 habla de esto: "Hay quienes pretenden ser ricos, y no tiene nada; y hay quienes pretenden ser pobres, y tienen muchas riquezas."

PRETENDIENDO puede ser una disuasión porque

fallamos en reconocer nuestra realidad personal. PRETENDIENDO viene a ser una excusa para no perseguir metas con esfuerzo, estudios y sobre todo la gracia y guianza de Dios.

**UNA ORACION PERSONAL:** Señor, Gracias por sueños y visiones que me motivan PERO, ayúdame ser real y vivir a mis más elevadas expectativas. Con Tu gracia podré disfrutar de la vida y bendecir las vidas de los que viven cerca de mí. Ayúdame ser LO QUE SOY y no vivir en un mundo de PRETENDIENDO."

### TODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

- Today is Wednesday, March 21, the 80th day of 2018. There are 285 days left in the year.
- On March 21, 1918, during World War I, Germany launched its Spring Offensive on the Western Front, hoping to break through the Allied lines before American reinforcements could arrive. (Although successful at first, the Spring Offensive ultimately failed.)
- In 1556, Thomas Cranmer, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, was burned at the stake for heresy.
- In 1788, fire broke out in New Orleans on Good Friday, destroying 856 out of more than 1,100 structures; one death was reported.
- In 1804, the French civil code, or the "Code Napoleon" as it was later called, was adopted.
- In 1925, Tennessee Gov. Austin Peay (pee) signed the Butler Act, which prohibited the teaching of the Theory of Evolution in public schools. (Tennessee repealed the law in 1967.)
- In 1935, Persia officially changed its name to Iran.
- In 1946, the recently created United Nations Security Council set up temporary headquarters at Hunter College in the Bronx, New York.
- In 1952, the Moondog Coronation Ball, considered the first rock and roll concert, took place at Cleveland Arena.
- In 1963, the Alcatraz federal prison island in San Francisco Bay was emptied of its last inmates and closed at the order of Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy.
- In 1972, the Supreme Court, in *Dunn v. Blumstein*, ruled that states may not require at least a year's residency for voting eligibility.
- In 1981, Michael Donald, a black teenager in Mobile, Alabama, was abducted, tortured and killed by members of the Ku Klux Klan. (A lawsuit brought by Donald's mother, Beulah Mae Donald, later resulted in a landmark judgment that bankrupted one Klan organization.)
- In 1990, Namibia became an independent nation as the former colony marked the end of 75 years of South African rule.
- In 2006, the social media website Twitter was established with the sending of the first "tweet" by co-founder Jack Dorsey, who wrote: "just setting up my twttr."

## Poems by Chonchis

### Un Angel

"Me encuentre un angelito que bajo del cielo azul."

Muchas personas creen que existe su angel de la guardia. Como vez tu? Porque no creen?

Cuando hay un angel que te cuida todo te vas mas bien. Dios manda a sus angeles en encampen en nuestro alrededor.

El solo pensar que un angel esta a tu lado. Te da una esperanza es como una medicina a tu alcance.

Recuerda-un angel anuncio el nacimiento de Cristo Jesus y aunque al ver el angel los pastores se estremecieron, les dijo no tenman.

Pienso yo que es por eso (el susto) que no vemos a los angeles. Solo sentimos su acercamiento y la proteccion que nos dan.

Ten en cuenta que cuando hay peligro alli esta tu angel de la guardia y por mando de Cristo, te cuidara.

9/11/2017

### Escucha lo que dices

Lo que sale de tu boca es muy importante el provecho de lo dicho. Te puede favorecer o mandarte al infierno.

Todo de pende de que dices y con que tono lo dices.

A mi como a muchos decimos algo y luego nos arrependimos de haber dicho lo

que decimos. Aveses lo que dijimos nos calli como una pader de cemento.

Todo palabra tiene valor escucha lo que dices para que puedas valorar cada palabra que sale de tu boca.

9/15/2017

### Creelo o no

Me atrevi hacer un road trip con Lalo, Jimmy, y Moncho. Eso si es un atrevimiento no les miento.

Desde que salimos de vidrio fue puro reir y reir, le

8/9/2017

## Thank You...

I would like to thank everyone who supported me during my campaign for Zavala County Clerk in the Democratic Primary Election held on March 6, 2018.

I have been elected Zavala County Clerk, thanks foremost to God, my family, my friends and supporters. I will be representing Zavala County as your new County Clerk in 2019 when I begin my term. Once again, thank you for all your support.



