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Howard County primary ballots more than 85 percent Republican



Local residents exit the polling place at Spring Creek Fellowship Tuesday morning. Tuesday was the Texas Primary election in which the Democratic and Republican parties elected their candidates for the November general election. In Howard County, 2,156 people cast Republican ballots, while 373 people cast Democratic ballots in the election.

Duck wins Republican Party chair in only contested local race

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

Lloyd Duck is Howard County's new Republican Party chairman. The race in Tuesday's Republican Primary was the only contested local contest on either side of the aisle.

"Thank you very much," Duck said. "I appreciate everybody voting for me. I can't wait to get to work promoting the Republican Party."

On a Primary Election Day during which more than 85 percent of the ballots cast countywide were for Republicans, Duck received 1,059 votes in total in the race, or 59.19 percent; while rival Kimberly York received 742 votes, or 40.81 percent.

"It was kind of close on the early voting turnouts, but with the election day turnouts, it was a good win for me," said Duck.

York congratulated her opponent at the Howard County Courthouse after the results were announced around 9:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Altogether, 2,529 ballots were cast in both primaries in the county; 2,156 Republican ballots (85.25 percent) and 373 Democratic ballots (14.75 percent). The figure is 15.13 percent of the

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Democrats, women candidates score big in Texas primaries

By **WILL WEISSERT** and **PAUL J. WEBER**
 Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Women running for Congress surged to big wins and Democrats smashed recent turnout levels in Texas' first-in-the-nation 2018

primary elections, giving Republicans a potential glimpse of what's ahead in the first midterms under President Donald Trump.

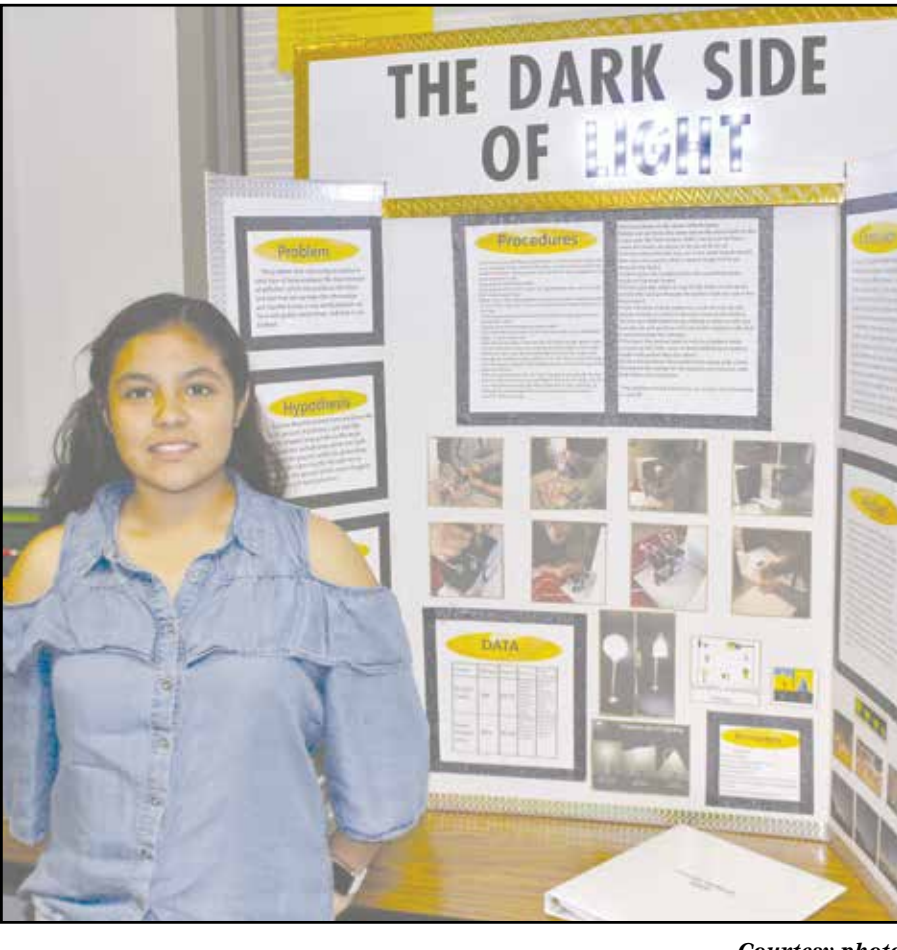
Energized and angry Democrats in Texas, where the GOP has dominated for decades, came out in force to surpass 1 million voters Tuesday — the

first time the party has eclipsed that benchmark in a midterm primary since 2002, just months after the Sept. 11 attacks.

Equally striking was the showing by women on the ballot: Of the nearly 50

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Holguin lands scholarship at UTPB Science Fair



Special to the Herald

Giselle Holguin, a 7th grader at Big Spring Junior High, recently competed at the Regional Science Fair at UTPB. Giselle's project was to research public street lamps and the pollution that is emitted by them. Giselle found that environmental pollution is minimized when a lamp faces downward, so she designed an actual model of the lamp she would propose to help drop the levels of pollution. Giselle placed first in the Environmental and Earth Science category at Regionals. She won a medal and an \$8000 scholarship from UTPB (should she choose to attend school there someday). Giselle will be competing at the state competition the last week of

Courtesy photo Big Spring Junior High seventh grader Giselle Holguin poses with her project at the UTPB Science Fair. Holguin's project on light pollution caused by street lamps won first place in the fair and netted Holguin a \$5,000 scholarship.

West Wing turmoil with staff exits; no chaos, Trump says

By **ZEKE MILLER** and **JONATHAN LEMIRE**
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump once presided over a reality show in which a key cast member exited each week. The same thing seems to be happening in his White



House.

Trump's West Wing has descended into a period of unparalleled tumult amid a wave of staff departures, yet the president insists it's a place of "no Chaos, only great Energy!" The latest to announce his exit is Gary Cohn, Trump's chief economic adviser, who had clashed with the boss over trade policy.

Cohn's departure has sparked internal fears of an

even larger exodus, raising concerns in Washington of a coming "brain drain" around the president that will only make it more difficult for Trump to advance his already languishing policy agenda.

Multiple White House officials said the president has been pushing anxious aides to stay on the job.

"Everyone wants to work in the White House," Trump said during a news conference Tuesday. "They all want a piece of the Oval Office."

The reality is far different. Vacancies abound in the West Wing and the broader Trump administration, with some jobs never filled and others subject to repeat openings. The position of White House communications director is soon to be empty again after the departure of its fourth occupant, Hope

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Obituaries

Beebe Permenter



Beebe Permenter, 85, of Big Spring, died Sunday, March 4, 2018. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Doug Shelley, pastor of East Side Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born Oct. 21, 1932, in Portland, Indiana. She was a lifetime resident of Howard County. She married Vernon Permenter on Oct. 6, 1969. He preceded her in death on Dec. 31, 2012. She was a member of East Side Baptist Church and was a homemaker. She loved Native American Art and Music. She wrote poems and studied genealogy. For a number of years, she was active in the Girl Scouts.

Beebe is survived by one son, Daniel Permenter of Big Spring; three daughters, Donna Dugger, Ann Young and Jean Noggler, all of Big Spring; seven grandchildren, Amy Allison and her husband James of Coahoma, Chris Hogg and his wife Misty of Omaha, April Smith of Big Spring, Jennifer Dugger of Sand Springs, Patton Permenter of

Big Spring, Stormie Noggler of Abilene and Shellie Lovelis and her husband Jerry of Edmond, Oklahoma; eight great grandchildren, Maggie Pollock of Big Spring, Josh Pollock of San Angelo, Devon Smith of Lenorah, Christian Noggler of Lenorah, Breanna Garza of Lenorah, Ryan Garza of Lenorah, Gabby Garza of Big Spring and Kelsey Garza of Big Spring; five great great grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, Willard Augustus Spears and Ruth Pauline Valentine Spears and her adopted mother, Marie Eason; one son, Jimmy Carl Young; six brothers, Lonnie B. Spears, James Spears, Willard Spears, William Spears, Willard Charles Spears and an infant brother Gerald Wayne Spears; four sisters, Betty Ann Spears Sommer, Jessie Spears Jessup, Maxine Spears Watkins and Betty Jo Spears.

