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School days, school days...



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Next school year's kindergarteners and their parents were at Moss Elementary School Tuesday evening for the Big Spring Independent School District's Kindergarten Round Up. At the event, children are assessed for placement in one of the district's kindergarten classes; while parents present birth certificates, Social Security cards, and immunization records, and fill out some brief paperwork. Additional Kindergarten Round Ups will be held Thursday at Moss, and April 10 and 12 at Marcy Elementary School. All Round Ups run from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Call the BSISD's Records and Registration Office at 432-264-3622 for more information.

Chamber has 'Meet the Candidates' forums planned

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

There's an election coming up May 5 for Howard County school and city officials, and the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce has invited them to come and introduce themselves to the public in a couple of "Meet the Candidates" forums this month.

"This is just the Chamber's way to get the candidates out there, have people come and meet them and know their political platform, and maybe get to talk to them one on one after the forum," said Chamber Director Debbye Valverde.

Valverde said there will be two forums, one for Coahoma city council and school board candidates, and the other for Big Spring city council and school board candidates.

"Coahoma is on April the 10th at the High School Auditorium from 6:30 to 8 (p.m.). Every candidate should have received a letter; hopefully we'll hear from them by next Friday to see if they will or will not be able to attend," she said. "We'd like to have all of them. We'd really like to have all of them. Big Spring will be on the 16th at the Hall Center for the Arts on the Howard College Campus. The time is the same: from 6:30 to 8."

Candidates will each have a short time to speak, followed by a time for voters to meet the candidates personally.

"They'll have about two to three minutes to talk about themselves and to comment on their campaign platform," Valverde said. "There is no question and answer, this is not a debate. And then, afterwards, their constituents can come up and meet them. There will be a little 'meet and greet'."

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But first, coffee.

By **MARISSA LOFTIN** here in Big Spring.
 Managing Editor

Kindred at Home

Friday is approaching, which means it is almost time for Kindred Coffee Hour. If you haven't yet attended this free public event put on by Kindred at Home and SMMC, here is a little information about it.

Kindred Coffee Hour is a weekly event that takes place every Friday, and is always free to the public. Previously held at Cornerhouse Coffee, the coffee hour now takes place at the Yellow Rose Cafe inside Scenic Mountain Medical Center located at 1601 W. 11th place

The Kindred staff provides blood pressure checks as well as oxygen and heart rate checks, and of course, coffee! Most of Kindred's coffee hours feature a guest speaker to help educate the community about their health, whether it be medically related or not. It's different every week!

"Our goal is to develop relationships in the community," said Christian Fair. "Whether we are able to direct people in the right direction when it comes to

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'Pops' planning meeting held Tuesday



Left, HERALD photo/Roger Cline; right, HERALD file photo

Left, members of the Pops in the Park Planning Committee discuss plans for the upcoming annual Independence Day celebration. The group met Tuesday at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce office. Right, Dr. Keith Graumann addresses the crowd at 2017's Pops.

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

The Pops in the Park Planning Committee held a meeting Tuesday at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce offices to discuss plans for the annual summer festival, scheduled for Tuesday, July 3.

"The point of the meeting was to make sure that all of the different groups involved in getting this to run smoothly are on the right schedule to get everything in order before the show, so that it goes off without a hitch," said Committee Chairperson Emily McCann. "It went well. We're doing good. We're a little bit ahead of schedule this year, which is always exciting and good news."

McCann said the show will feature two area bands as well as the Big Spring Symphony's concert.

"We'll have Spur 327 from Lubbock, and then Justin Kaczyk and the Natural Outlaws, and they're from here in Big Spring," she said. Spur 327 is a four-piece Country and Classic Rock band featuring Heath Stewart on lead vocals and rhythm guitar, Andy Hackney on lead guitar and vocals, Tyge Payne on bass and vocals, and Todd Chambers on drums.

McCann described Justin Kaczyk and the Natural Outlaws as "eclectic."

"A little of everything," she said. "A little country, a little rock and roll, a little oldies, some they've written themselves."

Dr. Keith Graumann, music director and conductor of the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra, was on hand at the meeting to report on the planning for the Symphony concert.

"We'll have our usual patriotic time, which is about an hour after the flag ceremony and before the fireworks. We do about an hour with the Big Spring Symphony and Chorus," he said. "A lot of those are standards, but they're normally patriotic, and we try to alternate a few, add in and take out, so there's some variety."

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City offices adopt new hours

Special to the Herald

Starting this week, the Big Spring City Hall and City Hall Annex at 501 Runnels have a new schedule - They're closing for lunch.

According to a press release from the city of Big Spring, Effective April 2, the Big Spring City Hall and City Hall Annex will be closed for lunch from 12 p.m. (noon) to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday. New hours of operation for both locations will be 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For more information, contact City Hall at 432-264-2346.

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Obituaries

Dixie Bannister



Dixie Bannister, 74, of Coahoma, died Tuesday, March 27, 2018, at her residence. The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. Friday, April 6, 2018, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Memorial service will begin at 11 a.m. with Pastor Billy Guy of Full Gospel Fellowship, officiating. Interment will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Dixie was born April 26, 1943, in

Big Spring, Texas, to Georgia Inez Moser Luce and Perry Luce.

She is survived by two sons, Robert Bannister of Water Valley and Phil Masters of Gatesville; one daughter, Kathy Walker of San Angelo; one brother, Alvin Luce and wife Donell of Big Spring; six grandchildren; nine great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Ben Anderson and one son Michael Bull Masters.

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

Police, Sheriff Reports

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **CARLOS HERNAN MORALES**, 46, of 1225 Cielo Vista Dr., Dallas, Texas, was arrested a charge of public intoxication.
- **ROGER SHANE MILLER**, 46, of 4901 N Salem Rd., was arrested on a warrant of theft of service less than or equal to \$750 to \$2,500.
- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported on Gregg and FM 700.
- **BURLGARY OF HABITATION** was reported in the 500

block of Westover Rd.

- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported on FM 700 and Gregg, on 3rd and Scurry, and in the 2600 block of Gregg St.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1600 block of State St.

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 79 inmates at the time of this report.

- **TIFFANY JO BAKLEY**, 19,

was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of theft of property less than or equal to \$750 to \$2,500.

- **MICHAEL ANGELO GARZA**, 29, was arrested by BSPD on warrant of criminal mischief in between \$100 to \$750.

• **ROGER SHANE MILLER**, 46, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of theft of service less than or equal to \$750 to \$2,500.

- **CARLOS HERNAN MORALES**, 46, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

Take Note

• Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas, handles legal issues affecting Veterans, Retirees, and their family members. They will have clinics that provides volunteer attorneys that will provide free legal advice (up to 25 minutes depending on the issue). A pro bono attorney may be assigned to handle some cases that include: bankruptcy, consumer issues/contract, child support and custody, divorce, employment, foreclosure, housing, landlord/tenant, probate and guardianship, real estate, social security/SSI, Veterans benefits/issues, wills and estate planning. The Clinic dates are on May 24, Aug. 23, Nov. 1 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Northside Community Center on 110 N.E 8th St. Applicants must be financially eligible to obtain services. Please bring a copy of your DD215 and/or Veterans ID card. Appointments are required. For more information or to make an appointment, please contact Pete Fierro at 432-332-1207, ext. 4511.

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

• The Howard County Fair Board thanks all those who are working on a square for the 2018 quilt. There are still a few squares left to be done; 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.

• Scholarship packets for Coahoma High School seniors are now available at the counselor's office. Thousands of dollars worth 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 395-5000 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.

• 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 community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

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

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

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

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

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

• 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 Thursday 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.

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

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

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

• Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to visit patients. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Beverly Grant at 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

Jesse R. Crane, Jr.

Jesse R. Crane, Jr., 85, of Sand Springs, died Monday, April 2, 2018, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. 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 900 block of E 13th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 4400 block of Eldet. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1100 block of Stanford. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **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 4000 block of W Hwy 80. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Support Groups

WEDNESDAY

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

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

THURSDAY

• GriefShare is a Biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support). Weekly Feb. 8 through May 10, 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for more information.

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

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FORUMS

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afterward, and the candidates are more than welcome to bring, if they have stickers, if they have signs, buttons, what have you, and have those out."

The event is open to the public, said Valverde.

Contested races in Coahoma include one at-large city council seat

and three at-large school board seats are up for grabs. There are four candidates - T.J. Rueda, Sharon Dodson, Cody Ditto, and David Alaman - running for the lone city seat, while 11 candidates - incumbents Jody Reid and Dicky Stone, and challengers Blain Redden, Kenni Kay Wright, Adrian Abrego, Brandon Rodgers, Brandon Atkins, Scott Tuttle, Greg Moore, Odis Franklin, and Philip Bacon - are running for the three school board seats.

In Big Spring, contested races include City Council District 2, with three contenders seeking to replace incumbent Carmen Harbour, who has come to the end of her term limit. They are Johnnie Rawls Jr., Doug Harman, and Eric Escamilla. On the school board side, only the District 4 seat, currently held by Tony Kennedy, is up for grabs. Kennedy won't be running for re-election; instead, candidates Bond Ryan, Melissa Miller, and Steven Hobbs will vie for the

position.

Neither Forsan nor the Howard College Board of Trustees have any contested races this May.

For more information about the candidate forums, contact the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 432-263-7641.

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

POPS

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Graumann was able to list a few of the songs that will be performed during the fireworks show, but stressed that he's still working on the complete list.

"The list is incomplete, so we'll add to that and get it more firmed up over the next month or so," he said.

So far, Graumann said he plans to feature Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the USA," Richard Wagner's classical piece "The Ride of the Valkyries," and Katie Perry's pop hit "Firework."

McCann said the next Pops planning meeting will be on May 1.

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COFFEE

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their health, or even if they are already doing great, we just love being able to offer this service to the community, and we are so happy about its continued growth despite the location change."

Any age is welcome to attend. So if you would like to know more about the topics each week, the guest speakers or what all this coffee hour can offer you, please contact Christian Fair at 432-816-3573.

By ERRIN HAINES WHACK

AP National Writer

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Fifty years after the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated, the civil rights leader's family and admirers were marking the anniversary of his death with marches, speeches and quiet reflection Wednesday.

The commemorations stretched from his hometown of Atlanta to Memphis, where he died, and points beyond.

