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Former first lady Barbara Bush dies at age 92 By MICHAEL GRACZYK Tuesday, a family spokesman ning for president — gest marriage of any "I had the best job in Ameri-

Associated Press

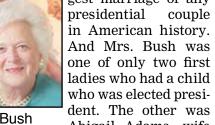
HOUSTON Bush, the snowy-haired first lady and mother of a president whose plainspoken manner and utter lack of pretense made her more popular at times than her husband, President George H.W. Bush, died said. She was 92.

Mrs. Bush brought a grandmotherly style to buttoneddown Washington, often appearing in her trademark fake pearl chokers and displaying no vanity about her white hair and wrinkles. "What you see with me is

what you get. I'm not run-

George Bush is," she said at the 1988 Republican National Convention, where her husband, then vice president, was nominated to succeed Ronald Reagan. The Bushes, who were mar-

ried Jan. 6, 1945, had the lon-



Abigail Adams, wife of John Adams and mother of John Quincy Adams.

ca," she wrote in a 1994 memoir describing her time in the White House. "Every single day was interesting, rewarding, and sometimes just plain fun."

On Sunday, family spokesman Jim McGrath said the

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Air Force vet Daniels honored by Hangar 25



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Air Force Veteran Dave Daniels speaks at Hangar 25 Air Museum Tuesday, when he was recognized as the museum's Honored Veteran for April. Daniels, now a Federal Bureau of Prisons on-site monitor at Big Spring's GEO facilities, spoke about his time in the military, his respect for veterans and others who serve their community and country, and his desire to mentor youth during his retirement.

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Relating the story of his life and focusing on his military career, Dave Daniels delivered a message of unity, diligence, and respect at Hangar 25 Air Museum Tuesday eve-

Daniels, a former sergeant and security policeman in the United States Air Force was recognized Tuesday as the museum's Honored Veteran for April.

"It is truly an honor and a privilege to be included with all the people who served, but to represent them as veteran of the month is phenomenal," Daniels said.

Daniels, currently an onsite monitor with the Federal Bureau of Prisons at GEO facilities in Big Spring, is retiring May 26, when he plans to move with his family to Burleson, Texas.

The veteran couldn't believe the news that he had been selected as Veteran of the Month at first, he Find us online at:

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"I said to myself, 'They

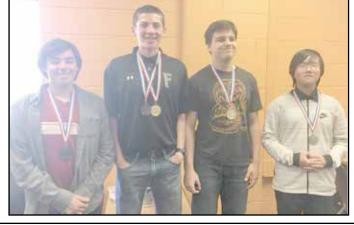
would never select me. I'm not worthy of this honor, because there are people that came before me. World War I, World War II, Korea, all the other battles and conflicts that have been fought," he said. "When I signed up to the military, I just signed up to do my job, to do my duty, get a trade. It's probably one of the best things that ever happened to me. With that said, I know we have troops over there fighting in Syria, Afghanistan, Honduras...all around the world, plXWA that you would never hear about unless you were in the military. So, I'd like to take a moment of silence to pay respect to those men and women who are out there fighting for this great country." Daniels said he grew up in

Rotan and Hamlin, Texas, where he gained discipline through sports under Coach Art Briles, a former Baylor University head coach who was fired in the

> wake of a sexual assault scandal within the football gram he led. See VET, Page 3

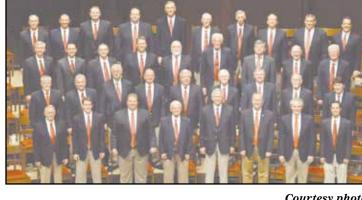
Hillger state bound

Congratulations to Mason Hillger (right photo), a Freshman from Forsan High School, for placing first at the 2A U.I.L. Regional Speech and Academic Contest in Spelling and Vocabulary. The Contest was held this past Saturday at Odessa College. The Spelling and Vocabulary Team made up of William Cole, Oscar Lin, Ty Moorman, and Mason Hillger placed 2nd overall in the team standings. (bottom left photo) There were four 2A Regionals competing on Saturday, and Mason had the top score of all 4 Regionals. He will be headed to State with the top score in Texas. State Speech and Academic for Spelling will be on Saturday, May 5 in Austin, Texas.