Pallbearers will be Devon Smith, Christian Noggler, Jennifer Dugger, April Smith, Felix Garza, and Joshua Pollock. Honorary pallbearers will be Daniel Permenter and Chris Hogg.

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

Paid Obituary

Melvin Daniels



Melvin Daniels, 80, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Feb. 24, 2018. The family received friends from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2018, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services were at 3 p.m. Thursday, March 1, 2018, at Trinity Baptist Church with Scott Kirkland, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. Burial with Marine Honors followed at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born Aug. 19, 1937, to Georgia McMurray Daniels and Ted Daniels. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. Melvin married Marie Hodges, May 31, 1959, in Big Spring. He graduated from Big Spring High School in 1955 and worked for Texas Electric until joining the U. S. Marines serving from 1957 until 1960. He worked for the U. S. Postal Service from 1960 until 1993. His hobbies were woodworking and gardening, having a green thumb for raising beautiful plants. Melvin loved fishing, especially with his son, son-in-law, and grandsons. He was a member of Trinity Baptist Church.

Melvin is survived by his wife, Marie Daniels of Big Spring; one daughter, Laurie Shryack and her husband Bart of Leander; four grandchildren, Layton Shryack of Leander, Landon Shryack and his wife Delane of Leander; Shawnda Jackson and her husband Dwayne of Baytown, and Logan Daniels and his fiancé Kayla Scott of Baytown; three great grandchildren, Dakota Jackson, Sidney Jackson, and Cole Jackson all of Baytown; daughter-in-law, Pam Daniels of Dayton; numerous nieces and nephews, including Brad Daniels and his wife Kara of Big Spring; beloved friends: Arthur and Lela Buchanan of Baytown; dear cousins, Tom and Jan Drago of Grand Prairie.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Leland Daniels, his brother, Jimmie Daniels; and his sister, Linda Darlene Daniels.

Pallbearers will be Layton Shryack, Landon Shryack, Logan Daniels, Brad Daniels, Jimmy Hodges, and Jerry Vance. Honorary pallbearers will be Bob Eshleman, Wayne Beene, Tom Drago, Arthur Buchanan, Ed Slate, Jonathon White, and Wade Bledsoe.

The family suggests memorials to Trinity Baptist Church Missions Fund, 1701 East FM 700, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **ALEXANDRA MARIE YANEZ**, 23, of 107 NE 9th, was arrested on a charge of marijuana less than two ounces.

• **JAVIEL SOLIZ**, 35, of 1319 Stadium St., was arrested on warrants of failure to maintain financial responsibility, expired registration, and driving while

license invalid.

• **JOHNNY MACK KING**, 60, of 4201 Birch St., was arrested on a warrant of harassment.

• **TROY WILLIAM HOGAN**, 51, of 108 N Johnson St., was arrested on warrants on two counts of expired registration, driving while license invalid, violate promise to appear, two counts of failure to appear, two counts of no driver's license, failure to

maintain financial responsibility, two counts of violate promise to appear, bail jumping and failure to appear, operate unregistered improperly, and on a charge of failure to identify fugitive intent.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 700 block of N Owens St., and in the 1500 E Hwy 350.

• **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in 700 block of E I 20.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 72 inmates at the time of this report.

• **TROY WILLIAM HOGAN**, 51, was arrested by BSPD on warrants on two counts of expired registration, driving while license invalid, violate promise to

appear, two counts of failure to appear, two counts of no driver's license, failure to maintain financial responsibility, two counts of violate promise to appear, bail jumping and failure to appear, operate unregistered improperly, and on a charge of failure to identify fugitive intent.

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Take Note

• The Howard County Democrats meet the second and fourth Mondays of each month, at 5:30 p.m. in the Howard College Library.

• Scholarship packets for Coahoma High School seniors are now available at the counselor's office. Thousands of dollars worth of scholarships opportunities are available to Coahoma High School students. The deadline to turn in applications for some of the scholarships is fast approaching. If students or parents have any questions or need help filling out any forms, please contact Chandra Brooks at 3395-5000 or come by the high school office. Extra scholarship packets are available at front office. Please see Brooks at the high school office for a packet.

• Cross stitch squares are now ready for the 2018 Howard County Fair quilt. Theme for this year's quilt is "The Love of Dogs." Anyone able to help by stitching a square may pick one up at the Heritage Museum during regular hours Tuesday through Saturday. For questions or for more information, please contact Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674.

• The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains. The corps provides spiritual services to Howard County

residents and visitors in crisis situations. Prospective chaplains don't require any specific experience or education to qualify for the position, just a calling from God and a willingness to devote time to the program, which requires a 24- to 30-week training program and dedication of one day per week for emergency call-outs. Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Joel Miller at 432-213-1221.

• Big Spring's Centennial Lions Club is holding a drive to collect books for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. Books for kids in kindergarten through about 10th grade will be accepted, with special preference for books for younger children in kindergarten through third grade. Cash donations to allow the Lions to purchase additional books are also appreciated. Books or donations can be taken to the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., or to the home of Lions member Ken Lawhon at 1707 E. 15th St.

For more information, contact Lawhon at 214-998-9716 or Lions member David Stives at 432-270-2251.

• 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 com-

munity 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.

• Howard County Republicans meet the second Monday of each month. Club members meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College at 11:30 a.m. for Dutch treat lunch and meeting at 12 p.m.

• 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 has changed its meeting time. The club now meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday and the fourth Tuesday of each month. Meetings are still held at the Big Spring TA Truck Stop. 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 432-271-2138.

• 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.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of E I-20. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2600 block of Albrook. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of Carol Dr. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

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

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of E 25th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2600 block of Fairchild. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

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total 16,716 registered voters in Howard County. Statewide, with about 99 percent of precincts reporting, Republicans had cast 1,541,264 votes, while Democrats had cast 1,036,942.

Local candidates running unopposed for their party's nomination included:

- District Judge: Timothy Yeats (R), incumbent
- County Judge: Kathryn Wiseman (R), incumbent
- District Clerk: Colleen Barton (R), incumbent
- County Clerk: Brent Zitterkopf (R), incumbent
- County Treasurer: Sharon Adams

- (R), incumbent
- County Commissioner, Precinct 2: Craig Bailey (R), incumbent
- County Commissioner, Precinct 4: John Cline (R), incumbent; David Mathis (D)
- Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Place 2: Robert "Bob" Fitzgibbons (R), incumbent
- Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2, Place 1: Connie Shaw (R), incumbent
- Democratic Party Chairman: Reina Cisneros (D), incumbent

Primary voters in each party also had a slate of party platform propositions to vote on. Democrats had 12 propositions to consider, while Republicans had 11. Propositions voted on in the primary elections do not carry the force of law, but rather help to determine the Texas parties' plat-

forms going forward.

All propositions on both sides of the aisle passed handily countywide as well as throughout the state.

The lowest vote-getter among propositions on the Democratic ballot in Howard County was Proposition 8: "Should everyone in Texas have the right to affordable and accessible housing and modern utilities including high speed internet, free from any form of discrimination?" The prop garnered 325 votes locally, or 89.78 percent. Proposition 8 fared better statewide with 92 percent of the vote, but was still the lowest-scoring proposition on the Democratic ballot.

