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Vehicles vandalized by graffiti during the night

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

Several residents in the area of Kentucky Way woke up this morning to see their cars were vandalized by graffiti sometime during the night.

Photos of vehicles sprayed with paint, some with vulgar drawings and words, were posted on the Big Spring Crime Watch Facebook page this morning. According to one resident

whose car was vandalized, around four to five vehicles were targeted in the area. The man, who requested to remain anonymous, said the incident occurred sometime last night. A post to the Facebook page stated some buildings were also vandalized.

The Big Spring Police have been notified, according to the resident the Herald spoke with this morning.

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

This vehicle in the 1500 block of Kentucky Way was vandalized by graffiti sometime during the night. Reports of vehicles with graffiti spray painted on the cars, some with vulgar drawings and words, were on social media this morning. The incident is being investigated by the Big Spring Police.



Funtastic Fourth returns this month



File photo
Big Spring's Loco Motives rock out at the 2016 Funtastic Fourth. Shown are guitar player Johnny Saldivar, drummer Casey Powell, and lead singer Chris Lopez. Not shown is bass player Rick Lopez. This year's lineup includes Ronnie Milsap, Mark McKinney, Spur 327, State Limbo, Buzzkill, Quiet Riot, and Great White.

By **ROBERT BARLOW**
 Staff Writer

The Alon USA/7-Eleven Funtastic Fourth is just a few weeks away, and the county is gearing up for two days of live music and festivities.

This is the 15th annual event for the Big Spring Downtown Revitalization Association, and the Funtastic Fourth has become a tradition for many area residents to attend.

The event is "grow-

ing massively" according to Allan Johnson who has helped coordinate the whole thing since the event's beginning.

"It has grown from a few thousand at the first event to between thirty and fifty thousand people," said Johnson.

This year's lineup is looking to be even bigger than the last, with artists like Ronnie Milsap, Great White, Quiet Riot, and Mark McKinney already scheduled to headline the two-day event. Other bands that have been confirmed are Spur 327, Buzzkill, and State Limbo.

An event that draws in crowds this massive takes nearly a year's worth of work and planning to cultivate.

"We start planning a few days after the previous year's event," said Ida Chavira, volunteer and vice-president of the Big Spring Downtown Revitalization Association.

While it's still a little too early to confirm some details of the event, Chavira says they have "good plans" in store for the upcoming event.

Johnson went on to explain how important events like this are in drawing people to the downtown area. The attention that down-

town receives during an event like this helps create interest in what downtown Big Spring has to offer, according to Johnson.

"What we're doing here gets people excited and helps create the environment to make it happen," said Johnson.

In addition to the live music, the event has vendors with unique foods and crafts, as well as carnival-type rides for the Kid-Zone.

The event is free to the public thanks to the sponsors and volunteers who help put it together and is set to take place June 23 through June 24 in downtown Big Spring

See **FOURTH**, Page 3A

Stargazing Party to be held Saturday

By **AMANDA ELSTON**
 Managing Editor

Grab a friend and a chair, and head to the mountain Saturday night.

This weekend, Big Spring State Park officials along with the West Texas Amateur Astronomy Club (WTAAC) are inviting the community to take a peek at the skies during the 25th annual Stargazing Party.

"In our society we see we see less interest in

science it seems, so it's exciting to me to get people interested," said Ron Alton, manager of the Big Spring State Park, of the party. "These folks (WTAAC) bring little ladders for the little ones for their telescopes. They cater to young and old. It really has been a popular event."

For the event, which lasts from sunset to around 11 p.m., the state park invites out the WTAAC, an organization based in Midland, to educate the public about astronomy. According to Alton, they bring about 10 to 12 telescopes and help to point out objects in the sky to stargazers.

"So basically the WTAAC from out in Midland

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Alton with the West Texas Amateur Astronomy Club (WTAAC) are inviting the community to take a peek at the skies during the 25th annual Stargazing Party.

Putin denies involvement in hacking, hails Trump

By **IAN PHILLIPS and VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV**
 Associated Press

ST.PETERSBURG, Russia (AP) — President Vladimir Putin insisted Thursday that the Russian state has never engaged in hacking and said Moscow will wait out the current political storm in the U.S. to forge constructive relations with President Donald Trump, whom he praised as a straightforward person with a "fresh set of eyes."

The Russian leader acknowledged the possibility that some individual "patriotic" hackers could have mounted some attacks amid the current cold spell in Russia's relations with the West, but scoffed at allegations that hackers could influence the outcome of elections in the United States or Europe.

Speaking at a meeting with senior editors of

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Big Spring athletes summer strength and conditioning



Special to the Herald

The Big Spring athletes summer strength and conditioning program kicked things off this morning and will continue through June 15, 2017.

The hours to attend are Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

This program is for incoming 7th - 12th grade students. If they have not been in athletics at BSISD, they are only allowed to lift under a coach's supervision.

Trick riders coming to Big Spring

Special to the Herald

One of the top equestrian athletes in the world will be a big part of the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo, set for 8 p.m. Thursday, June 15-Saturday, June 17, at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl.

Madison McDonald-Thomas and her Magic

in Motion show will be part of the three performances of Big Spring's rodeo. McDonald-Thomas will share the arena with one of her students, 12-year-old Emilee Charlesworth, and the duo will en

See **RIDERS**, Page 4B

Astros pound Twins 17-6 to complete sweep

By JON KRAWCZYNSKI
AP Sports Writer

MINNEAPOLIS — Carlos Correa stood slack-jawed in the dugout as George Springer rounded the bases a second time Wednesday.

Correa was unable to comprehend the force Springer must have needed to send the second-longest homer in the majors this season into the concourse level above the second deck at spacious Target Field.

The Minnesota Twins were just as stunned by the power the Astros unleashed throughout the series.

Springer reached base in all six plate appearances and hit two of Houston's season-high six home runs to lead the Astros to their seventh straight victory, 17-6 over the Minnesota Twins on Wednesday.

"I was in shock," Correa said of Springer's second homer, a 473-foot moon shot that trails only a 481-footer



AP photo

Houston Astros' George Springer, left, celebrates his solo home run off Minnesota Twins pitcher Hector Santiago with Carlos Correa in the fifth inning of a baseball game Wednesday, May 31, 2017 in Minneapolis. Correa homered in the first inning.

from Arizona's Jake Lamb this season. "I've never seen a ball hit that hard before live in my life. It was not really where it landed, it was just the way it sounded the way it came off the bat. It just skyrocketed off the bat."

Correa, Alex Bregman, Evan Gattis and Marwin Gonzalez also went deep for the Astros, who scored 40 runs in the three-game sweep to set a franchise record. They had 19 hits on Wednesday and 37 in the series.

Brian Dozier, Edie Rosario and Jason Castro, who have lost four straight. Hector Santiago (4-5) gave up six runs on eight hits and walked three in six

See **ASTROS**, Page 4B

Tenth-inning homers lead Rays over Rangers 7-5



Rangers' manager Jeff Banister, left, talks with starting pitcher Austin Bibens-Dirkx, second from left, as Mike Napoli and Rougned Odor, right, listen to Bibens-Dirkx was replaced by Jeremy Jeffress during the fifth inning of a baseball game against the Tampa Bay Rays on Wednesday, May 31, 2017, in Arlington, Texas.