Sincerely,

**Michelle M. Bonilla**

**Mi Pildorita Semanal**  
Por Conny Balderas

Por muy fuerte que haya sido una experiencia vivida, toma la decision de no recordar aquel dolor y mas bien reconoce cuan grande es Dios quien te ayudo a pasarla de Su Mano. El es bueno y fiel. Que tenga una excelente semana.

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Dear Residents of Precinct 4 & 4A:

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your vote and support during the primary elections held earlier this month. However, I, Rafael N. Mendoza, come before you again to kindly ask for your vote for Zavala County Commissioner for Precinct 4 & 4A during the upcoming runoff elections.

Your vote and support has given me the opportunity to remain as your candidate for this runoff election. Without this support this opportunity would not be possible.

Thank you,  
**RAFAEL N. MENDOZA**  
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# News from your County Agent

BY MARCEL VALDEZ, CEA-ANR / TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE

There is no doubt spring is here for our area at least. This is not the case for folks in the north eastern part of the country.

If you have family and friends in the Vermont, Maine and New Hampshire area where heavy snow and morning temperatures in the teens is what their first day of spring will be like wish them well. I am sure they will envy you for the nice weather we will have this week, except for the windy Monday. Greetings to all of you and thank you so much for reading this week.

## Private Water Well Screening Event Will Take Place April 18

Zavala, Dimmit, Frio, Atascosa, and McMullen Counties of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is hosting a water well screening on Wednesday, April 18 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service offices for Zavala County at 221 N 1st Ave in Crystal City, Dimmit County at 539 Industrial Boulevard, in Carrizo Springs, Frio County at 400 S. Pecan Street, Pearsall, TX Atascosa County at 25 E. 5th Street Leming, TX, and McMullen County County Courthouse, HWYS 72 & 16 Tilden TX in to give area residents the opportunity to have their well water screened.

Results will be available on Friday, April 20th, at your Local County Extension Office. If results indicate high levels

of contaminants then owners are advised to get a full water test done by a certified water testing lab. If samples submitted are within tolerable limits the well owner do NOT have to do any additional testing and thus save the cost of a full blown water test. The screening is presented by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. According to John W. Smith, AgriLife Extension Program Specialist private water wells should be tested annually.

It is very important that only sampling bags from the Zavala, Frio, Atascosa, McMullen or Dimmit County AgriLife Extension offices be used and all instructions for proper sampling are followed to ensure accurate results.

Area residents who want to have their well water screened, will need to pick up a sample bag and sampling instructions from the Zavala County AgriLife Extension office (830-374-2883), the Dimmit County AgriLife Extension office (call 830-876-4216 for more information), Frio County AgriLife Extension office (830-334-0099), McMullen County AgriLife Extension office (361-274-3323) or the Atascosa County AgriLife Extension office (830-596-8997).

The cost is \$15 per sample and samples must be turned in by 9 a.m. on April 18th. Samples will be screened for common contaminants, including fecal coliform bacteria, nitrates, high salinity and pres-

ence of hydrocarbons.

The presence of fecal coliform bacteria in water indicates that waste from humans or warm-blooded animals may have contaminated the water. Water contaminated with fecal coliform bacteria is more likely to also have pathogens present that can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea or other symptoms.

Water with nitrates at levels of 10 parts per million is considered unsafe for human consumption. Nitrate levels above 10 parts per million can disrupt the ability of blood to carry oxygen throughout the body, resulting in a condition called methemoglobinemia. Infants less than 6 months of age and young livestock are most susceptible.

Salinity as measured by total dissolved solids will also be determined for each sample. Water with high levels may leave deposits and have a salty taste, and using water with high levels for irrigation may damage soil or plants. For more information, please contact your local County Extension Office. To learn more about the programs offered through the network or to find additional publications and resources, please visit <http://twon.tamu.edu>. Support for the Texas Well Owner Network program is provided through Clean Water Act nonpoint source funding from the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board and the U.S. Environmental

Protection Agency.

## Latest on Cotton Ginning Cost Share Payments

Cotton growers in Zavala and surrounding counties will be able to participate in the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Ginning Cost Share payments will be made available based upon their 2016 planted acres. Sign-up for these payments began on Monday, March 12th and continues through May 11th. According to USDA, Producers who reported their 2016 cotton acreage to FSA will receive a prefilled CGCS application in the mail, which is to be signed and returned to the recording office listed on the form. CGCS applications can be submitted to your local FSA office either in person, by FAX, or by email.