Among Howard County Republicans, Proposition 1 fared the worst with 1,441 votes, or 71.34 percent: "Texas should replace the property

tax system with an appropriate consumption tax equivalent." The plank also fared the worst statewide, pulling in a mere 65 percent of the vote.

Other Republican propositions passed in this primary include measures calling for expanded school choice through a system of vouchers, privacy for women and children in restrooms in schools and other public buildings, and the abolition of abortion, to name a few.

Democrats passed propositions calling for affordable college and career training "without the burden of crushing student loan debt," a national jobs program, and universal healthcare, among others.

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Hicks.

"They are left with vacancies atop of vacancies," said Kathryn Dunn-Tenpas of the Brookings Institution who tracks senior-level staff turnover. Her analysis shows the Trump departure rate has reached 40 percent in just over a year.

"That kind of turnover creates a lot of disruption," she said, noting the loss of institutional knowledge and relationships with agencies and Congress. "You can't really leave those behind to your successor."

Turnover after a year in office is nothing new, but this administration has churned through staff at a dizzying pace, and allies are worried the situation could descend into a free-fall.

One White House official said there is concern about a potential "death spiral" in the West Wing, with each departure heightening the sense of frenzy and expediting the next.

Multiple aides who are considering departing, all speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss internal matters, said they didn't have a clue about whom the administration could find to fill their roles. They said their desire to be team players has kept them on the job longer than planned. Some said they were nearing a breaking point.

"You have situations where people are stretched to take on more than one job," said Martha Joynt Kumar, director of the White House Transition Project.

She cited the example of Johnny DeStefano, who oversees the White House offices of personnel, public liaison, political affairs and intergovernmental affairs. "Those are four positions that in most administrations are each headed by an assistant to the president or a deputy assistant," Kumar said.

The overlap between those qualified to work in the White House and those willing to take a job there has been shrinking too, according to White House officials and outside Trump allies concerned about the slow pace of hires.

Trump's mercurial decision-making practices, fears of being drawn into special counsel Robert Mueller's Russia investigation and a stalled legislative agenda are keeping top-flight talent on the outside.

"Most of all, President Trump hasn't demonstrated a scrap of loyalty to current and former staff, and everyone knows it," said Michael Steel, a former aide to onetime Gov. Jeb Bush, R-Fla., and ex-House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio.

Trump acknowledged that he is a tough boss, saying he enjoys watching his closest aides

fight over policy.

"I like conflict," he said Tuesday.

Since his days on the campaign, Trump has frequently and loudly complained about the quality of his staff, eager to fault his aides for any mishaps rather than shouldering responsibility. His attacks on his staff have sharpened in recent weeks, and he has suggested to confidants that he has few people at his side he can count on, according to two people familiar with his thinking who were not authorized to discuss private conversations publicly.

Hicks' departure will leave a gaping hole in the president's inner circle. She served as both media gatekeeper and confidante.

A number of other aides have expressed worry about the legal implications — and steep bills — they could face if ensnared in Mueller's probe. It has had a chilling effect on an already sluggish White House hiring process, according to officials, and there is wide concern that working for Trump could negatively affect career prospects.

Meanwhile, hopes for significant governing achievements in the coming years, along the lines of the tax cuts passed in December, are growing fleeting, as Republicans face a daunting electoral environment this fall.

Morale has plunged among West Wing aides in recent weeks. Some point to the departure of staff secretary Rob Porter in mid-February as beginning the tailspin.

Porter a popular figure, but his departure undid some of the progress made on streamlining the White House's chaotic policy process. Allegations of domestic violence against him stunned co-workers. A permanent replacement has yet to be named.

Moreover, chief of staff John Kelly's shifting explanations for how he handled the Porter matter — including, in the eyes of some, outright lies — damaged his reputation among staffers who had seen Kelly as a stabilizing force in a turbulent West Wing.

The administration has been understaffed from the onset, in part due to the president's refusal to consider hiring even the most qualified Republicans if they opposed him during the campaign, according to a White House official not authorized to speak publicly about personnel matters.

The White House did not immediately announce a replacement for Cohn, whose deputy, Jeremy Katz, left in January. Among those under consideration for Cohn's job are CNBC commentator Larry Kudlow and Office of Management and Budget Director Mick Mulvaney, according to a person familiar with the discussions.

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women running for Congress in Texas, more than half won their primaries outright or advanced to runoffs. What's more, at least three of those runoffs in May will feature women going head-to-head, including a key race for Democrats in their bid to take control of the U.S. House this fall.

"It's Trump. It's Trump," said Veronica Escobar, who won her Democratic primary and is now poised to become one of the first Hispanic women to represent Texas in Congress.

"I've spoken to innumerable senior citizens, retirees, parents of disabled children, people who understand what this administration means to their families. And they're afraid."

Not all women fared so well. Kathaleen Wall, a Republican megadonor in Houston who pumped \$6 million of her own money into her race for Congress, failed to survive a crowded nine-person field despite outspending all other candidates and having the backing of Republican Gov. Greg Abbott.

Wall's failure was also a potential warning sign of the limits of Republicans going all-in on Trump this election year. She partly staked her candidacy on TV ads that told voters there was little daylight between her and the president, who remains popular among GOP voters despite his rough edges and low approval ratings nationwide.

For all the talk of renewed Democratic energy heading into the 2018 midterms, Texas Republicans also set a new benchmark for turnout in a midterm election.

More than 1.5 million people voted Tuesday in the Republican primary for U.S. Senate, won by incumbent Ted Cruz. That beats the previous record of 1.48 million in 2010, during former President Barack Obama's first term.

Democrats showed up despite the long odds this November of ousting Republicans such as Cruz — who released a radio ad after clinching the GOP nomination Tuesday night, telling voters that Democratic opponent Beto O'Rourke "wants to take our guns."

O'Rourke, a congressman from El Paso, has called for banning AR-15-style assault rifles in wake of last month's mass shooting at a Florida high school that killed 17 people.

Neither that tragedy nor a mass shooting at a Texas church last fall played as dominant campaign issues in Texas, but with the GOP's majority in Congress on the line this fall, Democrats showed up.

Democrats have their sights on flipping three GOP-controlled congressional seats in Texas that backed Hillary Clinton over Trump in 2016, including a Houston district where liberal favorite Laura Moser forced a runoff with Lizzie Pannill Fletcher. Another is a sprawling district that runs along the Texas-Mexico border, where Gina Ortiz-Jones advanced to a May runoff and another woman, Judy Canales, was battling to join her.

"I think that a Congress that is only 20 percent women is not where we need to be," Ortiz Jones said. "This is not a spectator sport. We've got to participate, all of us and that's what's important."

The women's success comes against the backdrop of the MeToo movement and a reckoning with allegations of sexual misconduct by powerful figures in entertainment, media and politics, including Trump's treatment of women.

Many women ran in a record eight open congressional races this year in Texas — two of which are up for grabs after long-time GOP incumbents abandoned plans for re-election amid scandal. College students waited more than an hour to vote in liberal Austin and rural counties offered Democratic candidates for the first time in years.

While 2002 was a high water mark for Democratic turnout in Texas it also showed the limits of the exuberance for turning the state blue. In November that year, the Democrats running for statewide office were all beaten, just as they have been since 1994.

For Republicans, the primary was a vivid exhibition of the Trump effect on GOP politics. George P. Bush, the Texas land commissioner, won a contested primary after he cozied-up to a president who once called his dad, Jeb, a pathetic person.

Trump won Texas by 9 points in 2016. It was the smallest margin of victory by a Republican presidential candidate in Texas in 20 years, but Cruz dismissed talk of a Democratic takeover this fall.

"Left-wing rage may raise a bunch of money from people online, but I don't believe it reflects the views of a majority of Texans," he told reporters after winning the nomination.

