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Food2Kids receives a \$5,000 grant

Special to the Herald
 It's not too controversial a statement to say that kids need to eat.

Thanks to a \$5,000 charitable grant from the Illinois-based Grainger Foundation, local school kids will be eating a little bit better. Food2Kids Big Spring Inc., the recipient of the grant, will use the funds to provide food during weekends to needy kids who rely on school-provided lunches Monday through Friday.

"This grant will be used to purchase more food for the

children in area schools supported by Food2Kids Big Spring Inc.," said Muffet Bomar, president of the board of directors of the local Food2Kids group. "These programs currently serve five schools in Big Spring and distribute approximately 300 sacks a week to local children. This represents a significant and ongoing need. We are grateful to the Grainger Foundation for its generosity."

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HERALD photo/Roger Cline
 Nick Rodriguez, right, branch manager of W.W. Grainger Inc.'s Midland location, presents a \$5,000 check from Grainger Foundation to the board of directors of Food2Kids Big Spring Inc. Wednesday morning. Shown from left are Raul Marquez, Ellen Austin, Muffet Bomar, Karen Carman, JoAnne Forrest, Robert Abendschan, Sandra Abendschan, and Rodriguez.

'Chess' begins three-day run tonight



Photo by Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)

American chess champion Freddie Trumper (Eric Joshua Valle) plays a game of chess with his Russian counterpart Anatoly Sergievsky (Richard Ewing) during the dress rehearsal of "Chess" on Wednesday evening, April 26, 2017. Performances will be held beginning tonight through Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Hall Center for the Arts located on the Howard College campus.

Froyo with the 5-0

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

As part of the upcoming Police Appreciation Week held in May, area students are encouraged to visit with law enforcement officers and enjoy a little frozen yogurt as well.

Froyo with the 5-0 is an event where area youth or the public in general are welcomed to come out to Froyo's and More on FM 700 to visit with area law enforcement officers and enjoy 50 percent off the store's frozen yogurt.

"We are trying to basically get families to show up with their kids," said Terri Calley, event organizer and junior high school teacher. "Our target is kids. That's why we are doing it at Froyo's. We want to show our youth in the community that there is no reason to be afraid of the police department. They are here to protect and service us. So we want everyone to come out and eat frozen yogurt with us."

The event is Thursday, May 18, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. as part of a number of activities to be held that week to recognize National Police Week, May 14-20. Calley said all area law enforcement officers are encouraged to attend if they can to meet the public.

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Trump tax plan leaves Congress, Ryan with heavy lift

By **STEPHEN OHLEMACHER** and **JOSH BOAK**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump's plan to overhaul the U.S. tax code leaves much of the heavy lifting to Congress, while ignoring years of hard work by the guy who will have to do a lot of that lifting: House Speaker Paul Ryan.

The one-page pro-

posal outlined by the Trump administration Wednesday has something for everyone — massive tax cuts for businesses and a bigger standard tax deduction for middle-income families, lower investment taxes for the wealthy, and an end to the federal estate tax for the superrich — like the president and his family.

The changes to the tax code are the most concrete guidance so far on Trump's vision for spurring job growth and fulfilling his promise to

Showing leadership skills

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

Big Spring Junior High School Student Council members got to add an award to the school's trophy case Thursday morning. The organization was named Outstanding Student Council — a first for the school in recent memory — by the Texas Association of Student Councils (TASC). Selection for the honor is based off a point system showing the council is well rounded in all areas — civic, social, and leadership, said Jennifer Lovett, student council sponsor and BSJHS teacher.

"It helps to make them (the students) know it's been worth it," Lovett said. "They don't always get recognized because there is so much going on and that's alright because they are not in it to be recognized. They actually go above and beyond to make sure



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

The Big Spring Junior High School Student Council was named Outstanding Council by the Texas Association of Student Councils. The following students are members: Arron Yanez, Olivia Bancroft, Rachel Blackshear, Falcicity Calderon, Anna Erwin, Adria Hurst, Ernest Macias, Amelia Martin, Jocelyn Olivarez, Emily Reyes, Gracie Zavala, Ransom Colette, Mattox Evans, Matthew Doll, Adrien Juarez, Isabella Marquez, Chris Martinez, Gage Miller, Avarielle Nuno, Arin Owens, Lana Pace, Hannah Peckenpaugh, Trinity Robertson, Gracie Rodriguez, Brinly Watkins, Alex Leuschner, and Maddie Miller. Teacher Jennifer Lovett sponsors the group.

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Obituaries

Alton M. Hall



Alton M. Hall, 81, of Big Spring, Texas, went to be with his Lord on Friday, March 31, 2017.

Alton was born on May 2, 1935, in Many, La., to Monroe Hall and Nona Dees Hall. He graduated from Zwolle High School and began his 37-year career with Western Electric as an installer and later as manager with Southwestern Bell and AT&T. He loved his work and established lifelong friendships

with co-workers, with whom he enjoyed exchanging practical jokes.

Alton's career was interrupted when he joined the Army and proudly served his country.

He married the love of his life, Treva Fellows, on May 24, 1986. In retirement, they enjoyed spending time with their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchild.

Alton was a man of many talents, and gladly shared his knowledge and skills to help others. He could build or fix anything with his skillful hands. He was a Mason and Shriner, and had been actively involved with The Walk to Emmaus, Karios Prison Ministry, and Christmas in April. Above all, he

was a Christian who loved his Lord. Alton was a member of First Baptist Church in Big Spring.

He is preceded in death by his parents, brothers Milton Hall, Marion Hall and sister Betty Merritt.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Treva; three daughters Teri Hall, Jennifer Mercer and husband Billy Joe, and Denita Kionka and husband Roger; two sons David Hall and Joel Fellows and wife Karla; and a sister, Evelyn "Dink" Winn. Also surviving are his grandchildren, Ryan Randazzo, Andy Randazzo, Leah Weatherford, Jeff Kionka, and Hayley Kionka; and great-granddaughter, Elleleanor Weatherford; numerous nieces and nephews; and by his beloved pet companion, Riley.

The family wishes to express special thanks to Megan Chandler, as well as the Scenic Mountain nursing and ICU staff for their loving care.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be donated to The Gideons International.

A service of celebration has been set for 6 p.m. Saturday, April 29, 2017, at the First Baptist Church Chapel in Big Spring.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences may be made at www.npwelch.com.

Paid obituary

Dolores N. LeVier



Dolores N. LeVier, 90, of Big Spring, Texas, died Monday, April 24, 2017, in Big Spring, Texas.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m., Thursday, April 27, 2017, at Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Myers and Smith Chapel with Dan Miracle officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Dolores was born July 30, 1926, in Banty, Okla., to Ola Kelso Thompson and Olan H. Thompson. She married Francis Willis LeVier on July 12, 1947, in Valley Center, Kan. The couple came to Big Spring, Texas in 1961, where she worked for GAMCO Industries for over 20 years. She was a member of the American Business Women's Association and played bridge with the ABCL

group. She was also involved with Isaiah 58 Ministries, and was a member of the First Christian Church.

Dolores is survived by two daughters, Frances Hobbs and husband Leon of Liberty Hill, Texas, and Amy Schultz and her husband Chuck of Kingsville, Texas; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Francis Willis LeVier, in June 2002; and one son, Roger LeVier, in 2015.

The family suggests memorials to Isaiah 58 Food Ministry, or the First Christian Church.

Pallbearers will be Derek Hobbs, Bryan Huff, Nicholas LeVier, Ryan Ward, Zachary Schooley and Garrett Schooley.

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

Paid obituary

Joyce Elaine Riddle (Howell)



March 27, 1942—March 19, 2017

Joyce Riddle, 74, of Big Spring was called home to be with our Lord Jesus Christ on Sunday, March 19, 2017, in Midland, Texas. A private family gathering is scheduled for a later date. A memorial fund account has been arranged with the National Kidney Foundation; please follow this link if you wish to make a donation in her name: <http://team.kidney.org/campaign/joyceriddle>

Joyce, Nanny, was born March 27, 1942, in Texas City to M.B. and Bernice Howell. She moved to Big Spring with her parents and brothers Melvin, Billy, Kenneth, and Ladell in 1944. She married her first husband, Robert Barnett, on Oct. 5, 1957. They had five children together, Bobby, Jacky, Craig, Steven, and Rhonda. She later married George Riddle on Nov. 10, 1984. She retired from Big Spring

ISD as a bus driver in 2011.

