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Parrishes are Europe bound



By AMBER MANSFIELD
 Staff Writer

"Watch out Europe, here we come," said Candy Parrish, on a Facebook post after their fundraiser, Shells for Cells, helped them reach their goal, and then some, which now allows the family to travel to Europe so that Garett Parrish can receive stem cell treatment to help him on his road to recovery.

Garett was injured on Feb. 27, 2015 from a sledding accident where he suffered a spinal cord injury. Stem cells have helped in Garett's recovery, but since stem cell treatment isn't offered in the United States, Parrish and his family must travel to Germany for his treatments. Thanks to a successful Shells for Cells, a benefit held on Saturday for the Parrish family, now they can.

"What an amazing outpouring of love and blessing our family has received, and we can't say thank you enough," said Candy's post. "Thank you to everyone who helped, donated, shot, participated and

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Bauer Elementary's 11th annual Tricathon



Courtesy Photo

Stacey Munsell (left), the family advocate for Bauer Elementary School, stands with Eve Nieto (center) and Meredith Skaggs (right), both of Eve Nieto Insurance, as they donate a tricycle to Bauer Elementary School for their 11th annual Tricathon fundraiser. The children raise money for St. Jude Children's Hospital and ride their tricycles, bikes, scooters, etc. all for the children who are at St. Jude.

"This isn't like Jump Rope for Heart, where we have to jump a certain amount of times. This is just a way for us and our kids to raise money to give back to St. Jude, while also giving them a fun way to do so," said Connie Lesser, Site Manager of Bauer Elementary School. "Businesses and organizations donate bikes, helmets and scooters for our cause, so that every kid can participate in the Tricathon."

Howard County Library's resume workshop rescheduled

By AMBER MANSFIELD
 Staff Writer

Last Thursday, April 12, the Howard County Library had to reschedule their resume building workshop for this Thursday, April 19. It will still be held inside the computer lab of the Howard County Library, located at 500 Main Street.

"This event is free for anyone who wants to improve their resume or learn how to build a resume," said Manny Negron, the circulation coordinator at Howard County Library. "During the workshop we will walk through the steps on how to build a resume so that they can have the best chances of getting

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DAV honors local businesses



Monday evening, Big Spring's O'Neal-Kunkle Chapter of Disabled American Veterans honored local individuals, groups, and businesses who have supported the DAV's efforts to assist disabled veterans in Howard County. Recipients of the framed certificates from the DAV included, left to right, Rebecca and Dwight Thevenot, Byron and Diana Hill, Dana Baker, Larry McLellan, Orville Spradling, Evelyn Holcomb, Beth Phinny, Pat Simmons, and Willene Humphrey. See Page 3 for more of the event's certificate recipients.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **BRANDEE LEANN CASTILLO**, 20, of 1811 Avion was arrested on a warrant for evading arrest or detention.
- **TREYCEE LYNN FAIRMAN**, 38, of 2006 S. Johnson St. was arrested on a charge of criminal trespassing.
- **JERRY DON DUFFER**, 30, of 2506 Hunter Dr. was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JORDAN DEAN BALIOS**, 27, of 501 Circle was arrested on

charges of driving with a suspended or invalid license, and possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).

- **PIERRE JEAN GORDON**, 27, of 1219 Frazier was arrested on a warrant for possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).
- **JUSTIN WAYNE MEEK**, 32, of 2702 Oasis was arrested on a warrant for issuance of a bad check.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 600 block of Settles Street.
- **THEFT** was reported in the

1500 block of South Nolan Street, the 700 block of West Interstate 20, the 1700 block of East FM 700, the 500 block of Northwest 10th Street, and the 2000 block of South Gregg Street.

- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 300 block of South Main Street.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of FM 700 and Goliad Street.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2700 block of Oasis Road.

Sheriff

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

- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 74 inmates at the time of this report.
- **JORDAN DEAN BALIOS**, 27, was booked by BSPD on charges of driving with a suspended or invalid license, and possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).
- **BRANDEE LEANN CASTILLO**, 20, was booked by BSPD on

a warrant for evading arrest or detention.

- **JERRY DON DUFFER**, 30, was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **TREYCEE LYNN FAIRMAN**, 38, was booked by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespassing.
- **JAMES J. FERGUSON**, 36, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for driving with an invalid license.
- **PIERRE JEAN GORDON**, 27,

was booked by HCSO on a warrant for possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).

- **MARK ANTHONY LOPEZ**, 27, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).
- **JUSTIN WAYNE MEEK**, 32, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for issuance of a bad check.
- **NICHOLAS JAMES STANFORD**, 20, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for failure to change address or name within 30 days.

Take Note

A Public Forum will be held at the Big Spring Comanche Trail Amphitheater

May 1, 2018. There will be a discussion of revamping the amphitheater, with hopes that upgrades will be made to the theatre while still maintaining the historical aspect of the theatre. If interested in being a cooperate sponsor to offer feed back be at the amphitheater at 6 p.m. May 1st.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is hosting an Indexing Discovery Day open to both members and the community on April 29 at 11:10 a.m. to noon and 3:10 p.m. to 4 p.m. at their Abilene church building, located at 3325 N. 12th St free of charge and open to the public. Walk-ins are welcome. Both novice and expert family history researchers are invited to attend.

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 supper 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.



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Obituaries

Bobbie "B.J." Statham

Bobbie "B.J." Statham, 66, of Big Spring died Monday, April 16, 2018, in Lubbock. 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. One person was treated at the scene.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of West Interstate 20. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the intersection of North Eighth and Benton streets. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 100 block of Airbase Road. One person was treated at the scene.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of Stadium. One person was treated at the scene.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of Highway 669 and FM 1785. One person was treated at the scene.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of East Sixth Street. One person was treated at the scene.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1100 block of Johnson Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Support Groups

TUESDAY

Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers.

For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

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

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.

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.



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Marijuana-based drug gets positive review from US agency

By **MATTHEW PERRONE**

AP Health Writer

WASHINGTON — A closely watched medicine made from the marijuana plant reduces seizures in children with severe forms of epilepsy and warrants approval in the United States, health officials said Tuesday.

British drugmaker GW Pharmaceuticals is seeking permission to sell its purified form of an ingredient found in cannabis — one that doesn't get users high — as a medication for rare, hard-to-treat seizures in children. If successful, the company's liquid formula would be the first government-approved drug derived from the cannabis plant in the U.S.

The Food and Drug Administration's approval would technically limit the treatment to a small group of epilepsy patients. But doctors would have the option to prescribe it for other uses and it could spur new pharmaceutical research and interest into other cannabis-based products. Man-made versions of a different marijuana ingredient have previously been approved for other purposes.

The FDA posted its review of the experimental medication Epidiolex ahead of a public meeting Thursday when a panel of outside experts will vote on the medicine's safety

and effectiveness. It's a non-binding recommendation that the FDA will consider in its final decision by late June.

Patients taking the treatment had fewer seizures, according to the FDA's internal review posted online. Scientists concluded that GW Pharmaceutical's submission "appears to support approval" despite some potential side effects including risks of liver injury.

More than two dozen states allow marijuana use for a variety of ailments, but the FDA has not approved it for any medical use. In 2016, the agency recommended against easing federal restrictions on marijuana. The U.S. continues to classify marijuana as a high-risk substance with no medical use, alongside other illicit drugs like heroin and LSD.

For years, desperate patients and parents have pushed for wider access to medical marijuana products for a host of conditions including pain, post-traumatic stress disorder and epilepsy, with only anecdotal stories and limited studies on their side.

