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## Chaplain Corps continues fundraising effort

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer

The Howard County Emergency Services Chaplain Corps still has a number of "no soliciting, no trespassing signs" available for purchase, according to Joel Miller, head chaplain. The signs are aluminum and can be placed near or on the outside door of a home and are \$6 a piece. This is a fundraiser for the non-profit organization.



"It is a deterrent only," Miller explained. "Once they are there and you ask them to leave or if they continued to come back, then you can go and file trespassing charges on them."

The Howard County Emergency Services Chaplain Corps provides spiritual comfort to people in a crisis and first responders as well as provide one-time only financial assistance for people in an emergency situation.

Eight chaplains provided 24-hour emergency services to the county ranging from assisting police in giving death notices to helping families who've lost their homes to fire with temporary housing and supplies.

The "no soliciting" signs will be on sale at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, 215 West Third St., or can be purchased by contacting Miller at 432-213-1221.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 235, or email [citydesk@bigspringherald.com](mailto:citydesk@bigspringherald.com).

## Beautifying downtown



**HERALD photo/Sandrena Koning**  
 A Big Spring Intermediate art student offers a helping hand to art teacher Bianca Mireles. A group of art students were downtown on Saturday afternoon priming a wall to prepare for a future mural. The goal is to have the mural completed by April 1st.

BSI Art Club hosts priming party to get ready for mural

By **SANDRENA KONING**  
 Staff Writer

Downtown was full of students on Saturday as the local Big Spring Intermediate Art Club helped get a wall ready for painting.

The Big Spring Intermediate Art Club hosted a priming party to ready the foundation for a "canvas", a part of the Downtown Garden Project. The goal is to have it completed for the April 1st Downtown Art Walk. Volunteers for the project included Bianca Mireles, BSI Art Club teacher and local artist; Jeremiah Peters of the Downtown Garden Project; and Andy Martinez, a local carpenter. Local artist Michael de Anda also led students through the entire process.

"We're painting it white today," Mireles explained to her students. "The white paint I got today is a primer, it's to protect the wood."

Mireles along with her art students, began by taping around the wooden boards to protect the brick façade. In addition, they put down a large drop cloth to keep the sidewalk and surrounding area neat and tidy.

"See how neat that is, I didn't get it anywhere yet," said Michael de Anda, a local artist aiding the group effort.

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## FUMC's 'City RockFest' rocks out the weekend



**HERALD photo/Roger Cline**  
 Disciple's lead singer Kevin Young rocks out on the Municipal Auditorium stage as the audience crowds the stage. The City RockFest concert Saturday night, at which Disciple was the headliner, drew an estimated 500 people from West Texas and neighboring states.

By **ROGER CLINE**  
 Staff Writer

They came, they saw...they rocked. And they rocked in Jesus' name.

The City RockFest, held Saturday evening at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium and hosted by the First United Methodist Church, featured five Christian hard rock bands, a message of love and faith, and a beat that shook the auditorium and those attending the concert to their bones.

"Well, let me tell you what, it is about to go down," exclaimed FUMC Pastor Bill Ivins before the concert. "We have people from all over West Texas. They've come from Hamlin, Sweetwater, Lubbock, Midland, Odessa, San Angelo; it's just amazing the response we've received to this. People are just excited to experience Christian music in a way that is fresh and new and that is relevant to new generations of people. And that's what's about to go down."

The show kicked off with Three Rivers, Mich., combo Scarlet White; followed by Random Hero, a band from Denver, Colo.; and Seventh Day

Slumber from Dallas. Fourth on the agenda was Project 86, a band from Orange County, Calif.; and wrapping up the show was the headliner, Disciple from Knoxville, Tenn. City RockFest is a multi-venue tour featuring the five bands, as well as Decyfer Down from North Carolina; and Spoken from Nashville, Tenn. The last two bands did not play in Big Spring.

Ivins said that Christians have historically sought to express themselves and to reach out to the broader community through popular styles

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## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **TRACIDARLENE MYRICK**, 46, of 1103 Cypress St. was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **ROBERT ALLEN WHITE**, 48, of 2311 Hawthorne St. in Saratoga Springs, Utah, was arrested on a warrant for possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **JENNIFER ANGELICA RAMIREZ**, 26, of 3509 E. Interstate 20 was arrested on warrants for no driver's license, no safety seat system for a child, and no driver's license.
- **AVEL ABREO RAMIREZ**, 70, no address given, was arrested on a charge of criminal trespassing.
- **BENJAMIN W. SCULLY**, 28,

no address given, was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

- **BRANDON ANTHONY MORAN**, 27, of 1104 Wood St. was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ALEX SANCHEZ**, 31, of 602 George St. was arrested on outstanding warrants.
- **RAFAEL JESUS HERNANDEZ JR.**, 19, of 1519 Wood St. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- **TONY SANCHEZ**, 28, of 1605 Lexington Ave. Apt. B was arrested on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility and no driver's license.
- **ERIC CHANCE HILL**, 23, of 4108 Mackey St. in North Richland Hills was arrested on a charge of urinating in a public place.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 700 block of East 16th Street and the 2900 block of North Birdwell Lane.

• **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 1600 block of Stadium.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 3000 block of West Highway 80, the 600 block of Caylor Drive, the 2300 block of Wasson Road, and the 200 block of West FM 700.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of Fourth and Johnson streets, and at the intersection of Lancaster and Lamesa Highway.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 600 block of George Street, and the 600 block of South Aylesford Street.

## Support Groups

### MONDAY

• Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

### TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will start Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship located in the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy) a chronic

pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

### THURSDAY

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

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

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

### FRIDAY

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

### SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

### SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

## Obituaries

### Michael Edward Bearden



Michael Edward Bearden, 73, died Thursday, Feb. 16, 2017, at his home in Big Spring.

He was born March 15, 1943, to Clyde and Bessie Bearden. Mike was also a long-time resident of Abilene, where he was a mechanic, truck driver, and oil field worker.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is father to Barbara and Llyod Arledge of Abilene. and Debra and Ronnie Walker of Big Spring. He has six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Family and friends will gather Saturday, Feb. 25, 2017, at 2 p.m. at the Trinity Memorial Park Chapel.

If anyone would like to send their condolences, they may be sent to the Walker residence.

Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com).

### James "Jim" Clements

James "Jim" Clements, 61, of Big Spring died Saturday, Feb. 18, 2017, at his home. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

## Weather

**Today:** Sunny. Highs in the lower 70s. West winds 10 to 15 mph.

**Tonight:** Clear. Lows in the lower 40s. Northwest winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light and variable.