As a reminder, ginning rates vary by region due to differences in yields and individual ginning costs per bale, and so the payment for Texas is calculated at \$19.65 per acre. Cotton Ginning Cost Share payments are capped at \$40,000 per individual or entity and do not count against 2014 Farm Bill payment limitations. To be eligible for a cost share program payment, each applicant is required to be a person or legal entity who was actively engaged in farming in 2016 and who complies with requirements including, but not limited to, those pertaining to highly erodible land conservation and wetland conservation provisions, commonly referred to as the conservation compliance provisions.

A producer's three-year average adjusted gross income may not exceed \$900,000 to be eligible for the cost share payments. Additionally, the Seed Cotton Program was signed into law on February 9th. This program allows seed cotton to be classified as a program crop and thus becomes eligible for PLC and ARC payments for the 2018 - 2019 crop year. A National Cotton Council summary of the Seed Cotton Program may be found on the NCC web site at [www.cotton.org](http://www.cotton.org)

## Tip of the Week: Spring Gardening-Peppers

Most peppers are easy to grow in the Zavala County area especially hot peppers because they are not only hot but they do well in hot weather. Red and green peppers are good sources of vitamin C, some vitamin A, and small amounts of several minerals. Red peppers have more vitamin A than do green peppers. Peppers are good raw or cooked. Eat them as a snack, use them to decorate food, or add them to salads and casseroles. You can also stuff peppers with seasoned bread crumbs or meat and bake them.

The best varieties of sweet peppers for growing in Texas include: Bell Tower, Big Bertha, California Wonder, Gypsy, Jupiter and Yolo Wonder. Suitable hot pepper varieties include: Hidalgo Serrano, Hungarian Wax, Jalapeño, Long Red Cayenne and the popular TAM Mild Jalapeño.

Peppers grow in all types of soils but do best in heavier, well-drained soils. Plant them in areas that receive at least 6 hours of sunlight each day. Several weeks before planting,

work the soil 8 to 10 inches deep and rake it several times to break up the large clods. Work the soil only when it is dry enough not to stick to garden tools. Incorporate large amounts of organic matter into the soil, especially if you are working with heavy clay.

You can use compost, peat moss, rotted hay, or other organic matter. Because a few plants will feed most families, it is best to buy pepper plants rather than grow them from seed. Buy healthy plants that are 4 to 6 inches tall. About three to four hot pepper plants and eight to ten sweet pepper plants usually are enough for a family of four.

Make the transplant holes 3 to 4 inches deep and about 1½ feet apart in the row. Space the rows at least 3 feet apart. Before planting, fill the holes with water and let it soak in. Move the plants carefully from the box or flat, and set them in the transplant holes. Leave as much soil as possible around the roots. Fill the hole with soil and pack it loosely around the plant. Do not cover the roots deeper than the original soil ball. Leave a slightly sunken area around each plant to hold water. Water the plants after planting. It is best to transplant peppers in the evening or on a cloudy day. This will keep the plants from drying too much and wilting.

Fertilizing peppers is easy. If you will plant single plants, place about 2 level tablespoons of 10-10-10 fertilizer on the soil in the planting area. Mix it well with the soil then water it in. After the first fruit begins to enlarge, place about 2 tablespoons of fertilizer around each plant about 6 inches from the stem. Water the plant after adding the fertilizer. This will

increase the yield and the quality of the peppers. Water the plants enough to keep them from wilting. Slow, deep watering helps the root system grow strong. Do not let pepper plants wilt because this will reduce yield and quality of the fruit. Insects and diseases of pepper.

Many insecticides are available at garden centers for homeowner use. Sevin is a synthetic insecticide; organic options include sulfur and Bt-based insecticides. Sulfur also has fungicidal properties and helps control many diseases. Before using a pesticide, read the label and always follow cautions, warnings, and directions.

Because diseases can be a problem on peppers, watch the plants closely. In mild weather, diseases start easily. Leaf spots are caused by fungi and bacteria and can be treated with neem oil, sulfur, or other fungicides. Again, always follow label directions.

And finally If you pick the peppers as they mature, the yields will be greater. The first peppers should be ready 8 to 10 weeks after transplanting. Pick bell peppers when they become shiny, firm, and dark green. If left on the plant, most peppers will turn red and are still good to eat. Harvest most hot peppers when they turn red or yellow, depending on the variety. Jalapeños are mature when they reach good size and develop a deep, dark green sheen.

For more information on this topic or for an Extension Publication on growing peppers contact the Zavala County office of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service at 830-374-2883. Have a great week. M.V.

