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Amphitheater improvements considered by city council

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

"My vision is to make the amphitheater a regional music draw. It's a great facility, it holds 6,000 people. It just needs some upgrades," Barney Dodd of Big Spring's BAD Events LLC told the Big Spring City Council when he addressed them at their meeting Tuesday evening.

Dodd has formed a non-profit group with the goal of updating and improving the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater, and discussed the plan with the council at the meeting. No action was taken on the item

since it was only on the agenda as a discussion item, but council members seemed generally favorable toward the idea.

"I feel like the amphitheater is a really underused facility, but with some improvements, I think it could be very well used," said Dodd. "I've established a 501(c)3 and I have a board in place ready to start soliciting donations. The plan that I have, I want to use all private funds. That way, we don't have the issues with taxpayer money and that makes it a



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HERALD photo/Roger Cline

In the photo on the right, Barney Dodd of Big Spring's BAD Events LLC addresses the city council regarding his plan to start a non-profit organization with the goal of raising money to upgrade the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater with a new roof over the stage area, a dressing room, and other amenities. Council members were generally positive toward the idea.

Helping people live healthy



AgriLife Extension Agent Sandy Taylor demonstrates the proper technique in making Sweet Potato Muffins at the 35th Annual Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Health Fair Saturday, April 8, 2017. Taylor said sweet potatoes have several health benefits and the muffins contain far less salt than processed foods.

By AMBER MANSFIELD
 Staff Writer

Helping people live the healthiest life possible is one of the goals of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Health Fair which is scheduled to kick off on Saturday, April 7 from 8 a.m. to noon. The Health Fair will be held at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, located at 1001 Birdwell Lane, and guests can expect over 30 booths that consist of a variety of vendors and exhibitors that educate on all aspects of health, wellness, fitness, lifestyle improvements, and much more.

"This year we are taking on a new approach and focusing on the importance of not only being healthy, making healthy choices, but also making sure that the environment around you is healthy, as well," said Debbye ValVerde, Executive Director of Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. "This year, Keep

Big Spring Beautiful will be combining their efforts with the health fair, and we want to encourage the public to take pride in their community."

Big Spring Beautiful's annual Trash Off will also take place on the same day as the Health Fair, but this year the drop off location will be at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

"Being healthy is more than just what we put in our body and the physical ailments that we deal with, or try to avoid, said ValVerde. "If we can focus on making our community healthy, picking up trash and sprucing up some landscaping, it provides a better environment for us to live in, improves attitudes, and overall makes the community look and feel better."

In typical health fair fashion, booths will be set up on the Sonic Floor, and there will be plenty of activities in the parking lot of the coliseum. The Blood Mobile from United Health Services will also be featured at this year's Health Fair.

"The Blood Mobile will be coming back and will be set up from 9 a.m. until noon. Safe Kids and Scenic Mountain Medical Center will be hosting the Car Seat Check, but it will be on a first come first serve basis," said Valverde. "The car seat check is one of the biggest hits each year. There are so many things that can deem a car seat 'unsafe' for a child, and this is a service that allows parents to not only have their car seats checked for proper installment, but also to make sure they are the right size and that they are in safe condition for the child."

The car seat check is a free service, and the car seats they provide are also free, but the child must be present to ensure that the correct car seat is furnished.

Star Dodge has also come to the Health Fair again, and will be providing the bicycles for the Bike Rodeo. This course teaches the kids the safety measures for riding a bicycle on a public street.

"Most people don't realize that there are laws pertaining to the proper way of riding a bicycle, especially on

BSISD Kindergarten Round Up slated for April

Registration set for July and August

Special to the Herald

Parents of kids going into kindergarten, or of any students - grades K through 12 - new to the Big Spring Independent School District, should take note of the following dates.

- Kindergarten Round Up and Evaluations for the BSISD will be held in April. If your child is going into kindergarten in the 2018-2019 school year, both parent and future kindergartener should attend a Round Up at one of the following dates and locations: Either April 3 or 5 at Moss Elementary, or April 10 or 12 at Marcy Elementary. The Round Up you choose does not need to be at the school where your kindergartener will attend

in the fall; just pick the date and location that works best for you.

Be sure to bring the official courthouse copy of your child's birth certificate (not the hospital copy with the footprints), your child's Social Security card (either the original card or a passport for non-US citizens), and your child's immunization record including an up-to-date list of shots from the health department or your child's doctor's office.

At the Round Up, kids will meet with teachers, who will evaluate their skills, abilities, and aptitudes, while parents fill out some brief paperwork.

- Registration for kindergarten students will be held

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Check it out at the Howard County Library!

We are finally starting to get new books. This week I'll tell you about a biography book and a couple of non-fiction books.

In "To Selena With Love" by Chris Perez (B SEL), Chris opens up about his unbreakable friendship, forbidden relationship, and blossoming marriage with Latin music superstar Selena. While Selena's showcasing a side of Selena that has never been disclosed before and clarifying certain misconceptions about her life and death, this book is an everlasting love story that immortalizes the heart and soul of an extraordinary, unforgettable, and irreplaceable icon.

"The Last Black Unicorn"

by Tiffany Haddish (792.7 HAD T) is a collection of hysterical, edgy, and very personal essays of Tiffany herself. Growing up in one of the poorest neighborhoods, Tiffany learned to survive by making people laugh. Comedy allowed her to imagine a place for herself where she could do something she loved for a living.

Whether she's plotting shocking, jaw-dropping revenge on an ex-boyfriend or learning how to handle her newfound fame despite still having a broke person's mind set, she can't avoid being funny-it's just who she is. Finally poised to become a household name, she

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Monica Martinez

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Obituaries

Juan Flores Moreno

Juan Flores Moreno, 89, of Big Spring, died Thursday, March 22, 2018, in a Bedford hospital. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, March 30 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

Juan was born May 23, 1928, in New Braunfels, Texas, to Severiano Moreno and Juana Flores Moreno. He was preceded in death by his wife Maria Herrera Campos Moreno Nov. 19, 1985. Juan and Maria were married in New Braunfels, Texas Dec. 28, 1949, and moved to Big Spring, Texas, where they raised their children.

Juan and Maria had four children, Jesusa Moreno, Josie Moreno Salazar, Irene Moreno Reyes and Joe Louis Moreno and wife, Sonya K. Moreno. Juan's grandchildren are Tina Salazar Amaya and husband, David Amaya of Houston, John Parras and wife, Nicole Gonzales of Houston, Bryan Parras and significant other, Liana Lopez of Houston, Emily Moreno Greene and husband, Justin Greene of Roanoke, Elisa Reyes and significant other, Jess Maldonado of San Antonio, and Jacob and Zachary Moreno of Euless. His great-grandchildren are Veronica Amaya and significant other, Scott Moczygamba of Houston, Jaxon, Jude and Jennings Greene of Roanoke. He was one of several siblings, Faustino Moreno, Guillermo (Willie) Moreno, Carmen Moreno, Timoteo (Timo) Moreno, Pablo Moreno and Dominga Moreno Baldamarras (the only surviving sibling). He has an enormous number of

nieces, nephews, brothers and sisters-in-law and friends that loved him dearly. He was also loved by non-blood related grandchildren and those he considered as family. He was fondly known to many as "Papa Grande, Grandpa, and Uelo".

Juan was a proud farmer and loved driving his tractor. In Big Spring, he worked at International Harvest, a place that he often fondly remembered. In Houston, he worked at Ripley House, The Latino Learning Center and St. Thomas High School. He loved St. Thomas. He was a little league baseball manager with The Cats, that at one time, won the city championship. He loved sports and old westerns. He did not care what team was playing or what sport.

He was a prideful, simplistic, smart and humorous man. He was proud of his Native American ancestry as he was of the Mexican origin. He enjoyed life, his family and was not a man to let anything get in his way. He leaves behind a legacy of strong work ethic, strong family bonds, love, laughter and silliness.

Grandpa had a very unique vocabulary. Anyone that knew him will smile at these words and his hand gestures: "pos sepa", "bullet", "sanavagornias", "pos no se" and many others.