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Logan Morrison and Derek Norris homered in a three-run 10th inning to cap a late Tampa Bay comeback as the Rays beat the Texas Rangers 7-5 on Wednesday night.

Kevin Kiermaier tied the score with two outs in the ninth inning with a first-pitch home run off Texas closer Matt Bush.

The 10th-inning homers came off Sam Dyson (1-6), who began the season as Texas' closer.

Austin Pruitt (4-1), recalled from Triple-A Durham earlier in the day, earned the win with two hitless innings. Alex Colome gave up one run in getting his 15th save.

Elvis Andrus had three hits and two RBIs, including Texas' go-ahead run in the seventh inning.

Andrus drove in Shin-Soo Choo, who reached on a fielder's choice on a putout at the plate and then stole second base. Pete Kozma was thrown out, pinch-running for Mike Napoli, who led off the seventh with a double when the ball popped out of the glove of Kiermaier near the top

of the wall in center field.

Rays starter Chris Archer allowed four runs and seven hits in seven innings, matching his season high with 114 pitches.

Stephen Souza Jr. hit a two-run home run in the second inning, his fifth in eight games and 10th of the season.

The homer came off Austin Bibens-Dirkx, who made his first major league start at age 32 following 12 seasons in the minors. Bibens-Dirkx, who previously made four relief appearances after joining Texas on May 7, allowed three runs in 4 2/3 innings.

Texas tied the score 3-3 in the fifth helped by a wild pitch on a strikeout of Napoli. He scored on a fielder's choice on which the Rays asked for a review of Shin-Soo Choo's slide into second baseman Daniel Robertson, judged not in violation of the slide rule.

UP NEXT

Rangers: RHP Yu Darvish (5-3) will open a three-game home series against the Astros having gone winless in his last seven starts against Houston.

Looming suspensions dogging Dallas D for 2nd straight year



Dallas Cowboys head coach Jason Garrett, right, looks on as defensive players run drills during an organized team activity at its NFL football training facility in Frisco, Texas, Wednesday, May 31, 2017.

By SCHUYLER DIXON
AP Sports Writer

FRISCO, Texas — Dallas cornerback Nolan Carroll faces a two-game suspension over his arrest on a drunken driving charge this week, and defensive end David Irving awaits final word from the NFL on a possible four-game ban for violating the policy against performance-enhancing drugs.

Add the likely season-long absence of pass rusher Randy Gregory for multiple substance-abuse violations, and the Cowboys could be opening their second straight season with three potential defensive starters suspended.

Tight end Jason Witten, the leading voice

See **DALLAS**, Page 4B

Dynamo tops RSL 5-1 to move into 1st in Western Conference



AP photo

Houston Dynamo forward Mauro Manotas (19) scores his second goal of the game against the Real Salt Lake during the first half of a MLS soccer game, Wednesday, May 31, 2017 in Houston.

HOUSTON (AP) — Erick Torres scored his 10th goal of the season and the Houston Dynamo beat Real Salt Lake 5-1 on Wednesday night to move into first place in the Western Conference.

Houston (7-5-2) has won seven of its last eight home games, scoring 24

goals. Real Salt Lake (4-9-2) ended a three-game scoreless run on the road with Joao Plata's free-kick goal in the 63rd minute.

Houston took the lead on an own goal by Justin Schmidt in the third

See **DYNAMO**, Page 4B

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **JASON HARVEY BEDFORD**, 32, of 2513 Dow was arrested on warrants for possession of drug paraphernalia, solicitation by pedestrians, and failure to appear.
- **HUMBERTO BARRETO SR.**, 35, of 1605 W. First St. was arrested on a warrant for evading arrest or detention.
- **EDUARDO CARBAJAL**, 52, of 9188 Glenoaks Blvd. in Sun

Valley, Calif., was arrested on a charge of theft of property (less than \$100)/shoplifting.

- **ROBERT RUBEN SANCHEZ**, 53, of 1023 Stadium Ave., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **RICHARD H. MARTINEZ JR.**, 32, of 1101 N. Scurry St. was arrested on charges of criminal mischief (\$100 to \$750) and criminal trespassing.
- **FRANCISCO VEGA**, 43, of 1609 Bluebird St. was arrested on

a warrant for driving with a suspended or invalid license.

- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1200 block of Harding Street.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported near mile marker 179 westbound on Interstate 20 and at the intersection of 18th Street and Goliad.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 600 block of State Street, and in the 17500 block of Gail Highway in Luther.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported on North Midway Road.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Drexel. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Boulevard. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain

Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of Pickens. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **FALSE FIRE ALARM** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway Road.

Take Note

• The Big Spring Salvation Army and the Big Spring Center for Skilled Care are holding a fan drive to collect and distribute electric fans to those 55 and older in Howard County. Those wishing to donate can take new or gently used box or pedestal fans to the Salvation Army headquarters at 811 W. Fifth St. Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.; or to the Center for Skilled Care at 3701 Wasson Rd. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Seniors 55 and older who need a fan should call the Salvation Army at 432-267-8239 or the Center for Skilled Care at 432-606-5012 to register and receive the distribution date.

• 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.

If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

• Each week Kindred offers free health checks from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Corner House Coffee Shop, 1701 Scurry St.

• 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 has dropped to \$5 per person thanks to a sponsor Marcy House, 2301 Wasson Road.

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

• Big Spring Centennial Lion's Club meets twice a month at the Big Spring TA Truck Stop. They meet on the first Tuesday of the month at noon and the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

• 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,

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary Group is looking to expand. Positions are available for the Auxiliary group and the Teen Volunteer program. Must be 15 years of age to take part in the teen volunteer program. If you would like to volunteer please contact Heath White at 268-4850.

• 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

• 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 information, 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.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Balsdua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

• The Crossroads Young Marines is taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.

• The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop mortgage foreclosure and are need of help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. For free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

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Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 91 inmates at the time of this report.

• **HUMBERTO BARRETO SR.**, 35, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for evading arrest or detention.

• **JASON HARVEY BEDFORD**, 32, was booked by BSPD on warrants for possession of drug paraphernalia, solicitation by pedestrians, and failure to appear.

• **EDUARDO CARBAJAL**, 52, was booked by BSPD on a charge of theft of property (less than \$100)/shoplifting.

• **KIMBERLY KAY CARSON**, 31, was booked by HCSO on warrants for firearm smuggling (3 or more firearms) and burglary of a habitation.

• **RICHARD HILARIO MARTINEZ JR.**, 32, was booked by BSPD on charges of criminal mischief (\$100 to \$750) and criminal trespassing.

• **KENNETH MCPHERSON**, 26, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for failure to appear/unauthorized use of a vehicle; and on a charge of failure to identify/fugitive giving false information.

• **MICHAEL DEAN NALL**, 38, was booked by HCSO on a bondsman off bond warrant for criminal mischief impairing or interrupting public service; and on a warrant for credit card or debit card abuse.

• **BENNIE ANDRESS ROBINSON**, 49, was booked by BSPD on a charge of assault/family violence (threat or offensive touch).

• **ROBERT RUBEN SANCHEZ**, 53, was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **FRANCISCO VEGA**, 43, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for driving with a suspended or invalid license.