## USDA offers renewal options for expiring Conservation Stewardship Contracts

TEMPLE, Texas - Agricultural producers wanting to enhance current conservation efforts are encouraged to renew their [Conservation Stewardship Program \(CSP\)](#) contract.

Through CSP, USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) helps private landowners build their business while implementing conservation practices that help ensure the sustainability of their entire operation.

Participants with existing CSP contracts expiring on Dec. 31, 2018 can access the benefits of the recent program changes through an option to

renew their contracts for an additional five years if they agree to adopt additional activities to achieve higher levels of conservation on their lands. NRCS will mail contract renewal notification letters to all participants whose contracts expire in 2018, which will contain instructions on how to apply for renewal. Applications to renew expiring contracts are due by April 13.

NRCS recently made several updates to the program to help producers better evaluate their conservation options and the benefits to their operations and natural resources.

New methods and software for evaluating applications help producers see up front why they are or are not meeting stewardship thresholds, and allow them to pick practices and enhancements that work for their conservation objectives. These tools also enable producers to see potential payment scenarios for conservation early in the process.

Producers interested in CSP can contact their [local USDA service center](#) or visit [www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov).

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# Kinesiology club named grand champion at annual college cooking event



Uvalde, TX, March 9, 2018 – The SWTJC Kinesiology Club in Uvalde, going by the team name of “Small Town Smokers” were the named grand champions at the 5th Annual “Grillin’ with the President” on Thursday (March 8) in Uvalde.

The “The Bone-A-Fide Grillers,” representing the radiology program, was named the reserve grand champions. Coming in third overall was the “Bar-B-Quties,” representing the women’s basketball team.

A total of 23 teams participated in the cooking contest, and all teams were required to cook and submit a full chicken, ribs, and fajitas. Judges were selected from members of the SWTJC faculty, staff and administration.

## Texas post final draft of special education plan

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas has posted a final draft of its plan for overhauling special education across the state.

on the plan since federal officials found that the state had illegally denied services to students with disabilities for years. The posting sets an April 6 deadline for public comment before it’s submit-

ted to the U.S. Department of Education. The plan posted Monday would create a professional statewide special education deployment system. It also calls for increasing special education staffing, providing better special education training for teachers and creating more tools for parents of children with suspected disabilities. Meanwhile, it would help school districts identify and help thousands of students who were previously denied special education services.



## Lady Javelinas vs family softball games and BBQ social

Javelina baseball teams playing round trip baseball, old school style and social fun with BBQ. Thank you to the parents and the players for a fun afternoon. Good luck at district.



# Local Non-Profit to Participate in this Year’s Big Give SA

Community Council of South Central Texas, a local non-profit community action agency, will be participating in this year’s Big Give SA from midnight to midnight on Thursday, March 22, 2018. The Big Give SA is South Central Texas’ 24-hour day of online giving fueled by the power of generous donors, creative nonprofits, social media, collaboration, and you! The goal of the Big Give SA is to support the nonprofits in our region that make our community a stronger, more vibrant place for all.

Frio, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, Kinney, Live Oak, Medina, McMullen, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde, Wilson, Zavala. Donations for the Big Give can be made from midnight to midnight on Thursday, March 22, 2018. If you are unable to donate on March 22nd, the Big Give website will open early on from March 15-22 and individuals will be able to make gifts early to their nonprofits through the Big Give. Individuals interested in giving to CCSCCT may do so

by visiting [www.thebiggive.org](http://www.thebiggive.org) and searching for CCSCCT or Community Council of South Central Texas under the ‘See More Participating Organizations’ link. If you do not have access to a computer and would like to donate that day, CCSCCT will accept drop-off donations at its Administrative office located at 801 North State Highway 123 Bypass., Seguin, Texas 78155. If you have questions regarding the event, you may contact CCSCCT at 830-303-4376.

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April 13	Devine	Away	7 PM	V
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# THIS WAS THE NEWS

From the Files of the Zavala County Sentinel

## JUNE 4, 1937

Paul Deem and Oscar Willmon, contractors and builders, have erected a beautiful cottage on E. Bexar St. for Mr. Deem. It has a splendid foundation and many built-in features.

There is in storage at the local ice plant a 75-pound yellow catfish caught by Ben A. White of Carrizo Springs, out of the Rio Grande. Whether or not Zavala County has an oil field is no longer a conjecture, but a definite fact. What it will amount to remains to be seen, but at present there is one real producer in the Batesville Field. Commissioner Gilmer Shearer of Pct. 1 has opened a road from Batesville-Pearsall highway to well.