In lieu of flowers, if you would prefer, the family requests donations be made to The National Kidney Foundation at www.kidney.org or the American Heart Association at www.donatenow.heart.org.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Paid Obituary

Shirley May "Allor" Craver

Shirley May "Allor" Craver, 84, of Big Spring, Texas, went to be with the Lord Monday, March 26, 2018.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Friday, March 30, 2018, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Big Spring with Rev. Don Rosentreter, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Visitation is from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 29, 2018, a Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She is survived by her children, Sharon Craver of Big Spring, Jim Craver of Seguin, Collene Craver of Big Spring, and Dero Shaw of Knott; four grandsons; three granddaughters; a great-granddaughter; two great-grandsons; and numerous nephews and nieces.

She is preceded in death by her husband, SMS-GT James Ignatius Craver; a daughter, Jeanine (Craver) Shaw; her mother; two brothers; and two sisters.

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

Dixie Bannister

Dixie Bannister, 74, of Coahoma, died Tuesday, March 27, 2018, at her residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home

Robert D. Reagan

Pending for Robert D. Reagan, 66, of Big Spring, died Monday, March 26, 2018, at his residence. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Service & Crematory.

Sue Garrett Neff

Sue Garrett Neff, 78, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, March 27, 2018, at a local hospital. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

William Paul "Bill" Bodin



William Paul "Bill" Bodin, 95, of Sand Springs, died Tuesday, March 27, 2018, at Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home. Funeral service with Military Honors will be at 4 p.m. Friday, March 30, 2018, at Trinity Memorial Park with Chaplain Brad Daniels, officiating.

He was born Sept. 14, 1922, in Duluth, Minnesota, to Florence Jensen Bodin and William Paul Bodin, Sr. He was a resident of Howard County for over 60 years, having resided in Ector County prior to that. Bill was a veteran of World War II serving from Dec. 9, 1942, until Dec. 20, 1945. He was in Europe and received the following medals, American Theater Service Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Service Medal and Good Conduct Medal. He married Shirley Boyett on June 3, 1972, and she preceded him in death on Nov. 22, 2017.

He is survived by four daughters, Janet Nelson and husband Jeff of Elk City, Karen Martin and husband John of Big Spring, Terri Croft of San Angelo and Brooke Bodin of Big Spring; one son, Robert Bodin and wife Stephanie of Amarillo; one daughter-in-law; Toni Bodin of Sand Springs; one sister, Phyllis Richardson of San Diego, California; 13 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and Shirley, he was preceded in death by two other wives, Alice Anderson Bodin and Faye Iris Wynn Bodin; two sons, Edward Bodin and Greg Bodin and one brother, Robert Bodin.

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

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 4200 block of W Hwy 80. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of S Aylesford. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of S US 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of Fairchild. No Transport.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of E 18th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of E 6th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 4200 block of W Hwy 80. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported on I-20 Mile-Marker 173.
- **FIRE** was reported of outside rubbish in the 2600 block of Gregg St.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **BRANDEE LEANN CASTILLO**, 20, of 1811 Avion, was arrested on warrants of unauthorized use of vehicle, three counts assault by contact.
- **EDDIE JOE ALAVARDO JR.**, 22, of 1500 Lincoln Ave., was arrested on warrants of evading arrest detention, and possession marijuana less than two ounces.
- **RAYMOND JONATHAN DUSH**, 22, of 1609 Young St., was arrested on warrants of minor in possession of alcoholic, failure to appear, failure to yield row-stop

intersection, no driver's license, and open container in motor vehicle.

- **GILBERT SILVA**, 30, of 1208 Mesa Ave., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **AVEL ABREO RAMIREZ**, 71, of 4212 Parkway Rd., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **MATILDA MARIE IRVIN**, 20, of 1111 Pennsylvania St., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 120 block of S Benton St., and in the 1500 block of Lincoln Ave.

- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 900 block of S Benton St., and in the 1500 block of State St., and in the 1400 block E 6th St.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 3600 W Hwy 80.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported 600 block of McEwen St.
- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported on Donley and 19th, and on Mile-Marker 181.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported 1500 block of Princeton Ave.
- **ACCIDENT MAJOR** was reported in the 500 block of S Birdwell Lane.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 75 inmates at the time of this report.

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lot easier.”

Dodd said his plan involves soliciting donations from local citizens and businesses, as well as selling temporary naming rights to the amphitheater and the stage. If the council approves Dodd’s plan, the money raised will fund three improvement phases for the facility.

“Of course, the roof over the stage would be Phase 1,” said Dodd. “Phase 2 would be to extend the dressing rooms out and have a viable green room. That’s one of the issues: I have to bring in RVs. I’m doing a show in September out there with some pretty big-name national acts, but we’re going to bring in RVs to do our green room. That will be Phase 2, and Phase 3 will be to put a fence around it. It helps with ticketed events. I can do temporary fencing, but it’s another expense, as well as I have to get a canopy to put over the stage. These artists have hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of equipment; they don’t like them exposed to the environment.”

Dodd said he has received an estimate of about \$100,000 for Phase 1 of the project, but has not solicited estimates for the other phases yet. In addition, Dodd assured the council that any improvements would blend with the historic look of the amphitheater.

“Of course, I’m not going to go down to Higginbotham and buy plywood and build it myself. We’re going to get an architect to design it,” he said. “There’s liability issues, we have weight requirements. It has to be able to hold 20,000-pound speakers and all that. I do want to reiterate: I want to keep the integrity of the whole concept out there so it all looks the same, so it’s not mismatched like we’ve had in the past with some areas.”

Mayor Larry McLellan voiced support for the idea. “I think it’s a great idea,” he said. “I’d like to see that utilized more often. It’s there, and it’s a great asset for our community. An outdoor theater, and what we could do with that, have outdoor entertainment.”

In other business the council approved a request by Airport Director Jim Little to request funds from the Texas Department of Transportation’s Aviation Division for upgrades at the airport.

The upgrades under consideration include replacing joint sealant on the airport’s primary runway, Runway 17-35, at an estimated cost of \$400,000; removing an obstruction from the “Runway Protection Zone” at the west end of Runway 06-24, estimated cost \$40,000; resurfacing Runway 06-24, estimated cost \$4,250,000; replacing the outdated PLASI approach path indicators with modern PAPI 2 systems, estimated cost \$60,000; and installing lights on Taxiway E, estimated cost \$75,000.

- The council also:
- Awarded bids for 144 three-cubic-yard trash containers to Roll Offs USA for \$74,640. The Roll Offs was the low bid out of three received.
 - Awarded the bid for the city’s seal coat project to Fuquay Inc. for \$2.48 per square yard. The low bid will allow the city to complete not only the base project, but 10 out of 14 projected alternate projects for an estimated cost just slightly over the budgeted \$500,000 at \$508,510.61.
 - Heard discussion from Police Chief Chad Williams regarding the city’s Early Warning System communication system. Jacob and Martin LLC, the company the city contracted to research possible upgrades to the city’s system, has recommended a solution offered by the Sentry Siren company at a cost of \$80,000. No action was taken on the measure, as it was on the agenda as a discussion-only item.
 - Granted permission to the Convention and Visitors Bureau to seek grant money for improvements and repairs to the Heart of the City Plaza in downtown Big Spring.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 432-263-7331 ext. 235, or by email at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

BSISD

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July 23 through 27 at the Records and Registration office, located at the corner of 12th and Benton streets, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day.

Be sure to bring the state-issued driver’s license or ID card of each new kindergartener’s legal guardian, proof of guardianship (i.e., the guardian’s name on the birth certificate or court documents), and proof of residence (a utility bill, copy of mortgage, or rental agreement for the address in the legal guardian’s name).

• Registration for non-kindergarten students new to BSISD will be July 30 through Aug. 17, also at the Records and Registration office. If your child is older than kindergarten and 2018-2019 will be their first year attending school in a BSISD school, you need to register your child during this time period.

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For more information, contact the BSISD Records and Registration Office at 432-264-3622.

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a public street. The course is good education for the parents, as well as the kids, on how to be safe when they come to a cross-walk, a stop sign or coming to a stop on their bike.” ValVerde said. “Every child that goes through the bike rodeo will be able to sign up for contest and possibly win a new bicycle. In addition, every child that goes through the course will receive a free helmet.”