**Tuesday:** Sunny. Highs in the upper 70s. Light and variable winds becoming southwest around 10 mph in the afternoon.

**Tuesday night:** Clear. Lows in the upper 40s. South winds around 10 mph.

**Wednesday:** Sunny. Highs in the mid 80s. Southwest winds around 10 mph.

**Wednesday night:** Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 50s.

**Thursday:** Sunny. Highs in the lower 80s.

**Thursday night:** Clear. Lows in the mid 40s.

**Friday:** Cooler, Sunny. Highs in the mid 60s.

**Friday night:** Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 30s.

**Saturday:** Sunny. Highs in the upper 60s.

**Saturday night:** Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s.

**Sunday:** Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 70s.

*AP/National Weather Service reports for Borden, Scurry, Howard, and Mitchell counties, including the cities of Gail, Snyder, Big Spring, and Colorado City*

## Take Note

• A free beginner's genealogy class will be offered Sunday, Feb. 26, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Borden County Event Center in Gail. Those attending should bring materials for taking notes and a laptop; wifi will be available for research. Also, bring information about births, deaths, and wedding dates of your parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, if known. Contact Lisa Mahler at [bordencohistory@gmail.com](mailto:bordencohistory@gmail.com) to reserve a seat or to ask a question.

• The Howard County Fair needs volunteers to cross stitch squares for the annual quilt fundraiser. The theme for this year's quilt is "It's a Jungle Out There." You can pick up a square from Cheryl Joy at the Heritage Museum during regular hours Tuesday through Saturday. Call Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674 for more information.

• Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

The next sacking session will be at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 20 and 21 at the old Lakeview High School gym located at 1107 N.W. Seventh St. To get there, take Gregg Street north and turn left on Delaney, which is the block just past the Salvation Army retail store. Delaney turns into Seventh Street, you will go over the railroad tracks and the school is on the left.

If you want additional information about getting your child on this

program please contact your child's school.

• Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat.

Cost is \$8 per person.

### Meetings

• The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Tuesday of each month a 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library.

• The Christensen-Tucker Post-2013 Veterans of Foreign Wars meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at 500 Driver Road. For more information, contact David Leonard, Post Commander, at 432-816-6004. All combat veterans of foreign wars are invited to come.

• The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

• Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Jimmy Ruth at 271-2176.

• Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 1/2 Main St. All Masons are welcome.

• Membership to the Big Spring Native American Association is open to the public. People interested in Native American culture are encouraged to find out more about the organization by calling Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125,

### Volunteer opportunities

• The Scenic Mountain Medical Center volunteer program is in need of volunteers. A variety of opportunities are open for members of the community. For more information, call Anita Cline at 268-4721.

• The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council is in need of volunteers to fill a variety of needs to assist the hospital's patients. Applications to become a volunteer can be picked up at The Chalet, 115 E. Second St., Tuesday through Saturday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. or at the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Department, 1901 N. Hwy 87, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteers can assist with a variety of functions, including The Chalet Resale Shop, various fund-raisers and patient events. For more information, contact Dee Lindsey, Big Spring State Hospital Director of Community Relations, (432) 268-7535 or [danielle.lindsey@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:danielle.lindsey@dshs.state.tx.us)

• Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to visit patients. Volunteers set their own hours. For more infor-

mation, contact Beverly Grant at 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

• Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you would like to donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Maria at 816-6474.

• Crossroads Hospice needs volunteers for patient care. Contact Eva at 263-5300.

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours of day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

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Big Spring Intermediate School Art Club students pose with volunteers after they finished priming a downtown wall for an upcoming mural.

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De Anda demonstrated how to thoroughly and properly mix the primer. After detailed instructions, he stepped aside to allow the youth a chance to try out the technique.

"I want you to mix it just like this," De Anda instructed students. "See the center of it, that's the way you mix paint."

De Anda continued demonstrating step-by-step.

"Push it to the side, bring it up, push it to the side, bring it up," instructed De Anda. "Don't touch the edges, like a little oval."

Following mixing instructions, De Anda showed how to efficiently gather and organize supplies. He then went on to explain the differences between brushes and rollers.

"I'm going to demonstrate and then have one of you take over," he said. "You gotta learn the right way the first time."

The Art Club students then began priming the base sur-

face in preparation for future painting.

"You're going to come over here and you're going to go back and forth," De Anda explained. "You're going to get all of these edges. You don't ever want to waste paint. As an artist you're going to need paint."

Through the patient and guided direction of Mireles and De Anda, the students worked diligently to finish the priming in about 45 mins.

"This is like a group project," De Anda explained to the students.

The idea for the mural came after Peters and Mireles were brainstorming ways to add public art to Big Spring.

"I want opportunities for my students to get involved with the community in art, besides school," Mireles said. "Jeremiah gave us a jump on that. Andy volunteered his time and supplies."

Bianca Mireles and her BSI Art Club will come back at a later date to outline the theme and finish painting the mural.

## Deadline looms for Dakota Access pipeline protest camp

By BLAKE NICHOLSON

Associated Press

CANNON BALL, N.D. (AP) — As dawn breaks over an encampment that was once home to thousands of people protesting the Dakota Access oil pipeline, a few hundred holdouts rise for another day of resistance.

They aren't deterred by the threat of flooding, nor by declarations from state and federal authorities that they must leave by Wednesday or face possible arrest. They're determined to remain and fight a pipeline they maintain threatens the very sanctity of the land.

"If we don't stand now, when will we?" said Tiffanie Pieper, of San Diego, who has been in the camp most of the winter.

Protesters have been at the campsite since August to fight the \$3.8 billion pipeline that will carry oil from North Dakota through South Dakota and Iowa to a shipping point in Illinois. Dallas-based Energy Transfer Partners began work on the last big section of the pipeline this month after the Army gave it permission to lay pipe under a reservoir on the Missouri River. The protest camp is on Army Corp of Engineers land nearby.

The protests have been led by Native American tribes, particularly the Standing Rock Sioux and Cheyenne River Sioux, whose reservation is downstream. They say the pipeline threatens drinking water and cultural sites.

## ROCK

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of music.

"I'll tell you a very quick story," he said. "William Booth, who was a Methodist in England originally...he eventually left the Methodist church to found the Salvation Army...and he founded the Salvation Army because the churches in England were not doing a good job of reaching unchurched, unreached people. Especially people who were among the poor in society. He began to develop music they could relate to, and he was highly criticized for the tunes that he would use because they were not church tunes. He would use beer-drinking songs and songs in popular culture. One day he said to one of his critics, 'Why should the Devil have all

the best tunes?' The reality is, music is music, but the lyrics behind it really defines what the music is all about. What these bands are offering here tonight are clearly Christian songs. Style does not define the music, it's what the lyrics say that defines the music."

From Big Spring, the City RockFest tour travels on to Artesia, N.M., on Feb. 22, and Santa Fe, N.M., Feb. 23; and then turn its sights toward Colorado. In all, the tour has 31 more performances across the United States.

For more of the story and additional pictures, see the Life section in this coming Sunday's edition of the Herald.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 432-263-7331 ext. 232, or by email at life@bigspringherald.com



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

FUMC Pastor Bill Ivins, left, requests a selfie with Random Hero guitarist Joshua Bertrand at the City RockFest concert Saturday night.

