

Camp for All will host 'Texas Style Derby' gala

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Camp for All is rallying the community to raise money in style at its 13th annual gala.

The theme for this year's fundraising event is "Hats & Horses: Texas Style Derby" and will be held at 6 p.m. next Thursday at the Fireman's Training Center, 1101 U.S. 290 West here.

Co-chaired by Sabrina Altman and Debbie Bender and sponsored by Dripping Springs Distilling, the event will honor Cathleen and Bob Davis and will feature a silent auction, as well as a presentation from guest speaker Marcus Mann.

All proceeds from the organization's annual event benefit the nationally-recognized facility for children and adults with special needs, providing them with a camping experience.

Organizers encourage attendees to don dress-casual attire (think cute cotton dresses with derby-style hats and headbands) and enjoy a night of dancing.

Individual tickets are \$150.

To reserve a seat, go to www.campforall.org/events, contact Ricki Hendrix at rhendrix@campforall.org or call 713 686-5666.



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Guests browse at some of the silent auction items during the Camp For All Gala at last year's annual event held at the Fireman's Training Center. Camp For All is a barrier-free camp working in partnership with other not-for-profits to enrich the lives of children and adults with challenging illnesses or special needs and their families throughout the year.

Funeral Notices

Finke

Weldon Finke, 73, husband of Sherri (Weiss) Finke, passed away Sept. 26, 2019, in College Station.

Weldon was born Dec. 23, 1945, in Brenham to Louis and Elma (Dannhaus) Finke.

A Vietnam veteran, he served his country in the U.S. Army. Weldon was employed by the U.S. Postal Service.

Survivors include his wife, Sherri Finke of Brenham; sons and daughters-in-law Corey and Amanda Finke, and Colby and Jodie Finke; daughter, Casey Finke; and grandchildren, Mason, Morgan and Bo Finke, all of Brenham.

Funeral services for Weldon Finke will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2019, at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, with Pastor Pat Dietrich officiating. Burial will follow in Prairie Lea Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. Monday at Memorial Oaks Chapel.

A complete obituary will appear in Tuesday's edition of *The Banner-Press*.

Funeral arrangements for Weldon Finke are en-

trusted to Memorial Oaks Chapel, 1306 W. Main, Brenham. To post a tribute to the family, visit www.memoria-loakschapel.com.



Washington

Funeral services for Lola Mae Richardson Washington, 90, of Brenham will be Sunday, Sept. 29, 2019, at 1:30 p.m. in the Chapel of the Lewis Funeral Home, 509 S. Baylor, in Brenham, Texas.

Burial will be Monday, Sept. 30, 2019 in the Willow Grove Cemetery, also in Brenham.

Visitation will be Sunday from 1-1:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Arrangements are entrusted to Lewis Funeral Home, 509 S. Baylor, Brenham, Texas.

Russian official: West out of step

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Russia's foreign minister took aim at the West on Friday, saying its philosophies are out of step with the times and that it is struggling to accept what he called its diminishing dominance in world affairs.

In his speech before the U.N. General Assembly, Ser-

gei Lavrov blamed the countries that declared themselves winners of the Cold War between the U.S. and the former Soviet Union for the current challenges facing the world, and for the increasing fragmentation of the international community.

He pointedly scorned much of the "West," a term Russian officials typically use to refer to the United States and its traditional allies in Europe.

He accused them of manipulating their citizens, disseminating false information, and preventing journalists from doing their work — all charges that the West has long lobbed at the Russian government and its predecessor, the Soviet Union.

"It is hard for the West to accept seeing its centuries-long dominance in world affairs diminishing," Lavrov said.

"Leading Western countries are trying to impede the development of the polycentric world, to recover their privileged positions, to impose standards of conduct based on the narrow Western interpretation of liberalism on others."

The relationship between Russia and the U.S. has been deteriorating for years.

The two countries are at odds on many issues internationally, from Iran's nuclear program to Russia's annexation of Ukraine's Crimea to the war in Syria. Relations frayed even further amid U.S. allegations that Russia interfered in the 2016 U.S. presidential election.

At a news conference after his speech, Lavrov called the current dispute over the phone call between President Donald Trump and Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy "overblown," and strongly denied U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's claim that Russia is involved.

"The American political class," he said, almost daily accuses Russia "of all cardinal sins."

Impeachment

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that a record of the Trump phone call that is now at the center of the impeachment inquiry had been sealed away in a highly classified system at the direction of Trump's National Security Council lawyers.

Separately, Trump adviser Kellyanne Conway told reporters that the whistleblower "has protection under the law," something Trump himself had appeared to question earlier in the day. He suggested then that his accuser "isn't a whistleblower at all."

Still at issue is why the rough transcript of Trump's July 25 phone call with Ukraine's president was put on "lock down," in the words of the whistleblower. The CIA officer said that diverting the record in an unusual way was evidence that "White House

officials understood the gravity of what had transpired" in the conversation.