It’s safe to say that there will be an abundance of fun activities for the whole family to enjoy.

Currently, there are about 30 booths signed up but additional space is available. If your business would like to have a booth at the health fair, the cost is \$120 and the deadline to purchase a space will be Thursday, March 29. To find out more information about the Health Fair or to request a form, please call the Chamber of Commerce at 432-263-7641.

“We encourage everyone to come out to the Health Fair,” said ValVerde. “To anyone who already makes healthy life choices, or those who want to gain more knowledge on the subject but aren’t sure how, this is a great way to do so.”



Debbye Valverde

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recounts with heart and humor how she came from nothing and nowhere to achieve her dreams by owning, sharing, and using her pain to heal others.

In “Fire and Fury” by Michael Wolff (973.933 WOL M), Michael Wolff tells the inside story of the most controversial presidency of our time. Thanks to his deep access to the West Wing, Wolff tells the story of how Trump launched a tenure as volatile and fiery as the man himself.

Wolff also provides new details about the chaos in the Oval Office. Never before has a presidency so divided the American people. In this book, Wolff shows us how and why Donald Trump has become the king of discord and disunion.

“The Kings of Big Spring: God, Oil, and One Family’s Search for The American Dream” by Bryan Mealer (976.4 MEA B) begins in 1892 when Bryan Mealer’s great-grandfather leaves the Georgia mountains and heads west into Texas. He eventually settles in Big Spring, where quick fortunes are being made from its vast reserves of oil.

For decades, the Mealers live on the margins of poverty, laboring in the cotton fields and on the drilling rigs that sprout along the flatland. After embracing Pentecostalism during the Great Depression, they rely heavily on their faith to steel them against despair, but for young Bobby Mealer, the author’s father, religion is only an agent for rebellion.

In the winter of 1981, Bobby receives a call from an old friend asking if Bobby would like to be a millionaire. Bobby left his hometown to seek a life removed from the flowing dust and oilfield, and to find spiritual peace. Once again Big Spring’s streets are flooded with roughnecks, money and vice. Boom chasers pour in from the busted factory towns in the north. Drilling rigs

rise along the pastures, and poor men become wealthy overnight.

Grady Cunningham, Bobby’s friend, is one of the newly minted kings of Big Spring. Grady pulls Bobby and his young wife into his glamorous orbit. While drilling wells for Grady’s oil company, they fly around on private jets and embrace the honky-tonk high life of Texas oilmen. Bobby soon discovers that his return to Big Spring is a backslider’s journey into a spiritual wilderness that could cost him his life.

That’s all I have for this week, so in the spirit of Easter I leave you with a couple of quotes:

“Easter is meant to be a symbol of hope, renewal, and new life.”

- Janine di Giovanni

“It is difficult to say what is impossible, for the dream of yesterday is the hope of today and the reality of tomorrow.”

- Robert H. Schuller

Happy Easter from all of us at the library!!

The library will close on Friday, March 30, 2018.

Library’s hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 am to 6 pm; the internet/video room closes at 5:30. Tuesday and Thursday from 10 am to 7 pm; the internet/video room closes at 6:30. You may reach us at (432) 264-2260 and our fax number is (432)264-2263. Our website is <http://howard-county.ploud.net>. Visit our facebook page at www.facebook.com/HowardCoLibrary.

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Texas congressman's bill addresses child sex assault on base

FORT HOOD, Texas (AP) — A congressman who represents Fort Hood has introduced legislation to change how authorities handle crimes including sexual assault that the children of service members commit on military bases.

An Associated Press investigation showed earlier this month how neither victims nor offenders may receive justice after sexual assaults on bases at home and abroad.

Rep. John Carter is the first to propose a legisla-

tive fix. His bill directs the Pentagon to negotiate with state and local authorities over accepting criminal cases from bases where federal law prevails.

That would expand an agreement Carter pushed between Fort Hood and neighboring counties, which unlike the military have systems to handle juvenile offenders.

The bill doesn't address funding, an issue the Austin American-Statesman highlighted as one concern, or what to do on overseas bases.

Houston-area leaders seeking more than \$1B for flood control

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South Texas WWII veteran honored with Quilt of Valor

By ROCIO VILLALOBOS

The Monitor
MCALLEN, Texas — Surrounded by family, friends and fellow patriots at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2369, Valentin Hernandez was recently recognized with what's become an endearing honor for veterans.

The Monitor reports the 97-year-old World War II veteran from Edinburg was given a Quilt of Valor — a handcrafted quilt made by volunteers and bestowed to American veterans — for his service in the U.S. military.

Hernandez entered the war in 1943 and served in the 36th infantry division as a rifleman for two years, six months and 12 days. He recalls being appointed to this position due to his wit and bravery.

"You're not afraid to fight," he said the commanders would tell him.

In addition to his bravery, Hernandez does not have a short supply of stories.

His daughter, Gracie Engstrand, shared a memory her father recalls from the war, in which he was shot multiple times

yet remained uninjured. Somehow, his backpack and equipment took the bullets for him.

In fact, Hernandez often recalls defying death experiences, including surviving a bullet and a case of frostbite.

Among his motivations to serve at the time was to obtain residency. He was brought to Weslaco from Mexico when he was 2 years old, and was guaranteed citizenship through joining the military.

In his time overseas, he traveled to Italy, Germany and France and picked up a bit of the language. "Mostly curse words," Hernandez joked.

When the war came to an end, Hernandez said he was happy but also uncertain what to do next.

According to another daughter, Cristela Flores, he purchased an old army truck and used it to make transports. El cortoro, he called it.

Another perk upon returning, he said, was learning how to dance. Hernandez remembers having several "sweethearts" who lined up wanting to marry "a young, handsome soldier."

Recognitions the decorated

service member has received include the Good Conduct Medal.

Quilts of Valor volunteer Gwen Baker, who organized and led the ceremony, said: "Our organization has provided 180,000 quilts to our servicemen. Today, you are receiving the 180,001st."

Fellow WWII veterans and Quilt of Valor recipients Merle Mickelson and Joe Reynolds were also in attendance. Nine vets in total participated in the celebration, and five of his eight children were present.

Meeting and chatting with fellow WWII veterans, Hernandez said, also brought him joy in addition to receiving the quilt.

"I help them and they help me," he said, further remarking about enjoying a small photo shoot by a machine gun not unlike the one he used as a young rifleman.

In the National WWII Museum in New Orleans, a brick with his name rests in a wall as another mark of history. His children spoke of plans to take him on a visit soon.

To find out more about Quilts of Valor, or to become a volunteer, visit govf.org.

Trial starts for man accused of trying to kill a Texas judge

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Federal prosecutors say a man charged with trying to assassinate a Texas judge had photos of her car and electronic searches for her home address in his cellphone.

Trial began Monday in Austin for Chimene Onyeri. He's charged with attempted murder and other counts in the November 2015 shooting of state District Judge Julie Kocurek. She survived.

Authorities say Onyeri wanted Kocurek dead to avoid going to prison on a probation violation. He had been before the judge about a month earlier.

The judge's teenage son testified he drove the family home from a high school football game. He says he had gotten out of the car to move a bag of leaves from the driveway when a man wearing black approached and fired.

Onyeri has pleaded not guilty.

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Mom arrested in deaths of baby, toddler found in car seats

ANITA SNOW and PAUL DAVENPORT

Associated Press

SUPERIOR, Ariz. — The mother of a baby and a toddler was arrested on suspicion of first-degree murder after the children were found dead in car seats inside a car and authorities discovered evidence of foul play, officials said Tuesday.

The bodies were found outside the family's home in the historic mining town of Superior, a community of about 2,900 people about 60 miles (97 kilometers) east of Phoenix.

Autopsies were being conducted to determine causes of death of the 2-year-old boy and 10-month-old girl and the Pinal County Sheriff's Office did not



AP photo

This undated photo provided by the Pinal County Sheriff's office shows Brittany Velasquez.

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AP-NORC Poll: Trump's approval rating up from historic lows



AP photo

In this March 23, 2018, photo, President Donald Trump speaks in the Diplomatic Room of the White House in Washington.