## Average price of gas in Texas falls last week

Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have fallen 1.5 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.07/g yesterday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 gas outlets in Texas.

This compares with the national average that has fallen 0.3 cents per gallon in the last week to \$2.27/g, according to gasoline price website GasBuddy.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices yesterday were 54.8 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 5.6 cents per gallon lower than a month ago.

The national average has decreased 3.8 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 56.0 cents per gallon

higher than this day one year ago.

According to GasBuddy historical data, gasoline prices on February 20 in Texas have ranged widely over the last five years: \$1.52/g in 2016, \$2.11/g in 2015, \$3.19/g in 2014, \$3.63/g in 2013 and \$3.47/g in 2012. Areas near Texas and their current gas price climate: Midland Odessa- \$2.11/g, down 2.6 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.13/g. San Antonio- \$2.02/g, flat from last week's \$2.03/g. Austin- \$2.05/g, down 0.5 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.06/g. "Refinery liquidation of cheaper winter grade fuel keeps pump prices in similar territory for the week ahead," said Dan McTeague,

GasBuddy senior petroleum analyst.

"The ongoing saga of global oil production limitations becomes less important as refineries begin the early stages of maintenance and turnarounds to accommodate summer gasoline blends."

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# Opinion

## Patriotism, not nationalism

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National Review has sparked an important debate about nationalism. As someone who has been accused throughout her life of excessive love of country (can't count the number of times I've been reproached for arguing that despite slavery, Jim Crow and the internment of Japanese-Americans, our country is eminently lovable), I feel a bit awkward rebutting anything that travels under the name "Love of Country."

Nevertheless, I must join Jonah Goldberg, Yuval Levin, Ben Shapiro and others in demurring from Rich Lowry and Ramesh Ponnuru's defense of nationalism.

Lowry and Ponnuru are two of the writers I most admire (at a time when that group is shrinking fast).

If they make an argument with which I disagree, I'm inclined to question my own judgment.

So I remain open to the possibility that they are right.

But it seems to me that their willingness to believe that nationalism, as opposed to patriotism, can be benign is not convincing.

Everything they assert about the naturalness of nationalism — it arises out of the same soil as love of family, community, church, etc. — is true of patriotism.

It's true, as Lowry and Ponnuru note, that the left has discredited itself over the years by its hostility to sincere patriotism.

Patriotism is enough — it needs no improving or expanding.

Nationalism is something else. It's hard to think of a nationalist who does not pervert patriotism into something aggressive — against foreign adversaries, domestic minorities or both. When Mexican President Lazaro Cardenas nationalized the oil industry in 1938 (expropriating the property of hated foreigners), he was

favored with a chanting crowd of 100,000 supporters in Mexico City. Gamal Abdel Nasser's nationalism found expression in nationalization (of the Suez Canal in that case) and also in aggressive war against Israel and Yemen. Vladimir Putin's nationalism has been characterized by demonization of the United States in domestic propaganda and his invasion of neighboring countries. Benito Mussolini believed in reclaiming Italy's lost glory and invaded Abyssinia (Ethiopia) to fulfill his vision.

Our own history is not pristine. We've had our moments of belligerent nationalism.

The Mexican-American War, for example, was a pure land grab. Lowry and Ponnuru cite President Lincoln as an example of a benign nationalist, but he recognized corrupt nationalism in his own time.

As a member of Congress, he deplored the Mexican-American War in the strongest terms, accusing President Polk of misleading the public about on whose territory hostilities began, and thundering, "The blood of this war, like the blood of Abel, is crying to Heaven."

I'm not proposing that we return California to the Mexicans (though, considering their voting patterns, it's tempting), but the war that brought California (and other states) into our union was not our finest hour.

It was, arguably, the hour of maximal American nationalism.

I believe that nationalism is a demagogue's patriotism.

Demagogues of the right and left both play upon natural and even benevolent instincts for their own purposes.

The left's demagogues distort love of justice and equality into a leveling desire to scapegoat others. Bernie Sanders doesn't just appeal to people's desire for fairness; he encourages them to believe that they are the victims of the "1 percent," who are siphoning all of the nation's wealth for themselves.

If you are poor, Sanders claims, it is because someone who is rich has taken your share.

Demagogues of the right — or

nationalists — argue that our troubles are the result of immigrants taking our jobs or foreigners stealing our factories. This is not natural love of home and hearth or reverence for America's founding ideals. It is scapegoating.

Which brings us to the proximate cause of this debate: President Trump. Far from deepening our appreciation of our history or institutions, he embodies the reasons to be wary of demagoguery in the name of country. In him we see strutting nationalism ("America first!") but little true patriotism.

He claims to pursue America's interests, yet has shockingly little respect for the nation he heads.

He doesn't love the country enough to have familiarized himself with the basics of our system. In one debate, he said judges "sign bills," and in a Capitol Hill meeting with congressmen, he praised Article XII of the Constitution.

What patriot can claim that we lack the moral authority to criticize Turkey's crackdown on independent journalists, or impugn this country as no better than Russia when it comes to political assassination?

As Trump demonstrates, nationalism is not patriotism in a hurry; it is resentment draped in the flag.

In his concurrence with Lowry/Ponnuru, John O'Sullivan indirectly makes a similar point, defending Trump's disavowal of American exceptionalism. O'Sullivan offers that this is delicacy on Trump's part. "He doesn't want to humiliate the foreigners who will shortly be losing to America. ... When you intend to shoot a man, it costs nothing to be polite."

That's not my idea of patriotism.

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### DAILY PRAYER

Your love, Lord, brings peace and serenity to our hearts and minds.

Amen.

## Repeal! No, wait!

Republicans promised to repeal the Affordable Care Act. But now they are hesitating.

I understand why.

Most Americans opposed Obamacare ever since the Democrats imposed it.

But now that Congress actually might kill it, more (about half those polled) say, "Wait, I like Obamacare!"

Once people get a subsidy, they'll fight to keep it — fight hard.

People fight even to keep subsidies and guarantees that are obviously destructive.

French job "protections," such as a 35-hour work week, have so wrecked France's economy that its socialist president tried to lengthen the work week, as well as raise the retirement age to 62 years old.

Thousands of people protested, blocking roads to airports. The reform plan died.

Greek day care workers took to the streets when their bankrupt government tried to get them to work more than 30 hours per week.

Recently, Mexico said it would stop subsidizing people's gasoline. Seems reasonable. But the riots were so severe that people died.

I hope Donald Trump's attempts to end bad programs have more success. But I won't count on it.

President Reagan promised to abolish both the Education and Energy Departments. But his Congress increased funding for Education.

Farm subsidies were supposed

to be a temporary Depression-era "fix." They would protect America against food shortages. Now America has food surpluses; our citizens are fat; and farmers are richer than most Americans. Did farm subsidies diminish? No. They rose from \$3 billion to \$23.3 billion.

U.S. sugar quotas raise the price of everything that's sweet.