But studies conducted by GW Pharmaceuticals have begun to change that picture.

Across three studies involving more than 500



This May 23, 2017, file photo shows GW Pharmaceuticals' Epidiolex, a medicine made from the marijuana plant but without THC. The medicine reduced seizures in children with severe forms of epilepsy and warrants approval in the United States, health officials said Tuesday, April 17, 2018.

AP photo

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recognized by an employer and getting that job position."

A resume is a medium for advertising yourself, and it's the first means in which you use to present yourself as a job applicant to try to claim that you are the best choice candidate to a prospective employer. Think of a resume as "self-advertisement" that sums up your experience on one page. Your resume is one of the most important pieces of your job application. It gives the hiring manager an overview of the qualifications you have for the job for which you're applying.

Unfortunately when first receiving a resume, most employers will give it a 10 second scan, which is not a lot of time at all to create a first impression on a piece of paper. This workshop can show you the most efficient way to build your resume so that you can be better noticed.

"Those who attend the workshop can either just learn the steps of building a resume so they can create one themselves at home, or resume workshop guests can print out their new resumes at 20 cents a page to take with them," said Negron.

According to Negron, there are only 11 spots available for the Resume Building Workshop, and those who are interested can just show up at the allotted time or reserve a spot for the workshop.

"The library always tries to meet the needs and services of the community to the fullest. This is another way to help them be the best they can be," said Negron. "They then can take their newly made resumes to the Howard County Library Job Fair on April 24 to present their resumes to the many business that will present during the fair."

For more information on the workshop, or to reserve a spot, call Manny Negron at 432-264-2260.

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The Thursday Evening Ladies' Card Club is one of the groups that was recognized at the event. Shown left to right are Patsy Self, Clara Cline, Betty Daily, Martha Beene, Johnnie Tatom, and Kay Clark. The ladies were joined in the photo by DAV officers Junior Vice Commander Steve Purdy, Senior Vice Commander Mike Tarpley, and Commander Ed Meiser.

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Recovery continues in West 5 years after plant explosion

By SHELLY CONLON

Waco Tribune-Herald

WEST, Texas — Head football coach David Woodard, like others in West, lost his home and his place of employment on a Wednesday evening five years ago, when an explosion at the West Fertilizer Co. plant rocked the town, killed 15 and injured hundreds.

The Waco Tribune-Herald reports Woodard chose to rebuild and rely on the resilience he saw around him as community members immediately went into action, both before and after the blast, which came at 7:51 p.m. April 17, 2013. There was never a question of whether he and his family would choose to stay, Woodard said.

The town saw some leave after the blast to start their lives over and has seen some return. Woodard watched as enrollment in West Independent School District dropped for four years after the blast, only to see it turn around as the district's recovery reached a new high point with the opening of a new joint middle school and high school building at the start of last school year.

He never had any doubt West would thrive again, Woodard said. Five years later, the signs of a strong, unbroken community are easy to find. Beyond the new buildings and houses in town, smaller threads of compassion are visible — the same threads that held the town together after the tragedy, he and other West ISD employees said.

In addition to the 15 people killed, mostly first responders in the line of duty, and the hundreds of people injured, three of West ISD's schools and more than 350 homes were damaged or destroyed in the town with a population about 2,800.

A commemorative service marking the fifth anniversary of the explosion was scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday at West Middle School/High School.

Woodard was driving through Marlin, returning from a track meet with about 20 students, when he heard the West Fertilizer Co. plant was on fire.

The team stopped for a quick bite and waited for word about whether to return and where to go, said Woodard, also the district's athletics director.

"I thought nothing of it really. I don't know why," he said. "Then one of the other coaches, he was in the back seat of the Ford Expedition and said, 'Holy cow, they just said it exploded.'"

Woodard asked what the coach meant. The coach replied simply, "It's bad."

West Intermediate School, declared a complete loss, was the closest school to the fertilizer plant, and West High School was also nearby. It sustained most of its damage on the north side, the district's website states.

Once Woodard checked that his family was safe, he and others could not get out of their heads how much worse the tragedy would have been if the blast happened at a different time of day, or if they had gotten back to the school a little earlier.

In the years that followed, West ISD has seen an almost 10 percent decline in enrollment, some of which can be attributed to families who were unsure whether West could ever thrive again, Superintendent David Truitt said.

West ISD's enrollment fell from 1,440 students for the 2012-13 school year to 1,311 in the 2015-16 year, as staffing levels fell from 205 to 189, according to the Texas Education Agency.

By the time the district opened its new combined middle school and high school at the start of the 2016-17 year, enrollment had turned around and grown to 1,325, and district employment was back up to 197.

And the increase in enrollment is expected to continue. By the 2021-2022 school year, West ISD is projected to have 1,395 students, Truitt said.

The new building and student growth have become symbols of what a community can do in the wake of a tragedy that left much of the town in ruins. And a quick drive up and down West streets shows more signs of a town thriving once again. Much of the success is tied to one of West's largest employers — West ISD.

Maybe it is the sign staked in a front yard, urging residents to vote in the upcoming May school bond election for a new \$20 million elementary school.

Maybe it is a new house in a once-empty lot or a train of school buses from other districts trekking into town for a tournament or competition at a West ISD facility that could not host such an event before the explosion.

Maybe it is the removal of the football stadium first responders used as a triage center in the aftermath of the explosion and the plans to build a new one in its place.

But often, the sign comes when someone new follows the access road off Interstate 35, turns past the Czech Stop Bakery to explore and decides to ask locals about how the town has managed to stay alive, Truitt said. Each time, residents relive the

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Granddaughter: Barbara Bush is 'a fighter,' in good spirits



AP photo

In this March 29, 2015, file photo, former President George H.W. Bush and his wife Barbara Bush, left, speak before a college basketball regional final game between Gonzaga and Duke, in the NCAA basketball tournament in Houston. A family spokesman said Sunday, April 15, 2018, that the former first lady Barbara Bush is in "failing health" and won't seek additional medical treatment.

By MICHAEL GRACZYK

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Former first lady Barbara Bush, who was reported in "failing health" over the weekend, is in "great spirits" and the family is grateful for "everybody's prayers and thoughts," her granddaughter said Monday.

Bush family spokesman Jim McGrath said in a news release Sunday that "Mrs. Bush, now age

92, has decided not to seek additional medical treatment and will instead focus on comfort care" at home in Houston following consultations with her doctors and family.

McGrath did not elaborate on the nature of Bush's health problems but on Monday said she's suffered in recent years from congestive heart failure and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

She also has been treated for decades for Graves' disease, which is a thyroid condition, had heart surgery in 2009 for a severe narrowing of her main heart valve and was hospitalized a year before that for surgery on a perforated ulcer.

Jenna Bush Hager, an anchor on NBC's "Today" show, told the

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Oklahoma wildfires kill 2 people, threat continues

By KEN MILLER

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Wildfires have killed two people and burned more than 400,000 acres (1,600 sq. kilometers) in western Oklahoma, and dry, windy weather already hindering fire-fighting efforts there will only get worse as the week progresses, fire and forestry officials said Monday.

Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management spokeswoman Keli Cain said in a news release late Sunday that a 61-year-old man died Thursday because of injuries suffered in the fire that began that day near Leedey, about 110 miles (180 kilometers) north-

west of Oklahoma City. Cain said a woman also died as a result of a fire near Seiling, about 90 miles (145 kilometers) northwest of Oklahoma City.

Additional details have not been released and Cain said she has no further information on the deaths.