Democrats will have a tough time winning statewide races in November despite the "Trump effect" because they have fielded little-known candidates against top Republicans, such as Republican Gov. Abbott and Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick. Even Attorney General Ken Paxton, who has been indicted on felony securities fraud charges, clinched his party's nomination unopposed.

Abbott will face either Lupe Valdez, who was Texas' first Hispanic, lesbian sheriff, or Andrew White, who opposes abortion and whose father, Mark, was governor in the 1980s.

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Abuse-related child deaths in Texas decrease in 2017

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — New state data reveals that more than 170 children died in Texas last year from neglect or abuse, a 23 percent decrease from the year before.

The Austin American-Statesman reports that the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services released data this month on child maltreatment fatalities that occurred during the 2017 fiscal year.

Figures show that the number of such deaths have fluctuated annually over the last eight years between 151 and 227.

The agency decided to pursue major reforms in Texas Child Protective Services amid child deaths, high worker turnover and problems seeing potentially abused children in a timely manner.

Child advocacy group TexProtects says the reforms likely contributed to the drop, but more

Texas search team unable to find missing Wichita boy

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — A Texas-based search team says it hasn't found anything associated with the case of a missing 5-year-old from Wichita.

The Wichita Eagle reports that Texas EquuSearch arrived in Wichita on Saturday to look for Lucas Hernandez. The team of volunteers searches for lost and missing people.

Wichita Police Officer Charley Davidson says that the group joined other volunteers and police in the search, but found nothing linked

to Lucas, who has been missing now for more than two weeks.

The boy was reported missing Feb. 17 by his stepmother, Emily Glass, who was later arrested and charged with child endangerment of her 1-year-old daughter. Police say they discovered information relating to the allegation while investigating Lucas' disappearance. She next appears in court March 13.

Police don't believe Lucas was abducted, and encourage people to continue sending tips.

Zinke says Interior should be a partner with oil companies

HOUSTON (AP) — Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke says his agency should be a partner with energy companies that seek to drill for oil and gas on public land.

Speaking Tuesday to a major energy-industry conference, Zinke described the Trump administration's efforts to increase offshore drilling, reduce regulations, and streamline inspections of oil and gas operators.

Zinke says the United States won't exhaust its resource of fossil fuels in our lifetime, but that cleaner-burning natural gas will take on a bigger role.

The Interior Department oversees vast stretches of American land and water. Zinke says the government should shorten the permitting process for energy infrastructure and that asking investors to endure the "uncertainty" of a long review process is "un-American."

Lawsuit filed over fatal gas rig explosion in Oklahoma

McALESTER, Okla. (AP) — A wrongful death lawsuit has been filed over a natural gas rig explosion in southeastern Oklahoma that killed five men — three from Oklahoma, one from Texas and one from Colorado.

The lawsuit by Dianna Waldridge, the widow of 60-year-old Parker Waldridge of Crescent, alleges negligence by Red Mountain Energy and Red Mountain Operating, both of Oklahoma City, and Patterson-UTI Drilling and Patterson-UTI Energy, both of

Houston.

Patterson-UTI declined comment in a statement, saying it's committed to preventing future such accidents. Red Mountain President Tony Say referred questions to his attorney, who did not immediately return a phone call for comment.

The Jan. 23 explosion near Quinton killed Waldridge, Matt Smith of McAlester, and Roger Cunningham of Seminole, Josh Ray of Fort Worth, Texas, and Cody Risk of Wellington, Colorado.

North Korea said to be open to nuke talks with US



AP photo

President Donald Trump listens to a question during a meeting with Swedish Prime Minister Stefan Lofven in the Oval Office of the White House, Tuesday, March 6, 2018, in Washington.

By **HYUNG-JIN KIM and ROBERT BURNS**

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — After years of refusal, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un is willing to discuss the fate of his atomic arsenal with the United States and has expressed a readiness to suspend nuclear and missile tests during such talks, a senior South Korean official said Tuesday. "They seem to be acting positively," President Donald Trump said as the world awaited his next move.

Kim also agreed to meet with South Korea's president next month, South Korean presiden-

tial national security director Chung Eui-yong said after returning from rare talks with the enigmatic dictator, believed to be in his mid-30s, in the North Korean capital of Pyongyang.

North Korea's willingness to hold a "candid dialogue" with the United States to discuss denuclearization and establish diplomatic relations follows a year of increased fears of war on the Korean Peninsula, with Kim and Trump exchanging fiery rhetoric and crude insults over Kim's barrage of weapons tests. The Trump administration also pushed through some of the harshest sanctions any country

has ever faced.

Trump tweeted Tuesday that "possible progress" was being made in the talks with North Korea, and that all sides were making serious efforts. He added: "May be false hope, but the U.S. is ready to go hard in either direction!"

Later he said that progress with North Korea "would be a great thing for the world." But he added, "We're going to see."

There is still skepticism whether the developments will help establish genuine peace between the Koreas, which have a

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Nashville mayor resigns after affair, pleads guilty to theft

By **JONATHAN MATTISE**

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Mayor Megan Barry, a one-time rising star in the Democratic Party with big plans to remake Nashville, resigned Tuesday after pleading guilty to cheating the city out of thousands of dollars as she carried on an affair with her bodyguard.

The resignation marked a swift fall for Barry, who stunned the city in late January when she confessed to an extramarital relationship with the former head of her security detail.

"While my time today as your mayor concludes, my unwaver-

ing love and sincere affection for this wonderful city and its great people will never come to an end," the 54-year-old Barry said at a news conference shortly after appearing before a judge. She did not take questions.

Barry and her former bodyguard, police Sgt. Robert Forrest, separately pleaded guilty to felony theft. Barry's resignation was part of a plea bargain with prosecutors. She and Forrest were sentenced to three years' probation.

Barry also

agreed to reimburse the city \$11,000, while Forrest will return \$45,000 that authorities said was paid to him in salary or overtime when he was not actually performing his duties as security chief.

The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation closed its separate

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Coahoma boys drop game to TLCA 15-6



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Landon Grant, No. 6, beats the throw and slides in for the score in the top of the fifth inning during the Coahoma Bulldogs versus the TLCA Eagles baseball game in San Angelo Tuesday, March 6, 2018.

Special to the Herald

The Coahoma Bulldogs lost to the Texas Leadership Charter Academy Eagles 15-6 last night in San Angelo.

The Bulldogs jumped out into an early lead in the top of the first inning when Braden Pearson hit a ground ball to left field bringing home Zach

Holmes from third. Earlier, Holmes belted a hard grounder for a double to get on base. He advanced to third after Seth Brooks grounded out to the Eagles' pitcher. Coahoma added to their lead later after the Eagles pitcher walked Landon Grant with the bases loaded sending Logan Franklin to home plate. The Eagles quickly recovered bringing in three runs in

the bottom of the first.

The Bulldogs knotted the game 3-3 in the top of the second after Franklin grounded out to the Eagles third baseman allowing Brant Gartmen to get across home plate. The Eagles retook the lead for good in the third inning despite a strong comeback for Coahoma in the

Odessa High downs Steers 10-0

By JORDAN PARR
Sports Editor

Despite outhitting Odessa High 7-6, the Big Spring Steers varsity baseball team watched the game slip away early and couldn't recover in a 10-0 loss to the Bronchos on Tuesday.

Odessa High took the lead on a single in the first inning on a single.

One bright spot for the Steers was a single by Noah Gonzales in the first inning.

From the mound, the Bronchos surrendered zero runs on six hits over four innings, struck out five and walked one.

Deryk Renteria was on the mound for Big Spring. He went two and two-thirds innings, allowed four runs on three hits, and struck out one. Jeremiah Cooley and Bryson Van Vleet entered the bullpen and threw one and

one-third innings and two-thirds of an inning respectively.