• **CHRISTOPHER YANEZ**, 24, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for burglary of a habitation.

Support Groups

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. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 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.

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.

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STARS

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brings really expensive and nice telescopes out here," said Alton. "Some of the lenses are a foot across. The high dollar telescopes are really fine scopes and you can really see a lot with them. If you've ever taken a pair of binoculars and looked at the moon, it's crazy, but it pales in comparison as to what they are bringing us to look through."

The telescopes will be set up at the State Park Pavilion starting around 8 p.m., although Alton encourages

visitors to arrive early due to limited parking. Depending on the weather, visitors should be able to view the moon, Jupiter, a pass of the Hubble Space Telescope, and for night owls, a viewing of Saturn a little after 10 p.m.

"These deep sky galaxies..it is just mind boggling when you take the time to look," said Alton. "All these weird hues and colors. There is no way you can see them with the naked eye. It's just awesome to look at. It's these folks' passion. That's the cool thing, to educate people about the heavens and to get folks interested."

While the West Texas weather can sometimes be a little finicky, Alton

said the party is usually well attended.

"Literally 24 years ago it was so crowded I could barely find enough places for people to park," said Alton. "But it is still a well-attended event. Like any outdoor event, Mother Nature makes it tricky. This is a neat group of people to be coming out this many years. A lot of West Texas nights in the heat of it - they just keep coming. They just love to get more people interested in their love."

While the event is free of charge, donations to the Big Spring State Park are accepted. Flashlights and tennis shoes are also encouraged.

"It is dark so wear tennis shoes," said Alton. "Make sure to bring a flashlight. It is pitch black when you get back to your cars. There also is limited parking so if (visitors) are able to team up and save the number of vehicles, that would be good."

Big Spring State Park's Stargazing party will begin at sunset (8 p.m. or earlier) on Saturday, June 3 at the Big Spring State Park, 1 Scenic Drive. For questions, call 432-263-4931.

"It's a fun family thing," said Alton. "You can bring your kids or your grandkids. For the younger ones, this could spark their interest in science and really take them somewhere."

PUTIN

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leading international news agencies, Putin also alleged that some evidence pointing at Russian hackers' participation in cyberattacks - he didn't specify which - could have been falsified in an attempt to smear Russia.

"I can imagine that some do it deliberately, staging a chain of attacks in such a way as to cast Russia as the origin of such an attack," Putin said. "Modern technologies allow that to be done quite easily."

U.S. intelligence agencies have accused Russia of hacking into Democratic Party emails, helping President Donald Trump's election victory, and the Congressional and FBI investigations into the Trump campaign's ties with Russia have shattered Moscow's hopes for a detente with Washington.

Putin said the "Russo-phobic hysteria" makes it "somewhat inconvenient to work with one another or even to talk." "It's having an impact, and I'm afraid this is one of the goals of those who organize it are pursuing and they can fine-tune the public sentiments to their liking trying to establish an atmosphere that is going to prevent us from addressing common issues, say with regard to terrorism," the Russian leader said.

Putin said Russia had been encouraged by Trump's campaign statements in which he lamented Russia-U.S. ties being at a historical low and promised to improve them.

He added that Moscow still hopes to forge a constructive dialogue with Trump.

Putin predicted "this will end, sooner or later," adding that "we are patient, we know how to wait and we will wait."

The Russian presi-

dent praised Trump as "a straightforward person, a frank person." Putin added that while some see Trump's lack of political background as a disadvantage, he sees it as beneficial because "he has a fresh set of eyes."

Asked if Russian hackers could try to shape the outcome of German parliamentary elections later this year, Putin said: "We never engaged in that on a state level, and have no intention of doing so."

He noted that Russia can work constructively with any German leader, adding that he had good ties with German Chancellor Angela Merkel despite some differences.

Russian meddling was also a concern in France, with Putin publicly expressing his sympathy for President Emmanuel Macron's rivals in the campaign. Macron's aides claimed in February that Russian groups were interfering with his campaign, and a document leak hit Macron's campaign in the final hours of the French race. Moscow has strongly denied all allegations of election meddling.

Putin argued that hackers, wherever they come from, can't sway election outcomes because the public mood cannot be manipulated that easily.

"I'm deeply convinced that no hackers can radically influence another country's election campaign," he said. "No hackers can influence election campaigns in any country of Europe, Asia or America."

Putin added that while the Russian state has never been involved in hacking, it was "theoretically possible" that Russia-West tensions could have prompted some individuals to launch cyberattacks.

"Hackers are free peo-

ple, just like artists who wake up in the morning in a good mood and start painting," he said.

"The hackers are the same, they would wake up, read about something going on in interstate relations and if they have patriotic leanings, they may try to add their contribution to the fight against those who speak badly about Russia."

Russia's relations with the West have been at post-Cold War lows over the Ukrainian crisis.

The U.S. and the EU have slapped Moscow with sanctions over its annexation of Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula and support for pro-Russian insurgency in eastern Ukraine.

Putin said Thursday that economic restrictions against Russia have had "zero effect."

He predicted that the current strain in relations will ease, because "it's counterproductive and harmful."

Touching on tensions in the Pacific, Putin said Russia's military deployments on a group of Pacific islands also claimed by Japan have been caused by concerns about the U.S. military buildup in the region.

The four islands, called the Northern Territories in Japan and the southern Kurils in Russia, were seized by the former Soviet Union at the end of the World War II, preventing the two countries from signing a peace treaty.

Putin said the U.S. will likely continue to build up its missile shield in the region even if North Korea agrees to curb its nuclear and missile programs, in the same way it has continued to develop missile defenses in Europe despite a deal with Iran that curbed its nuclear program in exchange for lifting international sanctions.

Tiger Woods seen confused, stumbling on police dashcam video

JUPITER, Fla. (AP) — His speech slow and slurred, Tiger Woods couldn't follow simple instructions or keep his balance during a dazed and disoriented encounter with police before he was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence.

The video images came from dashcam footage that Jupiter police released Wednesday night, and they show Woods with little capacity to stand still without swaying, repeat simple instruction or put one foot in front of the other.

The footage came from his arrest Monday in the dark of early morning when Jupiter police noticed his Mercedes parked on the side of a six-lane road, part of it in the road and part of it in the bicycle lane.

Police found the Woods sound asleep behind the wheel, according to an incident report. The engine was running, the brake lights were on and the right turn signal was blinking. Police also released photos of his car that showed both tires flat and minor damage around the bumpers.

When the officer asks Woods where he had been, the 14-time major champion says, "LA." He says he was headed down to Orange County.

The 1 hour, 39-minute video starts with Jupiter police approaching Woods' car

and ends with the cruiser pulling into the Palm Beach County jail, with Woods in handcuffs behind his back and sitting in the back seat.

Woods told the officers he had not been drinking, and two breath tests at the jail registered a 0.0 blood-alcohol level. Woods issued a statement nearly 10 hours after he was released from jail on Monday that alcohol was not involved.

"What happened was an unexpected reaction to prescribed medications," Woods said in his statement. "I didn't realize the mix of medications had affected me so strongly."

He told police he was taking prescription medicine. When asked what kind, he gave an answer that was redacted from the videotape. The arrest affidavit listed four medications, including Vicodin, that Woods reported taking.