By JULIE PACE and EMILY SWANSON

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The good news for President Donald Trump? His approval rating is up 7 points since last month, according to a new poll by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

The bad news? That only lifts Trump's approval to 42 percent, low for a president at this point in his tenure.

Still, the trajectory is a welcome shift for a White House that has been battered by chaos, controversies and internal upheaval. The poll suggests that at least some of the president's improving standing is tied to the economy and the Republican tax overhaul, which offers a glimmer of hope for GOP lawmakers who plan to make both issues the centerpiece of their efforts to maintain control of Congress in November.

Nearly half of Americans surveyed — 47 percent — say they approve of how Trump is handling the economy, his highest rating on any issue. When it comes to tax policy, 46 percent of Americans back Trump's moves.

"Our fortunes will rise and fall with the economy and specifically with the middle-class tax cut this fall," said Corry Bliss, executive director of the Congressional Lead-

ership Fund, a super PAC aligned with House Speaker Paul Ryan. Bliss urged Republican candidates to view the law as "an offensive, not defensive weapon."

One of the GOP's challenges, however, will be keeping the economy and tax overhaul in the spotlight through the fall given the crush of other matters roiling the White House and competing for Americans' attention. At the White House on Monday, the daily press briefing was dominated by questions about the president's alleged affair with adult film star Stormy Daniels, a relationship he denies. Each week has seemed to bring a new departure among the president's closest advisers. And many days, Trump is more inclined to use his Twitter megaphone to try to discredit the investigation into possible campaign contacts with Russia than promote the tax overhaul.

Republican operatives acknowledge that even if they can break through the clutter, they still have a ways to go when it comes to explaining the \$1.5 trillion tax plan to Americans. Democrats have aggressively cast the measure, which permanently slashes the tax rate for corporations and reduces taxes for the wealthiest Americans, as a boon

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Team USA confirms April visit to White House

By EDDIE PELLIS

AP National Writer

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — The U.S. Olympic team has been invited to the White House for a visit April 27, leaving the 244 members about four weeks to decide if they'll attend.

Four members from the U.S. team — Gus Kenworthy, Adam Rippon, Nathan Chen and Lindsey Vonn — have said they would not go if invited.

Visits to the White House are a decades-old tradition, though there have been notable absences over the

years regardless of who's in office.

Kenworthy and Rippon are gay. Rippon has said he wouldn't go because he doesn't think "somebody like me would be welcome there."

Vonn has said she would "absolutely not" accept an invitation and that she hoped to represent the "people of the United States, not the president" at the Olympics.

But USOC spokesman Patrick Sandusky said so far RSVP numbers have been robust and in line with past visits.

3 boys in Mississippi find part of mastodon jawbone



AP photo

In this Monday, March 19, 2018 photo, Shawn Sellers, left, Michael Mahalitic and Caid Sellers, display the lower left jawbone of a mastodon they found in a plowed up area of their family's property in the Bovina area in Vicksburg, Miss.

VICKSBURG, Miss. (AP) — Three boys have found a part of a mastodon jawbone while exploring family property in Mississippi.

The Vicksburg Post reports that two brothers and a cousin made the discovery on plowed land near Bovina, a small community east of the Mississippi River.

The newspaper says the three were on spring break from school when they found something they initially thought was a log, then saw that it had teeth.

One boy's mother, Lynnett Welch, says her husband took the item to the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science in Jackson, where paleontology curator George Phillips confirmed it was a lower left jawbone from a mastodon.

Phillips says finding half of a mastodon's lower jaw is "very extraordinary."



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Anti-Semitic slaying of 85-year-old prompts outcry in France

By JEFFREY SCHAEFFER and SYLVIE CORBET

Associated Press

PARIS — Like many who survived Nazi horrors, Mireille Knoll embraced life, eating out and going to the theater despite limited means. Even as age and Parkinson's disease took their toll, she delighted in receiving guests — until one of them allegedly stabbed the 85-year-old to death because she was Jewish.

The brutal killing in Paris last week has raised uncomfortable questions about resurgent anti-Semitism in France.

"I thought I was going to die on the spot. I cried all the tears in my body and I thought of her. She didn't deserve this," her anguished son, Daniel Knoll, told The Associated Press Tuesday, near the Paris public housing project his mother called home for most of her life.

"How can one do that to anybody? The police revealed she was stabbed 11 times."

Mireille Knoll was killed Friday in her apartment, which was then set on fire. On Tuesday, prosecutors filed preliminary charges against two people for murder with anti-Semitic motives, including a neighbor Knoll hosted regularly, to lessen her loneliness.

As Knoll's family gathered in Paris to attend her funeral on Wednesday, horrified French leaders and activists called for people to take to the streets to protest racism.

Paris Mayor Anne Hidalgo urged all Parisians to join a silent march in memory of Knoll on Wednesday, and politicians across the political spectrum pledged to attend. French President Emmanuel Macron tweeted his "absolute determination to fight against anti-Semitism."

For Knoll's family, the killing was a cruel coda to her long life.

At age 9, she fled Paris to escape a notorious World War II roundup of Paris Jews. French police herded some 13,000 people — including more than 4,000 children — into the Vel d'Hiv stadium in 1942 and shipped them to the Auschwitz death camp in Nazi-occupied Poland. Fewer than 100 survived.

A family member with Brazilian citizenship helped Knoll and other relatives escape Nazi-occupied territory for southern Europe and then Canada. She returned to France only after the end of the war.

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immediately disclose what evidence had been found.

The mother was identified as Brittany Velasquez, 20. She was jailed and authorities did not know whether she had a lawyer who could comment on the allegations, said sheriff's spokeswoman Navideh Forghani. The names of the children were not immediately made public.

Some relatives of the children were inside the home when authorities went to crime scene late Monday night but Forghani said she could not provide information about the circumstances of how the children were placed or left in the car or a motive into their killings.

She declined to discuss the evidence that was discovered but the sheriff's office said in a statement that it "indicated foul play."

No one answered the door Tuesday at the rundown, one story brick house in the hardscrabble mining community of about 3,000 people.

Broken wooden furniture, cardboard boxes and a rusted barbecue grill littered the brown, dried up grass in the front yard. Two pickup trucks and a car with its hood up sat at the end of dirt driveway.

Residents of the community established in the 1800s to support a copper mine include retirees and former mining workers. The nearby mine is currently closed but a mining company is trying to reopen it.

to steal. My mother was poor," her son said. "Her credit card? She would have only been able to withdraw 100 euros. She had no money on her account."

Authorities have not released the names of the two men in custody but have said the chief suspect is a 29-year-old with a past conviction who lived in the same building.

Daniel Knoll said the suspect had lived there since he was 7. His mother "took pleasure in having him at home and ... although we'd asked her not to welcome him, she let him in like she always did, the same way she did with everybody, with kindness," he said.

"My mother had a thirst for knowledge and meeting new people and talking to them and that's what killed her," he said.

On Tuesday, a photo of Knoll hung on her door, surrounded by paper hearts and a police notice saying the apartment was the subject of a judicial inquiry.

On a gate outside the building in eastern Paris, neighbors hung up a tribute poster. Candles flickered next to piles of flowers in her honor.

Smoke residue from the fire still stained her apartment window.