She is preceded in death by her parents, M.B. and Bernice Howell; and her brothers Melvin, Kenneth, and Ladell. Also, she is preceded in death by her husband George and her children Rhonda, Steven and Craig.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Bobby and Charity Barnett, and Jacky and Debra Barnett; her brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Geneva Howell; and her sister-in-law, Mary Jo Howell. She has 14 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Big Spring.

Our family would like to extend a very heart felt debt of gratitude to the various doctors and nurses at Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus for the special care and love that they gave to our mother.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **RAUL ROBLES IV**, 18, of 2202 Runnels St. was arrested on charges of accident involving damage to a vehicle (more than \$200), and driving with a suspended or invalid license.
- **DAVID RAMOS GALINDO**, 64, of 1905 Wasson Rd. Apt. #41 was arrested on a charge of criminal trespassing.
- **MARGIE LEANNA VIGIL**, 28, of 1406 Dixie Ave., was arrested on outstanding warrants.
- **MICHAEL DALE PARKER**, 31, of 801 Pine St. was arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended or invalid license.
- **JARRETT ALLEN WEAVER**, 35, of 802 E. 15th St. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 500 block of East Third Street.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1600 block of East 16th Street.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 6400 block of Walter Road.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1900 block of Apron Drive and at the intersection of Sunset and Circle.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 2500 block of Peach Street.

Sheriff

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

- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 77 inmates at the time of this report.
- **ELVIS EUGENE LANG**, 41, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for criminal mischief (\$100 to \$750); and a charge of possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).
- **JANELL OLAGUE**, 35, was booked by BSPD on warrants for parent contributing to non-attendance, theft of service (\$750 to \$2,500), no driver's license, and failure to appear.
- **MARY BEATRICE RODRIGUEZ**, 51, was booked by BSPD on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility, violation of promise to appear, failure to appear, and child 4 to 17 not secured by safety belt.
- **MARCIALA PINEDA SANCHEZ**, 28, was booked by BSPD on warrants for failure to appear, violation of promise to appear, no driver's license, failure to yield right of way, failure to control speed, and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- **JAMON LATRELL TRIBBLE**, 20, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for evading arrest or detention.
- **JOE ANTHONY VILLARREAL**, 30, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for issuance of a bad check.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of Fairchild. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of West 11th Place. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the intersection of 18th and Main. One person was transport-

ed to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of Nolan. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of East FM 700. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Tucson.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near mile marker 191 on Interstate 20 South Service Road.

One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of Young Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **BRUSH FIRE** was reported in the 500 block of Oak Glen.

Raul "Pelon" Gonzales Sr.



Raul "Pelon" Gonzales Sr., 65, of Big Spring, died Sunday, April 23, 2017, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, April 28, 2017, at Myers and Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Coahoma Cemetery.

Raul was born July 28, 1951, in Big Spring, Texas, to Luz Gonzales and Miliano R. Lopez. He was a lifetime resident of Howard County. He married Anita Castaneda on Aug. 4, 1972, in Big Spring. He worked at Creighton Tire for many years, and most recently at Fiberflex. He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife, Anita Gonzales of Big Spring; four sons, Gilbert Gonzales and wife Susan of Big Spring, Michael Gonzales and wife Dominique of Ft. Worth, Raul Gonzales Jr. and wife Jessica of Ft. Worth, and Edward A. Gonzales and wife Jessica Barker; one daughter, Priscilla Maria Gonzales and husband Juan Guzman of Dallas; his father, Miliano R Lopez of Arizona; five brothers, Ernest Gonzales of Ft. Worth, Miliano G. "Max" Lopez of Arizona, Philip Guzman, Tom Guzman, and Joe Guzman, all of Big Spring; 12 grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Luz Gonzales Guzman; and one brother Daniel Guzman.

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

Samuel Ray Myers Jr.



Samuel Ray Myers Jr., 90, of Big Spring died Monday, April 24, 2017, at Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home.

The family will receive friends from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 28, 2017, at Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 29, 2017, at Myers and Smith Chapel. Burial with Military Honors will be at Trinity Memorial

Park.

Samuel was born Sept. 14, 1926, in Lamesa, Texas, to Billie Lois Sipes Myers and Samuel Ray Myers Sr. He had been a resident of Big Spring since 1927. He was a veteran of the Army Air Corps. He married Peggy Slagle in 1952 and she preceded him in death on October 17, 1996. He later married Margie Windsor on April 24, 1999. He retired from Merchants Fast Motor Lines. He was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Samuel is survived by his wife, Margie Myers of Big Spring; five sons, Charles Myers and wife Hallie of Appaloosa, La. David Myers and wife Jennifer of Katy, Phillip Myers of Big Spring, Bruce Myers and wife Martha of Kerrville, and Thomas Myers and wife Mary Houston; four stepsons, Bob Petty and wife Sandra of South Lake, Texas, David Petty and wife Peggy of Mobile, Ala., Jim Petty and wife Melissa of Snyder, and Mike Petty and wife Sherry of Bridgeport, Texas; a daughter-in-law: Karen Petty of Georgetown; one stepdaughter, Carol Northrip of South Lake; one sister, Betty Honea and husband Jimmy of Big Spring; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and first wife, he was preceded in death by one stepson, Alan Petty.

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

George Hartley

George Hartley, 61, of Big Spring died Tuesday, April 25, 2017, at his home. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

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Correction:

The date of retirement for Howard County Clerk Donna Wright was incorrectly stated in an article titled "Long-time County Clerk Wright resigns," published in the *Big Spring Herald* Tuesday, April 25, 2017. Wright, who has served the county for 40 years, will be retiring on July 31, 2017. She has been the county clerk for the past 18 years.

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Head-on collision



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Big Spring emergency personnel were called to a head-on collision at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airport and Industrial Park around 7:30 a.m. this morning on the west side of the airport. At least one person was transported for medical call. More information about the accident was not available by press time.

GRANT

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The Grainger Foundation is the charitable arm of W.W. Grainger Inc., an international supplier of maintenance, repair, and operating products. Nick Rodriguez, who nominated Big Spring's Food2Kids for the grant and presented the check to Bomar in a brief ceremony Wednesday, is the branch manager of Grainger's Mid-

land branch.

"We are proud to recommend the programs offered by Food2Kids Big Spring Inc.," Rodriguez said. "We understand the need for providing meals to our local school children in need when they go home on Friday."

The Grainger Foundation is an independent, private foundation based in Lake Forest, Ill., and was established in 1949 by William W. Grainger, founder of W.W. Grainger Inc.

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help workers who have been left behind by an increasingly globalized economy.

"He understands that there are a lot of people who work hard and feel like they're not getting ahead," said Gary Cohn, director of the White House National Economic Council.

But Trump's proposal lacks the hard details about making the tax code simpler and more efficient in ways that don't add to the federal government's mounting debt. These are key Republican goals that would require lawmakers to eliminate or reduce precious tax breaks enjoyed by millions of Americans.

"That's the heavy lift," said Rep. Dave Brat, R-Va.

Rep. Chris Collins, R-N.Y., said, "There's no question, when you lower the marginal rates, you're going to have to take away a lot of the deductions."

Which ones? "We have to have that discussion," Collins said.

Ryan and fellow House Republicans have been working for years on a plan that tries to lower tax rates for businesses and individuals without adding to the debt. Tax policy has been at the forefront for Ryan, a believer in supply-side economic theory who has served as the chairman of the powerful Ways and Means and Budget committees.

Trump's plan to cut

tax rates fits nicely with Ryan's goal. But especially on the business side, Trump's plan lacks many of the details needed to make the numbers work.

It also omits much of the work that Ryan and other Republicans have done to craft a comprehensive plan.

For example, Ryan's plan would impose a new 20 percent tax on imports, raising more than \$1 trillion over the next decade to pay for a big reduction in corporate income tax rates.

Retailers and other big importers have railed against the proposed tax, saying it would lead to higher prices for consumer goods. Exporters, who would be exempt from the tax, love it. Ryan maintains it would help make American businesses more competitive. Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin said of the tax: "We don't think it works in its current form." He did say the administration would work with House Republicans to make the new tax more acceptable.

Meanwhile, Trump's plan would cut the top corporate income tax rate from 35 percent to 15 percent. The top tax rate for many small business owners would be reduced from 39.6 percent to 15 percent.

But the plan offers no details on how Trump would offset these massive tax cuts, potentially adding trillions of dollars to the national debt over the next decade. The plan says simply, "Eliminate tax breaks

for special interests."