Woods is to be arraigned July 5 in Palm Beach County Court. The video brings to life the troubling images contained in an incident report from the four police offi-

cers who were at the scene.

His speech is slurred from his first words. When the officer points out that Woods' shoe is untied, Woods places his right foot on the front of the police car and starts to fiddle with the laces.

"It's your other shoe that's untied," the officer says as Woods unties the laces.

"Now that one is, too," the officer adds.

When Woods is unable to tie the left shoe, the officer tells him he can take them off. Woods then tells the officer he doesn't remember what happened or being asleep in his car when police approached.

The field sobriety test was a failure from the start. Woods struggled to simply put his feet together. When he did, he leaned forward after losing his balance.

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Investors press Exxon on disclosure of climate change impact



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Protesters gather outside of the Exxon shareholders meeting across the street from Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center in Dallas on Wednesday, May 31, 2017. The company holds its annual meeting as profit is down and the stock price has been sagging. Those are among the challenges facing new CEO Darren Woods, who took over for Rex Tillerson.

By **DAVID KOENIG**, AP Business Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Exxon Mobil shareholders pushed the company on Wednesday to share more information about whether regulations designed to reduce climate change will hurt the oil giant's business.

Investors holding 62 percent of shares voted at the company's annual meeting favored more disclosure around the impact of global policies aimed at limiting global warming to 2 degrees centigrade. The vote is a defeat for Exxon and a victory for environmentalists and shareholder activists, who saw sup-

port for their proposal grow from 38 percent a year ago.

Chairman and CEO Darren Woods said the matter will be reconsidered by the Exxon board.

The climate-change resolution was submitted by the New York state retirement fund. It asked the company to analyze the impacts on Exxon's oil and gas reserves and resources in case demand for fossil fuels drops because of climate-change policies.

Edward Mason, an official with the Church of England's endowment and a former British diplomat, said Exxon

had refused to increase meaningful disclosure of its vulnerability to climate-related regulation in the face of scientific consensus about the severity of the problem.

Addressing some Exxon directors by name, Mason said, "Members of the board, do you leave your understanding of climate change at the door when you attend Exxon Mobil board meetings?"

Woods said Exxon believes that the risks related to climate change "are serious and warrant action, thoughtful action." But he suggested that the company is

already doing enough to protect shareholders by, among other things, assuming a "proxy cost of carbon" when predicting energy demand and planning new projects.

"Our outlook assumes increasingly stringent climate policy," Woods said. "At the same time, it assumes growing energy demand through 2040 including substantial demand for oil and gas ... We are confident in the commercial viability of our portfolio."

Exxon did not disclose the votes of individual shareholders, but both sides had targeted

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Houston suburb curbs access to public information.

PASADENA, Texas (AP) — A Houston suburb is being criticized for its lack of transparency and poor handling of public information requests.

The city of Pasadena has failed to respond to eight records requests from the Houston Chronicle in a timely manner. Requests were for information such as invoices and details of a tax collection contract held by Mayor Johnny Isbell's longtime friend.

The newspaper filed a complaint with the Texas Attorney General's office earlier this month. Court testimony by city officials say discussions about spending taxpayer money often happen in private.

The city's Neighborhood Network program board decides in private how to award about \$100,000 a year for beautification projects and other improvements. Earlier this year, courts found the program was used to benefit a redistricting measure that would've disenfranchised Hispanic voters.

Investigator: Deadly shooting began when fugitive confronted

DALLAS (AP) — A private investigator says a shooting at a Texas car dealership that left three men dead involved two investigators who had confronted a fugitive wanted in Minnesota on several felony charges.

Stew Peters, a bail investigator with the private Minnesota-based company U.S. Fugitive Recovery and Extradition, said Wednesday the two men had tracked 49-year-old Ramon Michael Hutchinson to a Nissan dealership in Greenville, about 50 miles (80 kilometers) northeast of Dallas.

Peters says Hutchinson had been sought since March when he failed to appear for court in Hennepin County, which includes Minneapolis.

Hutchinson was wanted on charges that included assaulting a law enforcement officer.

He identified Fidel Garcia Jr. as one of the private investigators who was killed. He couldn't confirm the name of the second investigator.

Abbott won't rule out 'bathroom bill' in special session

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas Gov. Greg Abbott won't rule out including a North Carolina-style "bathroom bill" targeting transgender people if he chooses to call lawmakers back to work for a special legislative session.

Abbott said Wednesday he's still waiting for the state comptroller to certify a budget approved during the regular 140-day session that just concluded.

Abbott said he's still going through hundreds of bills passed by lawmakers as he considers signing some and vetoing others.

The governor says once that's finished, he'll make an announcement "as soon as feasible." He didn't repeat previous assertions that he'd announce a decision later this week.

Asked about reviving the bathroom bill, Abbott replied, "It is premature to say what, if anything, will be on a special session call."

Heated immigration debate led to Texas lawmakers' scuffle

By **PAUL J. WEBER**, Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A Hispanic Texas lawmaker who a Republican colleague threatened to shoot "in self-defense" after the Democrat pushed him said Tuesday that the altercation was a boiling point in a session where minority members were powerless to stop conservative legislation they say is discriminatory.

Tensions erupted on the floor of the Texas House of Representatives on Monday when Republican state Rep. Matt Rinaldi told Democrats he called U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents about demonstrators in the gallery holding signs that read "I am illegal and here to stay."

Hundreds of immigrant-rights activists — many of whom were Hispanic — had jammed the state Capitol on the final day before the Texas Legislature adjourned until 2019. Some came from as far as Arizona to protest a "sanctuary city" crackdown that will allow police starting September to ask people during routine stops whether they're in the U.S. legally.

Democratic state Rep. Poncho Nevarez did not deny pushing Rinaldi, who wrote on Facebook that he told Nevarez after being threatened that "I would shoot him in self-defense." Nevarez

said he was "sick of" the attitudes toward Hispanics in the Legislature and was taking a stand.

"Another legislator sidled up to me yesterday and said, 'Those aren't Americans up there.'" said Nevarez, referring to the protesters in the gallery.

"I think there are some people in some moments that bring out racism. They want to believe that they're not racist because when they deal with me I'm one of the 'good' ones. But I'm just one of the folks up there," he said of the protesters.

A phone message left at Rinaldi's office

was not returned Tuesday but GOP colleagues rebuked accusations of racism. Rinaldi wrote on Facebook that he was under the protection of state troopers.

"I think yesterday was the symptom of what's been a difficult, challenging and emotional session. No one has totally clean hands but what happened on the floor with the physical attack on Matt was beyond the pale," Republican state Rep. Jeff Leach said.

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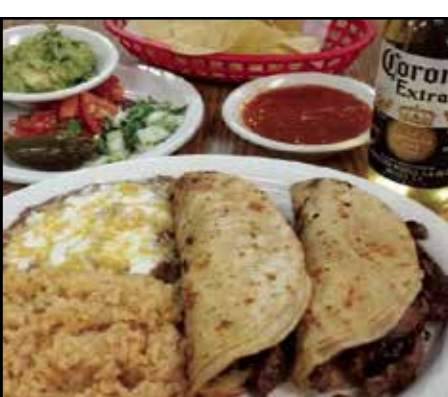
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rodeos.