Our crazy rules are why Coke is made with corn syrup in America but sugar in most of the world. This enriches Florida's Fanjul family, which protects its handout by donating to both Republicans and Democrats.

Peanut subsidies will soon approach the total value of the whole U.S. peanut crop itself. Insane. Yet the subsidies continue.

After World War II, American sheep and goat farmers convinced politicians that mohair deserved special protection because it was used in soldiers' uniforms.

Today, uniforms are made of synthetics, but mohair subsidies haven't stopped.

My former colleague Sam Donaldson even got some because his family raised sheep.

When I confronted him, Sam agreed that the payments are "a horrible mess" but said he'd keep the money since "the law is on the books."

He could have made the same point about another bad federal program, government flood insurance. That's one that paid ... me. Sorry. I won't do it again.

In 1995, the Clinton administration did manage to get rid of the mohair subsidy. But five years later, Congress brought it back.

Why? Recipients of corporate welfare are motivated lobbyists. They have lots of money at stake. You, by contrast, pay a little more in taxes or a few pennies

more for soda. Will you bother your congressman about that? Probably not.

Congressman Jason Chaffetz is still trying to kill the mohair subsidy. I wish him luck.

At one point, he got help from, of all people, Congressman Anthony Weiner.

Weiner brought a goat to Capitol Hill to draw attention to the dumb handout. It may have been the only sensible thing Weiner ever did.

But even the goat didn't work. Congress rejected Chaffetz's bill. And the goat stabbed Weiner's hand with his horn.

Farm subsidies are terrible, but America's biggest handouts are entitlements: Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid.

You say, "Social Security and Medicare are not handouts!"

I paid a premium every year. You are right, but you don't realize that your medical bills will likely cost three times what you've paid in. Medicare is mostly a handout.

But good luck to any politician who proposes cutting it.

One ray of hope: In the '70s, the Ford and Carter administrations eliminated the Interstate Commerce Commission, the Civil Aeronautics Board and the jobs of bureaucrats who regulated gas prices. Leftists and people in industry screamed, but the reformers prevailed.

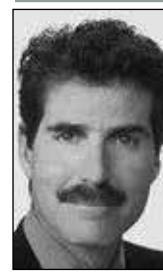
That saved Americans billions of dollars.

It can be done.

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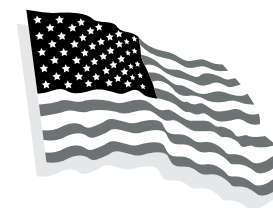
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### Lady Steers golf looking to improve

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**

Sports Editor

The Big Spring Lady Steers varsity golf team traveled to Snyder, Texas where they competed in the Lady Tiger Invitational.

On Friday, the girls played at Scurry County Golf Club, and Saturday's play was held at Sammy Baugh Golf Course.

Although the Lady Steers did not place at this event, they showed noticeable improvement from day one of the tournament to day two.

"The girls have some areas they need to improve on," said head coach Ariel Falcon. "But I am seeing gradual improvements which is a positive sign."

All of the teams within Big Spring's district competed in the tournament.

"This was a good tournament for them to compete in," said Falcon. "Not only because it's a district site, but because we can see where we stack up to the other schools in our district."

Abbey Bryan (Fr.), Karleigh Moore (Soph.), Jisele Olivarez (Fr.), Lindsay Gamboa (Fr.), and Allison Flores (Fr.) make up the Lady Steers varsity golf



Courtesy Photo

Pictured above is the Big Spring Steers varsity golf team at the Lady Tiger Invitational with their coach.

team.

"I have one of the younger teams in the district, typically playing 2-3 freshmen girls," said Falcon. "There are going to be some learning curves, but I can assure you the future looks bright for Lady Steer golf."

The next tournament for the girls will be the Bluebonnet Invitational held today in Brownwood, Texas.

### Roussel has hat trick, Benn lifts Stars over Lightning in OT



AP photo

Dallas Stars left wing Antoine Roussel (21) celebrates scoring his third goal of the night with teammates Esa Lindell (23) and John Klingberg (3) during the third period of the Stars' NHL hockey game against the Tampa Bay Lightning in Dallas, Saturday, Feb. 18, 2017. The Stars won 4-3 in overtime.

DALLAS (AP) — Antoine Roussel might be buying lunch for his Dallas Stars teammates for a while.

The fan favorite netted his first career hat trick, captain Jamie Benn scored 3:47 into overtime and the Stars rallied to beat the Tampa Bay Lightning 4-3 on Saturday night.

"He bought lunch today, so I think he's going to have to do that again," Benn said.

Tampa Bay dominated early in overtime, with the first four shots on goal. But then Benn took the puck away in the Dallas end, bounced off a hit, passed to Cody Eakin and took a return drop pass before sending a shot past Lightning goalie Andrei Vasilevskiy for his 20th goal.

"Just for the three guys to get up ice and make the play, I thought they made a good play," Stars coach Lindy Ruff said, "and Jamie hit a shot."

Dallas goalie Kari Lehtonen held Tampa Bay scoreless for the final 34 minutes, with 15 of his 34 saves coming in the third period and overtime.

"We did everything we could in overtime," Lightning coach Jon Cooper said. "We couldn't put (the puck) behind their guy. They got their one chance, and it had to be on one of the best players in the league's stick."

The Stars won for the first time this season when trailing after two periods. They are 1-22-2 in those situations, and 3-9 in overtime.

Roussel, popular in Dallas primarily because he leads the NHL with 115 penalty minutes, scored the team's first three goals as the Stars came back from deficits of 2-0 and 3-2. His first two came six minutes apart in the first period, and his third tied the game 3-all at 4:40 of the third.

"It was awesome. It was fun to watch," Benn said. "All that hard work paid off."

Tyler Seguin assisted on all three of Roussel's goals.

"It feels pretty good," Roussel said. "Our main focus before the game was we had to work hard, and everything's going to come to us and basically that's what happened."

Victor Hedman had two goals and an assist for Tampa Bay. Tyler Johnson added a goal and an assist.

Dallas, last in the NHL in penalty killing, allowed goals on both Lightning power plays.

Both teams are fighting to get into playoff position.

The Lightning entered six points and six teams removed from the Eastern Conference's second wild card.

Dallas was seven points and three teams away from a postseason berth. Roussel's first goal came off a backhand pass from Dan Hamhuis that Roussel redirected past Vasilevskiy, who finished with 24 saves.

At 18:50 of the first period, Seguin passed from the slot to Roussel on the left.

### Beltran returns to Houston in very different role

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — The last time Carlos Beltran shared a team with Houston Astros manager A.J. Hinch they were playing together with the Royals in 2002.

And when the 39-year-old Beltran arrived at spring training and ran into Adam Everett, his teammate from his brief stint with Houston in 2004, he learned Everett was now a coach in the team's minor league system.

Back with the Astros, Beltran is in a very different place than he was in his first stint in Houston, but is excited to join a team he believes has a good chance of finally getting him that elusive World Series ring.

"We feel like we have a good chance in our division and that's what it's all about," Beltran said.