Ryan was diplomatic when asked about Trump's tax plan.

"We've been briefed on what they're going to do and it's basically along exactly the same lines that we want to go, so we see this as progress being made," Ryan said. "We're moving and getting on the same page."

Democrats were much harsher in their appraisal. "The same trickle-down economics that undermined the middle class are alive and well in the president's tax plan," said House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif.

For individuals and families, Trump's plan more closely resembles a blueprint released by House Republicans last year. The administration wants to reduce the number of tax brackets to three from seven, but it has yet to determine the income levels for people who would be put in each bracket. The top income tax rate would be reduced from 39.6 percent to 35 percent.

"We will be back to you with very firm details," Cohn said.

About 70 percent of taxpayers take the standard tax deduction when they file their taxes. Trump's plan would double it to \$24,000 for married couples, which could provide significant tax cuts for low- and middle-income families. But again, it's impossible to know for sure without details about which income levels would be assigned to which tax

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other kids are recognized. That's the other thing about being a leader. They don't have to be in the spotlight. This is just an amazing way for us to say, you've given up so much of your time...this is just a way to say we see you."

Lovett said she and the council members were surprised to receive the award. The council didn't apply for the honor but it was given by TASC based off the yearly paperwork turned into the national organization.

"We not just all fundraising or all social events," she said. "We have to hit everything. For example we do Pennies for Patients every year. We clean up Comanche Trail Park. We host a dance. We did Teacher Appreciation Week, Red Ribbon Week. We do everything we can. The kids are actively involved in every single thing. "We are making sure what we do has a purpose.

"We learn about leadership and all that fun stuff," she continued. "We are a presence on campus."

Eighth graders Maddie Miller and Mattox Evans said they ran for student council to gain experience in leadership. Miller, who is the secretary for the student council, said she has learned it's important as a leader to set high standard for herself. Evans agreed.

"We oversee the rest of them (student council) and keep our sponsors up to date," said Evans, student

council president.

Through participation, the program quietly teaches the students the responsibilities of leadership, Lovett said.

"We go to a convention every February and that's where they get to see it with high school students where they do little session on how to be a leader on campus," said Lovett, who is serving her second year as the student council sponsor. "I also have them for my little committees, and I give them opportunities to set up and say, 'OK, this is what we need to do.' If there is a problem like maybe we don't have enough people stepping up, they learn to how correct that and they learn how to deal with what if someone doesn't show.

"These are little skills that they don't realize they are learning as we are learning it," Lovett continued. "I realized last year if I sat down and said 'Hey, we need to do this or this, you need to be a leader.' They don't know what that means, so when I sneak it in they are slowly getting those skills. You can see it in the classroom as well. I have several seventh graders that are mine that actually have to step up."

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Calley said she hopes the event may change the perception of some in the community about law enforcement.

"I would like the public to get to know the police officers and sheriff's deputies a little better," she said. "Some media outlets seem to portray police as the bad guy and it's not that way here. So many of our police officer, sheriff's deputies, and DPS officers just want the public

to know they are here to help them, to serve them and not to hinder them."

Established in 1962 by a joint resolution by the U.S. Congress, National Police Week is meant to pay special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty. It is also a time to recognize and honor the law enforcement community as a whole.

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bracket. Trump's plan would help pay for lower individual tax rates by eliminating deductions, exemptions and credits. However, with a higher standard deduction, far fewer taxpayers would itemize their deductions.

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Parents recreate closed Blockbuster store for autistic son

SHARYLAND, Texas (AP) — When an autistic Texas man's favorite video store closed, his parents surprised him by bringing part of it home.

HuffPost reports 20-year-old Hector Zuniga visited the Blockbuster video store in Sharyland, Texas, twice a week since he was 13 to rent his favorite movies. When his parents were told the store was closing, they thought the news would be devastating to Hector. So, they decided buy some of the store's inventory to recreate it at home.

Hector Zuniga Sr. brought his son to the store on its final day Sunday in order to give him closure. When they came home, Hector Jr. was surprised to find a Blockbuster rack stuffed with his favorite DVDs.

7 current, ex-employees of Texas dealership ran crime ring

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Police in El Paso say seven current and former employees of an auto dealership have been arrested for running a series of illegal schemes that included taking vehicles from the lot and stealing tires.

Authorities said in a news release that managers of a Toyota dealership in El Paso were unaware the seven men were engaged in criminal activity that also included overbilling vendors and operating illegal insurance scams.

The men face charges that include theft and engaging in organized criminal activity. They range in age from 32 to 51 and all live in El Paso.

The investigation by the police department's financial crimes unit began in May when it was determined two vehicles were missing.

At least 1 dead as twin-engine plane crashes into Texas pond

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Authorities say one person is dead after a twin-engine airplane crashed into a Central Texas pond after the pilot reported engine trouble and a possible fire.

Sgt. Erik Burse of the Texas Department of Public Safety says the body of the pilot has been recovered from the wreckage near Huntsville, about 60 miles (96 kilometers) north of Houston.

The Federal Aviation Administration says the Cessna 421 crashed around 10:40 a.m. Tuesday. Emergency personnel arrived to find the plane upside-down in the water.

FAA spokesman Lynn Lunsford says officials believe the plane, which records show is capable of carrying at least six people, was flying from Conroe to College Station.

Doctor: George HW Bush dealing with chronic bronchitis

HOUSTON (AP) — A doctor who is treating former President George H.W. Bush says while the nation's 41st president has recovered from pneumonia, he is still dealing with the effects of chronic bronchitis.

In a statement issued Tuesday, Dr. Clint Doerr, a pulmonologist at Houston Methodist Hospital, said he still expects the 92-year-old Bush will be discharged by the end of the week.

Bush has been at the hospital since April 14.

Doerr says chronic bronchitis — a constant irritation of the lining of tubes that carry air to one's lungs — can aggravate the symptoms of pneumonia.

Doerr says once Bush is home, doctors will continue with "aggressive respiratory treatments."

Texas House orders study before using poison on feral hogs

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller's planned "feral hog apocalypse" won't be happening anytime soon.

That's after the maker of poisoned hog bait pulled its product from use in Texas.

In a Tuesday statement, Miller blamed "lawyers, environmental radicals and the misinformed" for the decision by Scimetrix.

Kaput Feral Hog Bait is laced with warfarin, a blood-thinner that in large doses causes hemorrhaging.

Miller said he respected the company's decision but called it "just another kick in the teeth for rural Texas."

The Texas House had passed a bill calling for more study on controlling feral hog populations with the help of pesticides. The bill is pending in the state Senate.

Chinese court sentences US business woman accused of spying



In this Oct. 4, 2016, file photo, Jeff Gillis looks through documents he has collected in support of his wife in Houston. The husband of U.S. citizen Phan "Sandy" Phan-Gillis, who has been charged in China with spying, has spent months trying to prove his wife's innocence with the little information he had. A Chinese court on Tuesday, April 25, 2017, sentenced Phan-Gillis to 3 1/2 years in prison for spying charges, in a case that has drawn criticism from the United Nations and human rights advocates.

By **NOMAAN MERCHANT**

Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) —

An American woman detained during a business trip to China was convicted of spying and sentenced Tuesday to 3 1/2 years in prison, raising the possibility that she may be allowed to return home soon.

Phan Phan-Gillis has faced an uncertain fate since March 2015, when she disappeared from her group traveling in southern China. She was later accused of espionage, which carries a possible death sentence. A United Nations panel has said her detention violated international norms, and the U.S. has long pressed China to resolve the case fairly.

Her Chinese lawyer Shang Baojun told The Associated Press Wednesday that a deportation order has been issued, and that she should be released "very soon." He said authorities don't usually inform the lawyer of the deportation date.

He said he couldn't give more details about the spying conviction because "it is related to state secrets," but that

the court should release its verdict within five days.

The U.S. State Department confirmed that she had been sentenced. While Phan-Gillis' trial was closed to the public, a representative from the American Consulate in Guangzhou was allowed to attend the public announcement of the verdict against her, the State Department said.

The Chinese Embassy in Washington did not respond to a message about her case.

Phan-Gillis is of Chinese descent, but was born in Vietnam and is an American citizen who lived in Houston and worked as a business consultant. Known by friends as "Sandy," she made numerous trips to China for business and as a volunteer to promote cultural and business exchanges.

She disappeared from the rest of her group during a trip in March 2015 to promote business opportunities in Houston. It took her husband, Jeff Gillis, almost two weeks to confirm through American consular officials that she had been detained by Chinese state secu-

rity.