The Steers racked up seven hits in the game.

Elijah Munoz, Gonzales, and Aaron Olague all collected multiple hits for the Steers. Olague, Gonzales, and Bryson Van Vleet collected two hits to lead the team.

Odessa High didn't commit a single error in the field.



Bulldog golf update

Special to the Herald

Coahoma's Cutter Atkins and Taylor Barnes shined at the Coahoma Invitational Golf Meet held Monday at Comanche Trail Park in Big Spring. Their combined efforts led Coahoma's No. 2 team to a 12th-place finish with an overall score of 429.

Overall, 15 teams from throughout the area participated in the tournament.

Atkins carded a round of 94 and Barnes posted a 97. A.J. Gutierrez, Aaron Turnbough and Grayson Glidwell rounded out the Bulldogs' efforts with scores 109, 131, and 129, respectively.

Coahoma senior Mason Moore paced the Bulldogs' No. 1 squad with a 104. He was followed by Tyler McFall who penciled in a 106.

The CHS team No. 1 finished in 13th overall with a mark of 441.

Bryson Cline and Alex Gonzales posted rounds of 115 and 116, respectively.

Jim Ned's No. 1 team topped the competition in the boys' match, winning the team title with a score of 353. Garden City was second at 359.

In the girls' division, Providence Dickson and Kirah Kimball both had solid outings on the links for Coahoma. Dickson carded a round of 128, while Kimball posted a 134.

Jim Ned took first place in the girls' team standings with a score of 384. Garden City was second at 417.

Coahoma Individual Standings

- Boys
Team 1
Mason Moore - 104
Alex Gonzales - 116
Bryson Cline - 115
Tyler McFall - 106
Team 2
Cutter Atkins - 94
Taylor Barnes - 97
A.J. Gutierrez - 109
Aaron Turnbough - 131
Grayson Glidwell - 129

Coahoma High School Invitational Meet

Held March 5, 2018 at Comanche Trail Golf Course in Big Spring

- Final team standings
Boys
No. Team Score
1. Jim Ned 1 353
2. Garden City 359
3. Clyde 367
4. Stanton 381
5. Sterling City 388
6. Garden City 2 404

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Bulldogettes win 2-1 in extra inning

Special to the Herald

The Coahoma Bulldogettes pulled off a scoring run in the top eighth inning to claim their sixth win of the season Tuesday night in Andrews. The Bulldogettes won 2-1 against the Lady Mustangs in Andrews.

The game was forced into the extra inning after Andrew's Hailey Canava homered a fly ball to right field. The Bulldogettes were able to get out of the inning without anymore scores and set to work on their offense.

With one out in the top of the eighth, Coahoma's Kamari Kemper got on base with a walk and got up in scoring position in the next play after Jaydan Mann blasted a fly ball to right field for a double. Pitcher MaKynlee Overton flied out to right field but Kemper tagged up at third and headed straight across home plate for the winning score.

The Bulldogettes wrapped up the game in the bottom of the eighth allowing only one player on base who advanced because she was hit by a pitch.

Overall hits were a precious commodity during Tues-

day's game and both teams remained scoreless until the seventh inning. Coahoma took the lead for the first time after Kenzi Canales grounded out to the Lady Mustang pitcher but the sacrifice allowed Ashley Romero to score.

Romero got on base earlier by belting a double on a hard ground ball to center field. She advanced to third base thanks to a successful bunt by MaKayla Overton.

The Lady Mustangs major threat to the Bulldogettes came in the bottom of the sixth inning when Aubree Hernandez stepped up the plate with the bases loaded and only one out. She rounded into a double play to MaKynlee Overton and stranded two fellow teammates on base.

MaKynlee Overton earned the win for the game. She

threw 108 pitches, allowed 6 hits and 1 run, and struck out 3 over eight innings. She faced 33 batters and got 75 strikes. Romero and Mann hit doubles. Lexi Montelongo and Romero were both nibble on their feet and were credited with one stolen base each. Romero led the Bulldogs in hits going 2 for 4 at the plate. The victory is the sixth for Coahoma during non-district play.



Lady Buffs hold off Lady Lopes 9-5

By JORDAN PARR

Sports Editor

Even though the Lady Buffs gave up four runs in the seventh inning, they still held on to defeat Post 9-5 on Tuesday.

In the second inning, Forsan got their offense started when Brennan East singled on a 1-0 count to score two runs.

The Lady Buffs put up three runs in the third thanks to the offensive firepower from Forsan's Mikahaela Willard and Ashtyn Pearson, who drove in runs in the inning.

Pearson earned the victory on the pitcher's mound for the Lady Buffs as she lasted seven innings, allowed eight hits and five runs while striking out nine.

Moreno took the loss for Post. She went seven innings, allowed nine runs on ten hits and struck out four.

Forsan tallied ten hits. Pearson, Taylyn Still and Kaylee Morgan all managed multiple hits for the Lady Buffs.

Bulldogs handle Buffs 11-4

By JORDAN PARR

Sports Editor

It was a long day for the Forsan Buffalo baseball team on Tuesday as they fell to the Stamford Bulldogs 11-4.

Caden Mathis, of Stamford, knocked off a sacrifice fly in the bottom of the first inning that scored a run to tie things up at one each.

The Buffs captured the lead in the second inning when Kolby Watson doubled on a 1-1 count that brought across one run.

The Bulldogs took the lead for good with eight runs in the third inning. The big inning came when Reagan Detamore singled on a 1-1 count to score one run, Issaiah Lopez doubled on a 1-1 count that scored two runs, Cade Lefevre singled on the first pitch of the at bat to score one run, Lane Patton singled on the first pitch of the at bat to score one run, Josh Mueller doubled on a 2-0 count to score two runs, and Mathis singled on the first pitch of the at bat to score one run.

Zachary Duran led things off on the hill for the Bulldogs. He went one inning, allowed one run on three hits, struck out two and walked none.

Bryce Hergert got the start for the Buffs. He allowed two hits and one run over two innings, struck out one and walked none.

Kobe Richardson, Nate Vidal and Ehren Hillger each contributed in relief for Forsan.



Bryce Hergert, Nathan Vidal, and Bryson Pineda each had two hits. Kolby Watson, Kobe Richardson, Conner Clarkson and Dylon Kligora all chipped in.

Ehren Hillger, Hergert, Richardson and Vidal all saw time on the mound. Kobe lead the team with 3 K's.

"I know the score doesn't reflect it, but we did some things pretty well tonight. This was the first time that five or six of our starters have been on the baseball field this year," said Forsan head baseball coach Stephen East. "I thought we did a good job of hitting the ball tonight. I think we ended up with ten hits. Stamford is a solid team year in and year out so that was a good test for us to start out the season. We have plenty to work on and with a little practice time we will be ok."

This weekend, the Buffs will make their way to Stanton for the Stanton Tournament.

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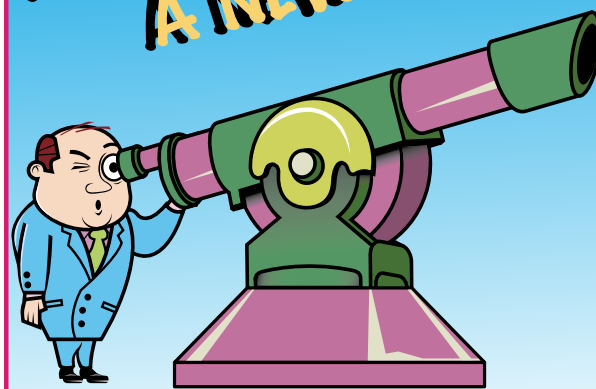
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this citation the same being Monday April 2, 2018, before the Honorable 118th District Court of Howard County, at 312 Scurry Street in said County in Big Spring, Texas. Said Plaintiffs Petition was filed in said court on the 24th day of January, 2018, cause

Legals

number 52459 in the entitled cause styled

Rebecca Tonner & John Tonner vs Unknown Trustee of the Brown Family Trust

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Legals

nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: Real Property - Other as is more fully shown by the Plaintiffs Petition on file in this suit.