The largest fire, which began near Leedey and has burned more than 245,000 acres (990 sq. kilometers) in Dewey County, is about 3 percent contained, according to forestry services. A fire that began near Woodward, about 20 miles (32 kilometers) north of Leedey, has burned nearly 68,000 acres and is 45 percent contained.

Texas man found guilty in death and dismemberment of student

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A 31-year-old man has been convicted of murder in the death of a Texas college student whose body was found dismembered, burned and with her heart cut out.

A jury in Fort Worth deliberated for less than three hours Monday before convicting Charles Dean Bryant in the death of 24-year-old Jacqueline Vandagriff, a Texas Woman's University student.

Bryant also was found guilty of tampering with evidence.

Defense attorney Glynis McGinty argued that Vandagriff died accidentally during consensual sex with Bryant. She says a plastic tie was placed around Vandagriff's neck, causing asphyxiation. Prosecutors say there's no evidence the two had sex.

McGinty says Bryant committed a crime by panicking and disposing of the woman's body in September 2016, but he did not commit murder.

The punishment phase is underway.



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moments following the tragedy, mourning lost loved ones and sharing the blessings that helped keep the town glued together during the past five years, he said.

"My phone rang constantly that night of coaches in our area asking, 'What do you need?'" Woodard said. "The guys from Riesel brought buses over here for us. Every coach around here knew and asked, 'What do you need? What can we do?' At the time, we really didn't know."

Beyond outside financial support from state and federal agencies, a strong ingredient in the glue that binds the city comes from compassion shown by West ISD staff, administrators, community members and outside school districts in the weeks and months and years after the explosion rocked the town.

Those moments helped lay the foundation for future stability and two critical stages of recovery, said John Crowder, pastor at First Baptist Church of West.

"There's the immediate disaster relief and then there's the long-term disaster recovery, two different experiences," Crowder said. "In that relief time, we were able to say to the community, 'God is good and that God is bigger than all of this.' Then we moved into the recovery time and were able to say everyone 'God is good, and West is blessed' and we started looking at the blessing in the way that God is working."

Crowder has been in West more than 20 years and helped lead the recovery effort by setting up a center to organize volunteers, provide meals and showers to those in need, and work closely with district officials.

He, his wife and his daughter were part of the caravan returning from the track meet with Woodard the night of the explosion, he said. Crowder also lost his home that night. Now he is one of the newest members on the district's school board.

The day after the explosion, West ISD administrators and board members immediately went to work to find ways to get school back in session, said Charles Mikeska, assistant superintendent for finance and operations.

Mikeska, other administrators and a group of volunteers made sure students did not miss more than two days of school before the district was up and running again, he said. They worked nonstop to prepare what was left of West ISD for class, and relied on the grace of neighboring school districts to house students and evacuate residents until another solution could be found, he said.

"The things that go through my mind mostly is the outpouring of the help from people you just can't imagine," West ISD maintenance supervisor Brian Renegar said. "I distinctly remember going to

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Trump says tax law, US economy helping Hispanics



President Donald Trump, left, holds the chair for Irina Vilarino, right, owner, Las Vegas Cuban Cuisine, as they take their seats at an event to promote Trump's tax cut package at Bucky Dent Park in Hialeah, Fla., Monday, April 16, 2018.

AP photo

By ZEKE MILLER

Associated Press

HIALEAH, Fla. — President Donald Trump said Monday the Republican tax law and his push to slash regulations are driving one of the "greatest booms" to the U.S. economy and helping Hispanic workers.

Trump praised the strength of the economy at a business round-table in a predominantly Latino Miami sub-

urb, telling the audience the country is "starting to really rock" with businesses coming back to the country and corporations facing fewer regulations.

Trump was joined by local business owners in the Miami area and members of his Cabinet, underscoring the importance of the tax law and the business climate to Republicans' midterm election hopes. Florida has long been one of the nation's campaign battlegrounds

BUSH

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program Monday morning that Bush is resting comfortably with family.

"She's a fighter. She's an enforcer," Hager said, using the family's nickname for her grandmother. "We're grateful for her, for everybody's prayers and thoughts, and just know the world is better because she is in it."

"We are grateful for her. She's the best grandma anybody could have ever had ... or have," she said.

Bush is one of only two first ladies who was also the mother of a president. The other was Abigail Adams, wife of John Adams, the nation's second president, and mother of John Quincy Adams, the sixth president.

Bush married George H.W. Bush on Jan. 6, 1945. They had six children and have been married longer than any presidential couple in American history.

Eight years after she and her husband left the White House, Mrs. Bush stood with her husband as their son George W. was sworn in as the 43rd president.

Hager said the former president "still says, 'I love you Barbie' every night," describing their grandparents' close relationship as "remarkable."

McGrath said Bush was concerned more for her family than herself.

"It will not surprise those who know her that Barbara Bush has been a rock in the face of her failing health, worrying not for herself — thanks to her abiding faith — but for others," he said.

President Donald Trump's press secretary, Sarah Huckabee Sanders, said in a statement Sunday evening that "the President's and first lady's prayers are with all of the Bush family during this time."

Bush is known for her white hair and her triple-strand fake pearl necklace.

Her brown hair began to gray in the 1950s, while her 3-year-old daughter Pauline, known to her family as Robin, underwent treatment for leukemia and eventually died in October 1953. She later said dyed hair didn't look good on her and credited the color to the public's percep-

tion of her as "everybody's grandmother."

Her pearls sparked a national fashion trend when she wore them to her husband's inauguration in 1989. The pearls became synonymous with Bush, who later said she selected them to hide the wrinkles in her neck. The candid admission only bolstered her common sense and down-to-earth public image.

Her 93-year-old husband, the nation's 41st president who served from 1989 to 1993, also has had health issues in recent years. In April 2017, he was hospitalized in Houston for two weeks for a mild case of pneumonia and chronic bronchitis. He was hospitalized months earlier, also for pneumonia. He has a form of Parkinson's disease and uses a motorized scooter or a wheelchair for mobility.

Before being president, he served as a congressman, CIA director and Ronald Reagan's vice president.

and will be among several states contested by both parties in the fight to control Congress.

The event included testimonials from Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, a one-time campaign rival who praised the administration's handling of Cuba and Venezuela, and several Cuban business leaders. Trump did not publicly respond to the ABC News interview by former FBI Director James Comey, keeping focused instead on the economy.

Speaking a day before the personal income tax filing deadline, Trump said: "This is the last time we're going to fill out that long, complicated, horrible return." The president said next year, once the tax law is fully implemented, filing a federal return will be "simple and easy to do."

Trump has withheld the release of his personal tax returns, falling short of the standard followed by presidents since Richard Nixon started the practice in 1969. During the 2016 campaign, Trump argued he couldn't release his taxes because he was under an audit by the IRS.

At the Hialeah event, the president praised his new national security adviser John Bolton for the air strikes in Syria on Friday. As the crowd applauded, Trump joked, "Are you giving him all the credit? You know that means the end of his job."

Trump was headed to his Mar-a-Lago estate in Palm Beach, Florida, later Monday, preparing for two days of meetings with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

Barbara Pierce Bush was born June 8, 1925, in Rye, New York. Her father was the publisher of McCall's and Redbook magazines. She and George H.W. Bush married when she was 19 and while he was a young naval aviator. After World War II, the Bushes moved to Texas where he went into the oil business.