China's opaque legal system often provides little or no explanation for why someone is detained or punished. Jeff Gillis, who did not return a message Tuesday, said last year that he was told his wife was accused of conducting a spy mission in 1996, then trying to recruit new spies the following two years — allegations he called "beyond ridiculous."

"I have the passport that shows that she didn't even have a visa in '96, no entries or exits," he said. "I have her pay stubs that show that she was not off on extended leave."

The San Francisco-based Dui Hua Foundation, which monitors human rights and legal issues in China, said Phan-Gillis was the first American citizen to be convicted of spying in a Chinese court since 1973. But Phan-Gillis' 3 1/2-year prison term is on the low end of sentences for espionage charges, according to Dui Hua's

research.

China sometimes releases foreigners as an apparent sign of goodwill. Last year it allowed Kevin Garratt, a Canadian citizen held for two years and accused of spying, to return home after Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau mentioned Garratt to top officials in Beijing.

In Phan-Gillis' case, John Kamm, founder of Dui Hua, credited the Trump administration and particularly Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, who visited Beijing last month. Kamm said he was told by "people who were in the room" that Tillerson pressed Phan-Gillis' case in private meetings.

"If U.S.-China relations were not going as well as they are right now, I think this outcome would have been different," Kamm said.

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DeVos tours Virginia school to stress needs of military kids

MANASSAS, Virginia (AP) — Education Secretary Betsy DeVos on Tuesday highlighted the need to help the children of military families transition into new schools as their parents are moving from one assignment to the next.



DeVos

DeVos visited Ashland Elementary School in Manassas, Virginia, to mark the Month of the Military Child. During a tour of the school she read a book to children about a mother who serves in the military.

She donned a pair of toy bifocals like those invented by Benjamin Franklin and watched students refurbish a computer.

During the election campaign, President Donald Trump criticized the Obama administration for neglecting U.S. veterans and vowed to improve their care and ben-

efits. DeVos' visit to Ashland highlighted the administration's commitment to veterans.

DeVos said military families need extra support when they relocate to a different city or country and their children must enroll in a new school. The school offers video chats with deployed parents, support groups and community resources.

DeVos praised "the way in which this community has cared for these children who are so often transitioning from school to school and from locale to locale."

School principal Andy Jacks said parents who are stationed overseas or away from their families need to be certain that their children are doing well in school.

"While they are serving our country and protecting us, we have to be behind them, supporting them all the way so that they never worry about the education of their

children," Jacks said. "Being away, especially parents that are being deployed, they are very concerned what's happening back there."

Prince William County school officials said 35 percent of Ashland's student body is connected with the military.

During a roundtable discussion at the school library, one mother at the school, Lt. Colonel Rojan Robotham, raised the issue of making child care available and affordable for families.

Trump's administration has proposed major budget cuts that would eliminate several after-school programs targeting mostly low-income families, saying they have proven to be ineffective.

The plan has prompted criticism from teacher unions and other groups.

"It's very challenging to find quality before and after-care and care that works

with a military schedule," Robotham told DeVos. "So I am hoping if not yourself or Ivanka Trump — somebody — takes it on and really solves it for us, 'cause it's a need."

"I hear that," DeVos answered.

"I hope to encourage her and others to advocate to not cut child care in general and increase more," Robotham told reporters after the meeting with DeVos.

"I think it's great that she is hearing it from myself and other people 'cause oftentimes you have to hear it from more than one person and different parts of the community for people to take action."

DeVos, who has made promoting charter and private schools options a key priority, received praise for her efforts from another parent at the school.

Sr. Master Sgt. Sam Look said that enlisted and junior

personnel may not always afford to settle in affluent neighborhoods with good public schools, so it is important to have school-choice options.

"This school is a complete blessing, but not all schools that we have to go to as we transition from base to base are this good," Look said. "When we don't have choices, when you can't afford to put your kids in a better school or live in better neighborhoods, that becomes problematic."

But proponents of public schools worry that giving taxpayer money to charter and private schools will defund traditional public schools.

Outside the school, DeVos was greeted by a small group of protesters holding signs, "We (love) public education" and "Vouchers only help the rich." Nearby, several other activists showed up to support her.

Railroad companies: Don't take prom pics, selfies on tracks

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Transportation officials and railroad companies are sounding a warning: Active railroad tracks are a bad backdrop for prom pictures or selfies.

With the season for graduations and prom portraits underway, North Carolina's transportation and public school agencies this month are urging high school yearbook staff advisers to reject student photos taken on or near railroad tracks.

"They're emphasizing that railroad selfies can be as dangerous as stopping for a snap in the middle of an interstate or airport runway.

"You put your life at risk by trespassing on railroad tracks," said Paul Worley, the rail division director at North Carolina's Transportation Department. "We need photographers, school administrators and parents to educate students about the potential danger of taking photos on railroad tracks."

North Carolina officials say 21 people were killed while trespassing on railroad tracks last year, but none of the deaths was due to risky photography, said Margaret Cannell, head of the North Carolina division of the railroad-backed safety group Operation Lifesaver.

Railroad tracks are private property and walking on or hanging around them can be dangerous, Cannell said.

"People expect a train to be really loud, but they're quieter than ever before," The News & Observer of Raleigh quoted Cannell as saying. "So you won't always hear a train approaching."

Nationwide, 511 people died last year while trespassing on railroad tracks, a 13 percent increase over 2015, Operation Lifesaver said.

A 19-year-old Texas woman was killed by a train last month while having photos taken of her on the tracks in a bid to launch a modeling career.

Fredzania Thompson stepped out of the way of an approaching train about 60 miles (about 100 kilometers) northwest of Houston, but she was struck when she stepped into the path of a second train coming in the opposite direction, authorities said.

Trying to drive home the message, Omaha, Nebraska-based railroad Union Pacific this spring extended its campaign to steer people away from railroad tracks with a series of animated videos about the potential dangers.

The short videos highlight the risks of taking a selfie on railroad tracks or posing for high school senior pictures on or near train tracks.

The videos are designed to be easily shared on Twitter, Facebook, YouTube and other social media sites.

Trump order seeks to limit federal role in K-12 education

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump signed an executive order Wednesday that aims to reduce the federal government's role in K-12 education.

Trump is giving Education Secretary Betsy DeVos just short of a year — 300 days — to identify areas where Washington has overstepped its legal authority in education, and modify and repeal regulations and guidance from her department, if necessary. A report will be returned to the White House and eventually made public, officials said.

Trump complained that the government over the years has forced states and schools to comply with "federal whims." He said the order will help restore local control over education.

"We know that local communities do it best and know it best," Trump said, surrounded by governors, members of Congress and teachers. "The time has come to empower parents and teachers to make the decisions that help their students achieve success."

Republicans have long chafed at federal government involvement in education, asserting that states and local governments, school boards and parents are best positioned to decide what students learn. Antipathy toward



AP Photo/Andrew Harnik

President Donald Trump holds the signed Education Federalism Executive Order during a federalism event with governors in the Roosevelt Room of the White House in Washington, Wednesday, April 26, 2017.

the Education Department ramped up under Trump's predecessor, President Barack Obama, who offered states billions of dollars of federal money to help improve their schools in exchange for adopting certain academic standards.

DeVos said time has shown that "one-size fits all policies and mandates from Washington simply don't work."

But Randi Weingarten, president of the American Federation of Teachers, the nation's second-largest teachers' union, said the review was unnecessary because a bipartisan education law enacted in late 2015 had already shifted power from the federal government to

states. "This is a case of been there, done that," Weingarten said. She stressed that the law also contains key civil rights provisions that the federal government is obligated to uphold.

The Center for Education Reform, which advocates for charter schools, said Trump's executive order will promote innovation and freedom.

"Conducting such a review is part and parcel of ensuring that education innovation and opportunity are able to take root throughout our various education sectors," the organization said in a statement.

"The connection between freedom and excellence is no secret."

Later Wednesday, Trump honored teachers as he welcomed the National Teacher of the Year and state-level winners to the Oval Office.

"There is nothing more important than being a teacher," he said.

Trump promised during the campaign to give state and local governments more control over education.

The executive order is one of several the president is signing this week as he seeks to notch accomplishments by Saturday, his 100th day in office.

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Camping out can be great fun, as long as you play it safe with wildlife. Here are some questions about wildlife safety. How many can you answer correctly?