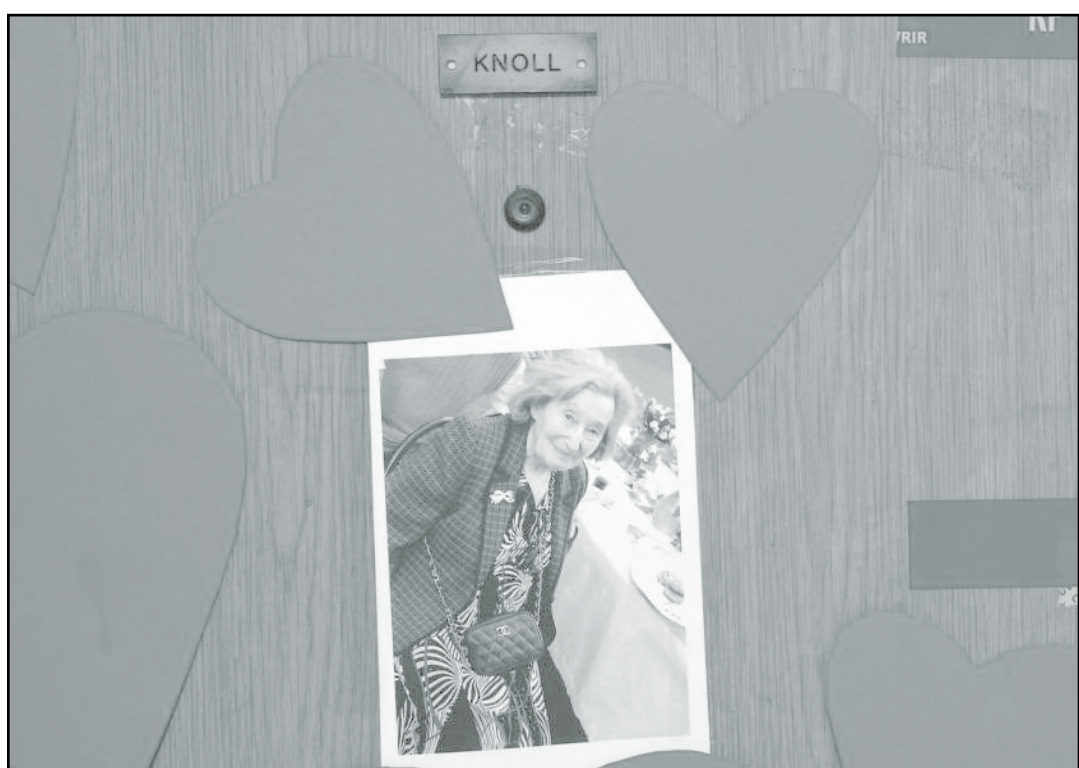
Knoll's granddaughter, Jessica, lashed out at the attackers who "burned all of our memories, burned my entire childhood that I experienced there, in photos, albums, souvenirs."

Speaking Tuesday in Herzliya in central Israel, Jessica Knoll stroked a ring her grandmother gave her on her last visit to Paris, and remembered her irrepresible energy.

"She used to run faster than us," she told the AP.

Daniel Knoll remembered his mother as talkative and vivacious. In a home video she could be seen raising a glass and declaring, "Lechaim!" — "to life!" in Hebrew.

When she could still walk, he said, "she was going to restaurants, to theaters, to cinemas to see movies. She likes so much to read, she likes life so much. All those people who know war, they like life, maybe more than these crazy people" who killed her.



View of the apartment door of Mireille Knoll, 85, who was slain last week, in Paris, France, Tuesday, March 27, 2018. Police seals, hearts and a photo of her are pasted on her entry way. Knoll had been stabbed several times and her apartment set on fire. Two suspects have been given preliminary charges of murder with anti-Semitic motives over the death of an elderly Jewish woman, a French judicial official said Tuesday.

AP photo

Mireille Knoll's husband was deported to Nazi concentration camps, and their wartime experiences colored their children's lives.

Yet, despite a resurgence of anti-Semitic violence and vandalism in recent years, and anti-Israeli sentiment among many young French Muslims, Daniel Knoll said he didn't feel targeted for being Jewish.

Granddaughter Jessica, however, warned that "today it is my grandmother and tomorrow it will be a grandmother, a grandchild, someone else's father."

Jessica Knoll, who emigrated to Israel as a child 20 years ago, urged the French to "stop making excuses and see reality for what it is."

The French Jewish group CRIF compared Knoll's killing to that of Sarah Halimi, 65, who was beaten and thrown from her balcony last April. That murder was reclassified as anti-Semitic last month. The suspect is in a psychiatric hospital.

France's government presented a plan earlier this month to fight racism and anti-Semitism, focusing on social media and prevention in schools. It also wants to change French law to force internet platforms to detect and remove illegal content.

An annual national count of racist, anti-Semitic, anti-Muslim and anti-Christian acts — most involving threats — dipped in 2017 compared with the year before. But anti-Semitic violence increased by 26 percent, and criminal damage to Jewish places of worship and burial by 22 percent.

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for the rich that offers comparatively little for the middle class.

The Democratic message does appear to be breaking through with voters. Among those Americans who are familiar with the new law, 77 percent believe it helps large corporations and 73 percent say it benefits the wealthy, while 53 percent say it helps small businesses. Americans are evenly divided on whether the measure helps the middle class.

Republicans argue Democrats risk overreaching by downplaying the impact that even a small windfall from the tax bill can have for a family and individual. According to the AP-NORC poll, nearly half

of those who receive a paycheck — 46 percent — say they've seen an increase in their take-home pay as a result of the tax law.

Heather Dilios, a 46-year-old social worker from Topsham, Maine, is among them. Dilios, a Republican, estimates she's now taking home between \$100 to \$200 more per paycheck as a result of the new tax law. That's more than she expected when Trump signed the legislation.

Dilios said it's more than the dollar amount that's driving her support for the law.

"It's more about being able to keep what is rightfully mine rather than giving it to the government," she said.

Overall, taxes and the economy are the brightest spots for Trump, who gets lower num-

bers from voters on a range of other issues, including his handling of North Korea (42 percent), trade (41 percent), gun control (39 percent) and the budget deficit (35 percent).

Trump has benefited from an increasingly healthy economy that has boosted consumer and business sentiment. The 4.1 percent unemployment rate is the lowest since 2000 without the same kinds of excesses that fueled that era's tech bubble.

While Trump attributes the gains to his tax cuts and deregulation efforts, many economists say conditions so far are largely a continuation of the momentum from the gradual expansion that began during the Obama administration.

Trump's most recent policy moves have also

rattled financial markets and raised questions about the prospect of an economic slowdown. He slapped hefty tariffs on steel and aluminum imports, though his administration has issued waivers to several countries. And last week, he moved to slap \$60 billion in tariffs on Chinese goods, prompting Beijing to promise swift retaliation.

The full scope and impact of Trump's proposed tariffs won't be known for some time, but the initial reaction

from Americans is decidedly mixed. The AP-NORC poll finds that 38 percent support the steel and aluminum tariffs and 29 percent are opposed.

The poll also finds that just 32 percent of Americans think the tariffs will lead to an increase in jobs, compared with 36 percent who think it will lead to a decrease. Forty percent think it will lead to an increase in consumer prices, while 39 percent think it will lead to a decrease.