Hundreds of people bundled in hats and coats gathered early in Memphis for a march led by the same sanitation workers union whose low pay King had come to protest when he was shot.

Others were assembling in Atlanta, where King's daughter the Rev. Bernice A. King was set to moderate an awards ceremony in his honor.

The Memphis events are scheduled to feature King's contemporaries, including the Rev. Jesse Jackson, the Rev. Al Sharpton and U.S. Rep. John Lewis, along with celebrities such as the rapper Common. In the evening, the Atlanta events culminate with a bell-ringing and wreath-laying at his crypt to mark the moment when he was gunned down on the balcony of

Speeches, marches mark Martin Luther King anniversary



AP photo

The Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II, center, and Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis, left, co-chairs of the Poor People's Campaign, speak at the National Civil Rights Museum Tuesday, April 3, 2018, in Memphis, Tenn. They announced the campaign is preparing for 40 days of non-violent "direct action" in about 30 states that will climax with a rally in Washington this June. The organization is the rekindling of the campaign to help poor people that the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was working on when he was killed April 4, 1968, in Memphis.

the old Lorraine Motel on April 4, 1968. He was 39.

Wednesday's events followed a rousing celebration the night before of King's "I've Been To the Mountaintop" speech at Memphis' Mason Temple Church of God in Christ. He delivered this speech the night before he was assassinated.

Inside the church, Bernice King called her older brother, Martin Luther King III, to join her in the pulpit, and she discussed the difficulty of publicly mourning their father — a man hated during his lifetime, now beloved around the world.

"It's important to see two of the children who lost their daddy 50 years ago to an assassin's bullet," said Bernice King, now 55. "But we kept going. Keep all of us in prayer as we continue the grieving process for a parent that we've had yet to bury."

The anniversary coincides with a resurgence of white supremacy, the continued shootings of unarmed black men and a parade of discouraging statistics on the lack of progress among black Americans on issues from housing to education to wealth. But rather than despair, the resounding message repeated at the church was one of resilience, resolve, and a renewed commitment to King's legacy and unfinished work.

A gospel singer led a rousing rendi-

tion of "Lift Every Voice and Sing," and the gathering took on the air of a mass meeting.

Lee Saunders, a national labor leader, recounted how on that night in 1968, King made an unplanned appearance to deliver the famous speech without notes after his aides saw how passionate the crowd was: "There was one man they wanted to hear from."

But Saunders stressed that the purpose of the week's commemorations was not just to look to the past.

"Dr. King's work — our work — isn't done. We must still struggle; we must still sacrifice. We must still educate and organize and mobilize. That's why we're here in Memphis. Not just to honor our history, but to seize our future," he said.

Former President Barack Obama spoke in a video, saying "as long as we're still trying, Dr. King's soul is still rejoicing."

Some of the sanitation workers who participated with King in a 1968 strike sat in the front row and were treated like celebrities, with audience members stopping to take photos with them before the event started.

The commemoration of the "Mountaintop" speech followed an an-

nouncement earlier in the day by civil rights leaders who are reviving an economic justice campaign first planned by King. The organizers of a new Poor People's Campaign are planning 40 days of marches, sit-ins and other peaceful protests.

Starting May 14, clergy, union members and other activists will take part in the events in about 30 states, targeting Congress and state legislatures. Then, on June 23, organizers plan a large rally in Washington — similar to what King had envisioned. The original Poor People's Campaign was carried out in 1968 after King's death by other civil rights leaders.

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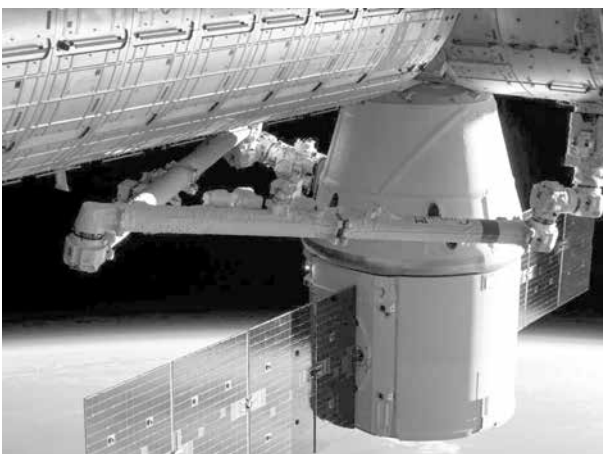
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SpaceX capsule reaches space station with food, experiments



By The Associated Press

A SpaceX capsule carrying food, experiments and other goods for NASA has arrived at the International Space Station after a two-day journey.

The Dragon capsule and its 6,000-pound shipment was captured by the space station's robot arm Wednesday.

It's the second trip to the 250-mile-high orbiting outpost for this capsule, refurbished following a visit two years ago. It will remain attached to the space station for about a month, returning to Earth in May.

The space station is currently home to astronauts from the U.S., Russia and Japan.

The supply capsule launched Monday from Cape

Canaveral, Florida, aboard a used Falcon rocket. SpaceX wants to reduce launch costs by recycling rocket parts. It combined a recycled capsule and a recycled rocket once before.

In this image provided by NASA, the Dragon capsule arrives at the International Space Station on Wednesday, April 4, 2018, with food and experiments. It will remain attached to the orbiting outpost for about a month, returning to Earth in May. Dragon launched Monday from Cape Canaveral, Florida, aboard a used Falcon rocket. SpaceX wants to reduce launch costs by recycling rocket parts.

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Police in Detroit and Houston probe livestreamed shootings

DETROIT (AP) — Police are investigating accidental shootings in Detroit and Houston that were livestreamed on social media and that left a teenager dead and a man on life support.

Detroit police say two 18-year-olds were live on Instagram Saturday night showing money and a gun when one of them shot the other in the back of the head, killing him. Police say the teen who fired the gun told investigators he accidentally put his finger on the trigger and that the rifle discharged. He was taken into custody.

The victim died before paramedics arrived at the home, which is on Detroit's northwest side.

Police haven't released the names of the shooter or the victim.

In Houston, a 25-year-old woman shot a male acquaintance early Sunday while waving a handgun inside of a parked car. The shooting, which police are treating as accidental, was streamed on Facebook live.

The victim, identified by family members as Devyn Holmes, was sitting in the car when he was hit. He was hospitalized but is brain dead

and on life support, authorities said.

In the video, Cassandra Damper can be seen waving the handgun while Holmes tells her, "Hey man, you're making me nervous."

An unidentified third person in the vehicle, a man, is heard saying, "She got no clip bud," a reference to the lack of an ammunition clip in the gun. But seconds later, the guns fires, hitting Holmes on the side of his head. A gun without an ammunition clip can still fire if there was a bullet in the gun's chamber, though police are still investigating and haven't said that was the case in Holmes' shooting.

Damper has been charged with tampering/fabricating evidence. Authorities say she tried to wipe off any gunshot residue she might have had on her hands.

Court records didn't list an attorney for Damper, who is free on \$2,500 bond.

The case will be referred to a grand jury for possible additional charges.

It is unclear how many people, if any, were watching the livestreams when the shootings happened.

Howard Payne University students offer donated prom dresses



In this March 23, 2018 photo, Daimia Partin takes a picture of a dress for her sister Savannah at Howard Payne University in Brownwood, Texas, as her 3 year-old son Barrett watches. Partin was looking at prom dresses for her sister, a sophomore at Priddy High School. HPU's Social Work Club sponsors the Cinderella Project each spring, which makes slightly-used prom dresses available to high school girls at no cost.

By RONALD W. ERDRICH

Abilene Reporter-News

BROWNWOOD, Texas
— At \$500 a frock, "one-and-

done" sounds painful when applied to a prom dress. But for many girls, that's exactly what it comes down to.

"My mom had seven kids" Sierra Spruill said. "It's hard to pay for prom dress for each one."

The Abilene Reporter-News reports Spruill is a senior at Howard Payne University and the president of the Social Work Club. It's a service club at the university whose

members assist groups within the larger community outside of the school.

"We do a blanket drive for the Salvation Army, we help with National Night Out," Spruill said. "We reach out to organizations in our community that need a little help."

The Social Work Club recently held its annual Cinderella Project to assist girls with the cost of prom. The

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Texas renews request to expedite execution process

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas is again attempting to expedite the execution process by seeking U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions' approval to opt in to a federal law shortening legal deadlines and limiting appeals options for death-sentenced inmates.

State's Attorney General spokeswoman Kayleigh Lovvorn tells the Houston Chronicle that the renewed request to the Justice Department will avoid "stressful delays" and cut "excessive costs" of lengthy federal court proceedings.

Defense attorneys say the opt-in would lead to executing innocent people and could end ongoing appeals for many death row prisoners if applied retroactively. The request has sparked a federal lawsuit and hundreds of comments from the American Civil Liberties Union, the American Bar Association, Mexico's government and defense lawyers.

Texas would be the first state to receive opt-in approval in more than two decades if Sessions greenlights the application.

Texas Tech Knight Raiders Place Third in Final Four of Chess

Special to the Herald

Texas Tech University's award-winning chess team, The Knight Raiders, has placed third at the 2018 President's Cup at the Marshall Chess Club in New York City. The championship, also known as the Final Four of College Chess, included defending champion Webster University, Saint Louis University and the University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley (UT-RGV). It's the fifth consecutive year and eighth time overall Texas Tech has competed in the national championship.

"This was the strongest, and at the same time the most competitive, chess Final Four ever," said Alex Onischuk, chess coach and program director. "Any of the four teams could have won the event. We were seeded fourth by rating before the tournament. We lost to Webster in round one with the minimum margin of 1.5

to 2.5. In round two, we beat a very strong team, Saint Louis University, by the same score.

"Going into the last round, our team needed to win big against our rivals at UT-RGV to win the title, but our opponents played better and we lost 1 to 3. It was a well-deserved victory for UT-RGV."

Texas Tech finished the tournament with 5 total points, beating Saint Louis University's fourth-place finish of 4.5 points. UT-RGV took the crown with 7.5 total points. Webster University finished in second place with 7 points, ending their five-year streak as champions of the tournament.

Four Knight Raiders collected points in the competition. International Grandmasters Pavlo

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O'Rourke raises \$6.7M, keeping flush his bid to upset Cruz

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Democratic U.S. Rep Beto O'Rourke says he raised more than \$6.7 million in the first three months of the year in his underdog bid to oust Republican Sen. Ted Cruz.