She has been a trick rider at the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo each of the past six years. When she's not performing, McDonald-Thomas spends her time training horses, barrel racing, team roping and training up-and-coming trick riders.

Charlesworth has been trick riding for four years and also has performed at the NFR. She also competes in various events in junior high rodeo.



AP photo

Houston Astros' Evan Gattis, left, congratulates Carlos Correa as he and George Springer, right, score on Correa's two-run home run off Minnesota Twins pitcher Hector Santiago in the first inning of a baseball game Wednesday, May 31, 2017 in Minneapolis.

ASTROS

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innings, three days

after he was an emergency fill-in during the 15th inning of a loss to Tampa Bay.

"We got embarrassed in a few ways this series," Dozier said.

Springer hit a solo shot in the fifth and his blast in the seventh started a six-run eruption that put the game out of reach.

"That's all I got. That's about all I can hit it," said Springer, who has 13 homers this season after his fifth career multihomer game. "I'm just happy to help us there. They had just scored three, so I'll take it."

Gattis had four hits and three RBIs and Correa had three hits and three RBIs for the Astros (38-22).

The Twins put three runs on the board in the sixth on homers by Rosario and Castro to pull within 6-5, but the bullpen faltered badly once again.

"I think we're in a good position right now, but I'm not going to get com-

fortable," Correa said. "We're going have to try for more. We're going to try to be 30 games over .500 if we can."

PAULINO'S DEBUT
Highly touted Astros prospect David Paulino gave up two hits on five runs and struck out eight in four innings of a wild major league debut.

The 23-year-old was electric in his first three innings, striking out the side in the second. He had three wild pitches in the fourth, but was able to strike out Castro with two on base to keep the inning from getting away from him.

Michael Feliz (2-0) got the win and left-hander Reymin Guduan also made his big league debut, allowing one run on two hits in two innings.

BULLPEN BLUES
Minnesota's bullpen allowed 27 earned runs in nine innings. Ryan Pressly lasted two batters and the normally reliable Tyler Duffey gave up four runs on four hits without getting an out in the seventh.

Position player Chris Gimenez made his third appearance of the season as a reliever in the

ninth inning.

After the game Pressly was sent to Triple-A Rochester and Jason Wheeler was designated for assignment and manager Paul Molitor met with top executive Derek Falvey for about 30 minutes discussing their dwindling options.

"We'll add a couple fresh guys tomorrow that will be on the periphery of giving us some, hopefully, protection," Molitor said. "It's constantly evolving for how these guys are going to pitch and when. Just trying to figure out how to finish games off when we have a chance to win."

TRAINER'S ROOM
Astros: No updates.
Twins: Miguel Sano missed his second straight game because of an illness.

UP NEXT
Astros: Houston gets a day off Thursday before starting a series against the Rangers in Arlington on Friday. LHP Dallas Keuchel (8-0, 1.81) will start for the Rangers against RHP Yu Darvish (5-3, 2.97).

Twins: Minnesota heads west to open a four-game series against the Los Angeles Angels on Thursday. LHP Adalberto Mejia (1-1, 4.64) will start the opener for the Twins.

DALLAS

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in the locker room as he prepares for his 15th season, isn't trying to deny a disturbing trend. The 10-time Pro Bowler just says there's a delicate balance for teammates.

"I would never minimize the mistakes that were made," Witten said Wednesday after offseason practice. "But mistakes happen. And our job is to create an atmosphere where there is a togetherness. One thing about having been in a locker room, you can never point that finger."

Carroll, an eighth-year veteran who signed with Dallas in March following three seasons with NFC East rival Philadelphia, participated in practice but didn't appear in the locker room when it was open to reporters two days after his arrest in Dallas.

Irving was a locker room no-show for reporters for the second straight week since news of a failed drug test, which the third-year player is appealing. Irving showed promise last year for a pass rush lacking punch in recent seasons.

"We don't get frustrated, we just try to address the issue," coach Jason Garrett said. "We addressed the issue here like we have with other situations that have come up with our

team. You address them head on, you do your best to solve the issue and learn from it and move forward."

Defensive end DeMarcus Lawrence was one of the three suspended starters going into last season. He violated the substance-abuse policy along with Gregory and linebacker Rolando McClain, who eventually was banned indefinitely for substance-abuse violations.

Lawrence, who missed the first four games, also had to deal with back issues that limited him to one sack in nine games after leading the Cowboys with eight sacks in 2015.

"I can't sit here and talk down on somebody else when I had the same problem," Lawrence said. "I really just try to hone in and try to help them get through it. Everybody goes through a rough patch in life. I'm not the person to sit here and try to talk down on them."

Garrett said Carroll's arrest "hits close to home," a vague reference to Josh Brent's intoxication manslaughter conviction over the 2012 car crash that killed teammate Jerry Brown during the season.

The Cowboys are standing by Carroll, who signed a \$10 million, three-year contract with a \$3 million signing bonus.

"Nolan has taken responsibility for it," Garrett said. "We all can learn from the situation and move forward."

DYNAMO

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minute. Mauro Manotas was left alone on the left side of the box and his cross in front of goal was knocked in by a sliding Schmidt.

Alex scored his first goal of the season in the 15th minute for a 2-0 lead.

A short corner kick was sent back to Alex and he dribbled to the penalty spot for a shot through traffic. Manotas closed the first half with a goal in the 45th off Torres' back-heal pass.

Torres scored on an easy tap-in early in the second half for his eighth goal in seven home matches. Leonardo capped the scoring with a powerful header in the 68th.

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Texas House Rep. Poncho Nevarez of district 74 speaks about the altercation that he was involved on the house floor during the last day of session at the state Capitol in Austin Monday, May 29, 2017. A raucous end to a divisive Texas legislative session erupted Monday when a large protest over a "sanctuary cities" crackdown provoked a heated scuffle between lawmakers on the House floor.

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Republican Gov. Greg Abbott, who signed the "sanctuary ban" known as SB4 this month, has stayed quiet over the skirmish and a spokesman did not return messages Tuesday. Nevarez said he wanted Abbott to come out and publicly say that Rinaldi calling immigration authorities was wrong.

A Democrat hasn't won a statewide office since 1994 — the nation's longest such political losing streak — frustrating a party that has seen the state's Hispanic population boom but hasn't had its electoral fortunes change. About 43 percent of Texas residents are white, while whites make up the majority of legislators.

The tensions flared at the end of the divisive session in Texas in which race was invoked in debates over immigration, voting rights, border se-

curity and policing. Among the bills sent to Abbott's desk are changes to a voter ID law that a federal judge has ruled was intentionally discriminatory. Another was the "Sandra Bland Act," named for a black woman who died in a Texas jail in 2015 following a confrontational traffic stop with a white state trooper. Bland's family were disappointed after police accountability measures were removed.

Democrat state Rep. Helen Giddings, who was first elected in 1992 and heads Texas' black legislative caucus, blamed politics, not race, for the tone of the session.

"In my years in the Texas House I have never seen the kind of disrespect, intolerance, incivility that we are seeing in the Texas Legislature," Giddings said. "Intolerable, became acceptable. Behavior we had never thought of as acceptable became acceptable."