Singing Men to sing praise at First **Baptist Thursday**



Courtesy photo

The photo above shows The Singing Men of West Texas, a group made up of about 35 volunteers who sing for the love of music and to praise God.

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

"Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord!" exhorts Jeremiah 20:13. Thursday evening, a group of West Texas men will do just that at Big Spring's First Baptist Church. The group, known as

"The Singing Men of West Texas," will start the show at 7 p.m. Thursday. "We're actually one of six

regional groups that, when together, form The Singing Men of Texas," said First Baptist Music Minister Alan Schantz, also a member of the Singing Men. "We're organized by the Baptist General Convention of Texas. It's basically just a volunteer kind of a group. We meet monthly to do concerts out in the West Texas region, for us." See SING, Page 3

Man vs. Mountain

By AMBER MANSFIELD

Staff Writer

It's man versus mountain, and it's time try and master that mountain. Come be part of a Permian Basin tradition this Saturday in the annual Master the Mountain. The Master the Mountain race takes place at Big Spring State Park's Scenic Mountain that includes 200 ft. of elevation change with a scenic overlook as you run in either a 5K, that can be walked or run, or the 10K, which is a run

"We are always excited about this event. The Scenic Mountain is a beautiful place to run and is one of my favorite places to host an event. There are no other views like it." said Cherise Felty of Permian Basin Events, which is the organization that puts on the race as well as several other annual races. "The benefit for this race goes to the Life Center, which is a non profit organization that serves to helping families. Permian Basin Events wants to help those who help others. We have some pretty incredible sponsors that are making all of this possible, and a lot of See MAN, Page 3



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May 13th!

Obituaries

Bobbie Jan "B.J." Statham



Bobbie Jan "B.J." Statham, 66, of Big Spring, died Monday, April 16, 2018, at University Medical Center in Lubbock. The family will receive friends Wednesday, April 18, 2018 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Derrick Looney, pastor of Spring Creek Fellowship officiating. Buri-

al will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

B.J. was born on Oct. 9, 1951, in Big Spring, Texas, to Laverne Kinman Kimzey and Robert M. Kimzey. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. She married Don Statham in 1976. She was an Administrator for Sharp Image Energy for many years. He preceded her in death on Oct. 26, 2014. B.J. loved baseball and the Texas Rangers but not the Reds. She loved music, Elvis and Joseph Hall, Elvis impersonator. Most of all, she loved singing with her husband.

She is survived by two daughters, Lesa McBride (DeWayne) of Dawson, Texas and Cara Hamblin of Big Spring; one son, Chad Statham (Jill) of Amarillo; one granddaughter, Aeryn Hamblin of Big Spring; one sister, Terri Kimzey Nichols of Big Spring and one sister-in-law Eva Watkins of Big Spring; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. She is also survived by Tiffany Wigley of San Antonio, who was like a daughter of and Cassidy Gamble of Big Spring, who was like a granddaughter.

B.J. was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Don and her brothers-in-law, Bruce Nichols and Terry Watkins.

Pallbearers will be Gary Watkins, Jerry Watkins, Page Patterson, Chase Pierce, Patrick Nichols and Howard Osburn. Honorary pallbearers will be Terry D. Watkins, DeWayne McBride and Robby Hankins.

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

Paid Obituary

Police, Sheriff Report e Depart. • THEFT was reported in the • CH

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:
• JAMES JARETT FERGUN-

- SON, 36, of 710 Willia, was arrested on a warrant of driving while license is invalid.
 NICHOLAS JAMES STAN-
- **FORD,** 20, of 2916 Scott Rd., Mesquite Texas, was arrested on a warrant of failure to change address or name.
- CHRISTINA JEAN MUNIZ, 35, of 706 E 13th St., was arrested on five warrants with other agencies.

• CHARLEY DAN GLENN, 58, of 914 E 6th St., was arrested on warrants of failure to maintain financial responsibility, and driving while license invalid, and on a charge of driving with license invalid with previous convictions.