At a meeting of the La Pryor Masonic Lodge Saturday evening the following officers were elected: Dennis Clark, W. M., E. V. Porter, J. W., Martin Clark, Secretary, T. W. Alexander, Treasurer, and Tom Barnes, Tiler.

A new grocery store opened for business at Batesville this week. Hardy and Mortan White are in charge. It is well stocked with complete line of groceries.

## JUNE 4, 1948

Pat Wheeler of Pearsall has bought the Crystal Cleaners from J. P. Jett and took charge Tuesday.

A.C. Serald of San Antonio has purchased the D. J. Showalter Machine Shop on N. Avenue A., and took charge Tuesday morning. The name of the business has been changed to Serald Iron Works.

Taking part in 4-H dress revue Friday were Martha Hipp, Virginia Davidson, Judy Gayler, Robbie Rossington, Jo Beth Payne, Joyce Hipp, Mary Alice Coleman and Patsy Owens.

## MAY 31, 1957

Members of the Indians Little League team: Lynn Lueders, Jose M. Lopez, Bob Taylor, Paul Marino, Ruben Serna, Ernesto Trevino, Eddie Stocking, Manuel Medellin, Paul Tollett, Rudy Aguilar, Joe Lunz, Tim Miller, Rodolfo Garza, James Williams and Paul Dry.

Members of the Pony League are Skipper Eiband, Frank Moreno, Frank Cerda, Ambrioso Melendrez, Braulio Palacios, Jim Stinebaugh, Mike Trevino, Gerry Perales, Alfonso Lozano, Robert Lopez, Charles Scaife, Frank Trlica, Joe Rodriguez, Jim Byrd and Joe Taylor.

## JUNE 1, 1967

Crystal City has had its third casualty in the Vietnam war with the death on May 13 of Cpl. Melecio Ortiz of the United States Marine Corp.

Bruno Mata received his BS degree from Texas A&I College on May 27.

Rogelio Bocanegra was seriously wounded in Vietnam on May 27, when he stepped on a land mine.

## JUNE 2, 1977

The 1977 Senior Class of Crystal City High School is leaving seats of graduation pictures dating back to 1931 to the school. Class president Rene Trevino said that the photographs are to be reframed and restored so that a complete history of the graduating classes will be visible in the new high school building. Pictures of the graduating classes had hung in the main hall of the old high school building since the building opened in 1931.

Miss Rita Avila was honored with a bridal shower on May 21. She is the bride-elect of James Dry. Hostesses were Angie Cumpian, Nuri Rodriguez, Nina Guzman, Clemencia Vargas, Rosa Moreno, Giomar Perez, Lola Arcos, Pita Rodriguez, Noemi Pena, Amalia Castillo, Dora Elia Avila, Hermina Avila, Alicia Herrera, Juanita Sanchez, Elida Lopez, Irma Benavides, Amalia Guerra, Oralia Aldape, Lucy Esquivel, Olga Lopez, Maria Lopez, Olivia Lopez, Oralia Trevino, Amelia Avila and Angelita Reyes.

# Looking into the Sentinel Photo Vault.



**1987 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**— Four students in the graduating class of 1987 were selected to receive \$200 scholarship award from the Crystal City Educators Association. Making the presentation of scholarships is Rogelio Cavazos, pictured at left and Pete Contreras, far right. Students on hand to receive the scholarships are Patrick Granados, Mary Villarreal and Hilario Ramirez. Not pictured is Gilbert Gonzales.

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48. Bobbysock
50. Row of vagrants
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53. Auctioneer's quantities
55. El \_\_\_
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73. Fit out again

6. Announce Red Alert
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10. Turkish honorific
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12. Always, in verse
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51. \*Before - supper; After - \_\_\_
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#### Solutions for March 14 puzzles

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# Believe God Hears Prayers

By Celestino Luna

In February 2018 I became 80 years old and I believe I am alive because God has not finished with me. My friend in Christ who travels with me did not go that Sunday, he chose to be with those of his own congregation where they gather in private. On his last Sunday trip he said "Tino as I read 1 Corinthians 9:16-19 I remember you". Briefly it says **"Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel that has been entrusted to me". "My reward is to preach without charge being free to preach to all"**.