O'Rourke announced Tuesday that his first quarter donations came from more than 141,000 individual contributors.

Cruz hasn't released his latest fundraising figures. But O'Rourke outraised him during last year's second and fourth quarters despite shunning money from outside political groups. Cruz has no such prohibition and has maintained a lead in overall cash on hand.

O'Rourke is a onetime punk rocker who is giving up his El Paso-based House seat for the Senate race. He's promised to visit all of Texas' 254 counties before November's election.

A Democrat hasn't won statewide office in Texas since 1994, the nation's longest political losing streak.

Mexican police: bus from Houston crashes, 1 dead, 15 injured

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Federal police in the northern Mexico border state of Nuevo Leon say a bus that started out in Houston, Texas, has crashed on a rural highway, killing one person and injuring 15 others.

A photo of the bus posted Tuesday on the federal police Twitter account

showed the vehicle laying on its side in a ditch, halfway off the road.

The bus operated by the Pegaso line was headed to the city of Monterrey when it crashed.

There was no immediate information on the identity of the victim or the condition of the injured.

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San Antonio tricentennial remembers the Alamo and much more



By **BETH L. HARPAZ**
AP Travel Editor

San Antonio, Texas, is remembering the Alamo along with the rest of its history as part of a 300th birthday celebration.

The city was founded in 1718 when Spanish settlers built the Mission San Antonio de Valero — today known as the Alamo — along the San Antonio River. In 1836, the Alamo was the site of a legendary battle as Texas fought for independence from Mexico.

A tricentennial commemorative week is scheduled for May 1 to May 6. For visitors, May 4 will be of particular interest, with arts events, a festival and fireworks. For travelers who'd like to see San Antonio but can't make that week in May, the city is hosting exhibitions and other festivals throughout the year, and you can visit the Alamo anytime, along with the River Walk just across the street.

TRICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE WEEK
The Alamo and four other 18th-century missions

built as outposts of Spain's colonial empire make up the only UNESCO World Heritage site in Texas. The commemorative week kicks off May 1 with a day of reflection on San Antonio's diversity and heritage that includes recognition for the indigenous Payaya people who inhabited the area before Europeans arrived. A candlelight vigil and sunset services will take place on the city's Main Plaza, with city-wide ringing of church bells. A visual story about San Antonio's founding called "The Saga" will be projected on San Fernando Cathedral's facade that night and other times that week.

May 2 is themed on history and education with events at libraries and schools.

On May 3, Founders Day, college campuses host fairs, speakers and shows, and Morgan's Wonderland, an amusement park designed for children with disabilities, celebrates inclusiveness with free admission for all. (The park always waives admission for visitors with disabilities.)

May 4, themed on arts for all, is the best day for out-of-towners to join the

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This March 6, 2013, file photo, shows the Alamo in San Antonio, Texas. The Alamo is best known as the site of a legendary 1836 battle, but it was originally built in 1718 as a Spanish mission. San Antonio dates the city's founding to the opening of that mission 300 years ago and plans a week of tricentennial commemorative events for May.

AP photo

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expenses add up real quick for a spring formal dance.

"Prom dresses range from \$200 to about \$400, or \$500, depending on sequins and all of that. They are crazy expensive," Spruill said. "A prom dress is pretty much a one-time thing, you don't re-wear a prom dress. You go the first time and that's your grand finale for that dress."

The philosophy works when it comes to a wedding dress, not so much in any other context, however. Consequently, there are a lot of slightly-used — or even purchased but never worn — prom frocks in the world.

Wouldn't it be great to sort through some of those? That's exactly the idea behind the Cinderella Project, now in its 12th year.

"Girls want to experience the prom. Every year, as juniors and seniors you get to go and it's a piece of your high school experience," Spruill said. "Not having to pay for that makes it one hundred percent better."

"That's right. Instead of \$500, girls could get a prom dress for the cost of a breath of fresh air. Remember all those dresses in the world? There's lots of now-wiser girls who love passing them on."

"We put out flyers at Howard Payne and (the dresses) come from the girls on campus, or even from the guys whose sisters bought dresses," Spruill said. "(People) in the community hear about the drive and contact us to say they have dresses to donate."

One of the most interesting twists are those girls who came a year or two before to get a dress, and then returned that garment to pick out a new one.

"That's truly a blessing, that they get to take away and give at the same time," Spruill said. "They get to give back, to what was giving to them."

It's held HPU's Girling Center for Social Justice and there's no eligibility requirements. The club asks the girls to fill out a questionnaire asking where they are from, how many dresses are required and to whom the dresses are going. The club reaches out to local school districts to determine their dates for prom to strategically coordinate their own two-day event.

"So that it will benefit as many schools as possible," Spruill explained.

Skylare Strasser, 17, came from Bangs with her grandmother, Debbie Williams. Strasser was getting nowhere finding a dress at a retailer that she liked.

"I looked everywhere; David's Bridal, Beall's, even the glamour shop downtown and I couldn't find anything in my size that would actually look good on me and be slimming," she said. "I heard about this Cinderella Project and I said to my Nana, 'Nana, we have to go to this 'cause you never know. They could have all sorts of dresses?'"

It was a good bet, Strasser left satisfied with what she found.

"We were really excited, it's an awesome thing they're doing," said her nana.

Daimia Partin was shopping for her sister Savannah, a sophomore at Priddy High School who happened to also be competing in a track meet in Zephyr that afternoon.

"She couldn't be here, but we definitely needed a free dress because we don't need to spend the money," Partin said. "We have a brother that's a senior this year, and he's got to get invitations and everything. We are trying to save money and this is what we decided to do."

Partin deserves a particular shout-out; not only was she shopping for dresses and texting photos of them to her sister, she also had to keep an eye on her year-old son Barrett.

If you've ever been a little boy stuck in a dress shop, you know it doesn't exactly rise to the heights of diversion you're accustomed to. Fortunately, cartoons nowadays play on smartphones.

"The theme this year is Enchanted Garden, so we're kind of looking for green but other than that I'm not too sure," Partin said. "I've probably gone through about eight and thought 'Okay, maybe this one,' and sent it to her."

In between running the 400, her sister settled on "the sparkly one." So far, so good.

"That's what we're going for," Partin said, sounding relieved.

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Vorontsov, a computer science major from Kyiv, Ukraine, and Sergey Matsenko, a graduate interdisciplinary studies student from Chelyabinsk, Russia, each finished with 1.5 points.

International Grandmaster Andrii Baryshpolets, a doctoral economics student from Kyiv, Ukraine, and International Master Jack Shtembuliak, a finance major from Odessa, Ukraine, each finished with 1 point. International Master Luis Torres, a mechanical engineering major from

Cuidad del Carmen, Mexico, attended the tournament as an alternate.

The chess program was established within the Division of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion in 2007 and has since earned more than 10 national titles. The Knight Raiders finished second in 2017, third in 2010 and 2014-2016, and won back-to-back national titles in 2011 and 2012. The university was named Chess College of the Year in 2014.

Onischuk will be inducted into the U.S. Chess Hall of Fame on April 17. He was named Grandmaster of the Year in 2014 and has been ranked as one of the top 100 players in the world for the past 20 years.

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US suspects cellphone spying devices in DC

By FRANK BAJAK

AP Technology Writer

For the first time, the U.S. government has publicly acknowledged the existence in Washington of what appear to be rogue devices that foreign spies and criminals could be using to track individual cellphones and intercept calls and messages.

The use of what are known as cellphone-site simulators by foreign powers has long been a concern, but American intelligence and law enforcement agencies — which use such eavesdropping equipment themselves — have been silent on the issue until now.

In a March 26 letter to Oregon Sen. Ron Wyden, the Department of Homeland Security acknowledged that last year it identified suspected unauthorized cell-site simulators in the nation's capital. The agency said it had not determined the type of devices in use or who might have been operating them. Nor did it say how many it detected or where.

The agency's response, obtained by The Associated Press from Wyden's office, suggests little has been done about such equipment, known popularly as Stingrays after a brand common among U.S. police departments. The Federal Communications Commission, which regulates the nation's airwaves, formed a task force on the subject four years ago, but it never produced a report and no longer meets regularly.

The devices work by tricking mobile devices into locking onto them instead of legitimate cell towers, revealing the exact location of a particular cellphone. More sophisticated versions can eavesdrop on calls by forcing phones to step down to older, unencrypted 2G wireless technology. Some attempt to plant malware.

They can cost anywhere from \$1,000 to about \$200,000. They are commonly the size of a briefcase; some are as small as a cellphone. They can be placed in a car next to a government building. The most powerful can be deployed in low-flying aircraft.

Thousands of members of the military, the NSA, the CIA, the FBI and the rest of the national-security apparatus live and work in the Washington area. The surveillance-savvy among them encrypt their phone and data communications and employ electronic countermeasures. But unsuspecting citizens could fall prey.

Wyden, a Democrat, wrote DHS in November requesting information about unauthorized use of the cell-site simulators.

The reply from DHS official Christopher Krebs noted that DHS had observed "anomalous activity" consistent with Stingrays in the Washington area. A DHS official who spoke on condition of anonymity because the letter has not been publicly released added that the devices were detected in a 90-day trial that began in January 2017 with equipment from a Las Vegas-based DHS contractor, ESD America.

Krebs, the top official in the department's National Protection and Programs Directorate, noted in the letter that DHS lacks the equipment and funding to detect Stingrays even though their use by foreign governments "may threaten U.S. national and economic security." The department did report its findings to "federal partners" Krebs did not name. That presumably includes the FBI.

The CEO of ESD America, Les Goldsmith, said his company has a relationship with DHS but would not comment further.

Legislators have been raising alarms about the use of Stingrays in the capital since at least 2014, when Goldsmith and other security-company researchers conducted public sweeps that located suspected unauthorized devices near the White House, the Supreme Court, the Commerce Department and the Pentagon, among other locations.