- 1) You should learn as much as you can about the wildlife where you will be camping out. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 2) You should keep your distance from wildlife. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 3) You should help any lost baby animals find their mother. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 4) You should care for any injured animals. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 5) You should feed any hungry animals. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 6) You should carry a lot of food with you on hikes. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 7) You should run away from animals that look like they are about to attack you. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 8) You should get medical help for wildlife bites right away. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 9) You should treat serious wildlife scratches yourself. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 10) You should remind your parents to slow down when driving in areas known to have wildlife. **Fact or Fiction?**

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Be Responsible

Owning a pet is a big responsibility, sometimes too big. Finding a new home for a pet can be hard, especially for an exotic pet like a snake. Not everyone likes snakes, which may explain why some pet owners have chosen to leave their Burmese pythons in the wild in the Florida Everglades.

Burmese pythons come from Asia. They do not belong in the Florida Everglades, but more and more of them are being found there. Some escaped there during the hurricanes. Some were left there by pet owners. Burmese pythons eat a lot, and because of that, there are fewer raccoons, possums and rabbits in the Everglades, making for less food for other animals. The pythons are also eating larger animals. Like alligators, deer and panthers.

Burmese pythons are a big problem in the Everglades, and to stop them from wiping out some animal species and moving into other areas of Florida, wildlife officials now have programs in place that make it harder for pet owners to get a Burmese python. There are also programs to remove the snakes from the area.

Name That Animal

Depending upon where you are camping, you might see a lot of wildlife. Fill in the blanks to name some of the animals you might come across.



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Spurs, Raptors try to move on to second-round showdowns

By BRIAN MAHONEY

AP Basketball Writer

LeBron James and the champs are ready for their next challenger. James Harden and the Rockets are getting revved up in Texas.

With their opponents waiting, Toronto and San Antonio will try to set up a pair of second-round showdowns in the two Game 6s on the schedule Thursday night.

The Raptors can finish off the Milwaukee Bucks and move on to a rematch with the Cleveland Cavaliers, while the Spurs can knock out the Memphis Grizzlies and secure a Lone Star State tussle with the Rockets.

Gregg Popovich and the Spurs value rest as much as any organization, and there

won't be much if they lose Thursday and are forced to play a Game 7 back home on Saturday night. They would then host the Rockets in Game 1 on Monday night, a short turnaround before having to chase Houston's shooters all over the perimeter.

So the Spurs will be driven to get their elusive first victory in Memphis this season.

"They're coming to kill us. They're trying to put us out of our misery," Grizzlies coach David Fizdale said. "If you don't know anything about them, they're killers. So we understand that, but we also have to come out with a mentality to impose our will on the game."

Game 1 of the Eastern Conference semifinals in Cleveland also is Monday, and the

Cavaliers will get plenty of rest after sweeping Indiana in the first round. The Raptors were already on fumes by the time they faced the Cavaliers in last year's East finals after having to go seven games in the first two rounds, so would love to make things a little easier on themselves now.

"It's something that is in our minds, going on the road and understanding how they may feel and we've got to go out there and really treat it like a Game 7," All-Star guard DeMar DeRozan said. "I hate to keep saying that over and over again, but that is the only way we can treat it because that's how they are going to treat it."

The Raptors are 0-3 in Game 6 with a chance to win a series

over the last three years, with all the losses on the road. If Milwaukee wins Thursday, Game 7 in Toronto would be Saturday.

A look at the two game on Thursday:

Raptors at Bucks, Toronto leads 3-2. Game 6, 7 p.m., TNT.

NEED TO KNOW: Toronto has won two straight after getting blown out in Game 3, in large part because of the emergence of Norman Powell, who scored a career playoff-high 25 points in Game 5. The 6-foot-4 guard has also added athleticism since joining the starting lineup in Game 4 to help handle the Toronto-to-help handle the Milwaukee is on the brink of elimination and the Raptors

will be tough to beat if they get another strong night from complementary players Powell and Serge Ibaka.

KEEP AN EYE ON: The opening five minutes. The last three games have been won by the team that has set an early tone. The Bucks will get an energy boost from playing at home, though the more playoff-tested Raptors have proven that they can slow down their more athletic opponent at the Bradley Center. Coach Jason Kidd's young team must find a way to be aggressive early without getting sloppy.

INJURY UPDATE: Khrist Middleton missed practice Wednesday with a bug that has been bothering the

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Comeback Kid: Brantley drives in 3; Indians beat Astros 7-6

By STEVE HERRICK

Associated Press

CLEVELAND (AP) — Michael Brantley missed Cleveland's run to the World Series.

So it's understandable why he's enjoying his comeback from shoulder problems that forced him to miss most of last season.

Brantley drove in three runs and the Houston Astros 7-6 on Wednesday night.

"I'm excited to be out there with my teammates and help them," he said. "Watching from the sidelines, it was tough last year but being out there every day and having fun with the boys and playing baseball again, it's all I could ask."

Brantley, who played in only 11 games last season after having two operations on his left shoulder, had an RBI double in Cleveland's three-run first inning and added a two-run single in the fifth.

"He's such an A-hailed player," Houston manager A.J. Hinch said. "After missing most of last year, getting Brantley back is like signing a middle-of-the-order bat as a free agent. Just an all-around good hitter."

Carlos Santana had a two-run double in the sixth for the Indians, who have won six of eight.

Trevor Bauer (2-2) allowed four runs in six innings and won his second straight start despite giving up two-run homers to Evan Gattis and Brian McCann. The right-hander is 6-0 in six career starts against Houston.

Cleveland's Andrew Miller worked out of a bases-loaded jam in the seventh by striking out Carlos Correa and McCann.

Houston scored two in the eighth off Bryan Shaw, but Cody Allen recorded the final four outs for his fourth save.

Lance McCullers (2-1) gave up five runs in five innings for Houston, which has still won 10 of 13.

Hinch called out Jose Altuve out of the lineup after his star second baseman collided with teammate Teoscar Hernandez on Tuesday.

Brantley injured his shoulder late in the 2015 season and had surgery for a torn labrum. He returned a month into last season, but the shoulder soreness persisted and he didn't play after May 9.

After repeated minor league rehab appearances were cut short, Brantley had biceps tendinitis surgery in August.

Brantley finished third in the AL MVP voting in 2014 and was fourth in the league's batting race the following season. He's batting .318 with four homers and 15 RBIs in 17 games.

"Getting him back in name is one thing but getting him back as the player he was, that's pretty impressive on his part," Indians manager Terry Francona said.

Run-scoring doubles by Brantley and Jose Ramirez and a sacrifice fly by Edwin Encarnacion sparked Cleveland's first.

Gattis' two run homer — a 433-foot

Rangers avoid another series sweep with 14-3 win



Minnesota Twins relief pitcher Tyler Duffey, can't handle the ball allowing Texas Rangers Joey Gallo (13) to score on a wild pitch during the sixth inning of a baseball game in Arlington, Texas, Wednesday, April 26, 2017. (AP Photo/LM Otero)

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Delino DeShields, provided a spark at the top of the lineup. Ryan Rua and Shin-Soo Choo topped off a big finish with some late long balls.

Rua hit his first career grand slam and Choo connected for a three-run homer in Texas' eight-run eighth, leading the Rangers to a 14-3 rout against the Minnesota Twins on Wednesday night.

Before the game got out of hand, the Rangers went ahead to stay when Joey Gallo took a couple of hits on a tiebreaking trip around the bases.

"That was a pretty weird sequence, but I'll take it," Gallo said. "And take the lead, that's nice."

Gallo was hit by a pitch leading off the sixth against Taylor Rogers (1-1). The young Texas slugger scored on a wild pitch by another reliever to make it 3-2, and was struck on the back of the right shoulder by catcher Chris Gimenez's throw after the ball ricocheted hard off the brick backstop.

Elvis Andrus added a two-run single and eventually scored on a passed ball in Texas' four-run sixth, which included two hits.

"We've been searching for runs," manager Jeff Banister said. "Prior to later innings, we'd only had two hits with runners in scoring position. But with that, guys continued to grind through. ... I think they were really rewarded late with the approaches that they've had."

DeShields, in the leadoff spot for only the second time this season,

was 2 for 3 with three walks, three runs scored, two stolen bases and an RBI.

Texas, after falling behind 2-0 on Eduardo Escobar's homer in the second off Cole Hamels, set season highs with 14 runs and 14 hits. Routh tied Odor's two-run single in the fifth tied the game.