When asked how things have changed in the decade-plus since he last donned an Astros uniform, Beltran peeled off his cap to display his bald head and said: "I had hair back then," before getting serious.

"I have a lot of good memories, playing in 2004 here coming from Kansas City and not being able to compete over there," he said. "And all of the sudden I got traded to a team where all these superstars are in the clubhouse and it was overwhelming."

Beltran was traded to the Astros in June 2004 and his work that postseason remains one of the best playoff performances in history. He hit .455 with four homers and nine RBIs in an NLDS win over Atlanta before batting .417 with four more homers and five RBIs before Houston was eliminated by the Cardinals in the NLCS.



AP Photo/David J. Phillip, File

In this Dec. 5, 2016, file photo, outfielder Carlos Beltran smiles during a news conference to announce his signing a one-year contract with the Houston Astros in Houston.

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### No. 3 Mississippi State beats No. 23 Texas A&M 72-67

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — No. 3 Mississippi State and No. 23 Texas A&M traded eight leads Sunday, leaving Bulldogs coach Vic Schaefer worn but pleased with the end result.

"That was a heck of a ball game, and you hate somebody had to come out on the short end," Schaefer said. "There were a lot of runs in this game, we just happened to get the last one."

The Bulldogs did indeed, as Victoria Vivians scored 25 points and Mississippi State avoided an upset with a 72-67 victory.

The Aggies (19-8, 9-5 Southeastern Conference) led by seven points in the fourth quarter before the Bulldogs (27-1, 13-1) charged back, highlighted by Teaira McCowan's two field goals in the paint in the last 1:17.

McCowan had 16 points for the Bulldogs, and her game-high 13 rebounds were nearly twice as many as anyone else on the court.

"She was really special today," Schaefer said about McCowan, who grew up close to College Station in Brenham.

A&M had a seven-point lead with seven minutes remaining, but Vivians scored 10 points the rest of the way to key the comeback.

"I took a couple of bad shots in the first half and wasn't being aggressive like coach told us to be," Vivians said. "In the second half I got back on the right track, and started being more aggressive."

The Aggies lost despite making all seven of their 3-point attempts, including 4 for 4 by

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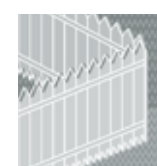
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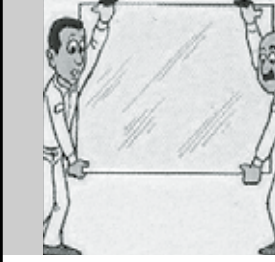
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Moon of More

Overwhelmed? The Sagittarius moon suggests that the cure is to add a big responsibility to the mix. Seem counterintuitive? It actually makes perfect sense. We become overwhelmed when minor responsibilities vie for our attention. Add something more important and things prioritize themselves, with the low priorities falling away.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** You'll be reminded that everything in life is a trade-off. Nothing comes from nothing. Each result has origins. Assuming that you won't be able to have it all, what will you trade for the result you want?

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Healthy habits help you find balance so you can do your best and be your best. But when you're trying to establish those habits, improvement may feel very far away. A Pisces will help you have faith.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Today life is a maintenance project. To invite future good fortune, get the oil change, buy a new air filter for the home or give some flowers to your beloved.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** You will be entranced by someone's quirks today. Like Elizabeth Bennet in Jane Austen's "Pride and Prejudice," you'll find that "intricate characters are the most amusing."

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** It's the recurring theme of the week: Patience is power. You want it now, but it's going to happen later -- and only if you commit to doing something each day toward the goal (and then keep that commitment).

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Today's

happening is something akin to going to a party and after a long while finally stumbling upon the most interesting person in the room, the unassuming one standing in the corner for most of the time.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Living life in the moment can lead to being joyous. However, you'll often find this much easier when the moment is something you projected, planned and endeavored to make happen.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** The thing you forgot about will soon catch up with you. Therefore, don't worry about racking your brain to remember everything you're supposed to do. When it's really important, it will show itself.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Move forward. Go with enthusiasm. If it feels fake, keep acting it out until you can wear it more comfortably. Today the excellent attitude is required. If you don't bring it, you might as well stay home.

**CAPRICORN**

**(Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Friction polishes the gem. Even so, you've had enough friction lately. You're ready to step back from it for a moment; you're ready to temper these character-building trials with a little perspective and self-care.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** In order to be totally effective, you need more facts and you need more truth. In other words, don't let lies and misinformation keep you from achieving all the success you desire.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** It's too easy to pass the blame, and also it takes too long. It doesn't matter that it's not your fault. Soon after you take charge and fix it, miraculous good luck will befall you.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 20).** Your excitement builds through the next 10 weeks as you realize that you can absolutely be the person you want to be. The guides begin to show up at the end of March. You'll need to invest when May comes around and again in

August. Seemingly unrelated areas of life will support one another. Capricorn and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 7, 22, 48 and 33.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "Should I stay with a person who obviously doesn't love me? I found pictures on my husband's cellphone of him with another woman. We have two teenage boys together. This is my second marriage. I caught my first husband cheating on me, too. I don't want to go through this again. Should I bring it up, or should I pretend as if I don't know? I'm a Capricorn, and he's a Virgo."

First, let's not assume that he doesn't love you. Capricorn women typically prefer to have a traditional marriage, in which both partners assume socially acceptable versions of the roles of husband and wife. Furthermore, you feel as if your house is your castle, and you like to be the queen in charge and in the know. Anything that threatens your power will come as an

intense blow to your self-esteem and will shake the foundation of your marriage so severely that it will be nearly impossible for you to, as you suggest, pretend as if you don't know. Seeing as you're not the type to sing a "Stand by Your Man" song, the confrontation is inevitable. Get some counseling to help you work through the situation to whatever end is best for you and all.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Barbadian recording artist Rihanna mixed many musical influences to produce a style all her own and take a place among the top-selling female recording artists of all time. This soulful Pisces songstress with a knack for turning out No. 1 singles was born under a fiery Aries moon, indicating a passionate and headstrong approach to life. Her natal Mars is in worldly Sagittarius.

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Annie's Mailbox

ra," starts singing to herself.

This is bad enough on its own, but she is not a very good singer. She takes voice lessons and was taught to do something weird with her voice that is extremely annoying to listen to. Sometimes someone in the group will try to ask her to stop, claiming to be tired or have a headache and saying the singing is aggravating it.

No one likes her singing. But she just doesn't seem to get

the hint. She keeps doing it whenever she isn't actively participating in the conversation. I don't think this is socially acceptable, but how can I tell her it isn't without hurting her feelings? -- Sick of the Singing

**Dear Sick:** Time to close the curtain on these lunchtime musicals. We all do embarrassing and annoying things from time to time, and someone has to tell us it's become too much. That's what friends are for. As for hurting her feelings, you don't need to be brutal to be honest. Tell her that it's nothing personal -- that even if she were Beyonce, the singing routine would get old.