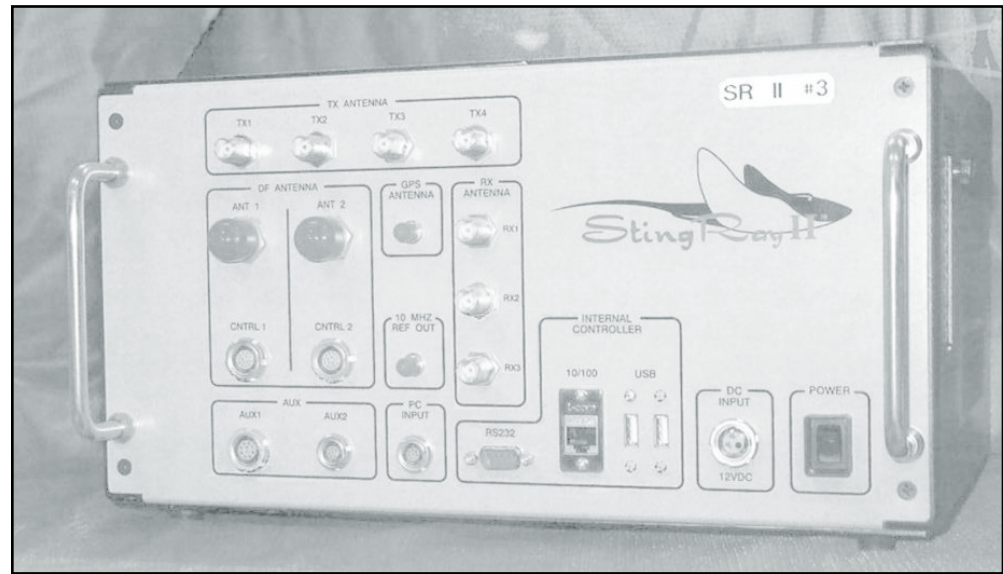
The executive branch, however, has shied away from even discussing the subject.

Aaron Turner, president of the mobile security consultancy Integricell, was among the experts who conducted the 2014 sweeps, in part to try to drum up business. Little has changed since, he said.

Like other major world capitals, he said, Washington is awash in unauthorized interception devices. Foreign embassies have free rein because they are on sovereign soil.

Every embassy "worth their salt" has a cell tower simulator installed, Turner said. They use them "to track interesting people that come toward their embassies." The Russians' equipment is so powerful it can track targets a mile away, he said.

Shutting down rogue Stingrays is an expensive proposition that would require wireless network upgrades the industry has been loath to pay for, security experts say. It could also lead to conflict with U.S. intelligence



AP photo

This undated file photo provided by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office shows the StingRay II, a cellular site simulator used for surveillance purposes manufactured by Harris Corporation, of Melbourne, Fla. The Department of Homeland Security says it has identified suspected rogue cell tower simulators in Washington. The suspected simulators, known

and law enforcement.

In addition to federal agencies, police departments use them in at least 25 states and the District of Columbia, according to the American Civil Liberties Union.

Wyden said in a statement Tuesday that "leaving security to the phone companies has proven to be disastrous." He added that the FCC has refused to hold the industry accountable "despite repeated warnings and clear evidence that our phone networks are being exploited by foreign governments and hackers."

After the 2014 news reports about Stingrays in Washington, Rep. Alan Grayson, D-Fla., wrote the FCC in alarm. In a reply, then-FCC chairman Tom Wheeler said the agency had created a task force to combat illicit and unauthorized use of the devices. In that letter, the FCC did not say it had identified such use itself, but cited media reports of the security sweeps.

That task force appears to have accomplished little. A former adviser to Wheeler, Gigi Sohn, said there was no political will to tackle the issue against opposition from the intelligence community and local police forces that were using the devices "willy-nilly."

"To the extent that there is a major problem here, it's largely due to the FCC not doing its job," said Laura Moy of the Center on Privacy and Technology at Georgetown University. The agency, she said, should be requiring wireless carriers to protect their networks from such security threats and "ensuring that anyone transmitting over licensed spectrum actually has a license to do it."

FCC spokesman Neil Grace, however, said the agency's only role is "certifying" such devices to ensure they don't interfere with other wireless communications, much the way it does with phones and Wi-Fi routers.

States, cities sue US over census citizenship question

NEW YORK (AP) — Seventeen states, the District of Columbia and six cities sued the U.S. government Tuesday, saying the addition of a citizenship question to the census form is unconstitutional.

The Trump administration's decision to ask people about their citizenship has set off worries among Democrats that immigrants will dodge the survey altogether, diluting political representation for states that tend to vote Democratic and robbing many communities of federal dollars.

Supporters of the plan for the 2020 census argue that enforcing voting rights requires more data on the voting-age population of citizens than current surveys are providing. It would be the first time in 70 years that the government uses the census form sent to every household to ask people to specify whether they are U.S. citizens.

New York Attorney General Attorney General Eric Schneiderman, a Democrat who announced the new lawsuit in Manhattan federal court, said the

plans would have a "devastating effect on New York, where we have millions of immigrants."

"It's unlawful. It's unfair," Schneiderman said at a news conference. He added that it would end a longstanding bipartisan effort to have the Bureau of the Census conduct a full and fair count of the population, including citizens and non-citizens.

The Census Bureau hasn't included a citizenship question in its survey of all U.S. households since 1950, well before passage of a 1965 law meant to ensure minority groups are fully represented in the once-a-decade count.

The lawsuit, which also included the bipartisan U.S. Conference of Mayors as a plaintiff, said adding the citizenship question was arbitrary and will "fatally undermine the accuracy of the population count." It asked for a ruling that the citizenship demand is unauthorized and unconstitutional.

According to the lawsuit, nearly a quarter of households in New York state did not return their 2010 census questionnaire, requiring an in-person follow-up. It noted that one-fifth New York residents were born in another country. The NAACP has also said the new plan will also lead to a massive undercounting of blacks.

A government spokesman did not immediately comment. The Justice Department has said it "looks forward to defending the reinstatement of the citizenship question."

The Commerce Department has said the benefits of obtaining citizenship information "outweighed the limited potential adverse impacts."

The decennial census is required by the Constitution and used to determine the number of seats each state has in the House, as well as how federal money is distributed to local communities. Communities and businesses depend on it in deciding where to build schools, hospitals, grocery stores and more.

Several states that have slowing population growth or high numbers of immigrants such as California, New York, Illinois, Massachusetts and Ohio are typically at risk of losing U.S. House seats when their congressional districts are redrawn every 10 years — depending on how fully their residents are counted.

The defendants in the lawsuit are the U.S. Department of Commerce, responsible for the census, and the Bureau of the Census. Plaintiffs include New York, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Iowa, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Virginia, Vermont, Washington, the District of Columbia, New York City, Chicago, Philadelphia, Rhode Island, San Francisco, Seattle and Providence, Rhode Island.

California's attorney general filed a separate lawsuit last week that seeks to block the citizenship question from being added to the census questionnaire.

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celebration. Arts venues will offer free admission 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. A sculpture gift from the mayor of Mexico City called "Alas de la Ciudad" (Wings of the City) will be dedicated at the Tower of the Americas. And a festival will take place across a 5-mile route linking the missions along the river, with music, entertainment and fireworks.

May 5 will see the opening of a new linear park downtown, bringing the San Pedro Creek back to life with public art and greenspace.

May 6 will focus on military appreciation. In addition to a rich legacy of military history, San Antonio is home to more than 80,000 active duty personnel and some 250,000 military retirees. Military facilities include Fort Sam Houston, Lackland and Randolph Air Force bases and Camp Bullis. Fort Sam Houston will open to the public May 5 and 6 for the first time since 9/11. Planned events include a parachute demo, flyovers, marching bands and a cavalry re-enactment.

ONGOING EXHIBITS AND ANNUAL EVENTS

Tricentennial-themed exhibitions include "Common Currents," featuring 300 artists who each created a work inspired by a single year of San Antonio history, dis-

played at downtown cultural centers and arts venues through May 7. The Witte Museum hosts "Confluence and Culture: 300 Years of San Antonio History" through Jan. 6. The San Antonio Museum of Art has two heritage-themed shows: "San Antonio 1718: Art from Viceregal Mexico," featuring art from San Antonio's first 100 years, through May 13, and "Spain: 500 Years of Spanish Painting from the Museums of Madrid," June 22-Sept. 16.

Annual events include the massive, colorful Fiesta San Antonio, April 19-29, which started in 1891 as a parade honoring heroes from the Alamo and the Battle of San Jacinto. The Tejano Conjunto Festival, May 16-20, celebrates a unique cultural melange of Mexican, Spanish, Czech and German music and dance. The Culinary Festival, May 17-20, is a food event that also showcases wine from Texas Hill Country. The Texas Folklife Festival, June 8-10, celebrates food, music, dance and crafts of the state's more than 40 ethnic groups. The Balcones Heights Jazz Festival runs July 6, 13, 20 and 27, and a World Heritage Festival celebrating the missions' designation takes place Sept. 5-9.

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Buffs trample Rotan 12-2

By JORDAN PARR
Sports Editor

The Forsan baseball team had everything clicking Tuesday night against Rotan. The Buffs outhit the Yellowhammers 11 to 3 in the contest and played outstanding defensively as well. Bryce Hergert, Ehren Hillger and Jordan Enriquez each had two hits in the game while Dylan Kligora and Nate Vidal both batted in two runs a piece in the decisive win. Four different Buffs' players had two or more steals in the game as Forsan really ran the bases well. Kolby Watson had five steals in the game and reached base three times on balls to round out the offensive leaders for the Buffs. Hillger got the start and the win for Forsan on the mound. He pitched three innings and allowed no hits, one run, and struck out five. Kobe Richardson and

Hergert also pitched in relief for the Buffs. They pitched a combined four innings gave up one run on three hits and struck out an addition five batters.

Neither team got on the board in the first inning, then Forsan opened up the second on RBI single by Vidal to take the early lead. Rotan responded with a run of their own in the bottom of the inning to tie the game at 1 a piece.

The Buffs responded in a big way in the top of the third scoring five runs off four hits. Hillger started the scoring in the big inning with a one on RBI triple. Forsan held the Yellowhammers in the bottom of the inning to head into the fourth inning up 6-1.

In the top of the fourth the Buffs put the game away for good with two more runs on two more

hits to push the lead to seven. Rotan was able to add a run in the bottom off the inning but it would be their last.

Forsan added three



more runs in the sixth and one more in the seventh to complete their blowout win in convincing fashion. The Buffs move to 2-2 in district play and will face off against Ira Friday with a chance to improve that mark.