Pastors and Evangelist receive offerings and that is acceptable to God but I pay my way. God supplies me one way or another. One day before my birthday I prayed to God to please give me an anointing to preach, teach and minister to the sick and the many who are hurting in one way or another. I

Corinthians 12:1-11 speaks of spiritual gifts and those gifts are for us, the Body of Christ. The power behind the gifts is the Holy Spirit and the Spirit works in us through faith in Christ Jesus and the shed Blood of Christ which cleanses us from sin to serve the "Living God". Be no deceived! The gifts and the Spirit are for all believers! If you have faith in Christ you do well but I know that God wants us to activate, to put into action our faith to reach those that are hurting. It is all done in the Name of Jesus Christ. Jesus became so real to me that way. That is why I teach and anoint people with oil and pray on their behalf.

During the holidays my 53-year-old son came to visit in Cedar Park, Texas from Dallas. He did not look the same as when I last saw him. He was going through a hardship, such a hardship that the doctor told him he had chronic depression. It is

very severe and he started to cry and my wife and his sister also cried but not me because I knew God would hear my prayers and two weeks later my son was doing well. He moved to Cedar Park, Texas where he feels loved.

On February 5th a man in his 40's wanted to talk to me and we spent two and a half hours in my mother's garage where I write the articles. He listened, he cried and we prayed. For nine years he raised and loved his child but on February 3rd the mother from Uvalde took her away. God answered the prayers and on the 15th of February the woman returned the child to him. Now he, the child and grandmother are happy.

On Sunday (03/04/2018) I went to preach and teach at an early service at a church. I had to get up early after sleeping only three hours and leave at 10 a.m. for Piedras Negras. Most of the people were women, except for five men. The Lord gave me the message the day before **"I am going to do a work that if somebody told you, you would not believe"**. God willing next week I will explain the message. You could feel His Presence in that service. All came to the front for me to pray for them. God touched each one of them, some fell backwards and a young woman started to cry, and an older woman danced with joy. It took me almost three hours to cross the border to Eagle Pass but I knew God had answered my birthday request.

# Another explosion injures 2 in Texas capital; cause unclear

By PAUL J. WEBER and WILL WEISSERT, Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Two people were injured in another explosion in Texas' capital, and police weren't saying if it was caused by a package bomb like the three that detonated earlier this month elsewhere in the city.

The latest blast occurred around 8:30 p.m. Sunday in a suburban neighborhood known as Travis Country in southwest Austin — far from the previous three that were all in residential areas in the eastern part of the city — and investigators didn't immediately confirm what caused it. But police Chief Brian Manley repeated previously issued warnings for residents not to touch any unexpected packages left at their homes.

"What we have right now is a scene where it is obvious that an explosion has taken place," Manley said at a hastily organized news conference near the site of the latest blast.

He urged people within half a mile to stay in their homes and said authorities would keep the surrounding area blocked off at least until daybreak Monday "given the darkness and size of the area that we want to go in and check."

"We want to put out the message that we've been putting out and that is, not only do not touch any packages or anything that looks like a package, do not even go near it at this time," Manley said.

Because "we have not had an opportunity to look at this blast site to really determine what has happened."

Manley also said authorities were still working to "clear" a suspicious backpack found in the area that was part of a separate report.

"It is important right now for anyone in the neighborhood behind us to remain inside and give us time to work through this," he said, adding that any witnesses should call 911 and report what they saw.

Two men in their 20s were hurt in the latest blast. Police said they were hospitalized with injuries that weren't life-threatening. It was the fourth explosion to rock Austin in less than three weeks.

The first was a package bomb that exploded at a northeast Austin home on March 2, killing a 39-year-old man. Two more package bombs then exploded farther south on March 12, killing a 17-year-old, wounding his mother and injuring a 75-year-old woman.

Police said all three of those were likely related and involved packages that had not been mailed or delivered by private carrier but left overnight on doorsteps. Manley originally suggested they could have been hate crimes since all the victims were black or Hispanic, but now says that investigators aren't ruling out any possible motive.

Manley last week urged residents receiving unexpected packages to call au-

thorities without touching or opening them, and police responded to hundreds of calls about suspicious packages but didn't find anything dangerous.

On Sunday, police blocked entrances to the neighborhood where the latest blast occurred and put up yellow tape about half a mile from the home where it happened.

Despite the order for those living nearby to stay in their homes, neighbors milled around just outside the tape.

Some reported hearing loud booms but couldn't provide many details. FBI agents arrived to conduct interviews.

The latest explosion came hours after authorities raised the reward by \$50,000 for information leading to the arrest of whoever is responsible for the first three explosions. It now totals \$115,000.