Along with her memoirs, she's the author of "C. Fred's Story" and "Millie's Book," based on the lives of her dogs. Proceeds from the books benefited adult and family literacy programs. The Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy began during her White House years with the goal of improving the lives of disadvantaged Americans by boosting literacy among parents and their children. The foundation partners with local programs and had awarded more than \$40 million as of 2014 to create or expand more than 1,500 literacy programs nationwide.

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Connally (ISD) that Saturday, because we made numerous trips down there. They had a building that was shut down. They brought in their staff to wax the floors. They painted every wall. They put signs above their signs to cover them up that said West High School and Middle School."

Renegar still gets goose bumps when he thinks about seeing 13 school buses from another school district headed to West to help, he said.

Consistency became the most important element in helping students and the community move forward, said Amanda Adams, the district's executive director for teaching and learning who served as the West Middle School principal five years ago.

School officials weighed the options of doing shorter school days or only continuing certain subjects. At one point, they even considered canceling the rest of the year for seniors to take some of the pressure off students who lost everything, she said.

In the end, what officials found is they, like their students, wanted to cling to each other and chose to go on with the school year as much as possible, she said.

"I don't think we would've had the courage had we not had so many people step up," Adams said. "We had schools do things even like coming in and writing lesson plans for our teachers and provide what they could do with their kids the next day, because there was so much personal stress on our teachers. Without those gifts, I don't know."

For some, symbols of hope came in even smaller gestures.

Mikeska, Renegar and others rifled through unstable school buildings to pull out any salvageable décor from offices and classrooms to help teachers hang on to a sense of self. One search even included recovering military service medals for a principal. Others went digging for students' medicine and supplies kept in the schools, they said.

"I remember driving from the place we were staying out of town to into town on Monday morning, because I had to get to the church and do whatever I had to do," Crowder said. "I turned right at the Sonic, and there's the elementary school playground. There are kids on the playground Monday, after a Wednesday night explosion and the kids are running, playing, laughing and having a good time. It was that vision of what was happening at West Elementary School that told me there is going to be a tomorrow. We were going to get through this."

West ISD finished out the year where and how they could, then operated classes out of several portable buildings, which became known to students as "Portable City" for at least the next two years.

And slowly, whether it was eight hours at school or a two-hour baseball game, the ability to stay busy helped bring back life beyond the tragedy, Woodard said.

"It seemed like with me and my family, every waking hour we spent thinking, 'What are we going to do? Where are we going to live? We don't have any clothes,'" Woodard said. "Being able to get back to school and being able to be around our staff and the kids, it made it to where those thoughts didn't enter your mind."

Others, however, credit Truitt's arrival two years after the tragedy with helping push West and its schools forward into the second stage of recovery.

Truitt arrived feeling as though he and his family had a calling to help West heal, he said. Previous administrators already had a plan of action in place. He just executed it, he said.

But Truitt will be the first to say he did not find despair when he arrived. Credit for the town's progress does not belong to him, he said. He found welcoming arms, and that is what helped move West beyond the explosion as community of faith and family, he said.

California rejects border duties for troops



In this March 13, 2018, file photo, a motorcade carrying President Donald Trump drives along the border in San Diego. California has rejected the federal government's initial plans for National Guard troops to the border because the work is considered too closely tied to immigration enforcement.

By ELLIOT SPAGAT

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — California has rejected the federal government's initial plans for National Guard troops to the border because the work is considered too closely tied to immigration enforcement, two U.S. officials told The Associated Press.

The state informed federal officials it will not allow its troops to fix and repair vehicles, operate remotely-controlled surveillance cameras to report suspicious activity to the Border

Patrol, operate radios and provide "mission support," which can include clerical work, buying gas and handling payroll, according to officials with knowledge of the talks who spoke condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the matter.

California Gov. Jerry Brown elicited rare and effusive praise from President Donald Trump last week after he pledged 400 troops to the Guard's third large-scale border mission since 2006.

The governor's commit-

ment allowed Trump to boast support from all four border-state governors and helped put the president above the lower end of his threshold of marshaling 2,000 to 4,000 troops that he wants as a border security mission to fight illegal immigration and drug trafficking.

But the Democratic Brown conditioned his support by insisting that California's troops have nothing to do with immigration enforcement. He was not specific about jobs his troops would or would not perform or how he would distinguish between immigration-related work and going after criminal gangs and drug and gun smugglers.

California National Guard spokesman Lt. Col. Thomas Keegan said Monday that the state was awaiting a formal response from the administration and had no additional details beyond the governor's proposed agreement released last week that includes a ban on immigra-

tion enforcement.

Evan Westrup, a spokesman for the governor, did not immediately answer detailed question about California's rejection of specific guard duties.

Talks between U.S. and California officials about the duties the California troops would perform soured Friday and over the weekend after state authorities told federal officials that they would not participate in vehicle maintenance and the other jobs outlined for an initial phase across the border in California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas, the U.S. officials said. The other border-state governors — all Republicans — have openly embraced Trump's plans.

The state's position infuriated some federal officials because the restrictions California officials wanted to impose on what the state's troops would not do were considered onerous, the officials said.

Brown last week characterized his decision to contribute troops as a welcome infusion of federally-funded support to fight transnational criminal gangs and drug and firearms smugglers. According to one U.S. official, the California Guard has suggested assigning about 40 troops to marijuana eradication across the state.

NASA's newest planet-hunting spacecraft poised for launch

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA's newest planet-hunting spacecraft is poised for a Monday evening launch from Cape Canaveral, Florida.

The Tess satellite will scan almost the entire sky, starting at the brightest, closest stars in an effort to find any planets that might be encircling them. These mysterious worlds beyond our solar system, called exoplanets, could harbor life.

Scientists expect Tess to discover thousands of rocky and icy planets and gas giants, maybe even water worlds and places defying imagination — possibly even a twin Earth. Bigger and more powerful observatories of the future will scrutinize these prime candidates for potential signs of life.

A SpaceX rocket is scheduled to blast off with Tess at 6:32 p.m. The name Tess is short for Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite.



In this image released by SpaceX, NASA's Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (Tess) sits atop a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket at Space Launch Complex 40, Monday, April 16, 2018, in Cape Canaveral, Fla.

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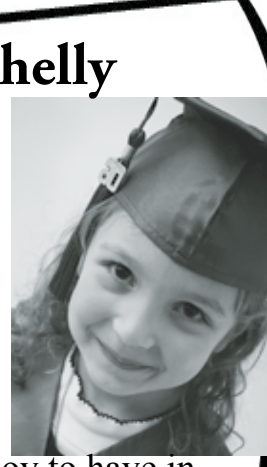
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Forsan area track meet results



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Lady Buffs 4X400 M relay team took 3rd place in area track meet advance to regionals with a time of 4:20.69. Photo: left to right Rylee Evans, Chasidy Grantham, Emily Garcia, Jaidyn Brown

Special to the Herald

Forsan Lady Buffs, Emily Garcia placed 4th, with a jump of 34' 2", in the Area meet (District 7-8 2A) at Abilene Christian University, Monday April 16th. Emily also

placed 2nd in 200 M dash, 26.6 seconds. advances to regionals. Bryce Hergert placed 3rd 110 Hurdles 15.8 seconds, Bryce 300 H with a 41.3 seconds for 1st. Garret Evan's placed 2nd

53.89 seconds in the 400 M dash. Rylee Evans, Chasidy Grantham, Jaidyn Brown, and Emily Garcia 3rd in 4X400 M Relay 4:20. Advance to Regionals in Odessa.