CNN sacks Kathy Griffin over Trump video as backlash builds

By FRAZIER MOORE

AP Television Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — Kathy Griffin has lost a decade-long gig ringing in the new year for CNN as a backlash builds over her video displaying a likeness of President Donald Trump's severed head.

CNN, which had called the images "disgusting and offensive" after Griffin posted the video on Tuesday, announced Wednesday it would not invite her back this year for the Times Square live New Year's Eve special she had co-hosted annually since 2007 with CNN's Anderson Cooper.

A New Mexico casino has also canceled a performance by Griffin, who was scheduled to perform at Route 66 Casino, operated by Laguna Pueblo, on July 22.

And a commercial endorsement deal was canceled just weeks after she landed it. Squatty Potty, a Utah-based company whose products include toilet stools and other bathroom accessories, said it was suspending an ad campaign that featured Griffin.

"We were shocked and disappointed" by the

video, said Bobby Edwards, the company's CEO. "It was deeply inappropriate and runs contrary to the core values our company stands for."

"I am a true supporter of free speech, but feel Kathy crossed the line," Edwards added. "I regret having to make these decisions, but have no choice."

Griffin's video made Trump seethe. Tweeting Wednesday morning, he said Griffin "should be ashamed of herself" for creating the video. "My children, especially my 11-year-old son, Barron, are having a hard time with this. Sick!"

First lady Melania Trump issued a statement of her own: "As a mother, a wife, and a human being, that photo is very disturbing. When you consider some of the atrocities happening in the world today, a photo opportunity like this is simply wrong and makes you wonder about the mental health of the person who did it."

Griffin, a comic known for her abrasive style of humor, had apologized on Tuesday, conceding that the brief video, which she origi-

nally described as an "artsy-fartsy statement" mocking the commander in chief, was "too disturbing" and wasn't funny.

"I went too far," she says in her contrite follow-up video. "I sincerely apologize."

But it was too late.

Griffin's comedy approach trades on a self-deprecating streak (she brands herself as mired on the "D List" of show biz) while she targets celebs who are higher up the food chain. And while she may never have riled a celeb of the magnitude of President Trump, the 56-year-old comic has gotten into trouble with her wisecracks.

In 2005 she was fired from her job as an E! network red-carpet commentator after joking at the Golden Globe Awards that child actress Dakota Fanning had checked into rehab.

NASA spacecraft will aim straight for sun next year

By MARCIA DUNN

AP Aerospace Writer
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A NASA spacecraft will aim straight for the sun next year and bear the name of the astrophysicist who predicted the existence of the solar wind nearly 60 years ago.

The space agency announced Wednesday that the red-hot mission would be named after Eugene Parker, professor emeritus at the University of Chicago. It's the first NASA spacecraft to be named after a researcher who is still alive, noted the agency's science mission chief, Thomas Zurbuchen.

Scheduled to launch next summer from Cape Canaveral, the Parker Solar Probe will fly within 4 million miles of the sun's surface — right into the solar atmosphere. That will be considerably closer than any other spacecraft, and subject the probe to brutal heat and radiation like no other man-made structure before. The materials weren't available until now to undertake such a grueling mission.

The purpose is to study the sun's outer atmosphere and better understand how stars like ours work.

NASA spacecraft have traveled inside the orbit of Mercury, the innermost planet.

"But until you actually go there and touch the sun, you really can't answer these questions," like why is the corona — the outer plasma-loaded atmosphere — hotter than the actual surface of the sun, said mission project scientist Nicola Fox of Johns Hopkins University's Applied Physics Laboratory.

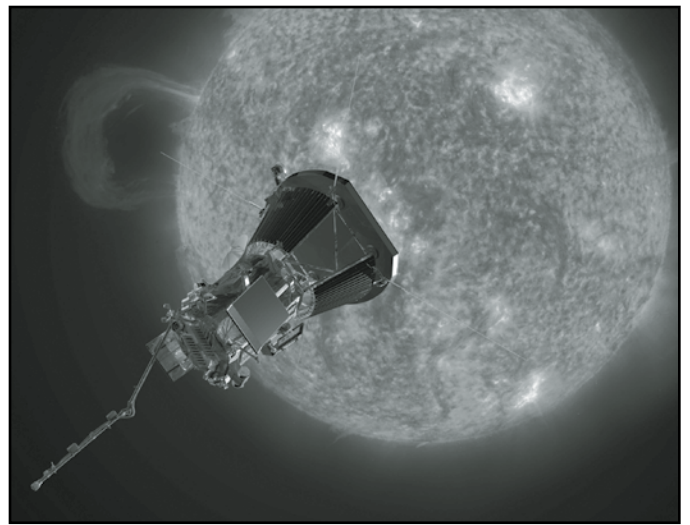
Parker Solar Probe — formerly known as Solar Probe Plus — will venture seven times closer than any previous spacecraft, Fox said.

The announcement came during a University of Chicago ceremony honoring Parker, who turns 90 on June 10. Parker called it "a heroic scientific space mission," referring to the temperatures and solar radiation to be endured by the spacecraft, and the extreme safeguards

will travel at a blistering speed of 430,000 mph (692,000 kph) and zip in and out of a region where the mercury hits 2,500 degrees Fahrenheit (1,371 degrees Celsius).

"Solar probe is going to be the hottest, fastest mission. I like to call it the coolest, hottest mission under the sun," Fox said.

The spacecraft will carry a chip containing photos of Parker as well as a copy of his ground-



AP photo

This image made available by the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory on Wednesday, May 31, 2017 depicts NASA's Solar Probe Plus spacecraft approaching the sun. On Wednesday, NASA announced it will launch the probe in summer 2018 to explore the solar atmosphere. It will be subjected to brutal heat and radiation like no other man-made structure before.

taken. The probe will be "ready to do battle with the solar elements as it divulges the secrets of the expanding corona," he said.

While 4 million miles may not sound that close, it is by solar standards, according to Fox. She urged the crowd to remember while viewing the total solar eclipse this August to remember that the spacecraft eventually will be "right in there" amid the hazy corona surrounding the sun.

Parker Solar Probe

breaking research paper from 1958.

Parker's prediction of solar wind — the intense flow of charged particles or plasma from the sun — initially was met with skepticism and even ridicule. But it was confirmed a few years later by observations from NASA's Mariner 2 spacecraft. Until then, scientists believed the space between planets was merely vacuum, rather than part of the encompassing heliosphere it proved to be.

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major institutional investors including BlackRock, Vanguard and Fidelity.

Shareholders rejected another resolution backed by environmentally minded shareholders, which asked Exxon to describe steps it takes to prevent methane emissions from hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, during well drilling. The measure got about 39 percent support.

Wednesday's meeting was the first since Woods became CEO, replacing Rex Tillerson, who moved up his retirement date after being picked to become President Donald Trump's secretary of state. Tillerson set a different tone at Exxon by endorsing a carbon tax, supporting the Paris climate agreement, and calling climate change a serious risk. But environmentalists attack Exxon

for funding groups that try to discredit and dismiss climate science, and New York and Massachusetts officials are investigating whether Exxon misled investors about the risks the company faces from tougher regulation of carbon emissions.

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What Rhymes with Bloom?