The whistleblower complaint alleges that Trump used his office to "solicit interference from a foreign country" to help himself in next year's U.S. election. In the phone call, days after ordering a freeze to some military assistance for Ukraine, Trump prodded new Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to dig for potentially damaging material on Democratic rival Joe Biden and volunteered the assistance of both his personal attorney, Rudy Giuliani, and U.S. Attorney General William Barr.

Pelosi refused to set a deadline for the probe but promised to act "expeditiously." The House intelligence committee could draw members back to Washington next week.

Pelosi said she was praying for the president, adding, "I

would say to Democrats and Republicans: We have to put country before party."

At the White House, it was a senior administration official who acknowledged that the rough transcript of Trump's conversation with Ukraine's Zelenskyy had been moved to a highly classified system maintained by the National Security Council. The official was granted anonymity Friday to discuss sensitive matters.

White House attorneys had been made aware of concerns about Trump's comments on the call even before the whistleblower sent his allegations to the intelligence community's inspector general. Those allegations, made in mid-August, were released Thursday under heavy pressure from House Democrats.

One former official said memos of Trump calls with foreign leaders had to be severely restricted after leaks in 2017.

Pollbooks

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Other agenda items are:

- Changing the date of the next commissioners' meeting from Oct. 8 to Oct. 7.

- A job description for an information technology specialist.

- Hiring a contractor to repaint and repair the event center.

- Eight requests for natural gas/oil pipeline crossings, including Kieke Road (two), Bascome Lane, Sawmill Road, Boundary School Road, Rolling Creek Road and Adamek Road (two).

- A subdivision variance request on property fronting Wonder Hill Road in Precinct Two.

Fishing

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said.

Removing abandoned fishing gear will also reduce dangers to human health and safety.

The proposed changes can be reviewed in the Sept. 27 edition of the *Texas Register*. The public comment period is open through Nov. 7, when TPWD commissioners will

meet to vote on adopting the changes.

Comments on the proposed changes may be submitted to Barker by phone (512) 389-4853 or email jarret.barker@tpwd.texas.gov.

Comments also may be submitted via the department's website at https://www.tpwd.texas.gov/business/feedback/public_comment/ or in person during the Nov. 7 meeting at 4200 Smith School Road in Austin.

Drug

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individuals who pleaded guilty and received terms ranging from probation to prison, including:

- Judy Compean, 32, Brenham, was sentenced to five years in state prison for credit card abuse, a third-degree felony.

- Compean was also convicted of six counts of forgery as well as another count of credit card abuse, state jail felonies, and was given time served in the Washington County Jail on those charges.

- Robert Lee Brown Jr., 51, Washington, was sentenced to four years in state prison for driving while intoxicat-

ed (third or more offense), a third-degree felony.

- Michael Wayne Hadden, 39, Humble, was sentenced to 12 months in state prison for theft of property (\$2,500-\$30,000), a state jail felony.

- Hadden was also ordered to pay \$1,255 in restitution.

- Dustin Dewayne Amerson, 49, Brenham, was placed on probation for eight years for assault causing bodily injury to a family member (enhanced) and deadly conduct, both third-degree felonies.

- Amerson was fined \$1,500 and must perform 200 hours of community service restitution.

- Angela Casas, 20, Brenham, was placed on five years deferred probation for tampering with physical evi-

dence, a third-degree felony.

- Casas was ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine and complete 200 hours of community service restitution.

- Raunel Urquiza Jr., 26, San Marcos, was placed on three years of deferred adjudication probation for two counts of possession of a controlled substance PG 1 (less than one gram), state jail felony.

- Urquiza was fined \$500 and must perform 200 hours of community service.

- Hunter Ryan Pope, 24, Magnolia, was sentenced to two years deferred probation

for possession of a controlled substance (less than one gram), a class A misdemeanor.

Pope must also perform 200 hours of community service restitution.

A 43-year-old Burton man was also sentenced here Thursday after a Washington County jury found him guilty on July 31 of driving while intoxicated (third or more offense), a third-degree felony.

Juan Antonio Rosales was sentenced by the court to two years in state prison in relation to a May 14, 2017 offense.

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- Feral hog and other nuisance animal control
- Erosion control and riparian/creek area management
- Mole & gopher control

Pre-registration is \$30/person on or before October 8, 2019 and \$40/person from October 9th through the morning of the event.

To register online or for more details go to:
washington.agrilife.org/summit

The registration fee includes all 5 sessions, catered lunch, conference proceedings, and refreshments throughout the Summit.

For additional information about the Landowner Summit please call the Washington County Extension Office at (979) 277-6212, www.washington.agrilife.org or contact Texas Master Naturalist Summit Coordinator Linda Esco at (863)242-3377, email yogagal16@gmail.com.

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