Lady Buffs lose heartbreaker in bottom of the seventh

By JORDAN PARR
Sports Editor

The Lady Buffs softball team couldn't

allowed three or more runs in three consecutive innings. Hannah Williams, Rylee Evans, Kayla Morin, Taylyn Still, Macey Evans, Ashtyn Pearson and Brennan East all collected multiple hits in the game. Williams, Still, and M. Evans all had three each to lead the Lady Buffs. Four players for Forsan batted in multiple runs. Morin and Still each had two RBIs while M. Evans and Morgan each batted in three a piece. The Lady Buffs stole six bases in the game with Still and Williams each grabbing two each. Still got the start for Forsan. She pitched five innings, gave up five runs on seven hits and struck out eight in the game. Pearson also pitched one inning in relief.

Tahoka scored first in the bottom of the first

to take a 1-0 lead that would be the only run scored until the third inning.

In the top of the third Forsan struck what looked like would be a knockout blow scoring six runs off seven hits and taking a commanding 6-1 lead headed into the bottom of the inning. However, the Bulldogs answered with three of their own in the bottom of the inning to cut the lead to two 6-4.

In response the Lady Buffs scored four more runs in the top of the fourth off three hits to again extend their lead and put the pressure back on Tahoka up 10-4. Just like the third inning the Bulldogs answered with three more runs in the bottom of the fourth to keep the game within reach 10-7.

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Bulldogettes beat the Lady Wolves, 11-5



Courtesy photo

Coahoma short stop Kamri Kemper checks first base after tagging out a runner at second during the Bulldogettes game against the Colorado City Lady Wolves April 3, 2018, in Coahoma.

Special to the Herald

Kamri Kemper turned more than a few heads at the Coahoma-Colorado City softball game Tuesday when she belted a home run in the third inning.

The Coahoma senior went 3-for-3 at the plate, had 4 runs, 3 RBI, a double, and 1 walk to lead the Bulldogettes to an 11-5 victory over the Colorado City Wolves at

home.

The Lady Wolves jumped out into the lead early with 2 runs in the first inning after Taylor Epperson homered on a fly ball to center field. Coahoma answered back by bringing in 1 run in the first from a double by Jaydan Mann and 3 in the third from Kemper's home run.

Colorado City had the game knotted 4-all by

the fourth. Then Mann belted a triple to bring in Kemper and start off a big 6-run fifth inning for the Bulldogettes. Cassie Grant, Raegan Deel, Kenzi Canales, and Caitlyn Corley all drove in runs during the frame.

Grant went 1-for-3 with a double, 1 run, and 2 RBI. Canales, who tripled in the game; Deel; and Corley all brought in 1 RBI a piece.

MaKynlee Overton went 7 innings on the mound for Coahoma. She allowed 5 runs over 3 hits, walked 2 and struck out 4. She threw 59 strikes from 89 pitches. At bat, the freshman went 2-for-3, with 1 RBI, and 1 walk.

Coahoma is now 13-2 for the season and 5-1 in District 5-3A. Next, the Bulldogettes will take on Jim Ned at home. The varsity game is at 5 p.m. and the JV game begins at 6:30 p.m.

2B, Coahoma - Kamri Kemper, Jaydan Mann, Cassie Grant, MaKynlee Overton; 3B, Coahoma - Jaydan Mann, Kenzi Canales; HR, Colorado - Taylor Epperson, Coahoma, Kamri Kemper.

Bulldogs win big at home



Courtesy photo

Logan Franklin prepares to send a pitch over the plate during the Coahoma Bulldogs game against the Colorado City Wolves Tuesday, April 3, 2018, in Coahoma.

Special to the Herald

Heavy hitting by Braden Pearson brought in 4 RBI to lead the Bulldogs to a 13-7 victory over the Colorado City Wolves Tuesday night.

Pearson went 2-for-4 at the plate, hit a double, and had 2 runs and 1 walk. Fellow teammate Zack Schneider went 3-for-3 had 1 run

and 1 walk for the game.

Coahoma started off the match in the lead dominating early with 3 runs in the first and 4 in the third. However, Colorado City began to turn the game around in the fourth led by Marcus Gutierrez who belted a double to start the inning. Overall, the Wolves brought in 6 runs to cut the Bulldog's lead down to 1.

Coahoma was quick to answer back in the fifth sealing the game with 6-runs in the frame. Pearson, Jonathan Schneider, Gaije Hill, Trey Brumley, and Landon Grant brought in RBIs.

Logan Franklin started on the mound for the Bulldogs. He allowed no runs and no hits over three innings and struck out 6. He threw 27 strikes from 40 pitches. Pearson came in as relief in the fourth and got the win for Coahoma. Grant close out the game on the mound.

Coahoma had 18 hits for the night. Zach Holmes, Seth Brooks, Jonathan Schneider, Franklin, Hill, who hit a double; and Brumley led the Bulldog offense bringing in 1 RBI a piece.

Holmes was light on his feet stealing 2 bases during the match.

With the victory, Coahoma's 5 3-A District record now stands at 3-2. Next, the Bulldogs will host the Jim Ned Indians. JV game starts at 4:30 p.m. with the varsity game to follow at 7 p.m.

2B: Colorado - Marcus Gutierrez, Coahoma - Gaije Hill, Braden Pearson; SB, Coahoma - Zach Holmes (2)

Coahoma - Braden Pearson went 2 for 4 with 2 runs and 4 RBIs, Zack Schneider went 3 for 3 with 2 runs and 1 RBI, Gaije Hill went 3 for 5 with 1 run and 1 RBI

Lady Steers fall short in loss to Wylie

By JORDAN PARR
Sports Editor

Despite solid pitching and defense the Lady Steers couldn't get the bats going against the Bulldogs in a close 3-1 loss to their district rivals. Maddie Daniels and Jocelyn Gonzales accounted for Big Spring's entire offense. Daniels and Gonzales collected two hits each to account for all four of the teams hits with Gonzales driving in the lone run on the day. Daniels got the start on the mound for the Lady Steers. Daniels pitched five and a third innings, allowed three runs off

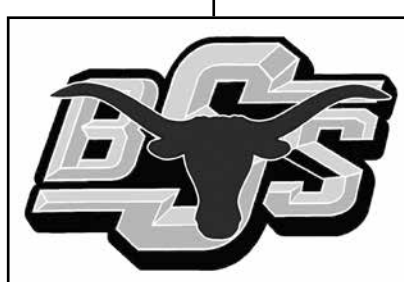
five hits and struck out three. Sarah Wood pitched in relief of Daniels and closed out the inning with two strikeouts.

Wylie scored two early runs in the bottom of the first and held Big Spring scoreless until the top of the seventh when Gonzales drove in the only run for the Lady Steers in the contest trailing 3-0 to cut the lead to two. Unfortunately Big Spring couldn't get anything else going in the inning and it was just a little to late.

The Bulldogs outhit the Lady Steers six to four in the game, but it

was the stellar pitching of Wylie's Kaylee Philipp that really made the difference in the game. Philipp pitched six innings, gave up one run on four hits and struck out ten batters on strikes.

The loss dropped the Lady Steers district record to 3-3 headed into a key matchup against Sweetwater on Friday here in Big Spring.



Steers lose to Wylie 10-4

By JORDAN PARR
Sports Editor

Despite outhitting the Bulldogs nine to eight, in the game Tuesday night, the Steers couldn't keep pace with Wylie's high powered offense. Jason Miramontes and Brett Berringer led Big Spring's offense with two hits a piece. Elijah Munoz led the team with two runs batted in while Berringer and Edward Aguilar each contributed with one RBI each. Luke Edwards, Tristan Myrick, Austin Hilario, Jeremiah Cooley, Chris Ibanez, Kobe Guitierrez and Deryk Renteria

all pitched in the game.

Wylie put the game away early holding the Steers scoreless in the first two innings while scoring eight runs over the same.

Big Spring responded in the top of the third with a four run four hit inning of their own to cut the lead in half 8-4. Unfortunately those would be the only runs for Big Spring on the day. In the bottom of the inning the Bulldogs scored two more runs to put the game away for good with a 10-4 lead. Big Spring has lost multiple games this year in similar fashion. The Steers always seem to get the hits but somehow not the runs needed.

With the loss the Steer drop to 0-4 in district play and face off against Sweetwater at Steer Park on Friday with hopes of turning things around

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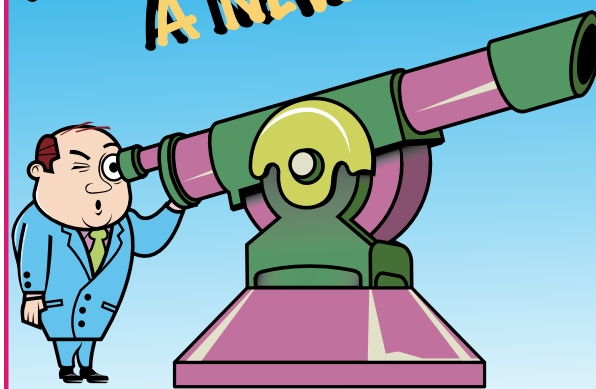
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Real Estate for Sale

2202 Runnels. 3 bed, 1 bath. As is. 432-517-0642

3BR/2BA mobile home. CUSD \$70,000 includes 5 acres. Sold AS IS. Needs work. No rent/owner finance. 432-254-5327 crichie69@yahoo.com

Owner will finance: Country Home on 2 1/2 Acres-Coahoma ISD-8011 Old Colorado City Hwy. 2 bedroom 1 bath with 2 living areas, 2 car carport and fenced yard. \$10,000 down \$1,168.79/month. Call 432-517-2876

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Mar 12, 2018
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Apr 16, 2018
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit P. O. Box 12967 Austin, Texas 78711-2967 Fax: (512) 463-6780 Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

Legals

Rule 37 Case No. 0309841 Status/Permit No. 836915

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Legals

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name: GIBSON UNIT 28-21 6AH 534.6 Nearest Lease Line 1.0 Lease Lines 416.0 F S (offlease) 1473.0 F E (offlease) 416.0 F S (offlease) 1473.0 F S (offlease)

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal Lateral: TH1 Penetration Point Location Lease Lines: 416.0 F S (OFFLEASE) L 1473.0 F E (OFFLEASE) L Terminus Location BH County: HOWARD Section: 21 Block: 33 T3N Abstract: 344 Survey: T&P RR CO Lease Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L 331.0 F EAST L Survey Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L 1650.0 F EAST L