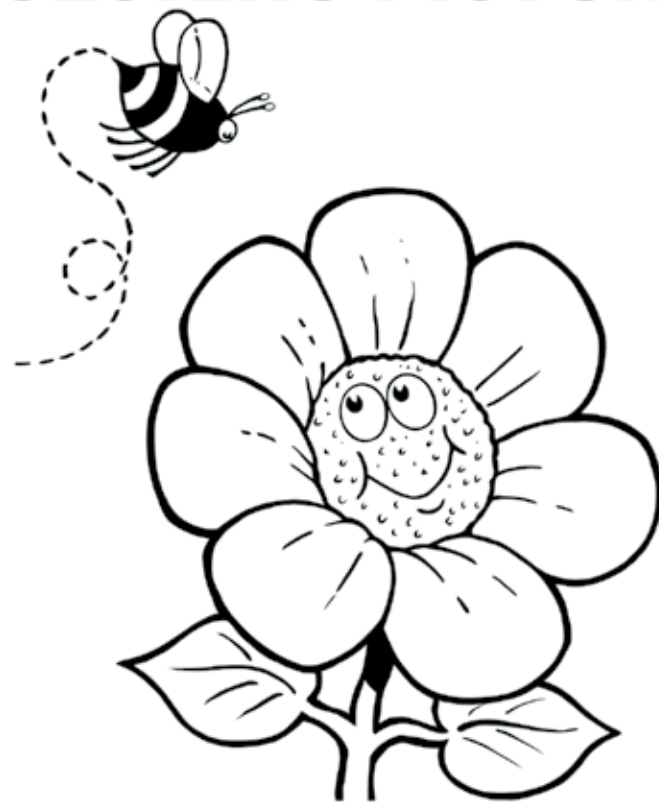


List 10 words that rhyme with "bloom."

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Some answers: boom, broom, doom, gloom, groom, loom, room, tomb, whom, zoom

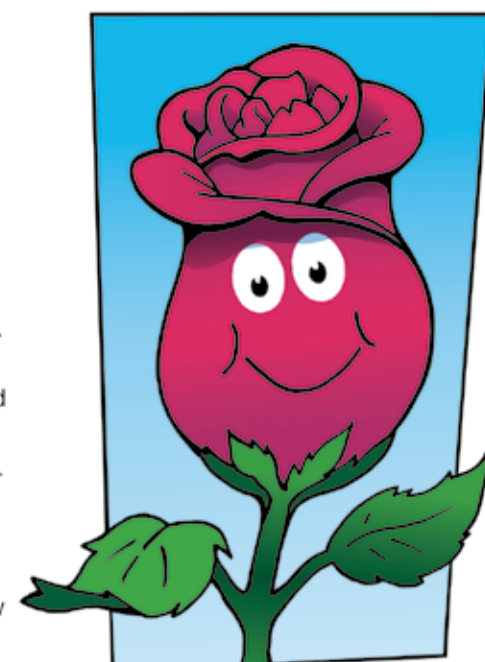
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- The fruit of roses is called rose hips. *Fact or Fiction?*
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- George Washington grew roses. *Fact or Fiction?*
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Answers: 1) Fiction, roses come in many colors, 2) Fact, 3) Fiction, most roses have thorns, 4) Fact, 5) Fiction, rose hips are used in all kinds of food and medicine, 6) Fact, 7) Fact, 8) Fact, 9) Fact, 10) Fact

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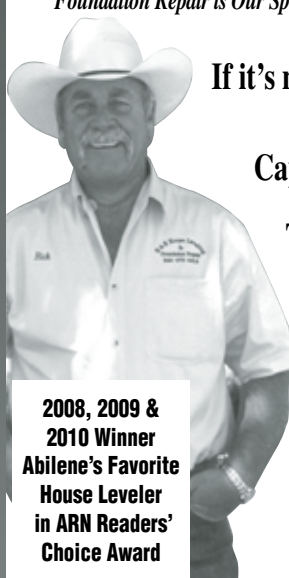


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GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A million people have seen what you'll see today, and yet you'll see something completely different in it. You'll make discoveries by accident and sagacity.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Water is among the most precious and strange elements we take for granted in daily life. You will embody some of the paradoxes of water today, as you are able to fill a situation or carry it away.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's said that fate chooses your family and you choose your friends, but this isn't entirely true: Many of the factors in friendship choice are out of your control, as well. You'll be in a mood to assert control over whatever you can.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your name has associations with it, some of which you

are unaware. You might be surprised to learn what people experience when they hear your name. You'll definitely build on your good reputation today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Once you establish a habit, it's yours. It's easier to stay in a habit than not, because habits are automatic and will go on and on until interrupted. What do you want to turn into a habit? Do it now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The one who criticizes cares so much more than the one who gives out an easy pass. Frustration is also a sign of investment. If there's a tense dynamic between you and another, maybe that's a good thing. Maybe it's love!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There are people with detailed knowledge about certain years of your life. But no one knows the big picture like you do. You've been there since Day One. It's a reflective time. Give more thought to your story.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You don't need a

social media page to tell you who your real friends are. They emerge in good times, when the party's at your house, and in bad times, too. You'll return the sentiment in kind and be there for a friend today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Socializing isn't fun when you feel you're being judged the whole time. You prefer the company of easygoing people. You like to feel you can move about uncensored.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You don't want the kind of gains that come at the expense of another. If one person's wealth makes another person poor, nobody really wins. You'll try to assess the value of things on deeper levels.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 1). Moving it forward is what you're about for the next six weeks. You've a laser-like focus and will be practically immune to distractions. The win comes in September and again in December. You're daring and will risk your heart. Maybe it's not an easy road, but

you'll definitely gain the tensile strength in the process. Scorpio and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 4, 44, 39 and 18.

YOUR MOON SIGN (Part 4): To find your moon sign, consult an astrology book or type "moon sign" into a search engine. VIRGO MOON people are happiest when productive. This moon is a symbol of growth and harvest, so they like to see the fruits of their labor ripen. They are typically generous with help and advice, though they won't enable others to be lazy. Virgo moon people love to solve problems in a way that keeps them solved. Quick fixes, shortcuts and cheating are not allowed in their rulebook. Those born under a LIBRA MOON are emotionally fulfilled when they operate in an equal partnership. Libra moon folks gravitate to situations where they can collaborate and contribute to a common good. To a Libra moon native, to see their team succeed or be a part of a winning project is one of life's

great joys. Naturally selfless, they are often surprised when others recognize and celebrate their individual merits. Desire runs deep in SCORPIO MOON people, and they often act impulsively on their strong feelings, making compelling and interesting choices. This is a sultry and vivacious moon placement that comes with strong currents of passion and charisma, making Scorpio moon natives often overwhelmingly attractive.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Alanis Morissette was born under the sign of the twins, and she has a fraternal twin, too. Being a twin is a convenient way for the double-bodied sign to revel in multiplicity and the dualism of life without having to commit to only one identity -- or one place, as it were. It's not exactly "ironic," but it is notable: Alanis has dual citizenship, in both Canada and the U.S.