• KATHRYN VIRGINIA HAMBRICK, 57, of 1801 Ave X, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• Stop by the American Legion

Post 506, for a good ol' fish fry.

Don't feel like getting out but still

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vour local legion? Not to worry.

American Legion is also doing

carry outs as well. The fish fry

will be Saturday April 21. Ameri-

can Legion will start serving

from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and will

be doing delivery's for carry out

plates in between 11 p.m. and 1

p.m. Plates will be \$10 each, and

everyone is welcome. American

Legion is located on 3203 W HWY

80. For more information or to

order in a plate for delivery call

· A Public Forum will held at

the Big Spring Comanche Trail

Amphitheater May 1, 2018. There

will be a discussion of revamp-

ing the amphitheater, with hopes

that upgrades will be made to the

theatre while still maintaining

the historical aspect of the the-

atre. If interested in being a coop-

erate sponsor to offer feed back

be at the amphitheater at 6 p.m.

•The Church of Jesus Christ

of Latter-day Saints is hosting

an Indexing Discovery Day open

to both members and the com-

munity 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 nov-

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May 1st.

- 1900 block of Martin Luther King, in the 1500 block of E 3rd St., and in the 1300 block of E 4th St.,
- BURGLARY OF BUILDING
 was reported in the 1500 block of
 E FM 700.
 CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was
- reported in the 1900 block of S Gregg St.,
 STOLEN VEHICLE was re-
- ported in the 100 block of Banks Rd.
 DISTURBANCE was report-
- St.

 The Howard County Sheriff's

ed in the 1700 block of S Owens

Department reported the following activity:

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 70 inmates at the time of this report.

• **HECTOR RUBEN CASTANEDA**, 34, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of theft of property in between \$100 to \$750.

• CHRISTINA JEAN DIAZ, 35, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of parent contributing to non-attendant, permit unli-

censed person to drive, on two counts of failure to appear, and driving while license invalid.

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Take Note

neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

- The Crossroads Young Marines is taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.
- The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop mortgage foreclosure and are need of help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. For free foreclosure help, call the hotline.
- 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 pron 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 re-

quired. 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.

| Carrie Maxine Wilkens



and nephews.

Carrie Maxine Wilkens, 57, of Big Spring, died Friday, April 13, 2018, at her residence. Memorial services will be at a later date. She was born Oct. 4, 1960, in Ro-

She was born Oct. 4, 1960, in Roswell, New Mexico.
Survivors include one daughter

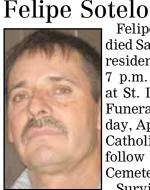
Lacinda Shay Brazier; one granddaughter, Courtney Crites; two sisters, Vickie Coleman and Shanda Crume; one brother, Gregory Gary Gutermuth; and numerous nieces

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley

Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory

Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.

Calina Catala



Felipe Sotelo, 64, of St. Lawrence, died Saturday, April 14, 2018, at his residence. Rosary services will be 7 p.m. Thursday, April 19, 2018, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church. Funeral Mass will be 10 a.m. Friday, April 20, 2018, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church. Interment will follow at St. Lawrence Catholic Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Edaena Sotelo of Garden City; five children, Xalli Sotelo and Ixchel Sotelo both of Garden City, Sonya Sotelo and Sarah Robinson both of Kerrville, and Sergio Sotelo of Seattle, Washington; seven sisters and two brothers all of Mexico; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

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

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1500 block of E 4th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of N Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 900 block of S Salem Rd. No transport.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported on N Hwy 87 and CR 1785. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of S Owens St. 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.

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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"Irregardless of what people say about him, without him, I probably wouldn't be here today," Daniels said. "He taught us discipline, he taught us teamwork, he taught us leadership; and when I went into the military, it was an easy transition to transfer what he taught us become who I am today."