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By Steve Becker
There's got to be a better way

East dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ K 7 3
♥ 9 2
♦ A 10 5
♣ A K Q 10 8
WEST
♠ J 10 4 2
♥ K J 8 5 4
♦ J 3
♣ 9 6
EAST
♠ —
♥ A Q 10 7 6 3
♦ K Q 9 8 2
♣ 7 4
SOUTH
♠ A Q 9 8 6 5
♥ —
♦ 7 6 4
♣ J 5 3 2

The bidding:
East South West North
1 ♥ 2 ♠ 3 ♥ 4 ♠
5 ♦ Pass 5 ♥ 5 ♠
Pass Pass Dble
Opening lead — jack of diamonds.
Some deals may seem so cut-and-dried to declarer that he scarcely pauses to think before starting to play. This can be a dangerous and costly practice, as evidenced by today's exhibit.
South wound up in five spades doubled as shown and was delighted by the dummy his partner tabled. Certain he was about to make his contract with an overtrick, he put up the ace of diamonds and led a spade to the ace.
When East showed out on the

first spade, South suddenly realized he was in deep trouble. He did the best he could by playing the K-Q of spades and conceding a trick to the jack, hoping the defenders would try to cash a heart before taking two diamonds. In that case, he could ruff the heart and dispose of his third diamond on dummy's fifth club.
But West returned the three of diamonds after winning the spade, and East had no trouble diagnosing the situation. Since West had led high-low in diamonds, indicating a doubleton, East knew declarer had started with three cards in the suit. So after taking the second diamond, East played another diamond to set the contract one trick.
South should have recognized at the outset the danger imposed by a 4-0 spade division — certainly a strong possibility given the bidding and West's double — and stopped to consider what he could do to counter that threat. Had he done so, he might have found the solution.
All South has to do is not take the first diamond! If West started with a doubleton diamond — a virtual certainty given the bidding and opening lead — the contract is assured.
When West continues with a diamond, declarer takes the ace and plays four rounds of trump. West wins with the jack but cannot return a diamond, and South is home.

Tomorrow: Ffred does it with flair.
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7	4	2	6	9	3	5	8	1
5	2	4	3	6	9	7	8	1
1	7	1	6	5	8	2	3	4
9	8	3	4	7	1	6	5	2
4	5	6	1	3	9	8	7	2
2	3	7	6	4	8	1	5	9
3	6	4	8	1	2	5	7	9

ANSWER:

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Last Day of Jupiter Direct

When the choice is between getting out in the world and meeting people or staying home and keeping to yourself, choose meeting people. It might not be more fun in any observable way, but it will put you in a position to focus on others. On the last day of Jupiter's forward motion, focusing on others is a key part of happiness, and it's an art that takes practice.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Wanting to do the thing or not wanting to do the thing is beside the point. You do the thing because you said you would, because it's good for you, because it's right. This is the way of exemplary character.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's said that the best things in life are free, exempli gratia: love, clouds, podcasts... and so much more today. Bonus: Someone will buy your way -- not free, exactly, but close enough.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Head foggy? Does it take you longer to come to a conclusion? Do you forget why you walked into the room? It's because part of your mind is working on something mind-blowing and the other part of your mind is blown.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There are tasks to be completed, and there is pleasure to be had. And there's no reason that both of those things can't be combined in the same activity.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You can be cuddly, and you can try to snuggle in with your flock, but don't be surprised if they can't completely let down their guards. See, you're not a sheep. You're a lion.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Time to face the "yuck" of yesterdays. Have no fear. There are many ways to let go of the past that don't include lying on your back in a therapist's office while repeatedly answering the question, "How did that make you feel?"

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll either burst through emotional blocks or wear them down by pushing ever-forward. You really can overwrite past bag-

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



are part of the summer fun. Libra and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 30, 16, 28 and 45.

COSMICALLY CURIOUS ABOUT... SELF-PARENTING (PART 13). The road to maturity involves becoming an increasingly adept parent to oneself. The actual parents of PISCES sometimes feel like the children instead, as this sign tends to be

gaged by creating new successes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Motivating people is your thing today. You'll be free with your enthusiasm, encouragement and ideas. Bonus: You'll be well-compensated for this, though perhaps not in a financial sense.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). We are living in a realm of opposites -- a dimension of polarization and contrast. One sign of emotional maturity is when people stop pointing out the contradictions of life and start accepting them as the norm.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Watch your step. Perceptiveness on your part will help you to discover the golden opportunities hidden in a social situation -- while avoiding the quicksand that's also hidden there.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If you're not making a mess, you're not living big enough. Though you usually clean it up solo, it's not always possible to get it back in order all by yourself. Ask for help.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You tell yourself that you don't really need closure -- that life is a circle and therefore there is no end, and by extension, nothing to be closed. Tell yourself. But if you still feel incomplete, what exactly are the words you long to hear?

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 7). This year it's ambition, faith, effort... then throw it in reverse. Everything is doable when you apply yourself consistently and sometimes relentlessly. Love is the luckiest thing that touches your life in the next three months. Keep showing how you feel. Connections and lifestyle improvements

wiser than the number of actual years on the earth would suggest. Nonetheless, Pisces can also be very naive and impressionable and is best off when safeties are put in place to stay on the path of health and well-being. For Pisces, this will include the dreaded parenting act of monitoring friendships.

Everyone has liked people who are not the best influence. Sometimes people who are the most fun to be around are also the most likely to make poor choices. Pisces is particularly susceptible to making these kinds of dicey friendships, if only because Pisces is so relatable and compassionate that the choices are wide open.

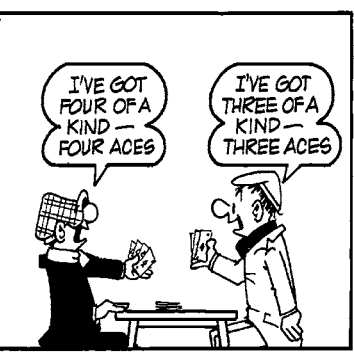
For Pisces, stellar self-parenting includes erecting and enforcing personal boundaries. Different friendships should be kept at different distances. The inner circle is only for those who have earned the right to be there through consistent behavior that reflects a supportive spirit. Pisces does well to remember that the true friends are the ones who want us to be our best selves.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Versatile Pisces actress Jenna Fischer, who shot to superstardom in her role as Pam in the hit television series "The Office," stars in "Splitting Up Together," a new comedy about a couple whose marriage is reignited by their divorce. An avid advocate for animals, Mercury, Venus and Jupiter in Aquarius show that Fischer feels strongly compelled to help those who cannot help themselves.

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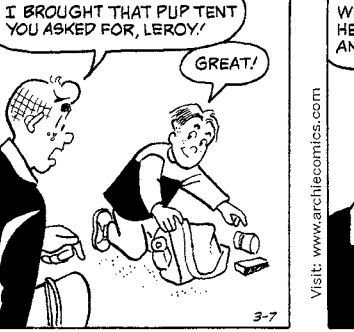
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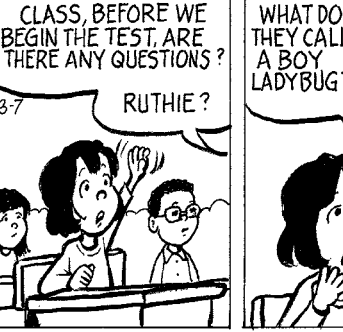
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This Date In History

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Matthew Fisher (Procol Harum) is 72. Pro Football Hall of Famer Franco Harris is 68. Pro and College Football Hall of Famer Lynn Swann is 66.