Time is now: Texas Tech folks are ready for Kingsbury to win



AP photo

In this Nov. 18, 2017, file photo, Texas Tech coach Kliff Kingsbury looks down at his notes during the second half of the NCAA college football game TCU, in Lubbock, Texas. Kingsbury is still popular at Texas Tech, five years after his hiring as coach unified a fractured football program at his alma mater.

By SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Sports Writer

LUBBOCK, Texas — Kliff Kingsbury is still popular at Texas Tech, five years after his hiring as coach unified a fractured program at his alma mater.

As much as fans on the West Texas plains want one of their own to succeed, patience wanes with just two winning seasons and a losing overall record heading into the former quarterback's sixth year.

Once dubbed "Coach Cool" because of adoring students, his sunglasses on the sideline and a perpetual 5

o'clock shadow, Kingsbury feels the urgency, with or without his athletic director saying in the Big 12 championship race every November.

Though that hasn't happened under Kingsbury, Kirby Hocutt declared immediately after Texas Tech beat Texas last November that the coach he put in charge of a program for the first time at age 33, with just two years of experience as an offensive coordinator, would return for another season.

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Colon perfect into 8th, Rangers beat Astros 3-1 in 10

By JOSHUA KOCH

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Age is only a number and Bartolo Colon is evidence of that. The 44-year-old pitcher carried a perfect game into the eighth and Robinson Chirinos drove in all three runs for the Texas Rangers during their 3-1 victory over the Houston Astros in 10 innings Sunday night.

"I don't ever think about what age I am or who is facing me," Colon said through a translator. "I always try to do my job and I always feel happy doing my job and that's what I think about."

Colon turned back the clock and dominated the defending World Series champions for seven innings, retiring his first 21 batters in an entertaining duel with Astros ace Justin Verlander.

Of the first 17 batters Colon faced, he went to an 0-2 count on 10 and struck out six in that span.

"He was doing everything he wanted to do with that baseball," Chirinos said. "So it was fun to be behind the plate and receive those pitches."

Colon entered the eighth having thrown 83 pitches, 59 for strikes, with seven strikeouts.

"When I pitched seven innings perfect, I started thinking about it," he said. "I know that (Jose) Altuve and all those guys can be a hard out."

Colon walked Carlos Correa on a 3-1 pitch to start the eighth before Josh Reddick lined an 0-2 delivery down the right-field line for a double that put runners at second and third, spoiling the no-hit bid as well.

"He left a changeup up and I was looking over the plate and got enough of it to get it over the first baseman's head," Reddick said.

Opposing fans in Houston gave Colon a standing ovation, and he clapped his bare hand softly against the outside of his glove.

A fan favorite all around the majors, the beefy right-hander nicknamed "Big Sexy" is on his ninth team in his last 11 seasons.

"It was probably top three games I've ever been involved in," Rangers manager Jeff Banister said. "I was getting excited. You find yourself pulling for it, a lot of different things run through your mind in those types of situations. It was his game."

Two outs later, Colon was removed with the score tied at 1. As he walked off the field, he glanced at Reddick on third base and the two shared some words.

"He looked at me and told me I was supposed to at least roll over it and not pull it like that," Reddick said. "He and I go way back from our Oakland days. I told him great job. He's one of the better guys you'll see in the game."

Chirinos homered early for the only hit off Verlander, who struck out 11 over eight innings.

"It's fun, but at the same time, you're hoping for some runs there," Verlander said about going toe-to-toe with Colon. "He was painting. It's like, what are you going to do? You're going to tip your cap. He did an excellent job tonight keeping our guys off balance and not giving anyone anything to hit."

In the 10th, Chirinos launched a two-run double off Hector Rondon (1-1) that short-hopped the wall in straightaway center field. Jake Diekmann pitched out of trouble in the bottom half for his first save.

With runners at the corners, Jake Marisnick struck out swinging to end it and slammed his bat to the ground. Marisnick was angry that Diekmann's 3-1 pitch was called a strike even though it looked outside.

Keone Kela (2-0) worked a scoreless ninth for the win.

Colon threw 96 pitches, 66 for strikes, and kept the powerful Astros off balance by changing speeds and working expertly to both edges of the plate. He struck out seven in 7 2/3 innings but ended up with a no-decision after Yuli Gurriel tied the score at 1 with a sacrifice fly.

Colon's longest no-hit bid came with Cleveland on Sept. 18, 2000, when he held the New York Yankees hitless for 7 1/3 innings. He finished with a one-hitter in a 2-0 win at Yankee Stadium.

Kenny Rogers threw Texas' most recent no-hitter, in July 1994.

ROSTER MOVES

The Rangers claimed INF-OF Renato Nunez off waivers from Oakland. Nunez will join the Rangers on Monday when they open a three-game series at Tampa Bay.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Rangers: RHP Tim Lincecum was transferred to the 60-day disabled list after he started the season on the 10-day DL due to a blister on his right middle finger. "Just feel like with him being a number of days away from actually facing hitters, putting him on the 60-day gives a little more room to play with and the opportunity to slow the process down," Banister said.

Astros: LHP Tony Sipp (right oblique soreness) played catch again,



AP photo

Texas Rangers' starting pitcher Bartolo Colon throws against the Houston Astros during the first inning of a baseball game Sunday, April 15, 2018, in Houston.

manager A.J. Hinch said.

UP NEXT

Rangers: LHP Martin Perez (1-1, 11.88 ERA) will make his third start of the season Monday against the Rays. Perez is coming off the shortest start by any Texas starter, lasting

just three innings and giving up eight runs.

Astros: LHP Dallas Keuchel (0-2, 4.20) starts a four-game series Monday at Seattle. Keuchel has never opened 0-3. In his last start, he lasted just four innings.

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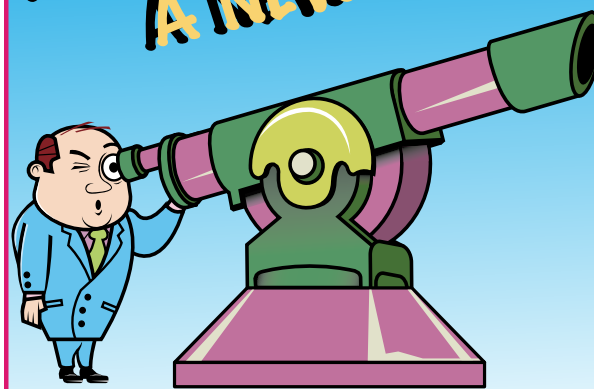
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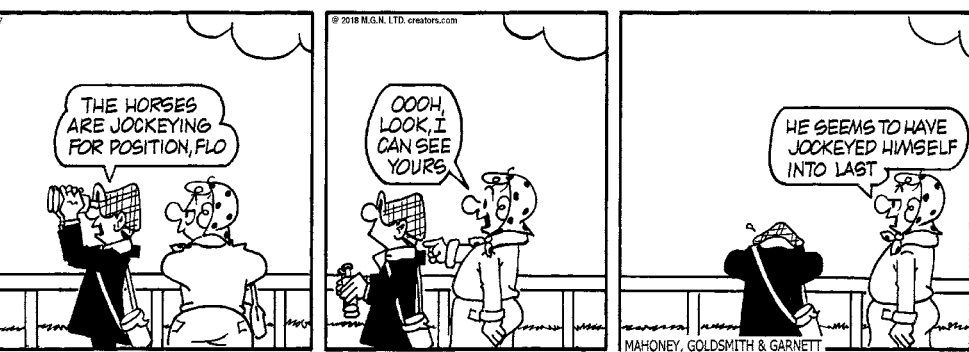