"We kind of danced around there early," Twins manager Paul Molitor said. "Odor got them going with the big two-out single, and we just couldn't push the right buttons after that."

Hamels (2-0) allowed three runs and seven hits over 6 2/3 innings.

Twins starter Hector Santiago, a day after his grandmother died and before going on MLB's bereavement list, threw a season-high 104 pitches over five innings. The lefty allowed two runs and six hits, struck out six and walked four.

"I talked to him after the game, praised him for the effort he gave us," Molitor said. "You know it's got to be on your mind."

Santiago said he spent a lot of time over the last couple of days talking with family to set up his grandmother's funeral, which will be Sunday.

"Trying to get everybody over the hump, and trying to have a better day," he said. "But it wasn't too bad. Today, I wasn't as efficient as I wanted to be. I threw some good pitches that guys laid off of."

EXTRA BASES

Choo, hitting ninth for the first time in his career, became the first Rangers player since at least 1984 with a triple and homer in the same

inning. His seven total bases were the most in an inning since Adrian Beltre homered twice in an inning against Baltimore on Aug. 22, 2012.

SANO 3-PEAT

Twins third baseman Miguel Sano had his second consecutive three-hit game. Sano played the series while appealing his one-game suspension announced by MLB on Monday for what were deemed "aggressive actions" that caused the benches to clear during a game Saturday against Detroit. Sano was 0 for 4 in the opener at Texas.

Texas avoided its third sweep already this year. The Rangers were swept only three times all of last season when repeating as AL West champs.

Twins: Reliever Trevor May, who had Tommy John surgery in late March, visited this week while in Texas with Rangers team physician Dr. Keith Meister, who did his surgery. May said he is encouraged with the early progress, knowing he won't be pitching again until next year.

Rangers: Reliever Sam Dyson (bruised right hand) likely will be activated from the 10-day DL when eligible Friday. He made back-to-back appearances at Triple-A Round Rock on Monday and Tuesday. ... RHP A.J. Griffin (gout in left ankle) will go on a rehab assignment with Round Rock instead of coming off the DL on Friday.

Rangers: Nick Martinez makes his second consecutive start in place of Griffin on Friday night in opener of home series against the Los Angeles Angels.

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Address: Railroad
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ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
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Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email:
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Rule 37 Case No. 0304381
Status/Permit No. 824649

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

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tion for a spacing exception
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Applicant seeks exception to
the LEASE LINE require-
ment for the NEW DRILL per-
mit in Sec. 24, Bk. 33 TLS,
T&P RR CO/LOWE, O W
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Lease/Unit Acres : 370.54
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Nearest Well on Lease (ft) :
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Lease Lines : 525.0 F S L,
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Survey Lines : 525.0 F S L

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Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
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1152.0 F E L

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Abstract: 364 Survey: T&P
RR CO/LAWLESS, P J
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#9348 April 6, 13, 20, & 27,
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Wilson, John H. Wilson, Jr.;
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Carrie Lee Wilson Mason;
Walter Mason; Roberta Ma-
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Plaintiff and Dollie May
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2017, discloses that the
nature of said suit is as fol-
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and to negotiate, make and
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the W/2 NW/4, and E/2 NE/4
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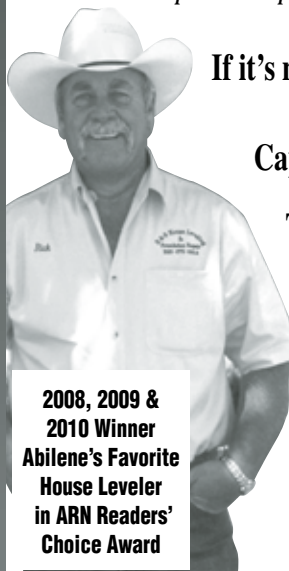
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Cosmic Predetermination?

Are the events of our lives preordained, or can we truly choose our own destiny? Free will vs. predetermination is an age-old debate among philosophers and theologians. Today's stars suggest that the main determiner of destiny is in your own mind and heart. The sun and moon are both in Taurus, the most determined sign of the zodiac.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There's a risk you've been considering for some time. This is the breakthrough you've been waiting for. You'll recognize a pattern and use the discovery to make a timely play.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There's a time for glitz, glamour and show and a time for slipping under the radar and observing your advantage from that low position. Underplay your next move. Humility is not only a virtue; it's a tactic.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There is a difference between acting out of a desire to do what's right and acting out of fear of the repercussions that will happen when you do what's wrong. The former builds energy. The latter drains it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You've a talent for carefully organizing the chaos. It's amazing! You'll accidentally impress someone with your ability to stay calm and bring clarity to the picture.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You don't have

to actually be brave to do brave things. It's more about acting as a brave person would, and then making a habit of that. Follow through time and again. Before you know it, you're the real deal.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're an excellent steward of your resources. Of course, the temptations are few now, but this will change. Take stock of the way you're managing and lay down some rules you can abide by for continued success.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're ahead of your time in some way. Table the idea, and then get back in step with the others. When there's an opportunity to use this, you'll be ready to jump. For now it's better to stay in sync.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). What would you do if you knew that the best is yet to come? Would you stop worrying and hedging your bets? Would you let go of something substandard in your life? All indications point to... the best really is yet to come!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Act on a whim. There's no guarantee it will turn out as hoped, but even if it doesn't it will be a lot more interesting than if you stuck to the "normal" way. The people around need spontaneity just like you do.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You've a pressing desire to live differently. There's no better time to start. Do it today; repeat it tomorrow and the next day and the next. What you do daily will get easier until it's automatic and just part of how you are.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 0-Feb. 18). Look for the small improvements. They can make a big difference. Be proud of the little steps; they'll add

up. The person who makes slow progress makes progress indeed.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). When you love what's happening, you'll be enthusiastic on the inside, cool on the outside. When you don't love what's happening (but you know that they do), it's just the opposite.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 27). You've a checklist of things you want to accomplish this year. You'll hit a few, miss a few and stumble into bits of life that make you deeper and more exceptional than any list-worthy qualification ever could. The places you seek in August will inspire a lifestyle change. New friendships lead to work in October. Cancer and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 46, 38, 11, 20 and 26.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: "I'm a vain Capricorn pondering the ethics of face tuning. I've always known to put my best face forward on my dating profile. However, I've taken it to the next level with an app on my smartphone that gives me make-up, erases wrinkles and dark circles and even slims my face, narrows my nose and makes my eyes bigger. It's truly amazing! My friend says I'm teasing these men, fooling them into thinking I'm better looking than I am. Is this right?"

This question seems pretty typical of an ethical Capricorn (it would be hard to imagine a lighthearted Gemini or glamour-minded Leo taking this so seriously). The photo-editing tricks that used to be the secret skills of magazine editors are now so available, cheap and easy to use that a growing percentage of the general population uses them on the regular. It's gotten

to the point that if you don't do some kind of tuning to your photos, you may find yourself at a disadvantage in the world of online dating! I don't see it as a matter of ethics so much as expectation management. Bottom line: Don't edit to the point that you can't live up to your photo in real life, natural charms notwithstanding.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: "Duck Dynasty" star Si Robertson is a preacher, hunter, duck-call maker, buck commander and the author of "Si-Cology 1: Tales and Wisdom from Duck Dynasty's Favorite Uncle." An earthy Taurus born under an adventurous Sagittarius moon, Robertson has three planets in entertaining Leo, indicating a talent for bringing color (or camouflage, as the case may be) to the lives of others.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
A signal experience

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ K 9 5
♥ A K
♦ K J 10 9 6 3
♣ 7 2
WEST
♠ J 7 4 3 2
♥ 10 6 5 4 3
♦ 4 2
♣ Q
EAST
♠ Q 8
♥ J 7
♦ A Q 5
♣ K 10 9 8 6 4
SOUTH
♠ A 10 6
♥ Q 9 8 2
♦ 8 7
♣ A J 5 3
The bidding:
North East South West
1♦ 2♣ 2NT Pass
3NT
Opening lead — queen of clubs.

the queen with the ace, he would have had no chance as the cards lie.
Unable to lead a second club. West shifted to a heart, but his play at this point had no bearing on the result. Declarer won in dummy and led the king of diamonds. East took the ace and returned the ten of clubs. South won with the jack, forced out the queen of diamonds and finished with 10 tricks.
The contract should, of course, have been defeated. East should have realized that the queen of clubs might be West's only club, in which case a signal would be a meaningless gesture.
To ensure against this possibility, East should have overtaken West's queen with the king. This would have fixed declarer's wagon beyond repair. Whether he won the first club or ducked, he could not establish the diamond suit before East established and ran his clubs.
East should have assumed well the bidding that South could well have the A-J-x or A-J-x-x of clubs. In either case, overtaking the queen with the king would guarantee the establishment of his clubs before dummy's diamonds could become good. East should not have banked on partner's having a second club. Nothing could be lost by overtaking, even if West did not have another club.