If the little nightingale can't abide by

that, she'll have to fly off and find another table. You're her friends, not her audience.

**Dear Annie:** This is in response to "Child Forever," who is feeling pressured by her parents to live closer to home even though she is enjoying life in her new city. I just felt compelled to give your initial response to this writer a thumbs-up.

I had loving yet smothering parents who seemed to think of me as a perpetual 10-year-old. When I went away to college, they would make frequent unannounced visits. When I secured a job in a neighboring town, they made frequent surprise visits there, as well. The reason they gave was that

they wanted to check on my welfare. They often said something like, "We haven't heard from you for a few days." So there was some passive-aggressive guilt tripping.

I know that their intentions were good, but I realized it was up to me to get control of the situation. I arranged to meet them weekly, sometimes in a neutral setting to buy them lunch, sometimes in my home so they could feel reassured about my living arrangements and frequently in their home to help with projects and more.

This virtually eliminated the unexpected visits. It also let them know that I valued time spent with them. And the lesson I took

away from this is that that was what they really desired -- time spent together. -- Previously Smothered

**Dear Previous-ly:** Way to take the bull by the horns and promote communication over passive-aggressive behavior. If your parents didn't see you as an adult before that, they most certainly saw how grown up you were afterward.

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Unwanted Tunes

**Dear Annie:** I go to a small school, with only a handful of people in my graduating year. We've all known one another since kindergarten and first grade, and we all spend our time talking and interacting as a group.

Sometimes at the lunch table -- or when a conversation dies down and we're sitting in comfortable silence -- one of my friends, "Lau-



By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

East dealer. North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ A K 5  
♥ A 6 3  
♦ Q 8  
♣ A 10 9 6 4

**WEST**  
♠ J 3  
♥ 10 9  
♦ 10 4  
♣ K Q J 7 5 3 2

**EAST**  
♠ 9 7  
♥ Q 8 7 4 2  
♦ J 9 6 5 3 2  
♣ —

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

De Falco and Franco would, of course, have done much better had they stopped at six spades and scored 1,430 points. Furthermore, they could have bid and made seven notrump for a score of 2,220 points instead of going minus 100! And so, no matter how you slice it, it was not a good hand for the Italians.

It was generally agreed at the time that Franco should have passed six spades. He had failed to grasp the delicate significance of East's double of five clubs, which instructed his partner to lead a club against any spade contract played by South. Considering that Franco was looking at five clubs, he should have realized that East's double was surely based on a club void.

At the second table, where Benito Garozzo sat West for Italy, the bidding went:

East	South	West	North
Pass	1♣	4♣	Dble
Pass	4♣	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♣	Pass	6NT
Pass	Pass	7♣	Dble

Here Garozzo judged that North would make six notrump, so he elected to sacrifice at seven clubs. This turned out worse than he expected when he went down nine — 1,760 points in those days — and the U.S. gained 1,800 points on the deal.

Tomorrow: Lost in the twilight zone.

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			9	8			
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		5		9			4
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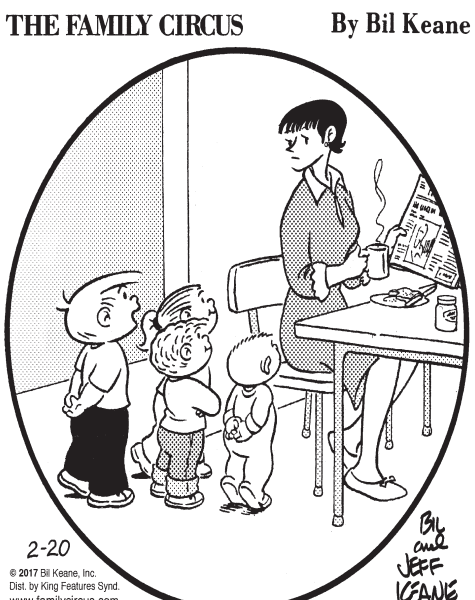
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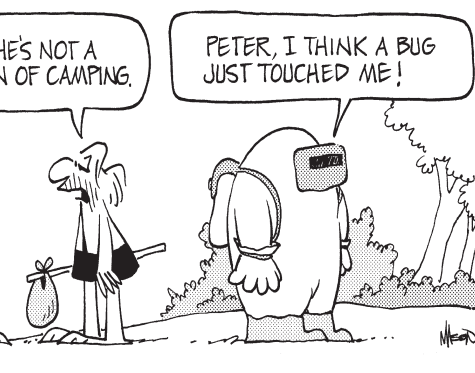
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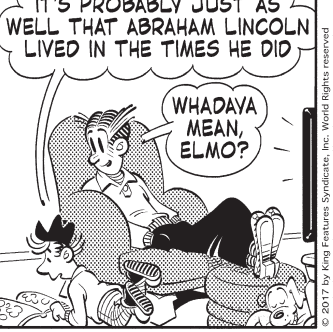
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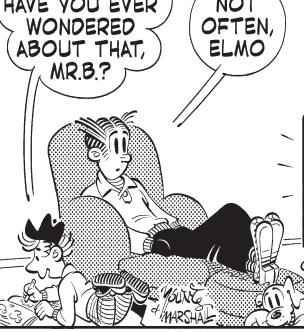


IT'S PROBABLY JUST AS WELL THAT ABRAHAM LINCOLN LIVED IN THE TIMES HE DID

**WELL, HIS GETTYSBURG ADDRESS WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN AS EFFECTIVE IF HE HAD SENT IT OUT AS A MASS E-MAIL**



**HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED ABOUT THAT, MR.B.?**



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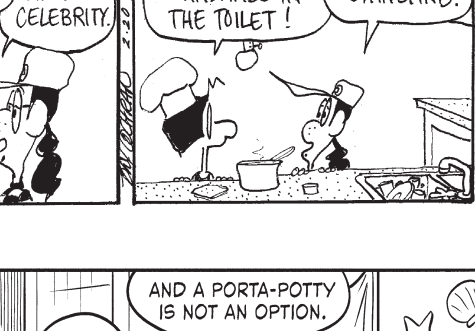
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**DOUBLE DARN TOOTIN' !!**



WELL, 'CEPT FER TH' ONES THAT I LIKE !!

**This Date In History**

Today is Monday, Feb. 20, the 51st day of 2017. There are 314 days left in the year. This is Presidents Day.

Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 20, 1942, Lt. Edward "Butch" O'Hare became the U.S. Navy's first flying ace of World War II by shooting down five Japanese bombers while defending the aircraft carrier USS Lexington in the South Pacific. (O'Hare, a recipient of the Medal of Honor, was killed in action in 1943; Chicago's O'Hare International Airport is named for him.)

On this date: In 1792, President George Washington signed an act creating the United States Post Office Department.

In 1816, the opera buffa "The Barber of Seville" by Gioachino Rossini premiered in Rome under its original title, "Almaviva, or the Useless Precaution."