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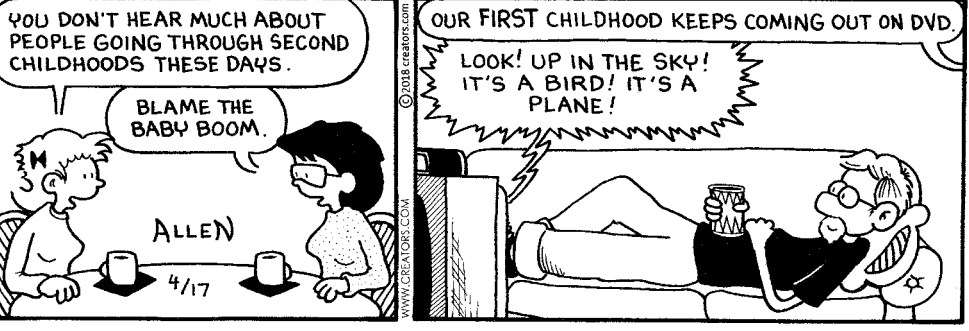
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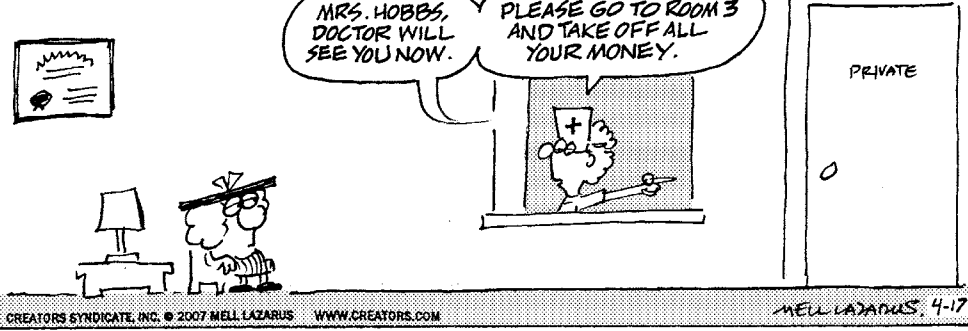
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, April 17, the 107th day of 2018. There are 258 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 17, 1961, some 1,500 CIA-trained Cuban exiles launched the disastrous Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba in an attempt to topple Fidel Castro, whose forces crushed the incursion by the third day.

On this date:

In 1492, a contract was signed by Christopher Columbus and a representative of Spain's King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella, giving Columbus a commission to seek a westward ocean passage to Asia.

In 1521, Martin Luther went before the Diet of Worms (vohrms) to face charges stemming from his religious writings. (Luther was later declared an outlaw by Holy Roman Emperor Charles V.)

In 1861, the Virginia State Convention voted to secede from the Union.

In 1895, the Treaty of Shimonoseki ended the first Sino-Japanese War.

In 1924, the motion picture studio Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer was founded, the result of a merger of Metro Pictures, Goldwyn Pictures and the Louis B. Mayer Co.

In 1937, cartoon character Daffy Duck made his debut in the Warner Bros. animated short "Porky's Duck Hunt," directed by Tex Avery.

In 1941, Yugoslavia surrendered to Germany during World War II.

In 1964, Geraldine "Jerrie" Mock became the first woman to complete a solo airplane trip around the world as she returned to Columbus, Ohio, after 29 1/2 days in her Cessna 180. Ford Motor Co. unveiled the Mustang at the New York World's Fair. The first game was played at New York's Shea Stadium; the Pittsburgh Pirates defeated the Mets, 4-3.

In 1970, Apollo 13 astronauts James A. Lovell, Fred W. Haise and Jack Swigert splashed down safely in the Pacific, four days after a ruptured oxygen tank crippled their spacecraft while en route to the moon.

In 1972, the Boston Marathon allowed women to compete for the first time; Nina Kuscsik was the first officially recognized women's champion, with a time of 3:10:26.

In 1986, at London's Heathrow Airport, a bomb was discovered in the bag of Anne-Marie Murphy, a preg-

nant Irishwoman about to board an El Al jetliner to Israel; she'd been tricked into carrying the bomb by her Jordanian fiancé, Nezar Hindawi. The bodies of kidnapped American Peter Kilburn and Britons Philip Padfield and Leigh Douglas were found near Beirut; they had been slain in apparent retaliation for the U.S. raid on Libya.

In 1993, a federal jury in Los Angeles convicted two former police officers of violating the civil rights of beaten motorist Rodney King; two other officers were acquitted. Turkish President Turgut Ozal died at age 66.

Ten years ago: Pope Benedict XVI, during his visit to Washington, talked and prayed privately with survivors of the clergy sex abuse scandal in what's believed to be a first-ever meeting between a pontiff and abuse victims. British Prime Minister Gordon Brown met at Camp David with President George W. Bush; the two leaders sought to dispel doubts about their relationship, showing common ground on a range of issues. Danny Federici, the keyboard player for Bruce Springsteen, died in New York City at age 58.

Five years ago: Fifteen people were killed when a fertilizer plant exploded in West, Texas. Sports returned to Boston two days after the deadly Marathon bombing as the Buffalo Sabres defeated the Bruins in a 3-2 shootout (players on both teams wore "Boston Strong" decals on their helmets). Senate Republicans backed by a small band of rural-state Democrats scuttled the most far-reaching gun control legislation in two decades, rejecting tighter background checks for buyers and a ban on assault weapons.

One year ago: Opening his first White House Easter Egg Roll, President Donald Trump extolled the strength of America as thousands of kids, and some adults, reveled in the time-honored tradition of rolling hard-boiled eggs across the manicured lawn in his back yard. Kenyans ruled the Boston Marathon, with Geoffrey Kirui and Edna

Kiplagat winning the race in their debut.

Today's Birthdays: Actor David Bradley is 76. Composer-musician Jan Hammer (yahn HAH'-mur) is 70. Actress Olivia Hussey is 67. Actor Clarke Peters is 66. Rock singer-musician Pete Shelley (Buzzcocks) is 63. Rapper Afrika Bambaataa is 61. Actor Sean Bean is 59. Former NFL quarterback

Boomer Esiason is 57. Actor Joel Murray is 56. Rock singer Maynard James Keenan is 54. Actress Lela Rochon (LEE'-lah rohn-SHAHN') is 54. Actor William Mapother is 53. Actress Leslie Bega is 51. Actor Henry Ian Cusick is 51. Actress Kimberly Elise is 51. Singer Liz Phair is 51. Rapper-actor Redman is 48. Actress Jennifer Garner is 46. Country musician Craig Anderson is

45. Singer Victoria Adams Beckham is 44. Actress-singer Lindsay Korman is 40. Actor Tate Ellington is 39. Actor Nicholas D'Agosto is 38. Actor Charlie Hofheimer is 37. Actress Rooney Mara is 33. Actress Jacqueline MacInnes Wood is 31. Actor Paulie Litt is 23. Actress Dee Dee Davis is 22.

Thought for Today:

"Beware of little expenses. A small leak will sink a great ship."

Benjamin Franklin (born 1706, died this date in 1790).