Lehman is 59. International Tennis Hall of Famer Ivan Lendl is 58. Actress Mary Beth Evans is 57. Singer-actress Taylor Dayne is 56.

Weisz (wys) is 48. Actor Peter Sarsgaard is 47. Actor Jay Duplass is 45. Classical singer Sebastian Izambard (Il Divo) is 45.

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- 59 Venus de Milo's lack 60 Home for hogs DOWN 1 Frog sounds 2 SAT taker's implement 3 Sharp-witted 4 Behind-the-back garments 5 Conversant with 6 Penalty caller 7 Superlative suffix 8 On one's toes 9 Emphatic refusal 10 Computer screen image 11 Scratch up 12 Totally 13 Was in first place 15 ___ in on (neared) 18 Web page visits 22 Time gone by 23 Bratty kids 24 Intend 25 Make illegal 26 Billboard displays 28 Slinky, essentially 29 River, in Mexico 30 Family room 31 Pop singer Tori 32 Spain's Costa del ___ 33 Remove from office 34 Compete 35 Sea swirl

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With hot teams, Davis, Lillard hot names in MVP discussion

By **BRIAN MAHONEY**

AP Basketball Writer

With the Houston Rockets on top of the NBA and James Harden on top of the scoring race, he may be running away with the MVP vote.

Anthony Davis and Damian Lillard might have something to say about that.

With stellar play steering their sizzling teams, they have at least entered their names in the conversation with a little more than a month left in the regular season.

Harden has been runner-up to Stephen Curry and Russell Westbrook in recent years, but it's looked like his time this season. With more than 31 points and nearly nine assists per game — third in the league in that category — for a team with the league's best record, it's hard to imagine needing to look elsewhere.

"What Harden and Houston is doing right now, he's the MVP of the league right now," Hall of Famer Isiah Thomas said on NBA TV.

Davis and Lillard could deserve some thought.

Davis has carried New Orleans with dominant basketball since DeMarcus Cousins was lost for the season last month. The Western Conference player of the month for February opened March by winning player of the week, largely on the strength of a 53-point, 18-rebound, five-block effort that rallied the Pelicans from a 17-point deficit to a victory over Phoenix on Feb. 26.

Then he went for 41 points and 13 rebounds Tuesday in his first game this week, hitting the tiebreaking shot as the Pelicans beat the Clippers in Los Angeles.

He's second in the league in scoring and blocks, and eighth in rebounds.

Lillard is building a good resume for this week's honor. He's scored 39 and 37 in two games thus far, with 19 in the fourth quarter Monday to rally Portland past the Lakers, and eight 3-pointers Tuesday in a rout of the Knicks. That gave the league leader in second-half scoring 35 or more in seven of the last 10 games.

Most importantly — for their teams and their candidacies — their clubs are rolling. New Orleans has won nine straight

and Portland has won eight in a row.

The top four teams in the Western Conference have combined for 39 straight victories.

And if a couple of them have even a minor slump, they might fall right out of the playoff picture.

That's how tight things are in the West headed down the stretch. Golden State is 6-0 since the All-Star break and can't gain on Houston, which has won 16 in a row to remain a half-game ahead.

Third-place Portland has won eight consecutive games and is a game up on New Orleans, winner of nine in a row. Yet the Pelicans are just three games ahead of ninth place, and there remains just a 4 1/2-game difference between No. 3 and No. 10.

"There's just not a whole lot of separation," Pelicans coach Alvin Gentry said, "so I think that's what you're going to see for the rest of the year."

Christmas? Certainly.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day? Same.

Those were the dates of the two Golden State-Cleveland matchups, so they were obvious.

What about March 9?

That date probably wasn't circled by many looking for potential NBA Finals previews this season, but it sure looks possible now.

Houston visits Toronto in that Friday night showdown, a matchup of the best in the West and the leaders in the East.

The Rockets take a 16-game winning streak and the league's best record into their game



AP photo

New Orleans Pelicans forward Anthony Davis, left, dunks as Los Angeles Clippers guard Milos Teodosic looks on during the first half of an NBA basketball game Tuesday, March 6, 2018, in Los Angeles.

Wednesday at Milwaukee. They have won nine straight on the road.

The Raptors are an NBA-best 27-5 at home and have won five in a row overall.

Other games to watch this week:

San Antonio at Golden State, Thursday. Start of a treacherous three-game trip for the Spurs, who then go to Oklahoma City and Houston.

Philadelphia at Miami, Thursday. The sixth-place 76ers are two games ahead of the Heat, who are eighth in the

East.

Golden State at Portland, Friday. The Blazers beat the Warriors 123-117 on Feb. 14, when Kevin Durant scored 50 points and Lillard had 44.

New York at Milwaukee, Friday. It'll bring up bad memories for the Knicks, since it was against the Bucks last month that Kristaps Porzingis tore his ACL.

Cleveland at the Los Angeles Lakers, Sunday. Think Isaiah Thomas would like to have a good game against the team that sent him west at the trade deadline?

GOLF

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7. Rankin 408
8. Westbrook 414
9. Sands 422
10. Jim Ned 2 423
11. Rankin 427
12. Coahoma 2 429
13. Coahoma 1 441
14. Colorado City 451
15. Lorraine 460

Boys Medalist Standings

1. Blake Snellgrove, Stanton - 79
2. Warren Taylor, Tahoka - 80
3. Nick Lara, Garden City - 83
4. Heath Owens, Clyde - 84
5. Tushinsky, Jim Ned - 85

Individual Medalists

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Warren Taylor, Tahoka - 80 | Cooper Millsap, Rankin - 94 |
| Cody Staggs, Sands - 123 | Heath, Jim Ned - 117 |
| Fussell, Jim Ned - 125 | Tatum, Jim Ned - 139 |
| Ross Raines, Klondike - 90 | Zerik Lee, Klondike - 103 |
| Sam Stevens, Klondike - 105 | Isaac DeLaCruz, Reagan County - 105 |
| Ave Ramirez, Reagan County - 94 | Mac Stevens, Stanton - 117 |
| Nickoli Aguirre, Stanton - 114 | David Hunt, Stanton - 127 |

Girls

- No. Team Score
1. Jim Ned 384
 2. Garden City 417
 3. Sands 429
 4. McCamey 440
 4. Sterling City 440
 6. Clyde 441
 7. Westbrook 444
 8. Colorado City 452
 9. Rankin 473

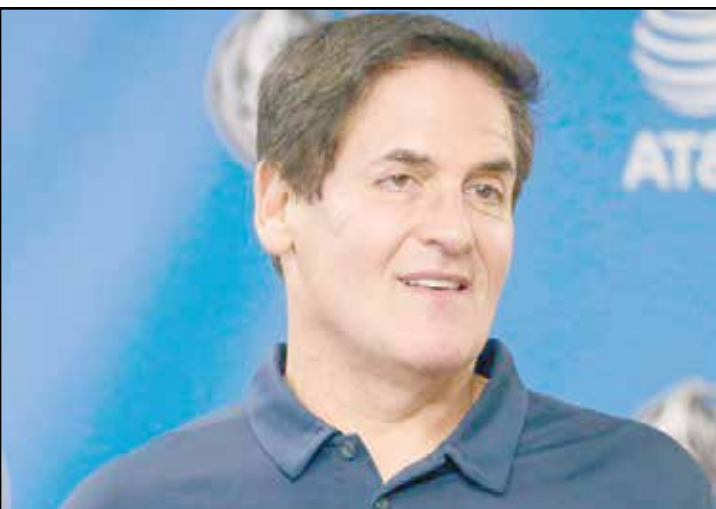
Girls Medalist Standings

1. Enloe, Jim Ned - 88
1. Daily Coulter, Sterling City - 88
3. Logan Wood, Garden City - 89
4. Mattie Gumbles, Sands - 92
5. Johnston, Jim Ned - 94

Individual Medalists

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| B. Stone, Westbrook - 129 | K. Lastly, Westbrook - 124 |
| Kirah Kimball, Coahoma - 134 | Providence Dickson, Coahoma - 128 |
| Taylor Smith, Colorado City - 125 | Paige Baggett - 104 |
| Zia Nail, Rankin - 135 | Febus, Jim Ned - 107 |
| Kristen Church - 113 | Sydney Flores - 142 |

Mavs owner Mark Cuban denies 2011 sex assault allegation



AP photo

In this Monday, Feb. 26, 2018, file photo, Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban stands on stage before a news conference in Dallas.