In 1862, William Wallace Lincoln, the 11-year-old son of President Abraham Lincoln and first lady Mary Todd Lincoln, died at the White House, apparently of typhoid fever.

In 1907, President Theodore Roosevelt signed an immigra-

tion act which excluded "idiots, imbeciles, feebleminded persons, epileptics, insane persons" from being admitted to the United States.

In 1915, the Panama Pacific International Exposition opened in San Francisco (the fair lasted until December).

In 1938, Anthony Eden resigned as British foreign secretary following Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain's decision to negotiate with Italian dictator Benito Mussolini.

In 1950, the U.S. Supreme Court, in United States v. Rabinowitz, ruled 5-3 that authorities making a lawful arrest did not need a warrant to search and seize evidence in an area that was in the "immediate and complete control" of the suspect.

In 1962, astronaut John Glenn became the first American to orbit the Earth as he flew aboard Project Mercury's Friendship 7 spacecraft.

In 1971, the National Emergency Warning Center in Colorado erroneously ordered U.S. radio and TV stations off the air; some stations heeded the alert, which was not lifted for about 40 minutes.

In 1987, a bomb left by Unabomber Ted Kaczynski exploded behind a computer store in Salt Lake City, seriously injuring store owner

Gary Wright. Soviet authorities released Jewish activist Josef Begun.

In 1998, Tara Lipinski of the U.S. won the ladies' figure skating gold medal at the Nagano Olympics; fellow American Michelle Kwan won the silver.

In 2003, a fire sparked by pyrotechnics broke out during a concert by the group Great White at The Station nightclub in West Warwick, Rhode Island, killing 100 people and injuring about 200 others.

Ten years ago: In a victory for President George W. Bush, a divided federal appeals court ruled that Guantanamo Bay detainees could not use the U.S. court system to challenge their indefinite imprisonment. In New Orleans, thousands of hurricane-weary residents joined with rowdy visitors to celebrate the second Mardi Gras since Katrina.

Answer to previous puzzle

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**Newsday Crossword**

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Gelatin shapers
  - 6 Papa's spouse
  - 10 New Orleans music
  - 14 Gig for a soprano
  - 15 Admired one
  - 16 A Great Lake
  - 17 Got started
  - 18 \_\_\_ Scotia, Canada
  - 19 Table supports
  - 20 Paperweights meant to be shaken
  - 22 Be durable
  - 23 Ripped out
  - 24 Lock insert
  - 26 Novelist Truman \_\_\_
  - 29 Syrup source
  - 30 IRS form expert
  - 33 Otherwise
  - 34 Mouse-catching device
  - 36 Caribbean cruise stops
  - 38 Says "Ask me again sometime"
  - 41 Sports stadium
  - 42 "This is terrible"
  - 43 Trees with acorns
  - 44 Attorney's expertise
  - 45 Snarling dog's sound
  - 47 Capital of Greece
  - 49 \_\_\_ de Cologne
  - 50 Solo in a 14 Across
  - 51 Male deer
  - 54 Late burst of energy
- DOWN**
- 1 Unruly crowds
  - 2 Make the first bid
  - 3 Brand of toy blocks
  - 4 Make a sketch
  - 5 Performed a ballad for
  - 6 Glitch
  - 60 General's fighting force
  - 61 Ballet skirt
  - 62 Great enthusiasm
  - 63 Walk unsteadily
  - 64 Pants-pressing appliance
  - 65 Actress Davis of *Thelma & Louise*
  - 66 Whistle sound
  - 67 Thick string
  - 68 Initial stage
  - 7 Southwestern brick
  - 8 Find a new home
  - 9 Nome's state
  - 10 Part of a PBJ sandwich
  - 11 Region
  - 12 \_\_\_ and zags (swerves)
  - 13 Great enthusiasm
  - 21 Ton of, informally
  - 25 Heroic tale
  - 26 Barton of the Red Cross
  - 27 Out of whack
  - 28 Ball-\_\_\_ hammer
  - 29 Revolve quickly
  - 30 Spotless
  - 31 Quick kisses
  - 32 Makes a request
  - 33 And others: Abbr.
  - 35 Ooh and \_\_\_
  - 37 Moccasin or sneaker
  - 39 Long story
  - 40 Away from the office
  - 46 Rural
  - 48 Tried to do something
  - 49 Cairo's country
  - 50 Cast member
  - 51 Pretzel topping
  - 52 Threesome
  - 53 Bullets and cannonballs
  - 55 Money in France
  - 56 Small songbird
  - 57 Midmonth day
  - 58 Second to \_\_\_ (best)
  - 59 "Dam it!"

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# Dustin Johnson goes to No. 1 with big win at Riviera



AP Photo/Ryan Kang

**Dustin Johnson poses with his trophy after winning the Genesis Open golf tournament Feb. 19, 2017, in the Pacific Palisades area of Los Angeles.**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Dustin Johnson's raw talent and a trophy case that keeps growing allowed him to believe he was the best player

in golf.

Now he can say it.

Even if he doesn't understand the math involved with being No. 1.

Johnson extended a remarkable run, which began with his first major at the U.S. Open last summer, with a five-shot victory in the Genesis Open that was never in doubt Sunday. That elevated the 32-year-old American to No. 1 in the world for the first time.

Johnson doesn't spend a lot of time crunching numbers, especially the computations for the world ranking. But he said he would look at it first thing in the morning.

"I don't really understand it," he said. "But I can read 1-2-3. I guess that's all that matters."

In a 36-hole Sunday brought on by

weather delays at Riviera, all it took was five holes to put Johnson in charge. He finished the third round in the morning with three straight birdies for a 7-under 64 to build a five-shot lead. He started the final round with two straight birdies and eventually stretched his lead to nine shots.

He went 49 straight holes without a bogey.

Johnson didn't know he was in range of the 72-hole scoring record at Riviera that dates to 1985, the longest standing on the PGA Tour schedule. He wasn't thinking about reaching No. 1 in the world. All he cared about was winning at Riviera, one of his favorite courses where he had four chances to win in the last five years.

"Winning the golf tournament ... that's what I was here to do," he said.

Johnson, who made three meaningless bogeys over the last 10 holes for an even-par 71, became the 20th player to reach No. 1 since the world ranking began in 1986. He ended Jason Day's 47-week stay at the top.

"He deserves it because he's been playing great golf," Day said.

Johnson won for the fourth

time against some of golf's strongest fields in the last eight months — the U.S. Open at Oakmont, a World Golf Championship at Firestone, a FedEx Cup playoff event at Crooked Stick and the best field so far this year at Riviera. He has finished no worse than third in eight of his last 16 tournaments.

"No surprise to us players, and I don't think too much surprise to many others," Jordan Spieth said.

And it's not a surprise to Johnson.

Asked if he ever looked at himself as the best in the world even without the No. 1 ranking, Johnson smiled and said, "All the time."

"I mean, I think I'm a good player," he said. "Everybody has their own opinion. I believe in myself. I think I'm a great player. The best in the world? I mean, until now I probably wouldn't have said I was the best in the world. But now I can say it."