Pursuing a dream to become a police officer, he joined the military; but was dissuaded from pursuing police work after the service by his grandmother, who worried about safety; and instead looked into corrections. While in the Air Force, one of Dan-

iels' assignments was as an elite gate guard aboard Air Force One, he said. "I was privileged to guard President

(Ronald) Reagan's plane," he said. "If anyone knows anything about Ronald Reagan, he loved jelly beans. He had a jar of jelly beans. So as an 18, 19-yearold kid from Rotan, Texas, who had never been nowhere, and seen really nothing, we got to go on the president's plane and sneak some jelly

Daniels said he was picked for the Air Force One assignment, as well as several other elite assignments, sev-"Out of all the airmen on my base.

I was like, 'Why do they keep selecting me?' I had people mad at me,' said Daniels. "But you do what you're supposed to do, have integrity when no one is looking, and someone

will pick you. You're going to get overlooked, but one day, someone will pick you. When duty called, I got my jelly beans. Every time I toured that plane, it was like a different tour. I saw something different than I had ever seen. That was a privilege and an honor to guard the president's plane. If you recall, he was friends with Bob Hope and Lucille Ball. We just happened to meet those people because of who he was friends with. If I had been a sloppy airman, or airman that was tardy all the time, or if I wasn't faithful to the flag and to my country, they wouldn't have picked me.'

Daniels also served in Saudi Arabia during Operation Desert

"Went over there, stayed, they had the AWACS planes. I didn't understand the magnitude of it. Like I said, I was a young kid," he said. "Got over there, stayed in a hotel. They had people over there that owned the hotel, their name was bin Laden. I didn't know who they were. We stayed in the hotel, played ping pong. Went out and did our mission and came back, rested and relaxed. I went to college years later, reading a book, and it talked about the bin Laden family and how they owned this hotel. Put the pieces together. It was the hotel we stayed in. Never knew. At that time, they were our friends. How quickly they turned to our enemies and took down the Twin Towers.'

Daniels urged those present to thank veterans and others who

former first lady had decided to de-

cline further medical treatment for

health problems and focus instead

on "comfort care" at home in Hous-

ton. She had been in the hospital re-

cently for congestive heart failure

and chronic obstructive pulmonary

disease. In 2009, she had heart valve

replacement surgery, and she had a

long history of treatment for Graves'

"My dear mother has passed on at

age 92. Laura, Barbara, Jenna, and I

are sad, but our souls are settled be-

cause we know hers was," former

President George W. Bush said in a

statement Tuesday. "Barbara Bush

was a fabulous First Lady and a wom-

an unlike any other who brought lev-

ity, love, and literacy to millions. To

us, she was so much more. Mom kept

us on our toes and kept us laughing

until the end. I'm a lucky man that

Barbara Bush was my mother. Our

disease, a thyroid condition.

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serve in a variety of roles.

"Tell a veteran when you see them, especially a World War I, World War II, Korea, any veteran, 'Thanks for your service," he said. "Teachers. Teachers out there, I take my hat off to them. Tell them 'Thank you for your service.' They're still providing a service for this country. Police officers. Firemen. Tell them 'Thank you.' Nurses. Correctional workers. Tell them. Museum workers."

Daniels said he plans to spend a couple of months connecting with his family following retirement, and he would like to work speaking to and mentoring youth. "I don't really have a plan," he said.

"I'm just going to let God guide me. I want to go talk to kids. I want to go talk to kids, recruit for the military, recruit for college, and give back. I want to go to homeless shelters, I want to do things like that. I want to go talk to kids in schools and help them respect themselves." Following his speech, Daniels was

presented with a plaque, a flag that has flown over the U.S. Capitol Building sent by Congressman Jodey Arrington, a cap reading "Thank a veteran," and a wooden yellow ribbon crafted by Big Spring veteran Mike Tarpley. For more information about the

Honored Veteran program, Contact Hangar 25 Air Museum at 432-264-1999

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

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Arrington Statement on Former First Lady Barbara Bush

Jodey Arrington (TX-19) released the following statement on the passing of former First Lady Barbara Bush:

"My family and I grieve with my dear friend, President George W. Bush and his family. Mrs. Bush was the constant force of love and support for her husband, the 41st president.