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#9736 March 14, 21, 28, & April 4, 2018

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Mar 8, 2018
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Rule 37 Case No. 0309312 Status/Permit No. 835735

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FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name : GIBSON UNIT A-A1 28-21 Lease/Unit Well No. : 8AH Lease/Unit Acres : 350.65 Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 1.0

Lease Lines : 228.0 F South L, 173.0 F West L Survey Lines : 476.0 F South L, 1473.0 F East L Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal Lateral: TH1

Penetration Point Location Lease Lines: 228.0 F SOUTH L 173.0 F WEST L Terminus Location BH County: HOWARD Section: 21 Block: 33 T3N Abstract: 344 Survey: T&P RR CO

Legals

Lease Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L 330.0 F EAST L Survey Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L 330.0 F EAST L

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#9737 March 14, 21, 28, & April 4, 2018

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

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Rule 37 Case No. 0309741 Status/Permit No. 836615

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Lease/Unit Name : GIBSON UNIT A-A2 28-21 Lease/Unit Well No. : 7AH Lease/Unit Acres : 350.65 Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 100.0 Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 659.0

Lease Lines : 198.0 F South L, 173.0 F West L Survey Lines : 446.0 F South L, 1473.0 F East L Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral: TH1 Penetration Point Location Lease Lines: 198.0 F SOUTH L 173.0 F WEST L Terminus Location BH County: HOWARD Section: 21 Block: 33 T3N Abstract: 344 Survey: T&P RR CO Lease Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L 330.0 F WEST L Survey Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L 989.0 F EAST L

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

21). Your great days tend to follow a formula: your favorite people, an interesting turn of events and a stroke of luck. Today's efforts will help to set up a great day in your near future.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Perhaps the best way to destroy your enemies is to make them your friends. You disagree on many things; it's true. If you're looking for it, you'll also find that you agree on many things. Find the common ground.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The way you

do something impossible is with a pretty simple equation. You do it in possible steps. Possibility multiplied by consistent effort over time equals impossible things done.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Love isn't defined by a marriage certificate, the length of a relationship, or any single act. Similarly, learning isn't defined by a certificate, class hours logged or a test score. Learning is like love. It is as it does.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). In a weird way, you don't have to align yourself with

like minds. Maybe they emit a kind of magnetic wave or something, because you seem to find them wherever you go today, and the alignment happens quite naturally.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 4). This solar return starts with a long-overdue solution. The missing part shows up; the strong area overtakes weakness; an imbalance of power is set

right. Your new and improved routine will create a better lifestyle for you. A major purchase happens in August, and you'll be building on this through the rest of 2018. Libra and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 20, 44, 31 and 19.

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BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



Planetary Strength Test

When things don't go to plan, you care more about being strong than looking strong. Paradoxically, being strong sometimes means looking vulnerable, ridiculous and sad. And here's something else to keep in mind during this square of Mercury and Mars: There's nothing of value to be gained from (SET ITAL)looking(END ITAL) strong. Being strong is everything.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Try on the motto, "Anything I can do, I can do better with friends," and see how it fits. Today's luck will be delivered as you reach out, especially with regards to a scenario you might usually try and handle on your own.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). One of the great social paradoxes: Everyone hates people who are universally liked. Better to be acknowledged by one person whose opinion you value than by hundreds you don't even know.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Someday, when you've an urgent request or some exciting news to share, you'll discover that your reach is extensive and your network is mighty fine. Why? Because of the goodwill you build on days like today.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Does it seem that the more you learn, the less you know? It's because learning makes you aware of the vastness of available and unavailable knowledge. The smartest among us are comfortable with the unknown.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Romance is a kind of enchantment. That doesn't necessarily mean it's unreal, but it's a spell, and like most spells, it can make the impossible happen. It can also be broken.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When you casually connect with people just because you feel like it, you build bridges that extend from your world to theirs -- bridges you'll be able to cross more or less whenever you want to.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). No matter how genius the plan is, if you don't follow it, it's worthless. So the plan doesn't have to be the "best" plan. It just has to be the stickiest one. The best plan is the one you'll actually follow.

SUDOKU

7	9	8	3	1	2			6
			7	6	1			
	6	5		8		7		3
		3	2	4	9	8	6	7
		9		3		2	1	
		7	8			3	9	
		1						
8	7		6			4	3	
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Fun By The Numbers
Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

8	2	6	5	2	1	9	5	7
1	5	7	9	6	9	2	2	8
2	9	8	2	7	1	5	6	6
5	6	5	1	9	8	2	7	9
7	1	2	2	5	8	6	8	9
2	9	8	6	7	2	5	1	9
8	2	2	7	8	6	5	9	1
6	8	1	9	5	2	7	2	2
9	7	5	1	2	1	7	6	2

ANSWER:

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 4 3
♥ K J 9 8 4
♦ 3
♣ A J 8 6 5

WEST
♠ J
♥ 5 3 2
♦ K 8 7 5 4
♣ K 7 3 2

EAST
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♣ 10 9

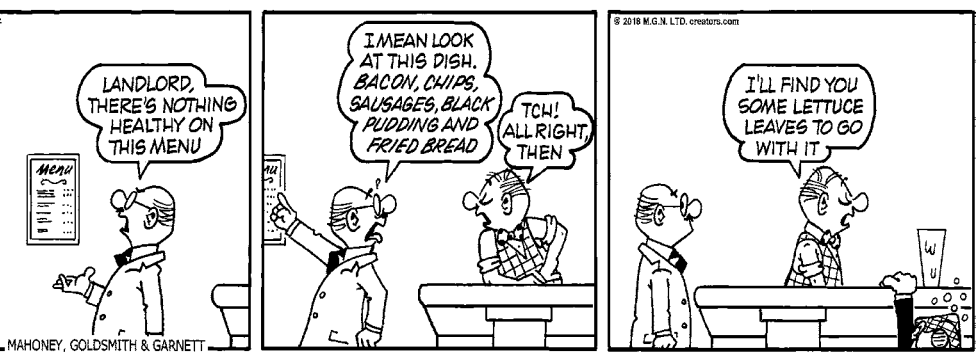
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♠ Q 10 9 7 6 5 2
♥ A 7
♦ A J
♣ Q 4

The bidding:
North East South West
Pass Pass 1 ♠ Pass
1 NT Pass 3 ♠ Pass
4 ♠

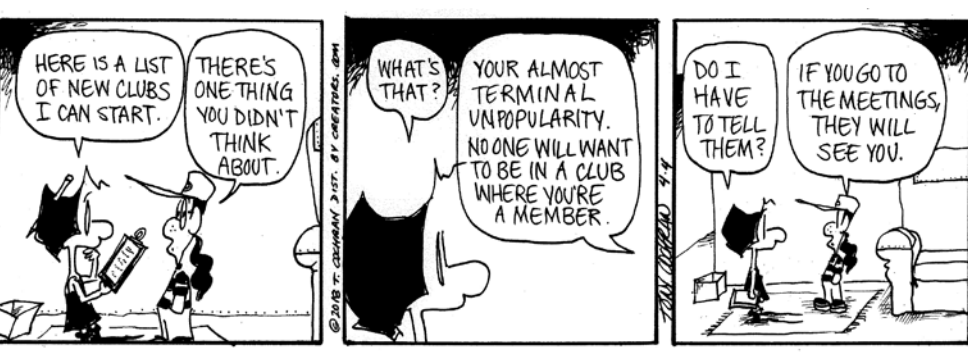
Opening lead — five of diamonds.