He heard it, too, as the gallery on the hill surrounding the 18th green began chanting, "No. 1."

Johnson finished at 17-under 267. Lanny Wadkins won at Riviera in 1985 at 20-under 264. Johnson said he didn't know what the record was,

and once he made the turn with a seven-shot lead, he started playing away from trouble and at the middle of the greens.

"I didn't finish the last 10 holes the way I'd like to, but I had a pretty good lead. I was on cruise control," Johnson said.

Told the record score, he said, "Next year."

Thomas Pieters of Belgium and Scott Brown tied in the other tournament. No one had a chance to win as soon as Johnson began the final round with two straight birdies, but Pieters closed with a 63 and Brown shot a 68 to share second place at 12-under 272.

That's a big step for Pieters to earn a PGA Tour card, and it assured him a spot in the next two World Golf Championships. Cameron Tringale, who played the final 36 holes with Johnson, also was at 12 under until a double bogey on the final hole dropped him to a tie for eighth.

PGA Tour rookie Wesley Bryan shot a 63 in the third round Sunday morning and got within two shots of Johnson, but only until Johnson finished off the third round with his stretch of birdies.

## BELTRAN

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He signed with the New York Mets after that season, but he still relishes his playoff debut on that Houston team, which included the "Killer B's" of Craig Biggio, Jeff Bagwell and Lance Berkman, and pitching greats Roger Clemens and Andy Pettitte.

"The fact that I played with all of those guys it was a learning experience in my career and I was able to watch and ask questions," Beltran said. "And now it's my time as a veteran guy to compete and go out there and hopefully be an example to other guys."

Beltran's veteran leadership is certainly important for a team with a core made up of talented, but very young players. But the Astros aren't paying him \$16 million this season simply to be a coach on the field.

"I think a lot's going to be said about the impact that he has behind the scenes, and I don't want to shorten the impact that we need him to have on the field," manager A.J. Hinch said. "He's still putting up really good numbers. Father time is not affecting him like it does most of us. Having him on our team ... to hit somewhere near the middle of the order, a stable presence, a good mind, a great human, all the things that come when you mention his name is very special."

Beltran played for the Yankees and Rangers last year, batting .295 with 29 homers and 93 RBIs.

In what will be his 20th major league season, Beltran likely will spend much of his time at designated hitter, but he's also eager to play in the field as well. However, the Astros have George Springer and Josh Reddick playing center and right field. So they're moving Beltran to left, a position he has played just twice, with both games coming in 2000 with the Royals.

"It's as simple as just putting him out there," Hinch said. "He's been around and I don't think it's going to shock him."

Beltran doesn't think the move will be a big deal after playing 2,196 career games in the outfield.

"I'm good about it," he said. "I think if you play in the outfield you can play anywhere. I played center field all my career and I decided to move to right to basically play this game for a long period of time and I did that adjustment and that went well."

Beltran feels a little strange that his former teammate is now his boss, but certainly respects the position the 42-year-old Hinch is in as manager.

"Playing for A.J. is funny, I feel funny," Beltran said. "But at the end of the day, he's the manager and I have to understand that he's going to make decisions here and just because we're almost the same age (doesn't) mean I'm here to do things on my own."

After having such a young team for his first two seasons in Houston, it's also a bit odd for Hinch to be managing a player almost his age, and he expressed a half-serious concern about the situation.

"He might have a few too many stories about me from my playing days," he said. "I'm going to have to have a talk with him."

Turns out that Hinch has no reason for concern even though he and Beltran haven't been teammates for 15 years.

## A&M

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Danni Williams and 3 for 3 by Taylor Cooper. Williams led the Aggies with 23 points.

A&M held a 65-63 lead with 2:18 remaining when MSU's Ketara Chapel coolly sank a 3-pointer from the left side of the key, for a 66-65 Bulldogs lead on her only attempt of the night.

"There was no bigger shot than what Ketara made in front of our bench," Schaefer said.

Mississippi State's reserves outscored their A&M counterparts 28-0, and the Bulldogs held a 34-22 advantage in the paint.

"I told my kids, the effort was great (but) I'm not in this thing for moral victories," A&M coach Gary Blair said. "We were up seven points, and we're supposed to win at home. That's the bottom line: We're supposed to win at home."

Schaefer spent 15 years with Blair as an assistant, the first six at Arkansas and the last nine at A&M, prior to taking the MSU rebuilding job five years ago.

"They can do a lot of damage in the postseason," Schaefer said about the Aggies. "I certainly don't want to play them again."

**BIG PICTURE**  
Mississippi State: The Bulldogs won for the first time in four tries in College Station, and swept the season series. With the comeback victory, MSU locked up one of the top two seeds in the SEC Tournament that starts March 2 in Greenville, South Carolina.

Texas A&M: The Aggies crept into the Top 25 this week at No. 23, but suffered two losses, first at LSU on Thursday and then



AP Photo/Sam Craft

**Texas A&M guard Curtyce Knox (11) drives inside against Mississippi State guard Morgan William (2) during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game, Sunday, Feb. 19, 2017, in College Station, Texas.**

on Sunday to the Bulldogs. A&M will kick itself over this latest setback for a while, considering the Aggies had the late seven-point lead.

### STAT OF THE NIGHT

A&M finished with eight turnovers compared to 11 for MSU, but half of the Aggies' miscues occurred in the final 8:18, in the midst of the Bulldogs' frenzied comeback.

### SHE SAID IT

"We had a seven-point lead, and they just had more poise than us. It's frustrating, to know we were that close, but didn't close it out." — Texas A&M guard Danni Williams

### NUMBERS GAME

MSU runs much deeper than

A&M, as nine Bulldogs played at least nine minutes, while no Aggie outside the starting five played more than seven minutes.

### POLL IMPLICATIONS

The Bulldogs likely will hold steady at No. 3 after No. 1 Connecticut and No. 2 Maryland both prevailed in their contests this week.

### UP NEXT

Mississippi State: The Bulldogs will try and stretch their winning streak to eight games when they play at Kentucky on Thursday night.

Texas A&M: The Aggies will try and snap a two-game losing streak when they play host to No. 6 South Carolina on Thursday night.

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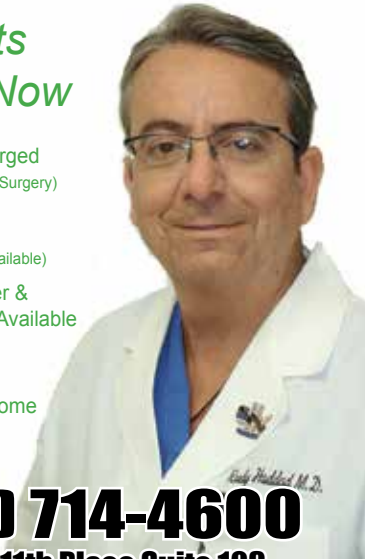
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