Tomorrow: Two double-dummy problems.
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DENNIS THE MENACE

"MARGARET IS SO FUSSY. I BET SHE EVEN GIVES HER GOLDFISH A BATH."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

"I'm gonna draw a bald eagle. How many feathers should it have?"

HAGAR

BUT, HELGA! FRENCH WOMEN DO IT ALL THE TIME!

I DON'T CARE!

I WON'T COOK A BUCKET OF SNAILS!

BC

JAKE, HOW COULD WE EVER AFFORD THIS PLACE?

IT HAS A FEW THINGS WE'LL HAVE TO GET USED TO.

BLONDIE

THIS IS A PRETTY FASCINATING ARTICLE...

APPARENTLY, THERE'S A CORRECT WAY TO EAT FOOD IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN GOOD HEALTH

I'LL BET YOU CAN'T IMAGINE AN INCORRECT WAY TO EAT FOOD, CAN YOU, DEAR?

NOPE

WIZARD OF ID

YOUR NEW DUDS SHOULD HELP YOUR REPUTATION, BIG BAD

I LOOK LIKE A SLEAZY WALL STREET BANKER

HOW DOES THIS MAKE ME LOOK LESS 'BAD'?

IT DOESN'T, BUT NOW YOU'LL GET AWAY WITH IT

AGNES

I THINK A CLASS PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT SHOULD HAVE CATCHY, CLEVER-SOUNDING NAMES.

WE HAVE NAMES.

YES, BUT THEY ARE NOT BEFITTING A POWER DUO SUCH AS WE.

WE DON'T HAVE GOOD NAMES?

WE SOUND LIKE SEPTUAGENARIAN TAP DANCERS FROM INDIANA.

MY MOM CALLS HERSELF AND UNCLE YACKO "BANGO AND BOFFO"

HI AND LOIS

WHAT KIND OF CELLPHONE DID YOU HAVE WHEN YOU WERE A KID, MR. WAVERING?

WE DIDN'T HAVE CELLPHONES, DOT.

HOW DID YOU GET IN TOUCH WITH YOUR FRIENDS?

WE HAD YELL-PHONES.

HEY, DOT!

THE OTHER COAST

...SO I TURN UP AT THE AVALANCHE SITE, BUT THERE WAS NOBODY TO RESCUE. SO I DIDN'T GET A BISCUIT.

WE SHOULD GET HALF A BISCUIT JUST FOR 'CALL-OUT.'

SNUFFY SMITH

TH' SHERIFF WUZ HERE WIF A SEARCH WARRANT, LUKEY !!

DID HE FIND TH' EVIDENCE?

'WEEZY MADE CHICKEN AN' BISCUITS...

TH' SHERIFF ATE TH' EVIDENCE !!

BETLE BAILEY

WHY DO YOU DO THAT?

IT CUTS DOWN ON WASTE

SCRUNCH

HOW?

I DON'T WASTE TIME EMPTYING IT

This Date In History

Today is Thursday, April 27, the 117th day of 2017. There are 248 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On April 27, 1967, Canada's Universal and International Exhibition, also known as "Expo 67," began a six-month run as it was officially opened in Montreal by Canadian Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson.

On this date:

- In 1509, Pope Julius II excommunicated the Republic of Venice for refusing to give up lands claimed by the Papal States. (The pope lifted the interdict in February 1510.)
- In 1521, Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan was killed by natives in the Philippines.
- In 1777, the only land battle in Connecticut during the Revolutionary War, the Battle of Ridgefield, resulted in a limited British victory.
- In 1822, the 18th president of the United States, Ulysses S. Grant, was born in Point Pleasant, Ohio.
- In 1865, the steamer Sultana, carrying freed Union prisoners of war, exploded on the Mississippi River near Memphis, Tennessee; death toll estimates vary from 1,500 to 2,000.
- In 1925, the song "Yes, Sir! That's My Baby" by Walter Donaldson and Gus Kahn was published by Irving Berlin, Inc. of New York.
- In 1938, King Zog I of the Albanians married Countess Geraldine Apponyi de Nagy-Apponyi.
- In 1941, German forces occupied Athens during World War II.
- In 1950, Britain formally recognized the state of Israel.
- In 1973, Acting FBI Director L. Patrick Gray resigned after it was revealed that he'd destroyed files removed from the safe of Watergate conspirator E. Howard Hunt.
- In 1982, the trial of John W. Hinckley Jr., who had shot four people, including President Ronald Reagan, began in Washington. (The trial ended with Hinckley's acquittal by reason of insanity.)
- In 1992, the new Federal Republic of Yugoslavia was proclaimed in Belgrade by the republic of Serbia and its lone ally, Montenegro. Russia and 12 other former Soviet republics won entry into the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. Betty Boothroyd became the first female Speaker of Britain's House of Commons.
- Ten years ago: President George W. Bush and visiting Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe (shin-zoh ah-bay) threatened stronger punitive actions against North Korea if it reneged on a promise to padlock its sole nuclear reactor. The government reported economic growth slowed to a near crawl of 1.3 percent in the first quarter of 2007. Master cellist Mstislav Rostropovich (misteH-SLAHV' rah-stroh-POH'-vich) died in Moscow at age 80. Five years ago: President Barack Obama signed an order aimed at addressing growing complaints about fraudulent marketing and recruiting practices aimed at military families eligible for federal education aid under the GI Bill. The space shuttle Enterprise, mounted atop a jumbo jet, sailed over the New York City skyline on its final flight before becoming a museum piece aboard the USS Intrepid.

Newsday Crossword

SCREWDRIIVER SAYING by Billie Truitt
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ACROSS

- 1 Work covertly
- 4 Insincere sentimentality
- 10 Aerial weapon, for short
- 14 Enclose, with "in"
- 15 Draw a parallel (with)
- 16 Extended account
- 17 Section of a ring
- 18 Any part of a perfect paper
- 20 Shudder
- 22 Moot point
- 23 Over yonder
- 26 Fiscal exec
- 27 Plan for limited funds
- 32 Gray shade
- 35 First Amendment defender
- 36 "Are you ___ out?"
- 37 Crimean resort
- 39 Zodiac beast
- 40 Of pitch
- 42 Unreliable one
- 43 Skewered fare
- 45 Dapper Dans
- 46 Citation abbreviation
- 47 Mos. and mos.
- 48 Kept in suspense
- 51 Apple offering
- 52 Knock for a loop
- 53 Front teeth
- 58 Austin Powers neckwear
- 62 Reckless one
- 65 LummoX
- 66 Legislative center
- 67 Language of Lebanon

DOWN

- 1 63 Down great's nickname
- 2 Where the Amazon begins
- 3 Urban rec facility
- 4 Deprived
- 5 EPA atmospheric stat
- 6 Harbor helper
- 7 Violinist Hilary
- 8 Comics bulldog
- 9 Medium's session
- 10 "I agree"
- 11 Cornfield chorus
- 12 *Couleur de l'océan*
- 13 Insignificant
- 19 Way cool
- 21 Hawaiian honcho
- 24 Minimally
- 25 Follow-up election
- 27 Loquacious
- 28 Less welcoming
- 29 Whipped cream servings
- 30 Warning starter displays
- 31 Business page
- 32 Whodunit element
- 33 Besmirch
- 34 Either end of "gag"
- 38 Sets straight
- 41 Exam for some college srs.
- 44 Apathetic
- 49 Green vehicle
- 50 Nicety
- 51 Hard to see
- 53 "Play it, Sam" speaker
- 54 Seasonal song
- 55 Barbecue nugget
- 56 Highly atypical
- 57 Unforeseen issue
- 59 Magician accessory
- 60 Gem that holds water
- 61 Stint
- 63 Court org.
- 64 Corn product

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AP photo

San Antonio Spurs forward Kawhi Leonard (2) is fouled as he drives to the basket between Memphis Grizzlies defenders JaMychal Green, left, and Mike Conley (11) as he tries to score during the second half of Game 5 in a first-round NBA basketball playoff series, Tuesday, April 25, 2017, in San Antonio. San Antonio won 116-103.