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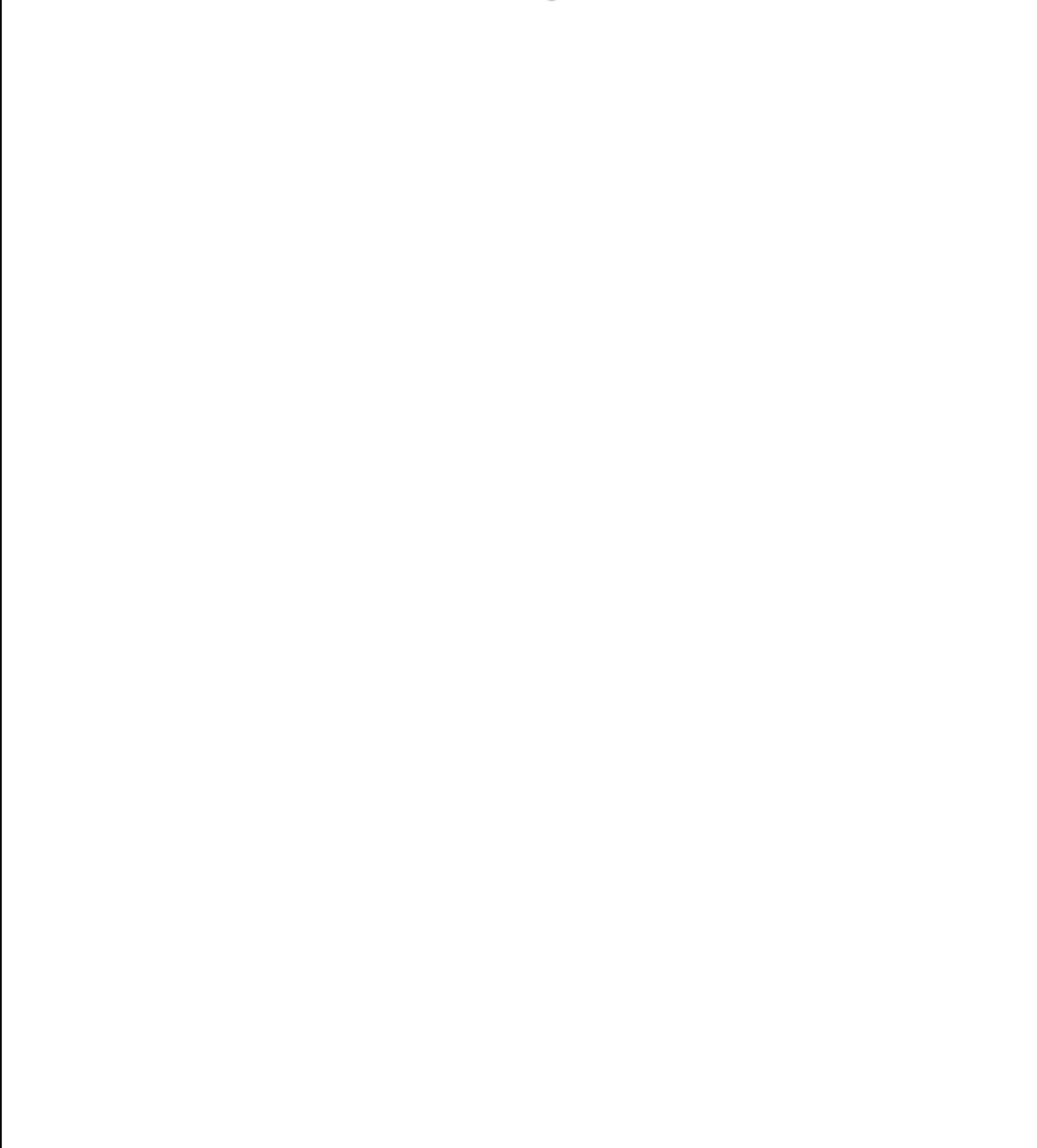
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The Live Healthy, Live Happy Health Fair, sponsored by The Chamber of Commerce, will be held Saturday, April 7, 2018 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. All drawings submitted will be on display during the Health Fair, from 8am to noon.

CONTEST RULES: The Contest is open to all Students, Grades 3-5.

- Create your Poster based on the **LIVE HEALTHY, LIVE HAPPY** theme, and what that theme means to you.
- Submit your Poster to the **Big Spring Herald** before **Noon** on **Monday, April 2.**
- *Only one entry* per student allowed.
- Contestants may use crayons, markers, pencils, pens or colored pencils in designing their poster.
- Adults may assist in completing the entry form, but **may not assist** in designing the poster.
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'Dogettes dominate Stanton 11-0



Courtesy photo

Illiana Sandoval slides into second base during the Coahoma Bulldogettes match against the Stanton Lady Buffaloes Tuesday, March 27, 2018, in Stanton.

Special to the Herald

Big innings in the third and fifth and another solid outing on the mound by Coahoma pitcher MaKynlee Overton contributed to the 11-0 victory against the Lady Buffs on their own turf.

MaKayla Overton had an outstanding day at bat going 3 for 3 at the plate with a double, a triple, 2 runs, and an RBI to help lead the Bulldogettes to their fourth straight district win Tuesday night.

The Bulldogettes pounded out 10 hits for 11 runs with 5 in the third and 6 in the fifth. Kamri Kemper, MaKynlee Overton, and Cassie Grant all brought in 2 RBIs a piece. Kemper went 2 for 3 at bat and had 1 run.

Caitlyn Corley got an RBI from a

sacrifice groundout that allowed Illiana Sandoval time to score. Jaydan Mann, who went 2 for 4 at bat and had 2 runs, tripled in the fifth inning.

Throwing her fourth shutout of the season, MaKynlee Overton earned the win for the Bulldogettes on the mound. She allowed zero runs over 1 hit, walked 1 and had 9 strikeouts. She got 41 strikes from 58 pitches thrown over five innings. Coahoma's season record is now at 12-1.

Next, the No. 7th ranked Coahoma Bulldogettes will face off against the No. 6 ranked team in the state for Class 3A, the Clyde Lady Bulldogs, Thursday at Coahoma. The varsity game begins at 5 p.m. with the JV match to follow at 6:30 p.m.

Box Score	1	2	3	4	5	R	H	E
COAHOMA	0	0	5	0	6	11	10	1
STANTON	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2

Coahoma	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
Lexi Montelongo	4	0	0	0	0	0
Kamri Kemper	3	1	2	2	1	0
Jaydan Mann	4	2	2	0	0	1
MaKynlee Overton	3	0	1	2	0	0
MaKayla Overton	3	2	3	1	0	0
Ashley Romero	0	2	0	0	1	0
Caitlyn Corley	3	0	0	1	0	1
Cassie Grant	3	1	1	2	0	1
Kenzi Canales	3	0	1	0	0	1

Bulldogs blow past Buffaloes 10-4



Courtesy photo

Logan Franklin sends a pitch over the plate during the Bulldogs match against the Stanton Buffaloes Tuesday, March 27, 2018, in Stanton.

Special to the Herald

The Coahoma Bulldogs improved their district record to 2-1 Tuesday night with a resounding victory against the Stanton Buffaloes.

Logan Franklin was deadly on offense for Coahoma hitting 2 for 3 with a double. He had 3 RBIs and 1 run. Franklin was also a major asset on the mound allowing 4 runs from 3 hits, 2 walks and 11 strikeouts. He went 6 innings earning 74 strikes from 114 pitches. Landon Grant came in as relief to get the last out of the game.

Stanton was leading 4-1 by the third inning but Coahoma narrowed the

deficit to 1 run in the fourth. A big 7-run inning in the fifth salted away the game for Coahoma.

Braden Pearson led the Bulldogs at bat. He went 3 for 4 at the plate, had 1 run and 2 RBIs for the game. Zack Schneider went 2 for 4 and had 2 runs and 2 RBIs. Jonathon Schneider also had 2 RBIs.

Overall, the Bulldogs are now 5-10-2 for the season.

Next, the Coahoma will host Clyde on Thursday. The JV game begins at 4:30 p.m. and the varsity game will follow at 7 p.m.

Logan Franklin - W; 2B - Franklin; SB - Z. Holmes (1); Franklin (1)

Box Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
COAHOMA	0	0	1	2	7	0	0	10	10	3
STANTON	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	3	5

Coahoma	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
Zach Holmes	4	1	1	0	0	0
Seth Brooks	2	1	0	0	2	0
Braden Pearson	4	1	3	2	0	0
Logan Franklin	3	1	2	3	0	0
Gaige Hill	4	0	1	0	0	1
Bracy Bacon	3	0	0	0	0	2
Nathan Ramirez	0	0	0	0	1	0
Landon Grant	2	2	0	0	2	1
Jonathon Schneider	3	0	1	2	0	2
Zack Schneider	4	2	2	2	0	0

Rockets pound Bulls 118-86, win 10th straight game

Associated Press

HOUSTON— Eric Gordon scored 31 points and tied a career high with eight 3-pointers on a night James Harden sat out to rest, and the Houston Rockets got their 10th straight win with a 118-86 rout of the Chicago Bulls on Tuesday night.

Trevor Ariza added 21 points and Chris Paul had 13 points and 10 assists in his return after missing the last three games with a sore hamstring.

The NBA-leading Rockets became the first team since San Antonio in the lockout-shortened 2011-12 season to have three winning streaks of at least 10 games in a season. They won 14 in a row from Nov. 16-Dec. 18 and 17 straight from Jan. 28-March 7.

Lauri Markkanen returned after missing Saturday's game with lower back spasms and had 22 points for the Bulls, who dropped their sixth straight.

Around the League

WIZARDS 116, SPURS 106
WASHINGTON (AP) — Markieff Morris shot 7 of 7 from the floor for 15 points, Otto Porter Jr. added 14 and Washington beat San Antonio to snap a three-game losing streak.