	KMID (3) Midland	UNI (4) Spanish	KPEJ (5) Odessa	KOSA (7) Odessa	KTLE (8) Telemundo	KWES (9) Midland	KMLM (12) Odessa	KPBT (13) Odessa	KWWT (14) Odessa	KWES2 (15) Midland	WTBS (33) Atlanta	TNT (34) Atlanta	ESPN (35) Sports	ESPN2 (36) Sports	FSN (38) Sports	USA (55) New York	A&E (58) New York	DISC (60) Discovery
5:PM	Local 2	P. Luche	Broke Girl	CBS 7	Tele	News	Inspired	Scully	Hawaii	American	Last O.G.	Bones	SportsCenter	NBA: The Jump	OSU Mavs Pre.	Law & Order: SVU	Storage	Street Outlaws
5:30	ABC	Noticiero	Mom	CBS	Noticias	News	M. Rantz	Business	American	American	Fam. Guy	Bones	NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Toronto Raptors.	SportsCenter	Polaris Snow	Law & Order: SVU	Storage	Street Outlaws: Full
6:PM	Jeopardy!	Rosa de Guadalupe	Big Bang	CBS 7	Caso Cerado	News	Shepherd's Heart	PBS News-Hour	M*A*S*H	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Bones	Golf: Masters Par 3 Contest.	SportsCenter	Drag Racing	Law & Order: SVU	Storage	Street Outlaws
6:30	Wheel		Big Bang	ET		News			M*A*S*H	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Bones			Mavs	Law & Order: SVU	Storage	Street Outlaws
7:PM	Good	El rico y Lázaro	Empire (DVS)	Survivor	José José, el p	The Blacklist	News	Nature (DVS)	Griffith	Riverdale	Big Bang	Movie: Star Wars: The Force Awakens, Carrie Fisher (DVS)	NBA Basketball: Grizzlies at Pelicans	SportsCenter	TMS Pre. High School Basketball	Law & Order: SVU	Storage	(:01) Twin Turbos
7:30	Alex, Inc.		Star (DVS)		Al otro lado	Law & Order: SVU	Light of Southwest	Black America Since MLK: And Still I	Griffith	Big Bang	Big Bang						Storage	Street Outlaws
8:PM	Designated Survivor	Por amar sin ley	News	Criminal Minds	Enemigo intimo (SS)	Chicago P.D.	Light of Southwest	Heroes	Heroes	Page Six	Big Bang						Storage	Street Outlaws
8:30	ABC		TMZ					Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Full	Full						Storage	Street Outlaws
9:PM	Local 2	Impacto	Mom	CBS 7	Telemundo 20	News	News	Amanpour	C. Burnett	Seinfeld	Conan	Movie: Blade II, Ron Perlman (DVS)	SportsCenter	NFL Live	Bundesliga Soccer	(:02) Suits	Storage	(:01) Twin Turbos
9:30	ABC		Mod Fam			News	News	Beyond	Perry Mason	Rules	Conan						Storage	Street Outlaws
10:PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Noticiero	Mod Fam	Late Show-Colbert	Al otro lado	Tonight Show	Dr. C. Stanley	Newsline		Rules	Conan						Storage	Street Outlaws
10:30	ABC		Contacto Deportivo	How I Met James	Enemigo intimo (SS)	Seth Meyers	The	Stage	Twi. Zone	King	Conan						Storage	Street Outlaws
11:PM	Extra	Fuerza-Destino	Two Men	Corden		News	News	(Off Air)	Hitchcock	King/Hill							Storage	Street Outlaws
11:30	ABC		How I Met James			Daly	Shofar		Hitchcock	Cops	Angie						Storage	Street Outlaws
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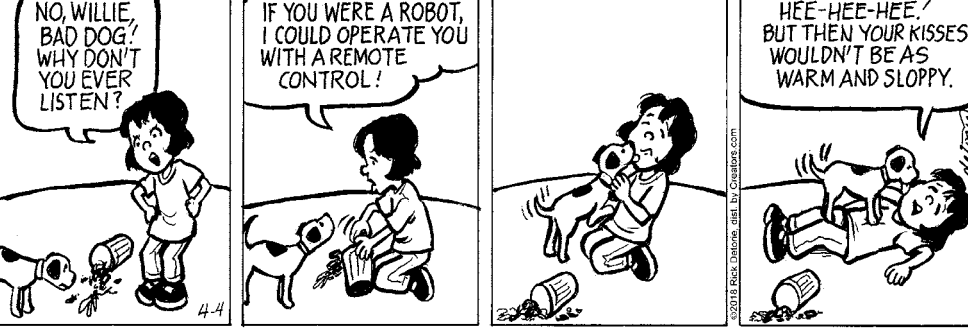
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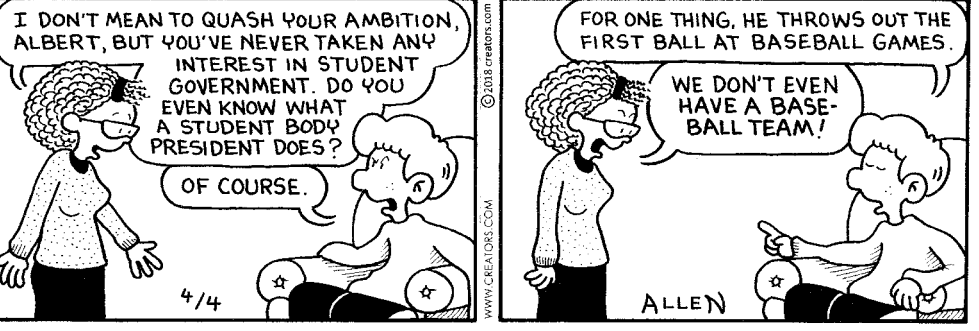
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, April 4, the 94th day of 2018. There are 271 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 4, 1968, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., 39, was shot and killed while standing on a balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee; his slaying was followed by a wave of rioting (Washington, D.C., Baltimore and Chicago were among cities particularly hard hit). Suspected gunman James Earl Ray later pleaded guilty to assassinating King, then spent the rest of his life claiming he'd been the victim of a setup.

On this date:

In 1818, Congress decided the flag of the United States would consist of 13 red and white stripes and 20 stars, with a new star to be added for every new state of the Union.

In 1841, President William Henry Harrison succumbed to pneumonia one month after his inaugural, becoming the first U.S. chief executive to die in office.

In 1859, "Dixie" was performed publicly for the first time by Bryant's Minstrels at Mechanics' Hall in New York.

In 1864, President Abraham Lincoln, in a letter to Kentucky newspaper editor Albert G. Hodges, wrote: "I claim not to have controlled events, but confess plainly that events have controlled me."

In 1917, the U.S. Senate voted 82-6 in favor of declaring war against Germany (the House followed suit two days later by a vote of 373-50).

In 1933, the Navy airship USS Akron crashed in severe weather off the New Jersey coast with the loss of 73 lives.

In 1949, 12 nations, including the United States, signed the North Atlantic Treaty in Washington, D.C.

In 1958, Johnny Stompanato, an enforcer for crime boss Mickey Cohen and the boyfriend of actress Lana Turner, was stabbed to death by Turner's teenage daughter, Cheryl Crane, who said Stompanato had attacked her mother.

In 1975, more than 130 people, most of them children, were killed when a U.S. Air Force transport plane evacuating Vietnamese orphans crash-landed shortly after takeoff from Saigon. Microsoft was founded by Bill Gates and Paul Allen in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

In 1983, the space shuttle Challenger roared into orbit

on its maiden voyage. (It was destroyed in the disaster of January 1986.)

In 1988, the Arizona Senate convicted Gov. Evan Mecham (MEE'-kuhm) of two charges of official misconduct, and removed him from office; Mecham was the first U.S. governor to be impeached and removed from office in nearly six decades.

In 1991, Sen. John Heinz, R-Pa., and six other people, including two children, were killed when a helicopter collided with Heinz's plane over a schoolyard in Merion, Pennsylvania.

Ten years ago: Texas authorities started removing the first of more than 400 girls from a compound built by a polygamist sect. Lisa Montgomery was sentenced to death in Kansas City, Missouri, for killing Bobbie Jo Stinnett, a mother-to-be, and cutting the surviving baby from her womb. Pirates seized the French luxury yacht Le Pomant and its 30 crew members off the coast of Somalia.

Five years ago: Connecticut Gov. Dannel P. Malloy signed into law sweeping new restrictions on weapons and large capacity ammunition magazines similar to the ones used by the young man who gunned down 20 children and six educators in the Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre. Pulitzer Prize-winning film reviewer Roger Ebert, 70, died in Chicago.

One year ago: A chemical attack on an opposition-held town in northern Syria left about 100 people dead; a joint investigation team made up of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons and U.N. experts concluded that the Syrian government was responsible. A federal appeals court ruled for the first time that the 1964 Civil Rights Act protected LGBT employees from workplace discrimination; the 8-3 decision by the full 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago concerned the case of an Indiana teacher who charged that she wasn't hired full-time because she was a lesbian.

Today's Birthdays: Former Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., is

Recording executive Clive Davis is 86. Author Kitty Kelley is 76. Actor Craig T. Nelson is 74. Actor Walter Charles is 73. Actress Christine Lahti is 68. Country singer Steve Gatlin (The Gatlin Brothers) is 67. Actress Mary-Margaret Humes is 64. Writer-producer David E. Kelley is 62. Actress Constance Shulman is 60. Actor Phil Morris is 59. Actress Lorraine Toussaint is 58. Actor Hugo

Weaving is 58. Rock musician Craig Adams (The Cult) is 56. Talk show host/comic Graham Norton is 55. Actor David Cross is 54. Actor Robert Downey Jr. is 53. Actress Nancy McKeon is 52. Actor Barry Pepper is 48. Country singer Clay Davidson is 47. Rock singer Josh Todd (Buckcherry) is 47. Singer Jill Scott is 46. Rock musician Magnus Sveningsson (The Cardigans) is 46. Magician

David Blaine is 45. Singer Kelly Price is 45. Rhythm-and-blues singer Andre Dalyrimple (Soul For Real) is 44. Country musician Josh McSwain (Parmalee) is 43. Actor James Roday is 42. Actress Natasha Lyonne is 39. Actor Eric Andre is 35. Actress Amanda Righetti is 35. Actress-singer Jamie Lynn Spears is 27. Actress Daniela Bobadilla is 25. Pop singer Austin Mahone (muh-HOHN) is 22.

Thought for Today:

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy. The true neighbor will risk his position, his prestige and even his life for the welfare of others."

Martin Luther King Jr. (1929-1968).

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Newsday Crossword

MATTER OF FACT by Carolyn Stewart
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS	DOWN
1 Title to call a king	1 Apple's digital assistant
5 Small pieces	2 Neighbor of Jordan
9 Japanese martial art	3 Happen again
13 Police car's signal	4 Any real thing
14 Border on	5 Tuscaloosa team, to fans
15 Prowned	6 Marsh bird
16 Parcel of land	7 Oklahoma city
17 Significant event	8 Brewed, as tea
19 Cash and equivalents	9 Protrudes
21 Hwy.	10 Soldiers' entertainment grp.
22 Chimp or gorilla	11 Bear's residence
23 Frequently, in poetry	12 Complimentary poem
26 Precious stone	13 Mo. city
29 Urban recreation ctr.	18 Bad smell
32 Undiminished	20 Congressional contingent, in headlines
34 Smartphone app logo	23 Offshore drilling equipment
36 One-toned	24 Puts icing on
38 Attaches with adhesive	25 Nun with a Nobel Prize
40 ___ Glory (US flag)	26 Little laugh
41 Polo participant	27 Cream-filled pastry
42 Place to fill the tank	28 Hair-care concoction
45 First-aid boxes	30 Ducklike bird
46 Person assembling a roster	31 Exhausted
47 World Series lead-in: Abbr.	
49 Federal purchasing org.	
50 Poetic preposition	
51 "Who ___ you kidding?"	
53 Sound asleep	
55 Display for some large TVs	
61 Antonyms	
64 "Deck the Halls" plant	

Answer to previous puzzle
CROSS SLOB ROTC
HIPPO TAXI ECHO
IDEAL AGES LEER
PERSISTENT LEASE
DEER RUNNER
MISUSE POST
ANON DOVE ALTOS
SHOW SPEAR EACH
SONAR AXLE SRTA
VIAL CUSTOM
CAMEO STUN
LIAR DETERMINED
OMNI HURL ASIDE
GAIN ORAL SINGE
STAG WOVES KNEES

Hamels pitches Rangers to 4-1 win over A's



AP photo

Texas Rangers starting pitcher Cole Hamels (35) delivers against the Oakland Athletics during the first inning of a baseball game Tuesday, April 3, 2018, in Oakland, Calif.

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Joey Gallo didn't see much of a reason to celebrate becoming the 11th fastest player in major league history to 50 home runs.

A few of his Texas teammates thought differently and repeatedly pelted the first baseman with wadded balls of napkins as he spoke with reporters.