WASHINGTON - Congressman Our country would not have been graced with the strong, principled, and compassionate leadership of presidents 41 and 43 if it were not for the character and devotion of Bar bara Bush. A commitment to family values wasn't just a political talking point for Mrs. Bush, it was her life's mission and now her greatest legacy.

Target stores offering drive-up service in Florida, Texas Other states with Tar-MIAMI (AP) — Target hopes to expand the

stores in Florida and Texas are now offering drive-up service. The retail chain an-

nounced Tuesday customers can buy items without leaving their

The service began last fall in Minneapolis. where the company is headquartered. Target service to nearly 1,000 stores across the U.S. by the end of the year.

Orders can be placed with the Target mobile app and should be ready in less than two hours. Customers then park in designated spots outside the store and employees bring out the orders.

This year's event will

be on Saturday, April

21. The race starts at 9

a.m. at the headquar-

Please keep in mind

8:30 a.m. to stop vehi-

cle traffic on the race

course. Be sure you're

inside the park before

then if you plan to par-

Parking is available at

the top of the mountain.

You don't need to park

at the bottom and walk

up. Please arrive early

and carpool if possible.

The course will remain

closed from 8:50 a.m.

until the last runner

crosses the finish line.

After that, cars will

be allowed to leave at

that time. Plan to stay

According to Felty,

the entry fee for Mas-

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get's drive-up service are Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma and South Carolina. Walmart officers a similar drive-up ser-

vice for groceries at some locations, but Target's service applies to any in-stock items at the store.

ter the Mountain is \$25 for the 5K, or \$30 for the 10K if you register online prior to the event. If you wait until the day of the race to register, those prices go up by \$5; \$30 for the 5K and

\$35 for the 10K.

"If you want to guarantee you will get a shirt, please sign up online," said Felty. "If they register the morning of, a lot of times the shirts are already gone or they can't get the size

sinevents.com.

they need." Awards will begin at 10 a.m. for the 5k,

and 10:15 for the 10k. For more information, visit www.permianba-

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24th & Johnson 267-8288

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really amazing volunteers as well. There wouldn't be any way to do this without their help."

ters building at the top of Scenic Mountain inside Big Spring State that the entrance to the park will be closing at

Continued from Page 1 Locally, the group consists of about 35 volunteers who sing for the

love of music and to praise God. "Some of the men are, as I am, ministers of music in their church-

es. Some are just volunteer musicians in their churches. We have pastors – just all different kinds of folks," Schantz said. "We perform concerts once a month for about nine or 10 months out of the year. We rarely do summer concerts.' The Singing Men also make recordings and go on tour, combining

the musical side of the trips with a little mission work. "About every other year or so, we do some kind of a mission trip

where we go different places to sing and to do mission kind of work,' Schantz said. "Most recently – it'll be two years ago this October we took a group to Vermont and sang several places up there. The group has been to the Ukraine to sing; and we're in preparation right now...all of the six groups will get together to go to New York City. We'll sing at Carnegie Hall, we'll sing at Brooklyn Tabernacle, I think there's a Central Park concert planned, several different things like that in New York City.

Schantz said all members of the group are volunteers and pay their own way on the mission trips.

"It's a volunteer group; we all show up at our own expense. We don't get paid anything," he said. "I've been a member of the group myself for about three years. I moved here from Georgia and joined the group almost immediately. I've sung in other men's groups in other states. It's just a fun, enjoyable thing to do.

The concert Thursday will cover a variety of musical styles, he "Obviously sacred music, but kind of a variety of styles within

that," he said. "The concert will be about an hour and 15 minutes in length. The concert's free...we will take an offering at one point during the concert, and that offering just goes to defray the expenses of the group, but more than that, it goes to help with future mission efforts, future tours that we'll do.'