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Venus Harmonizes With Saturn

If you think it's going to look a certain way and then it doesn't, there are many ways to react -- surprise, disappointment, anger, going into "fix it" mode... All these choices expend a lot more energy than it would take to simply step back and observe and learn about what is. The Venus and Saturn trine will help in the act of acceptance.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your sign mate Leonardo da Vinci recognized before many others that the sun does not move. Today you will see a rather large truth that many others are missing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You may fantasize about a per-

Ignored for Others

Dear Annie: I have shared a very close relationship with "Sue" for over 50 years. We worked together as young adults and have remained dear friends throughout the years. We work very closely at our church, as well.

I know I have annoying habits and am thankful for my friends who love me anyway. When it is just the two of us, everything is great with Sue and

me. My annoyance with her is that when she is in a conversation with another person (usually casual before or after church) and I approach and wait (or try to) until they are finished, she does not glance at me or acknowledge my presence in any way. I usually just walk away.

When she and I are having a conversation in a similar situation, she'll often stop me when I'm in the middle of saying something so she can speak with every person who passes by.

Then I end up walking away because it is so distracting that I honestly can't remember what I was saying.

I recognize this as passive-aggressive behavior, but it puzzles me that she feels the need to control me or shut me down. She is the kindest, most Christian person I know, and I don't know whether she even realizes what she is doing. I don't know why I am writing, because after all of these years, nothing will change. I can't analyze my impact or my aura or how I affect other people. If I could, perhaps I would know how to avoid being blown off as unimportant or insignificant, which is how these situations make me feel.

Perhaps we are

both strong personalities and this is her way of being in control. Do you have a suggestion, other than avoiding conversations when others are present? -- Mary

Dear Mary: For all the talk of conversation here, it sounds as if you've yet to tell Sue how you feel. It's time to change that. I really doubt that she's consciously doing this to try to control you, so give her the benefit of the doubt when raising the topic. Use "I" statements -- e.g., "I'm sure you don't mean to do this, but when we're in the middle of talking and you stop to speak with passers-by, I feel ignored" -- as opposed to "you" statements, e.g., "You ignore me." True friends appreciate when a friend cares

enough to be honest.

Dear Annie: I want to second what "Nancy" had to say about loud music in businesses, stores and restaurants. It makes visiting with friends, which is usually the whole point of dining out, almost impossible.

I regret to add the following: A lot of today's churches are just as loud. I attend a great, theologically solid church. I accept the contemporary music, but the blast level is pretty hard to take. I have discovered when I've traveled that it is the same across the country. The volume ranges from several notches above necessary to over-the-top painful. Who thinks that this contributes to an atmosphere of worship? When the instrumentalists need to wear ear protection, wouldn't you think that

would be a clue?! God is not deaf, and I don't want to be.

Please continue to get this word out to the sound control technicians -- whoever and wherever they are. -- Dynah

Dear Dynah: Here's hoping a sound tech reads this and dials down the noise. In the meantime, it might not be a bad idea to keep some earplugs handy in your purse. You can't control external factors such as noise in stores, but you can protect yourself from long-term damage.

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Annie's Mailbox



By Steve Becker

More about counting

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable. NORTH ♠ A Q 2 ♥ Q 10 6 ♦ A 6 5 3 ♣ K Q 4 WEST ♠ 10 7 5 ♥ K 8 2 ♦ Q J 10 8 4 ♣ 9 6 EAST ♠ 9 8 6 4 3 ♥ 7 5 3 ♦ 9 ♣ J 8 7 2 SOUTH ♠ K J ♥ A J 9 4 ♦ K 7 2 ♣ A 10 5 3

heart: queen and finesses. When West takes the king and returns the diamond ten, however, the ten of clubs suddenly becomes South's only possible source of a 12th trick.

Since there are several divisions of the opposing clubs besides a 3-3 break that will enable declarer to make a trick with the ten, it now becomes important for him to learn as much as he can about the distribution of the unseen hands.

To begin with, South is already aware that East failed to follow to West's second diamond lead, revealing that West started with five diamonds. When declarer next cashes three top spades and his three remaining hearts, discarding a diamond from each hand, he discovers that West also began with exactly three hearts and at least three spades. Adding this to the five diamonds West held originally, South concludes that West cannot possibly have more than two clubs.

South now knows for a certainty that he will make four club tricks and the slam. He cashes dummy's K-Q of clubs, and, after West follows suit, it becomes clear that West's original distribution was 3-3-5-2.

So declarer continues with dummy's four of clubs and, when East follows with the eight, confidently finesses the ten to make the slam.

The bidding: South West North East 1 NT Pass 6 NT Opening lead — queen of diamonds.

In deals where counting the opposing distribution turns out to be the key to success, it is not immediately apparent to declarer that counting will be necessary.

For example, take this case where South is in six notrump. Declarer's first thought when dummy appears is that if East has the heart king, 12 tricks are assured, and there is also a chance for an overtrick if the clubs divide favorably.

South therefore wins the diamond opening with dummy's ace, leads the

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz. © 2017 King Features Syndicate Inc.

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Higginbotham Scholarship of Excellence



Higginbotham Brothers have announced that 2017 Coahoma High School graduate, Fletcher Mashburn, has been chosen to receive the 2016-2017 Scholarship of Excellence Award. Fletcher is pictured with Higginbotham Brothers regional manager, and proud father, Loyd Mashburn. "Through his hard work and determination, Fletcher has proven to be a student that Higginbotham Brothers is proud to recognize and encourage in the continuation of his educational efforts," read the company's press release.

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Odessa YMCA recognized with Texas Rising Star award

Odessa-American via AP
The Odessa Family YMCA was recently recognized as a Texas Rising Star. It is the first time they have received the award.

The Odessa Family YMCA Learning Centers earned the distinction by providing enrichment to equip children with social skills, language development and cognitive development, according to a YMCA press release.

"This recognition is important because it shows not only do we meet minimum requirements set out by the state but we are exceeding them," Odessa Family YMCA Executive Director Ed Moreno said in a press release. "This recognition puts us alongside the top-tier of childcare providers in the entire state. It shows

that what we are doing for the kids in our learning centers is making a difference."

The cornerstones of this award are benchmarks achieved in preparation for kindergarten. Statistics show that those milestones early on leave children ahead of the pack, an advantage that enrollment in the Odessa Family YMCA Learning Centers can provide, the release said.

"If children are prepared for kindergarten they are more confident and they will have a head start over other children," Learning Centers Administrative Director Chere Ramirez said. "They will most likely stay in school and will have a higher chance to continue on to higher education, quality childcare should not be an option it should be a must."

Steer Pride Corner

Taking care of our military



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A project by Big Spring Intermediate fifth grade social studies students led by teacher Gail Adlesperger sent a care package off to U.S. military soldiers stationed in Kuwait this year. In the spring, the group received a message of thanks back. The package also included a flag and certificate flown at the base for the students. Ms. Adlesperger is also a U.S. Army veteran. Picture are Shawn Olague, David Colazo, Mrs. Adlesperger, Rebecca Rodriguez, and Kaiden Roberts.

Happy retirement, Mrs. Eggleston



Courtesy photo



Connie Eggleston retired from Forsan Elementary after 25 years of service. Picture above, Connie (second from left) stands with her family for a photo. At left, the traditional Forsan Elementary Retirement quilt was designed and created for Connie Eggleston by Forsan staff, friends, and high school students. The quilt was created in the Fashion Design class.

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