SPURS

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Bucks' second-leading scorer all week. Kidd expects Middleton (14.7 points) to play in Game 6.

PRESSURE IS ON: Kidd. Dwane Casey made his kids-swinging adjustment when he put Powell into the starting lineup to go small. Now it's up to Kidd to come up with something to swing things back in Milwaukee's favor.

Spurs at Grizzlies, San Antonio leads 3-2. Game 6, 9:30 p.m., TNT

NEED TO KNOW: Kawhi Leonard finally got lots of help from his teammates in Game 5, with four other Spurs scoring in double figures. Reserve Patty Mills came through with his best game of this series, scoring a post-season career-best 20 and hitting 5 of 7 3-pointers. If the Spurs shoot at least 50 percent beyond the arc, they'll be preparing for Houston on Friday. Fizdale saw something his Grizzlies did wrong on each of Mills' made 3s: "Every one of them was on

a mistake we made on him," he said.

KEEP AN EYE ON: Manu Ginobili. The veteran guard had missed his first 15 shots before breaking out with 10 points for San Antonio. Ginobili also had two rebounds, three assists and three steals off the bench.

INJURY UPDATE: Grizzlies guard Tony Allen (right calf) remains out indefinitely.

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ASTROS

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blast to dead center — cut the lead to 3-2 in the fourth. Brantley's single pushed the lead to 5-2 but McCann's home run made it a one-run game.

Santana's double moved the lead back to three runs.

Marwin Gonzalez's two-run double got the lead back to one in the eighth but Allen, pitching for the first time since April 20, retired all four hitters he faced.

TOUGH INNING Miller needed 35 pitches in the seventh, which included three strikeouts, an error, a walk and a hit batter.

"They really pushed him, but you saw in the end not just his ability to pitch but his competitiveness," Francona said. "He reached back

for some pretty good stuff there and he needed it."

STILL OUT Hinch said outfielder George Springer (strained left hamstring) still isn't 100 percent.

Springer hasn't started since Saturday, although he replaced Hernandez after the collision in the eighth inning Tuesday.

TRAINER'S ROOM Astros: Hernandez (bruised left knee) was placed on the 10-day disabled list. OF Tony Kemp was recalled from Triple-A Fresno.

UP NEXT Astros: RHP Mike Fiers has allowed six homers in 15 innings this year. He gave up three solo shots in five innings on April 21 at Tampa Bay.

Indians: RHP Corey Kluber tossed the first shutout by an AL hurler this season in beating the White Sox 3-0 on April 21.

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Parent's Corner

Seeing past the clouds

Back in 1986, I was in Hawaii and toured the USS Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor. I was in awe as I looked upon the scene before me, and remembered what had happened that day, Dec. 7, 1941, when the Japanese attacked and destroyed our fleet there.

I later read an account entitled, "Reflections on Pearl Harbor" by Admiral Chester Nimitz. He said he was attending a concert in Washington, DC and was paged to a phone call from President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who informed him that he had been named the Commander of the Pacific Fleet. Admiral Nimitz left immediately and prepared to go to Hawaii to assume his new command. He landed at Pearl Harbor on Christmas Eve, 1941, and found, to his dismay, a spirit of total despair, dejection, and defeat.

The next morning, Christmas Day 1941, he was given a boat tour of the destruction wrought on Pearl Harbor by the Japanese. Big sunken battleships and Navy vessels cluttered the waters in every direction.

As the tour boat returned to dock, the young helmsman of the boat looked at him and asked, "Well Admiral, what do you think after seeing all this destruction?" Admiral Nimitz's reply shocked everyone within the sound of his voice when he said, "Either the Japanese made three of the biggest mistakes an attack force could ever make, or God was taking care of America. Which do you think it was?"

Shocked and surprised, the young helmsman asked, "What do mean by saying the Japanese made the three biggest mistakes an attack force ever made?" Nimitz explained: "Mistake number one: The Japanese attacked on Sunday morning. Nine out of every ten crewmen of those ships were ashore on leave. If those same ships had been lured to sea, and been sunk,

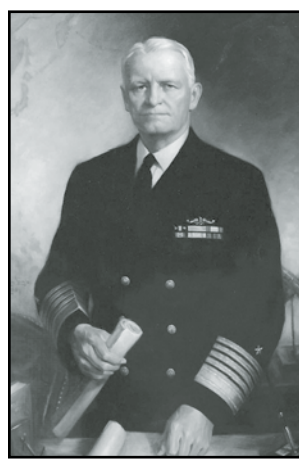
we would have lost 38,000 men instead of 3,800.

"Mistake number two: When the Japanese saw all those battleships lined in a row, they got so carried away sinking them they never once bombed our dry docks opposite those ships. If they had destroyed our dry docks, we would have had to tow every one of those ships to America to be repaired. As it is now, the ships are in shallow water and can be raised. One tug can pull them over to the dry docks, and we can have them repaired and at sea by the time we could have towed them to America. And I already have crews ashore anxious to man those ships.

"Mistake number three: Every drop of fuel in the Pacific theater of war is in top of the ground tanks five miles away over that hill. One attack plane could have strafed those tanks and destroyed our fuel supply. That's why I say the Japanese made three of the biggest mistakes an attack force could make or God was taking care of America."

I'll always remember what I read in that book. It is still an inspiration. Did you know that Admiral Nimitz was a Texan, born and raised in Fredericksburg, Texas; he was an optimist and able to see a silver lining in a situation and circumstance where everyone else saw only despair and defeatism. President Roosevelt had chosen the right man for the right job.

We desperately needed a leader that could see silver linings in the midst of the clouds of dejection, despair and defeat. Today, we are experiencing some of these same kinds of feelings and we must rally our positive thoughts and emotions, and never forget that there is a reason that our national motto is: IN GOD WE TRUST.



Nimitz



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A morning bath



Courtesy photo

Forsan ISD students wash down the elementary school's mascot statue Tuesday morning. Pictured are Torah Smith, Morgan Miller, Lilly Hoff, and Carsyn Brown.

Steer Pride Corner

Math super stars



Courtesy photo/Big Spring ISD

These BSI students competed at the TMSCA state meet this past weekend.

Special to the Herald

Three Big Spring Intermediate students placed at the Texas Math and Science Coaches Association (TMS-CA) state meet last weekend.

"We are extremely proud of our kids," said Patsy Sanchez, BSI principal.

Results are as follows: Number sense, Marco Tan, 9th; mathematics,

Marco Tan, 7th; Ananya Limaye, 13th, Kortney Moore, 15th; and calculators, Marco Tan, 15th.

More than 2800 students at the TMS-CA competition. Also competing at the meet were BSI students Ismael Castillo, A'Kalie Berry, and Cheyenne Horton. Sponsors for the trip were BSI math teachers Devon Davis-Locke and Stephanie Rincon.

Top readers for Goliad Elementary School



Courtesy photo

These Goliad Elementary School students have amassed more than 100 Accelerated Reading (AR) points for the year. Students read a book and then take a computer test to show their comprehension of the material. Earning more than 100 points so far, pictured from left, Ashley Melendez, 4th grade, 354.3 points; Ramona Edmondson, 4th Grade, 156.7 points; Lillianna Rose, 3rd Grade, 100.9 points; and Laikyn Cantu, 1st grade, 105 points.

President Trump: Nothing more important than being a teacher

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump has recognized the National Teacher of the Year, and says nothing is more important than being a teacher.

Sydney Chaffee, a humanities teacher at Codman Academy, a public charter school in Boston, holds the honor for 2017. Trump says it's "really something special" that the winner is from a charter school. Charter schools

are publicly funded but privately operated, and Trump supports creating more of them.

Trump commented as he welcomed teachers of the year from all U.S. states and territories to the Oval Office.

The teachers' visit co-

incided with first lady Melania Trump's 47th birthday and she joined the president and Education Secretary DeVos for the event.

The teachers apparently sang "Happy Birthday" to the first lady.

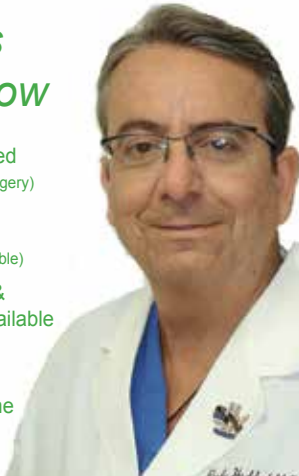
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