On a night when Cole Hamels was masterful for five innings, Gallo's milestone home run — coming

in his 204th career game — sparked a scuffling offense and helped the Rangers stop a three-game losing streak

Hamels struck out 11 in five innings, and Texas beat the Oakland Athletics 4-1 on Tuesday night.

"That's kind of what I do well so it's really not that big a deal," Gallo said. "I've always been that kind of hitter. I don't think too much about it."

Texas third baseman Andre Beltre singled in the second

to tie Rod Carew for most hits by a Latin-born player. Rowned Odor singled twice and drove in two runs, and Nomar Mazara added two hits and scored twice.

The Rangers also ended a nine-game skid at the Coliseum.

Gallo connected on a 2-1 pitch from Kendall Graveman (0-1) in the second inning. Gallo, who also went deep on Sunday, moved past Frank Robinson, who reached 50 homers in 213 games.

"This is a special talent," Rangers manager Jeff Banister said. "This guy has the ability to hit the ball out of the ballpark in all directions. Last year when he made the strides to take some pitches, take his walks, really has helped him continue to grow to be a more complete hitter."

Hamels (1-1) bounced back from a rough start on opening day, dominating an A's lineup that had scored three or more runs in four of the first five games. He allowed four hits and walked three.

The left-hander recorded his first eight outs by strikeout. He yielded Chad Pinder's homer in the third and twice pitched out of jams while re-

lying primarily on his cutter and changeup. Eight of his strikeouts came via the two pitches.

"When you have quite a few pitches in the repertoire you have to be able to be fine with them and throw them at any count," Hamels said. "At the same time, I need to be a lot more efficient with the balls and strikes."

Alex Claudio and Chris Martin combined for three scoreless innings and Keone Kela finished for his first save this season.

The game was played in a mostly empty stadium in front of an announced crowd of 9,157. That was slightly more than the 7,416 for Monday's game — the fewest to attend an A's game at the Coliseum since 2003.

Matt Olson and Matt Chapman had two hits apiece for the A's.

"Right now we're not swinging the bats as well as we're capable of," manager Bob Melvin said. "We're capable of scoring multiple runs and having big innings. We just haven't done that yet."

Beltre's hit was his 3,053rd in the majors. That matches Carew's mark for Latin play-

ers and 25th all-time, two shy of Rickey Henderson.

Graveman allowed four runs and eight hits. The A's opening-day starter has given up nine earned runs in 10 innings this season.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Rangers: RHP Tony Barnette (lower back strain) threw 24 pitches during an intra-squad game in Frisco. Barnette is slated to make a rehab start Thursday. ... Catcher Cameron Rupp signed a minor league contract and was assigned to Triple-A Round Rock.

Athletics: RHP Paul Blackburn, pegged to be the No. 3 starter, underwent a second MRI and continues to be bothered by forearm tightness.

THREE ON, THREE DOWN
A's catcher Jonathan Lucroy threw out three runners trying to steal, two in the second inning.

UP NEXT

RHP Doug Fister (1-0, 1.80 ERA) makes his second start for the Rangers on Wednesday. LHP Sean Manaea (0-1, 1.17 ERA) goes for the A's seeking his fourth win in eight career starts against Texas.

Johnson's goal at this Masters is to get to the 1st tee

By DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — The recovery from the back injury took a lot longer than he imagined, longer than the sting of having to miss the Masters.

Dustin Johnson, with a history of misfortune in the majors, has a remarkable knack of moving forward.

If only everyone would quit reminding him.

"I get asked about it every day out here on the range or walking down the fairway," Johnson said. "So I'm reminded all the time."

The back injury getting most of the attention at this year's Masters belongs to Tiger Woods, and for good reason. It was far more severe, requiring four surgeries over four years, the last one fusion in the lumbar area. More than keeping Woods from playing Augusta National three of the last four years, he hardly played at all.

Johnson's injury was a freak accident at the worst time.

He had won his last three tournaments against three of the strongest fields of the year, which not only elevated him to No. 1 in the world, it made him the biggest favorite at the Masters since Woods was at his peak.

Then 24 hours before he was to tee off, calamity struck.

Johnson was still wearing socks after returning home from the gym. It was raining. His son was headed back from day care, so he ran downstairs in his rental home to move the car. The stairs were wooden, a bad combination with socks. Johnson slipped and crashed down the stairs, wrenching his back. His brother, Austin, was the first to reach him and still recalls the wild eyes of his older brother looking up at him.

Johnson tried to loosen up on the range. He went to the putting green. And then he had no choice but to withdraw.

"It was just a freak thing, and it happened. There's nothing I can do about it except I'm here this year," Johnson said Tuesday. "Hopefully, I can tee it up on Thursday. Definitely be looking forward to that."

One year later, so much has changed. Johnson re-



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Dustin Johnson blasts from a bunker to the 18th green during a practice round for the Masters golf tournament at Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga., Tuesday, April 3, 2018.

mains No. 1 in the world for the 59th consecutive week — only Woods (three times), Greg Norman (twice) and Nick Faldo have held the No. 1 ranking longer.

But he hasn't won since the first tournament of the year, an eight-shot victory at Kapalua. He came close at Pebble Beach until Ted Potter Jr. beat him in the final round. He was not particularly close in his last start, losing all three matches in his group at the Dell Technologies Match Play.

He's not worried about

that, either, because Johnson doesn't worry about much.

"Last year I was about as confident as I've ever been, so it was probably a 10," he said when asked to compare his confidence level on a scale of 1 to 10. "This year it's probably a 9 1/2. Starting to swing it a lot better. Feeling a lot better on the golf course, for sure."

Just don't get the idea there is any additional motivation. Johnson doesn't look back.

"Why?" he asked. "There's nothing you can do about it. Hopefully, I can get myself in a position where I have a chance to win. Last year has nothing to do with anything happening right now."

What's happening at this Masters is a wide-open race for the green jacket. Rarely have so many top players been on top of their games coming into the first major of the year, including past champions Phil Mickelson, Bubba Watson and Jordan Spieth.

BUFFS

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In the top of the fifth the Lady Buffs went to work again scoring two more runs on a two run shot to right field by Kayla Morin to extend the lead once again and push the score to 12-7. Yet again Tahoka had the answer scoring five runs in the bottom of the inning to square things up at 12 all and put the pressure on Forsan for the first time all game.

Neither team scored in the sixth and the Bulldogs held the Lady Buffs scoreless again in the top of the seventh. With one last at bat to break the stalemate, Tahoka pulled it off and stole home for the winning

run.

The loss moved the Lady Buffs' district record to 5-2 with an opportunity to improve that mark Saturday versus Seagraves.

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Spotify wins more fans in stock market debut as shares surge

By MICHAEL LIEDTKE

AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Spotify picked up more fans on Wall Street on Tuesday as investors gave the unprofitable company a warm welcome in its stock market debut.

After several hours of anticipation, Spotify's shares traded as high as \$169 before falling back slightly. By the early afternoon, the stock was still hovering around \$150 — well above its previous high of \$132.50 in deals worked out during Spotify's 12-year history as a privately held company.

The stock market's rousing reception left Spotify with a market value of about \$28 billion, according to FactSet. By comparison, internet radio station Pandora Media's market value stands at \$1.2 billion nearly seven years after that company went public.

The good vibes surrounding Spotify stem from its early lead in music streaming — a still-evolving field trying to hook people on the idea that it's better to subscribe for online access to millions of tunes than to buy individual albums and singles.

Spotify has struck a chord with 71 million worldwide subscribers so far and is aiming to increase that number to as many as 96 million subscribers by the end of the year.

By comparison, Apple's nearly 3-year-old music streaming service has 38 million subscribers. A list of other formidable competitors that includes Google and Amazon also offer similar music streaming services, raising the specter of Spotify being wiped out by far richer rivals.

Spotify's early lead in music streaming has drawn comparisons to Netflix, which built upon its pioneering role in DVD-by-mail rentals and then video streaming to create a hugely successful, subscription-driven franchise that has produced spectacular investment returns and left the company with a market value of \$122 billion.

A \$10,000 investment in Netflix's 2002 initial public stock offering would now be worth more than \$2.6 million, leaving some investors wondering if Spotify might be on a similar trajectory in music streaming.

"The similarities here, we believe, are much greater than the differences," RBC Capital Markets analyst Mark Mahaney wrote in a recent research note assessing the parallels between Spotify and Netflix.

Besides blending technology with a subscription model to reshape a popular form of entertainment, Spotify and Netflix have a common executive in their lineage. Spotify's current chief financial officer, Barry McCarthy, held the same job when Netflix went public and remained in that position until leaving the video service in 2010.

Unlike Netflix, Spotify still isn't profitable, having lost more than 2.4 billion euros (\$3 billion) since it started more than a decade ago. Spotify has also made it clear that it intends to remain focused on adding more subscribers instead of making money



A trading post sports the Spotify logo on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Tuesday, April 3, 2018. Spotify, the No. 1 music streaming service which has drawn comparisons to Netflix, is about to find out how it plays on the stock market in an unusual IPO.

for now.

Netflix has also set itself apart from its rivals in video streaming by spending billions on original programming such as "Stranger Things," and "The Crown." Analysts are worried that will be more difficult for Spotify to do because it is primarily negotiating for the same music streaming rights as Apple, Google and Amazon — companies that can afford to pay even more, if they want.

"One of the big questions about Spotify is whether they can take it to the next level like Netflix has," said Daniel Morgan, senior portfolio manager for Synovus Trust.

Spotify Technology SA also is making its Wall Street debut in an unconventional way. It's using a "direct listing" on the New York Stock Exchange that will allow the company's early investors and employees to sell as many shares as they want whenever they want. That's a departure from a traditional initial public offering in which a company and a few select investors first sell a limited amount of stock at a starting price determined by investment bankers who spend weeks gauging investor demand.

The direct listing could result in wild swings in Spotify's stock pricing during the first few days of trading, especially since Spotify's shares sold in a range of \$48.93 to \$132.50 in privately negotiated transactions during the first 11 weeks of this year.

"Normally, companies don't pursue a direct listing. While I appreciate that this path makes sense for most, Spotify has never been a normal kind of company," Spotify CEO Daniel Ek wrote in a blog post.

"Our focus isn't on the initial splash," he added. "Instead, we will be working on trying to build, plan, and imagine for the long term."

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