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Newsday Crossword

NOT-SO-GREAT GOLF by Sally R. Stein Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS**
- 1 "Not guilty," for one
 - 5 Hoarse-sounding voice
 - 9 "Hush up!"
 - 14 ___ Grey tea
 - 15 General Robert ___
 - 16 Drop ___ to (write)
 - 17 Shape of an egg
 - 18 ___ weevil (plant pest)
 - 19 Prima ___ (opera star)
 - 20 Astronauts' org.
 - 21 No longer obligated
 - 23 Easy running gait
 - 25 One ___ time (individually)
 - 26 Plan in detail
 - 29 Begins to blossom
 - 31 Massachusetts' Cape ___
 - 34 Appliances for baking
 - 35 Casino's number-picking game
 - 36 Honolulu's island
 - 37 Ensnaing
 - 40 Flying toy with a tail
 - 41 Winter outerwear
 - 42 Household task to do
 - 43 Crafty
 - 44 Bride's dress
 - 45 Major for a doctor-to-be
 - 46 Source of solar energy
 - 47 Fortune-teller
 - 48 Fort in pieces, as pizza
 - 53 Fond hope
 - 57 Mystical glows
- DOWN**
- 1 Lowly worker
 - 2 Molten rock
 - 3 Historical periods
 - 4 Suddenly
 - 5 Start up a computer again
 - 6 Up in the sky
 - 7 ___-esteem (ego)
 - 8 Attack with snowballs
 - 9 West Point students
 - 10 Greeting in 36 Across
 - 11 Spanish boy
 - 12 ___ time (quickly)
 - 13 Outdoor furniture wood
 - 22 Was wearing
 - 24 Hurry
 - 26 Makes fun of
 - 27 To no ___ (useless)
 - 28 Small-minded
 - 29 Got started
 - 30 Army group
 - 31 Pool table bounce
 - 32 Chicago airport
 - 33 Tricked
 - 35 Be sure of
 - 36 Alternatively
 - 38 Smartphone app symbols
 - 39 Land measure
 - 44 Hotel patrons
 - 45 Sounded like a baby chick
 - 46 In good ___ (physically fit)
 - 47 Frighten
 - 48 Low choral voice
 - 49 Christmas season
 - 50 Fearsome dinosaur, for short
 - 51 What police forces enforce
 - 52 "That makes sense"
 - 54 Object of adoration
 - 55 Sail the seven ___
 - 56 Rabbit's relative

Answer to previous puzzle

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Howard College Rodeo action



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Howard College bull rider Chance Berryhill competes during the Friday night performance of the Howard College Rodeo on Friday, April 13, 2018.



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A mad bull chases a pickup man during the Friday night performance of the Howard College Rodeo on Friday, April 13, 2018.



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Howard College steer wrestler Burley White leaves his horse to try to bring down his steer during the Friday night performance of the Howard College Rodeo on Friday, April 13, 2018.



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Howard College header Brycen Kiker ropes his steer during team roping at HC Rodeo Saturday slack on Saturday, April 14, 2018.

TECH

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Kingsbury's contract runs through 2020.

"I understand that what we've been the last couple of years isn't good enough, record-wise," Kingsbury told The Associated Press a few weeks before the start of spring practice, which wraps up Saturday. "And we have to show improvement. That comes with the territory. Being an alum of Texas Tech, I want it as much as anybody if not more."

Hired after Johnny Manziel became the first freshman to win the Heisman Trophy under his watch at Texas A&M in 2012, Kingsbury electrified a fan base that had splintered.

Tommy Tuberville had left suddenly for Cincinnati, with the perception that he never really wanted a job he held for three years. Predecessor Mike Leach, the winningest coach in school history, was fired following allegations that he mistreated Adam James when the son of former SMU star Craig James had a concussion.

The arrival of Kingsbury was similar to that of his former coach, Spike Dykes. The West Texas native took the Texas Tech job when David McWilliams left after one season in 1986 to return to his alma mater — hated rival Texas, of all places.

Dykes only twice won more than seven games but he lasted 13 seasons in part because of his connection to the fans. Kingsbury's understated style is more CEO than country boy, but he's still one of them. Someone who wants to be here in this Big 12 outpost some 350 miles west of Dallas.

"People will be more patient with Kliff just because of the fact that he's a native son," said Tvey Rankin, a West Texas native who played for Dykes and is now a season-ticket holder. "I think he'd like to be here as long as he can. That was another thing that endeared Spike to the community was the fact this was his dream job."

Rankin and Rodney Allison, director of the Double T Varsity Club that stays connected to former players, say the goodwill only goes so far. Both acknowledge frustration among fans and former players with Kingsbury's 30-33 record, perhaps more specifically with a 16-29 mark in the Big 12, without a winning conference season.

"I think there's a point here, we've got to win some games," Allison said. "There's a point that 6-7, I don't think is good enough. And I think everybody would tell you that. We sure hope he's here 10 years. That means we'll turn this thing around and we've got it going in that direction where we're playing in bowl games every year."

Hocutt said he kept Kingsbury because the program improved in 2017 despite another losing record that was clinched with a 38-34 loss to South Florida in the Birmingham Bowl when the Bulls scored with 16 seconds remaining.

Most of what Hocutt means revolves around a defense that is improving and has some stability with defensive coordinator David Gibbs going into his fourth season. The Red Raiders also like to talk about 10 of 11 starters returning on that unit.

"With the momentum that I see each and every day within the program, it's the culture, it's the work ethic," Hocutt said. "It's the attitude within that football building and these young men I get to see every day. There's positive energy and focus and determination. It's exciting to see and obviously the results have to come in the fall."

Rankin said there was the money and support from boosters to dump Kingsbury after last season, which would have triggered a \$6.8 million buyout. He credits Hocutt for showing patience after what he said was a risky hire on a young coach without much experience — five years total.

Hocutt was at Miami when Tuberville replaced

Leach and said he didn't realize how divided fans were until he saw their euphoria over his choice. He wasn't blind to Kingsbury's inexperience.

"This is his first opportunity and it's a pretty big stage for it to be your first opportunity," Hocutt said. "And we knew that six years ago. It's been rewarding to watch him each year continue to grow and just continue to develop his philosophy as a head coach."

Kingsbury's specialty — quarterback — will likely remain unsettled going into summer workouts. But the odds are in his favor as the leader of a program that produced top 10 NFL pick Patrick Mahomes, the expected starter in Kansas City this fall, and is likely to have another QB drafted this month in 2017 starter Nic Shimonek.

This year's starter is likely to come from the trio of McLane Carter, who started the Texas game before Shimonek led the winning rally, former Dallas-area high school standout Jett Duffey and first-semester freshman Alan Bowman.

Kingsbury knows the key to success in the quarterback-driven Big 12. And if his athletic director expects to compete for league titles, Kingsbury believes he can.

"Each and every week, it's a dogfight and we're trying to slowly climb up that ladder," he said. "It's been a process, but we like where we're at. We think we're as healthy of a program as we've been since I've been here. Need to take that next step."

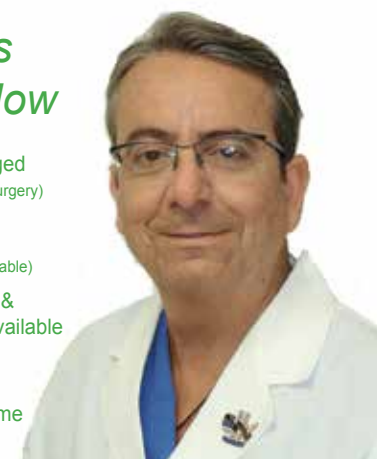
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Durant, Thompson lead Warriors to a 2-0 series lead on Spurs

By JANIE McCAULEY

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OAKLAND, Calif. — Stephen Curry watched another lopsided win from the bench in sheer delight, wearing a sport coat and big smile.