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban is denying a 2011 allegation of sexual assault after a weekly alternative newspaper in Oregon published details of a case that prosecutors didn't pursue, saying they didn't believe there was evidence to support the claim.

The report in the Willamette Week in Portland, Oregon, came two weeks after a Sports Illustrated account that portrayed a hostile work environment for women in the front office of the Mavericks.

The woman claimed Cuban reached inside her pants and penetrated her vagina with his finger while they were taking a picture in

a Portland nightclub. In an email to The Associated Press on Tuesday, Cuban wrote, "It didn't happen."

In a report explaining why they weren't pursuing the case, prosecutors wrote that "there is no evidence to corroborate the complainant's statement and there is evidence contradicting the claim." The report also said the woman didn't want to proceed with the allegation.

The SI report included claims of inappropriate sexual conduct by former CEO Terdema Ussery and raised questions about what Cuban knew and when.

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earning three runs in the fifth and 5 in the sixth to walk away with the 15-6 victory.

Gaige Hill was the starting pitcher

for Coahoma. He went four innings, threw 88 pitches, allowed 7 runs, 5 walks and struck out 5. He faced 23 batters and got 46 strikes. Holmes came in as relief. He threw 56 pitches, allowed 8 runs, had 3 walks and struck out 2. He faces 16 players and got 28 strikes.

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Nashville Mayor Megan Barry announces her resignation Tuesday, March 6, 2018, in Nashville, Tenn. Barry resigned after admitting she had an extramarital affair with her lead bodyguard and shortly after pleading guilty to a felony theft charge.

MAYOR

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investigation into the matter after the plea deal was reached, according to an agency spokeswoman.

In court, Barry didn't say how she stole money from the city, but investigators have said they believe she engaged in the affair while she was on city-paid trips and Forrest was on the clock.

Authorities found two nude or partially nude photos of a woman that were taken by Forrest's phone while he was on duty. The photos were shot last May and October, on days that Barry's travel schedule shows she was on trips to Washington.

The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation did not identify the woman in the pictures, and Barry has said that if the photos are of her, they were taken without her knowledge.

Vice Mayor David Briley, a fellow Democrat, was sworn in Tuesday afternoon. His first words were: "I need some coffee." A special election to choose a new mayor will be held Aug. 2.

Barry was riding high when news broke that she had been having an affair with Forrest, whose wife filed for divorce soon after the relationship became public.

At the time, Barry apologized, denied breaking the law, rebuffed calls for her resignation, and said her husband, Bruce, remained committed to their marriage.

Barry's admission followed the painful loss of the Barrys' only child, Max, in July after

an overdose on a combination of drugs, including opioids.

"This is a very bad day. And I'm going to have several more bad days. But this is not my worst day," Barry said in January. "And I will tell you I know the difference between a mistake — I made a serious mistake — but this is not a tragedy."

Elected in 2015, Barry maintained a high profile in the city, appearing routinely at concerts and other events and spearheading a successful effort to bring professional soccer to Nashville. She was the point person for a \$5.4 billion transit plan that Nashville voters will consider in a referendum in May.

Before becoming mayor, Barry earned an MBA from Vanderbilt University and was an ethics and compliance officer in the telecommunications and health care industries.

Forrest, who had spent more than 31 years with Metro Nashville Police and supervised the mayor's security detail over three administrations, has retired.

Police records show Forrest's overtime more than doubled from 2014-15 to the 2016-17 budget year.

Barry said their affair began in the spring of 2016, according to court papers. She has said the relationship is over but has not disclosed when it ended.

The new mayor, in a statement, called it "a hard day for Nashville" but said Barry's resignation "will enable us to regain focus on the important work of our city."

Briley promised transparency and said he will work to restore the public trust.

AP photo

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long history of failing to follow through with major rapprochement agreements. The United States has made it clear that it doesn't want empty talks with North Korea and that all options, including military measures, remain on the table.

The North has repeatedly said in the past that it won't negotiate over its nuclear program and vowed to bolster its nuclear and missile arsenals, at least while facing what it describes as an existential American threat. Its apparent about-face might be an attempt to win concessions as its economy struggles under the weight of sanctions, some analysts said, or a way to buy time to better develop nuclear missiles targeting the mainland United States.

"We have seen nothing to indicate ... that he would be willing to give up those weapons," Dan Coats, the director of U.S. national intelligence, told a Senate Armed Services Committee hearing on Tuesday. He said he could not adequately assess the South's account of the Pyongyang talks until the South Koreans have provided a full briefing.

Chung led a 10-member South Korean delegation on a two-day visit to North Korea. They were the first South Korean officials to meet the young North Korean leader since he took power after his dictator father's death in late 2011. Chung's trip also was the first known high-level visit by South Korean officials to North Korea in about 11 years.

If talks with the United States happen, Chung said North Korea "made it clear that it won't resume strategic provocations like additional nuclear tests or test launches of ballistic missiles" while the talks continue. Such a pause in testing has been a central demand of the Trump administration for a negotiation.

Washington also wants the talks to focus on an eventual end of the North Korean nuclear threat.

There may have been progress on that front, too. North Korea told the South Korean envoys that it would not need to keep its nuclear weapons if military threats against it are removed and it receives a credible security guarantee, Chung said. He said the North promised not to use its nuclear and conventional weapons against South Korea.

In a sign of an increasingly pragmatic North Korean approach, Kim also said he "understands" that contentious annual military drills by the U.S. and South Korea will take place in April at a scale similar to previous years and expressed hope they could be modified once the situation on the Korean Peninsula stabilizes, according to a senior South Korean presidential official, who didn't want to be named, citing office rules.

Chung said the two Koreas agreed to hold their summit at a Seoul-controlled facility. He said Kim



AP photo

In this Monday, March 5, 2018 photo, provided by the North Korean government on March 6, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, front right, shakes hands with South Korean National Security Director Chung Eui-yong after Chung gave Kim the letter from South Korean President Moon Jae-in, in Pyongyang, North Korea. Independent journalists were not given access to cover the event depicted in this image distributed by the North Korean government. The content of this image is as provided and cannot be independently verified. Korean language watermark on image as provided by source reads: "KCNA" which is the abbreviation for Korean Central News Agency.

and South Korean President Moon Jae-in will establish a "hotline" communication channel to lower military tensions, and would speak together before the possible summit.

If realized, the summit between the countries' leaders would be the third since the Koreas' 1945 division. The two past summits, in 2000 and 2007, were both in Pyongyang and were held between Kim's late father, Kim Jong Il, and two liberal

South Korean presidents. They resulted in a series of cooperative projects that were scuttled during subsequent conservative administrations in South Korea.

Analyst Cheong Seong-Chang at South Korea's Sejong Institute said new agreements "potentially pave the way for meaningful dialogue between Washington and Pyongyang" and could be the basis for easing tensions.

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