Sunday is the final day of the South By Southwest music festival, which draws hundreds of thousands to Austin every March. It is also the end of spring break for many area school districts, meaning families who were out of town in recent days are returning to a city increasingly on edge.

The explosions occurred far from the main South By Southwest activities, though a downtown concert by hip-hop band The Roots was canceled Saturday night after a bomb threat. Authorities later arrested a 26-year-old man, and the incident did not appear to be related to any previous explosions.

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For more information, join the Class of 88 Face-

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#### DATE POSTED:

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The bids are due by Friday, April 6, 2018 at 5:00 pm at the Zavala County Clerk's office. Bids must be marked "Lights for helicopter pad". The County clerk's office is open Monday through Friday between 8 to 12 and 1 to 5 pm.

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Mrs. Rivera was preceded in death by her husband, Celestino Castro Rivera; sons, Guadalupe Rivera, Rodolfo Rivera, daughter, Esmeralda Martinez; parents, Emeterio and Luciana Alonzo; brothers, Guadalupe Alonzo, Antonio Alonzo, Emeterio Alonzo, Agustín Alonzo; sister, Rosa Lombrana.

She is survived by her daughters and son, Celestina Rivera, Olga Avalos (Alejandro), Magdalena Rivera (Silvestre), Jorge Armando Rivera. Mrs. Rivera is also survived by numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Visitation will be on Thursday, March 22, 2018 from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and a Rosary will be recited at 7:00 p.m. at Castle Ridge Mortuary in Crystal City, Texas.

Funeral Service will be on 10:00 a.m. Friday, March 23, 2018 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father, Gerardo Silos officiating, Interment will follow at Benito Juarez Cemetery.

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**Bids to curb health care costs offer little more than talk**

By **ALAN FRAM**,  
*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON (AP) — It started as a bipartisan attempt to curb soaring health care premiums.

But Congress' effort to stabilize the nation's insurance markets is faltering amid escalating demands by each party and erratic positions by President Donald Trump. Democrats want bigger federal subsidies for consumers under President Barack Obama's health care law while Republicans, still fighting that statute, aim to relax its coverage requirements and win abortion restrictions.

The bickering could collapse the whole effort, with each side blaming the other when next year's expected higher insurance rates are announced — just weeks before Election Day, on Nov. 6.

Last week, Sen. Patty Murray of Washington, a lead Democratic negotiator, called GOP demands on abortion limitations "a complete non-starter." A spokeswoman for Rep. Ryan Costello, R-Pa., sponsor of the House GOP package, said if Democrats want to oppose the effort "by playing abortion politics, then shame on them."

Some Democrats think they'd reap political gains if the talks collapse since polls show the health care statute is widely popular and the public would largely fault Republicans if consumer costs spiral skyward.

"Either Republicans help stabilize the market or they own these premium and deductible increases," said Rep. Kurt Schrader, D-Ore. "And I'd be glad to help crucify them if they don't want to do something very reasonable."

The effort forces Republicans to choose between trying to avert bad news about premiums shortly before

elections or standing by their opposition to anything that could be viewed as propping up "Obamacare."

Trump hasn't clarified things for his party. In a single day last October, he bounced from praising one bipartisan plan as "a very good solution" to labeling it "bailouts to insurance companies."

Signs indicate insurance prices will likely continue to rise. So try containing those increases, lawmakers crafted two bipartisan bills last year.

One by Sens. Susan Collins, R-Maine, and Bill Nelson, D-Fla., would provide billions to states for reinsurance. The funds would help insurers afford covering some of the sickest, costliest customers.

Another by Murray and Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., would revive federal payments to carriers to subsidize discounts they give lower-earning consumers for costs like deductibles and copayments. Trump halted the subsidies in October as part of his effort to upend Obama's law after federal courts said Congress hadn't properly approved the money.

Providing ammunition for the sponsors, an analysis released Monday by Oliver Wyman Actuarial Consulting, a private firm, estimated that if Congress enacted the proposals, premiums could be at least 40 percent lower than if no legislative action was taken.

Obama's statute requires insurers to provide those cost reductions, which last year cost the government \$7 billion to help around 6 million people. Insurers boosted premiums to make up the difference.

Complicating what Congress might do, Trump's halt of those subsidies to insurers has had an unanticipated, positive impact for low-income consumers.

Because of how most state regulators let carriers raise premiums, federal tax credits that help lower-income customers buy coverage grew so robustly that many were better off than before. Reviving the subsidies could actually increase out-of-pocket costs

for at least 1.6 million people, the liberal Center on Budget and Policy Priorities says.