San Antonio lost for just the second time in eight games but may have been dealt a

more serious blow with a left knee injury to star LaMarcus Aldridge, who was the game's leading scorer with 13 points before he limped off late in the second quarter. Aldridge is the biggest reason the Spurs have stayed afloat without Kawhi Leonard most of this season.

Washington lit up the NBA's top scoring defense to improve to 15-11 in 26 consecutive games without five-time All-Star guard John Wall, who is close to returning from left knee surgery. The Wizards had dropped to sixth in the East by losing five of seven and could clinch a playoff spot as early as Thursday.

HEAT 98, CAVALIERS 79
MIAMI (AP) — Kelly Olynyk scored 19 points, Dwyane Wade blocked a pair of shots by LeBron James as part of a stifling defensive effort by Miami, and the Heat had little trouble on the way to beating Cleveland.

Josh Richardson and James Johnson each scored 15 points for Miami, which led 54-34 at halftime and has won 10 of its last 11 home games. Wade finished with 12 against the team he spent part of this season with before getting traded back to Miami.

Goran Dragic added 10 for the Heat, who could clinch an Eastern Conference playoff spot by week's end.

James finished with 18 points for the Cavaliers,

whose previous season low for previous was 88. The Cavs are 1-13 this season when held under 100; they're 43-17 when scoring more than 100.

PACERS 92, WARRIORS 81
OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Injury-plagued Golden State again lacked the firepower to finish off an opponent, and Victor Oladipo scored 24 points in Indiana's victory over the defending champions.

Nick Young scored 12 points as Golden State, playing without its four All-Stars for a second straight game, lost back-to-back contests for only the ninth time during coach Steve Kerr's four seasons.

Draymond Green had been set to return but was still feeling ill, while NBA Finals MVP Kevin Durant had hoped to play Tuesday but is likely to be back from a rib injury Thursday against Milwaukee.

Stephen Curry could be out through the first round of the playoffs with a left knee injury, while Splash Brother Klay Thompson is recovering from a fractured right thumb.

TRAIL BLAZERS 107, PELICANS 103

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Damian Lillard scored 20 of his 41 points in the fourth quarter, and Portland beat New Orleans.

Lillard hit his first six shots of the fourth quarter, includ-



AP photo

Houston Rockets guard Chris Paul (3) drives the ball upcourt against the Chicago Bulls at the Toyota Center on Tuesday, March 27, 2018, in Houston.

ing two 3-pointers, to push Portland into its first lead since early in the first quarter. He made two free throws with 1.3 seconds left to seal the victory.

Anthony Davis had 36 points, 14 rebounds and six blocks for the Pelicans, with

22 points coming after he rolled his right ankle and briefly came out of the game with 5:15 left in the third quarter. Jrue Holiday had 21 points, 11 assists and 11 rebounds for New Orleans.

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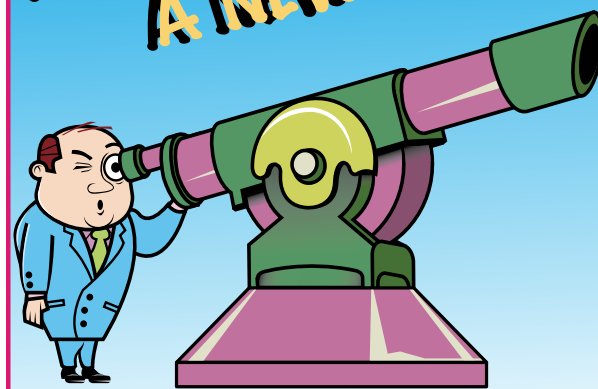
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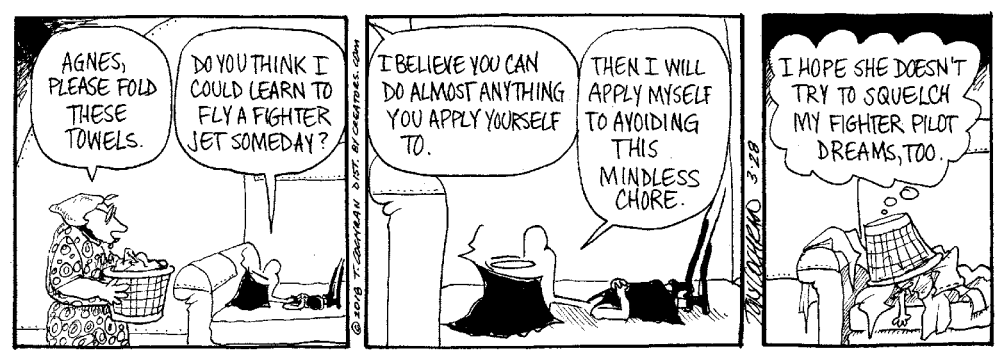
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Today's Highlight in History: On March 28, 1898, the U.S. Supreme Court, in United States v. Wong Kim Ark, ruled 6-2 that Wong, who was born in the United States to Chinese immigrants, was an American citizen.

moment as it struggled to put down heavily armed Shiite militias in new flare-ups of violence. Cuba made it legal for its citizens to own cellphones in their own names.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama, flanked by grim-faced mothers who lost their children to guns, urged lawmakers not to "get squishy" in the face of powerful forces against gun control legislation. Pope Francis washed and kissed the feet of a dozen inmates, including two young women, at a juvenile detention center in a surprising departure from church rules that restricted the Holy Thursday ritual to men. British actor Richard Griffiths, 65, remembered by movie fans for being grumpy Uncle Vernon in the "Harry Potter" movies, died in Coventry, England.

One year ago: President Donald Trump proposed immediate budget cuts of \$18 billion from programs like medical research, infrastructure and community grants so that U.S. taxpayers, not Mexico, could cover the down payment on the border wall. Wells Fargo said it would pay \$110 million to settle a class-action lawsuit over up to 2 million accounts its employees opened for customers without getting their permission.

Today's Birthdays: Author Mario Vargas Llosa is 82. Country musician Charlie McCoy is 77. Movie director Mike Newell is 76. Actress Conchata Ferrell is 75. Philippines President Rodrigo Duterte is 73. Actress Dianne Wiest (weest) is 72. Country singer Reba McEntire is 63. Olympic gold medal gymnast Bart Conner is 60. Actress Alexandra Billings (TV: "Transparent") is 56. Rapper Salt (Salt-N-Pepa) is 52. Actress Tracey Needham is 51. Actor Max Perlich is 50. esza) is 30.

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"It isn't what people think that's important, but the reason they think what they think."