The steady hands of Kevin Durant and Klay Thompson certainly have made the two-time MVP's absence far less daunting for the defending champions so far in these playoffs.

Durant sparked a decisive third-quarter run on the way to 32 points, Thompson added 31 points and five assists in another superb playoff performance and the Golden State Warriors rallied in the second half to beat the San Antonio Spurs 116-101 on Monday night for a 2-0 lead in their first-round series.

As Curry remains out likely for the entire series nursing a sprained left knee, the Warriors used all the offensive power they had to take both home games in the best-of-seven series.

"No one can make up Steph's contributions individually," Thompson said. "That's got to be done as a team and even then it's hard with the way he can shoot the ball."

Thompson has found his touch after missing two weeks in March with a broken right thumb.

He followed up his brilliant 11-for-13 shooting day in a 113-92 Game 1 rout Saturday by hitting 12 of 20 shots. Durant also had six rebounds and six assists for the Warriors, who went without key backup big man David West down the stretch after he sprained his left ankle early in the fourth.

Coach Steve Kerr stuck with JaVale McGee as his starting center and the 7-footer contributed 10 points and seven rebounds as the well-rounded defending champions again showed off their remarkable depth.

LaMarcus Aldridge scored 34 for the Spurs despite facing double-teams and Rudy Gay moved into the starting lineup and scored 12 points.

Game 3 is Thursday as the series shifts to San Antonio.

Thompson managed just three shots in the first quarter and began 1 for 5. He pounded the basketball down with two hands, frustrated, midway through the second quarter. Then he found his groove.

"He hit some tough shots off one leg and you know had some opportunity bounces," Aldridge said. "That's why they are who they are. They made tough shots. KD made tough shots."

A baseline 3 with 55.9 seconds left before half-



AP photo

Golden State Warriors' Kevin Durant (35) shoots over San Antonio Spurs' Aldridge, left, during the first quarter in Game 2 of a first-round NBA basketball playoff series Monday, April 16, 2018, in Oakland, Calif.

time was his first of the night and got Golden State within 49-45 before the Spurs took a 53-47 lead at intermission.

Draymond Green began 0 for 5 before his first basket on the opening possession of the fourth quarter and Durant missed his five 3-point tries in the first half then finally hit from deep early in the third.

The Warriors opened the third on a 19-5 run to take charge but this time the Spurs didn't go away.

Spurs coach Gregg Popovich went with Gay in the starting lineup for Kyle Anderson in an effort to generate more scoring — and his team still struggled to make shots.

Popovich said before the game that Golden State in Game 1 played "the most stifling defense we

faced all year long. That was the best defensive 48 minutes that we have competed against all year long."

Kerr knew Popovich would have his team better prepared.

And the Spurs showed higher intensity on both ends through the first half, working to keep the ball out of Durant's hands or contest shots while jumping in passing lanes to force mistakes.

Andre Iguodala, the 2015 Finals MVP, started a second straight game and had 14 points, seven rebounds and five assists as the Warriors beat the Spurs for the 10th time in 11 games covering the regular season and playoffs.

San Antonio struggled from the floor for the second straight game, finishing 35 for 85 (41.2 percent). In Game 1, the Spurs shot 40 just percent while going 9 for 22 from deep and got out-rebounded 51-30.

TIP-INS

Spurs: Aldridge made all 12 of his free throws. ... The Spurs missed 9 of their first 11 3s and were 4 for 28 from long range. ... San Antonio lost its sixth straight games overall against the Warriors at Oracle Arena. ... The Spurs took their first lead of the series, 18-17, with 4:20 left in the first quarter. They trailed from wire to wire in the series opener.

Warriors: Golden State outscored San Antonio 69-48 in the second half. ... After getting 32 assists on 44 field goals in the series opener, the Warriors tallied 24 assists on 41 baskets. ... Golden State has won nine straight postseason Game 2s, all at home, and 11 consecutive home playoff games overall.

RELIABLE WEST

West scored on three straight second-quarter possessions and finished with 10 points and four rebounds in 14 minutes.

But he got injured with 9:59 left defending Aldridge and headed to the locker room, despite appearing to try stretching out his legs to return.

"He had a really nice night," Kerr said. "I was concerned with that sprained ankle. We'll see how he's doing. We need him, but he told me he was doing OK."

QUOTEABLE

Popovich on whether he saw potential in Kerr to coach during Kerr's four years for San Antonio:

"Oh, sure, I mean are you kidding me? He played for Phil (Jackson) for 97 years and he learned a lot and won championships. ... He's a no-brainer."

Wade turns back the clock and 76ers in Game 2 Heat victory



AP photo

Miami Heat's Dwyane Wade, right, shoots with Philadelphia 76ers' T.J. McConnell, center, and Ersan Ilyasova, left, of Turkey, defend during the first half in Game 2 of a first-round NBA basketball playoff series, Monday, April 16, 2018, in Philadelphia.

By DAN GELSTON

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PHILADELPHIA — Dwyane Wade snuffed out one 76ers' rally by popping a 16-foot fadeaway with the shot clock ticking down. Wade made a half-hearted attempt at reaching his hand out toward a fallen defender before he scooted on his way.

Wade was up, the Sixers were down and suddenly, a series.

The Heat had to have this one — a brooding Joel Embiid is angling for a comeback.

Wade turned in a vintage performance, scoring 28 points to end the 76ers' 17-game winning streak and lead the Miami Heat to a 113-103 Game 2 win over Philadelphia on Monday night and even the first-round playoff series.

"It's just in my DNA," Wade said. "I love the stage."

The 36-year-old flashed the form of a three-time NBA champion with the Heat, not the journeyman who bounced around the last two seasons with forgettable stints in Chicago and Cleveland.

Wade made 11 of 17 shots and put on a show in the second quarter and put it away in the fourth.

"I saw moments," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "That's what defines Dwyane Wade."

The 76ers could soon get their defining Process moment from Embiid.

The Sixers sorely needed Embiid, their All-Star center out with a broken orbital bone, to settle them as they fell in a quick a 16-point hole.

The Sixers lost for the first time since March 13 to Indiana. They won 16 straight to end the regular season and the first game of the playoffs and played their 10th straight game without Embiid.

"You need Joel Embiid," Sixers coach Brett

Brown said.

Embiid went on Instagram after the game and wrote, "sick and tired of being babied."

Pack the black mask for Miami.

"Joel is a superstar. Of course we're missing him offensively, defensively," Sixers forward Dario Saric said. "He's a guy who wants to play all the time. I can't wait for Joel to come back and help us because we're a better team with him."

Even without Embiid, the Sixers trimmed the lead to two points late in the fourth.

Philly fans were going wild and suddenly the home-court edge that had made the Sixers unbeatable for a month seemed like it would perk the team back up for one more notch on the winning streak.

Not so fast.

Ersan Ilyasova made a tip shot to close to 98-96 but Wade answered and stripped Saric and finished on the other end with a basket that steadied the Heat.

The series shifts to Miami for Game 3 on Thursday.

Wade's play resembled his glory days at times and he carried the Heat in a sensational second quarter that was the difference. He pump-faked his way to 15 points in the quarter — impressive enough, even moreso that he outscored the potent Sixers by two points.

Wade made his first seven shots of the game and passed Larry Bird for 10th on the NBA's career postseason scoring list.

"I play the game for these moments," Wade said.

After a Game 1 victory where they couldn't miss, the Sixers couldn't make a big bucket in the first half. The Sixers made a team playoff-record 18 3s in Game 1 and missed a whopping 16 of 18 3s in the first half.

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