In other changes since last fall, the new GOP tax law has erased the tax penalties enforcing the "Obamacare" individual mandate, which requires most people to buy coverage. Trump has also proposed making it easier for insurers to sell policies that last less than a year and have fewer consumer protections than Obama's statute imposes, like required coverage for people with pre-existing conditions.

Citing those blows to Obama's law, Democrats say the tax credits that help millions pay premiums need to be more generous and cover more people. They want to restore spending that's used to encourage people to buy coverage and block Trump from allowing the sale of low-cost, low-coverage plans.

Republicans have their own demands.

A White House memo says any effort to strengthen markets must have language that "ensures all federal dollars are life-protected" — a reference to restrictions on using the programs to finance abortions.

AshLee Strong, spokeswoman for House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., said last week that the effort to stabilize insurance markets must head the GOP's long-imposed legal bar against using federal funds for nearly all abortions.

"That is not negotiable for House Republicans," Strong said.

The White House memo also demanded that insurers be allowed to charge older customers higher premiums than Obama's law permits and get more leeway to renew short-term, low-coverage policies.

An agreement would likely be included in a government-wide spending bill Congress wants to finish by March 23. It's probably the year's last must-pass measure, so proposals left behind will face difficulties becoming law.

*Associated Press writers Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar and Jill Colvin contributed to this report.*

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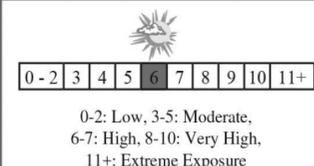
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Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Scattered T-storms
81 / 54	84 / 64	87 / 67	89 / 68	91 / 70	87 / 66	82 / 61

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**Detailed Local Forecast**

Today we will see sunny skies, high of 81°, humidity of 32%. East southeast wind 7 to 16 mph. The record high for today is 95° set in 1916. Expect mostly clear skies tonight, overnight low of 54°. East southeast wind 8 to 15 mph. The record low for tonight is 33° set in 1914. Thursday, skies will be partly cloudy, high of 84°, humidity of 51%. Southeast wind 9 to 15 mph. Thursday night, skies will be partly cloudy, overnight low of 64°. Southeast wind 11 to 15 mph.

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	Day	Peak Times		Day	Peak Times		
		AM	PM		AM	PM	
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	Thu	4:47-6:47	5:14-7:14	Mon	8:37-10:37	9:06-11:06	
	Fri	5:43-7:43	6:11-8:11	Tue	9:34-11:34	10:02-12:02	
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**Sun/Moon Chart This Week**

	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	
First 3/24	Wed	7:41 a.m.	7:51 p.m.	10:36 a.m.	Next Day	Last 4/8
	Thu	7:40 a.m.	7:51 p.m.	11:21 a.m.	12:09 a.m.	
	Fri	7:39 a.m.	7:52 p.m.	12:11 p.m.	1:12 a.m.	
	Sat	7:38 a.m.	7:52 p.m.	1:06 p.m.	2:13 a.m.	
	Sun	7:36 a.m.	7:53 p.m.	2:06 p.m.	3:13 a.m.	
Full 3/31	Mon	7:35 a.m.	7:53 p.m.	3:08 p.m.	4:09 a.m.	New 4/15
	Tue	7:34 a.m.	7:54 p.m.	4:12 p.m.	5:00 a.m.	

**Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days**

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days
3/13	69	48	74/48	0.00"	Date Degree Days
3/14	66	44	75/48	0.00"	3/13 8
3/15	70	46	75/48	0.00"	3/14 5
3/16	87	63	76/48	0.00"	3/15 8
3/17	87	64	76/48	0.00"	3/16 25
3/18	88	65	77/49	0.00"	3/17 25
3/19	82	59	77/50	0.00"	3/18 26
					3/19 20

Growing degree days are calculated by taking the average temperature for the day and subtracting the base temperature (50 degrees) from the average to assess how many growing days are attained.

**Weather Trivia**

What was the costliest hailstorm in the United States?

**Answer:** In July 1990, Denver had damages totaling \$625 million.

**Weather History**

**March 21, 1932** - A tornado swarm occurred in the Deep South. Between late afternoon and early the next morning, severe thunderstorms spawned 31 tornadoes in Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia and Tennessee. The tornadoes killed 334 people and injured 1,784.

**March 22, 1920** - A spectacular display of the Northern Lights was visible as far south as Bradenton, Fla., El Paso, Texas and Fresno, Calif. At Detroit, the display was said to be "so brilliant as to blot out all stars below first magnitude".

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