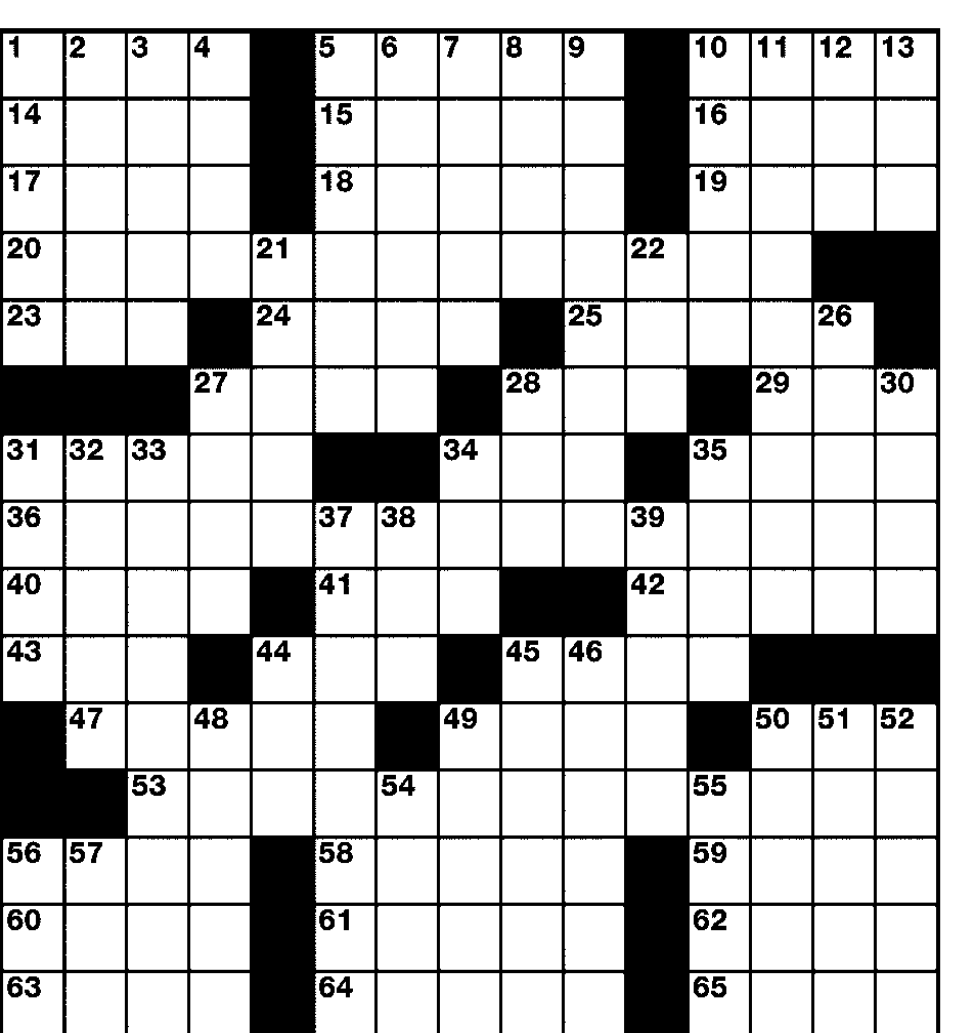
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| 28 New England fish | 22 Be of help |
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| 31 Bird's warbling sound | 27 Rocky Mountain grazers |
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| 36 Highly defensive attitude | 31 Skier's transport |
| 40 "Sad to say..." | 32 Makes a judicial decision |
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| 43 Street cred | 35 Sound of thunder |
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Mediator will attempt to help settle Nassar lawsuits

By DAVID EGGERT

Associated Press

EAST LANSING, Mich.— The sexual abuse scandal at Michigan State University widened when authorities charged a former dean with failing to protect patients from sports doctor Larry Nassar, along with sexually harassing female students and pressuring them for nude selfies.

William Strampel, 70, is the first person charged since an investigation was launched in January into how Michigan State handled complaints against Nassar, who for years sexually violated girls and young women, especially gymnasts, with his fingers during examinations.

The charges against Strampel were announced the same day lawyers for Michigan State and more than 200 girls and women said they will restart talks that could lead to a settlement in civil lawsuits related to the Nassar case. The mediator will be Layn Phillips, a former federal judge in Oklahoma.

Strampel, who as dean of the College of Osteopathic Medicine oversaw the clinic where Nassar worked, neglected his duty to enforce examining-room restrictions imposed on Nassar after a patient accused the doctor in 2014 of sexual contact, authorities alleged.

Nassar was not supposed to treat patients near any "sensitive areas" on the body without a chaperone present. Because Strampel did not follow up to make sure Nassar was complying, he was able to commit a host of additional sexual assaults until he was fired two years later, prosecutors said.

The criminal complaint also accused Strampel of soliciting nude photos from at least one female medical student and using his office to "harass, discriminate, demean, sexually proposition, and sexually assault female students in violation of his statutory duty as a public officer."

His work computer was found to contain about 50 photos of female genitalia, nude and semi-nude women, sex toys and pornography, prosecutors said. "Many of these photos are of what appear to be 'selfies' of female MSU students, as evidenced by the MSU clothing and piercings featured in multiple photos," according to the complaint.

It said the computer also had a video of Nassar "performing a 'treatment' on a young female patient." It was not immediately clear whether the video was considered evidence of inappropriate behavior by Strampel. Defense attorney John Dakmak said it most likely was one that Nassar widely used to show certain techniques.

Strampel was accused also of grabbing two students' buttocks at the college's annual ball and a scholarship dinner.



AP photo

Special Prosecutor Bill Forsyth, center, provides an update on his investigation into Michigan State University, Tuesday, March 27, 2018, in Lansing, Mich.

He spent Monday night in jail and was released Tuesday on \$25,000 bail. The felony and misdemeanor charges — misconduct in office, criminal sexual conduct and two counts of neglect of duty — carry maximum penalties ranging from a year to five years behind bars.

"My client denies that he ever engaged in any inappropriate touching of anyone, any student or otherwise," Dakmak said. "He denies that there was any quid pro quo for sexual favors in exchange for any type of standing within the university, or the medical school."

The defense attorney also disputed the notion that Strampel neglected his duty to oversee Nassar, saying it was the responsibility of the university's Title IX investigators to ensure Nassar abided by the restrictions on his practice.

Bill Forsyth, who was hired by Michigan's attorney general to investigate the university, would not discuss the photos on Strampel's computer or precisely how Strampel obtained them.

"This is an ongoing investigation," Forsyth said at a news conference. "We would encourage anybody with information, whether it be about former Dean Strampel or whether it's about anything at Michigan State that they're concerned about, call the hotline at the attorney general's office and report that."

Nassar, 54, pleaded guilty to molesting patients and possessing child pornography and was sentenced to spend the rest of his

life in prison earlier this year after roughly 200 women gave powerful statements against him in two courtrooms over 10 extraordinary days.

Strampel told authorities in 2017 that he did not check to see if Nassar was obeying the examining-room restrictions because Nassar had been "exonerated" in an investigation by police and the university. At least 12 reported assaults occurred after the probe ended, according to university police.

Nassar was fired in 2016 for violating the chaperone rules. Strampel announced his leave of absence as dean — citing medical reasons — in December. In February, interim Michigan State President John Engler announced plans to fire Strampel, who still has tenure that protects his employment as a faculty member.

In a statement, Engler said the charges against Strampel "confirm our belief that he has fallen far short of what is expected and required from academic leadership."

More than 250 girls and women have sued Michigan State, Strampel and other current and former university officials, USA Gymnastics — where Nassar also worked — and others.

Ray Cassar, a Detroit-area defense attorney not involved in the case, said prosecutors might have a hard time proving the neglect-of-duty charges against Strampel.

"He may have had a moral duty or ethical duty. But they're going to have to show he had an actual legal duty," Cassar said. "Does the dean of the medical school have a duty to check every single employee to see if they're complying with his directives?"

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RAPTORS 114, NUGGETS 110

TORONTO (AP) — DeMar DeRozan, Jonas Valanciunas, and Fred VanVleet each scored 15 points and Toronto beat Denver.

Jakob Poeltl scored all of his 12 points in the fourth quarter, including eight straight for Toronto at one stretch.

Serge Ibaka had 13 points, Pascal Siakam 12 and Kyle Lowry 11 as the Raptors improved to 31-7 at home.

Toronto, which lost to the Clippers on Sunday, avoided what would have been its fifth two-game losing streak. The Eastern Conference-leading Raptors have yet to lose three consecutive games this season.

Nikola Jokic had 29 points and 16 rebounds, and Paul Millsap scored 20 points for the Nuggets, who lost their second straight and fourth

in six games.

CLIPPERS 105, BUCKS 98

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Tobias Harris scored 19 points, DeAndre Jordan had a double-double and Los Angeles rallied after blowing a 16-point lead to beat Milwaukee and boost its playoff hopes.

The Clippers hit six 3-pointers in the fourth, when they were down by five and launched a 13-0 run to go back in front 96-88.

They made 3-pointers on four straight possessions — by four different players — for a 105-96 lead.

Jordan had 12 points and 16 rebounds, and Lou Williams added 16 points off the bench.

Los Angeles trails Minnesota by 1 1/2 games for the eighth and final Western Conference playoff berth.

MAVERICKS 103, KINGS 97

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Harrison Barnes had 20 points, six assists

and five rebounds, and Dallas beat Sacramento while protesters forced a lockdown of Golden1 Center for the second time in six days.

Dennis Smith Jr. added 19 points and six assists in his second game back from an ankle injury. Doug McDermott scored seven of his 15 points during a big run in the fourth quarter, and Aaron Harrison and Johnathan Motley had 10 points apiece to help Dallas end a five-game losing streak.

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