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family will miss her dearly, and we thank you all for your prayers and good wishes." George H.W. Bush held his wife's

hand all day Tuesday and was at her side when she died, according to Jean Becker, chief of staff at George H.W. Bush's office in Houston. A funeral is planned Saturday at St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Houston, which Mrs. Bush and her husband regularly attended. Mrs. Bush

will lie in repose Friday at the church for members of the public who want to pay respects. Saturday's service will be by invitation only, according to the George Bush Presidential Library Foundation. "Barbara Bush challenged each of us

to build a better world by empowering people through literacy. As only one of two women in American history who can be called First Lady and First Mother, she was matriarch of a family that remains as dedicated to public service as it was to politics," said former Secretary of State and White House Chief of Staff James Baker III.

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NASA to conduct sonic boom testing off Texas Gulf Coast

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — NASA is planning to conduct sonic boom tests over a city on the Gulf Coast of Texas as part of a new study.

Peter Coen is the project manager for NASA's Commercial Supersonic Technology. Coen tells the Galveston County Daily News that the study will help design new supersonic commercial planes that could break the sound barrier without disturbing the peace.

He says planes will perform special maneuvers over the Gulf of Mexico off Galveston in November to produce a quieter sonic boom. NASA will collect data and enlist volunteers to react to the booms.

Coen says NASA chose Galveston because of the city's proximity to the water and its relatively condensed population.

He says the tests shouldn't cause much disruption and the sonic booms should sound like distant

Forecasters warn of rare, life-threatening wildfire weather



The National Weather Service says high temperatures, low humidity and heavy winds have brought Oklahoma's wildfire threat level to its highest point in a decade. Fires have burned hundreds of thousands of acres and killed at least two people.

By KEN MILLER

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Forecasters warned of dangerous, life-threatening wildfire conditions in parts of the Southwest and Southern Plains on Tuesday, as a forestry official warned firefighters battling a terrifying deadly blaze in Oklahoma that it would be a "historically critical

Gusty winds and low humidity in drought-stricken areas will

create dangerous fire conditions in parts Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Okla-

homa and Texas, according to the Storm Prediction Center in Norman, Oklahoma. National Weather Service meteorologist Doug Speheger said such conditions haven't been seen in at least a decade.

By early afternoon Tuesday,

George and Barbara Bush, a 'storybook' 73-year marriage

GRACZYK

Associated Press

HOUSTON — They met at a Christmas dance. She was 17. He

Two years later they were married. Now 73 years later, they are the longest-married couple in presidential history.

"George Bush knows how I feel," Barbara Bush has said. "He is the hero... He is my hero."

With her former president husband still at her side, former first lady Barbara Bush has decided to decline further medical treatment for health problems and focus instead on "comfort care" at their home in Houston.

had been in the hospi-

tal recently for congestive heart failure and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. She had heart valve replacement surgery in 2009 and a long history of treatment for Graves' disease, a thyroid condition.

The couple's relationship is a true love story, which granddaughter Jenna Bush Hager described Monday as "remarkable."

The former president "still says, 'I love you Barbie' every night," Hager said on NBC's "Today", where she works. They had six children, including Hager's father, former president George W. Bush, making Barbara Bush one of only two first ladies to also be a presidential mother.



spokesman In this June 6, 1964 file photo, George Bush, candidate for the Jim McGrath disclosed Republican nomination for the U.S. Senate, gets returns by phone Barbara Bush's decision at his headquarters in Houston as his wife Barbara, beams her Sunday. The 92-year-old pleasure at the news.

The other was Abigail Adams. wife of John Adams, the nation's second president, and mother of John Quincy Adams, the sixth president.

George H.W. Bush, 93, has described the mother of their six children as "the mainstay, of course, the parent who was always there to help solve the daily problems and emergencies of teen and preteen life."

In her 1994 memoir, Barbara Bush describes her and her husband as "the two luckiest people in the world, and when all the dust is settled and all the crowds are gone, the things that matter are faith, family and friends. We have been inordinately blessed, and we know that."

The former president was a naval aviator in training when they

"I'm not much at recalling what people wear, but that particular occasion stands out in my memory," he says in his autobiography. The band was playing Glenn

Miller tunes and he asked a friend from Rye, New York, if he knew the girl across the room in the green and red holiday dress. The friend introduced him to Barbara Pierce, a publisher's daughter from Rye who was going to school in South Carolina.

The next song was a waltz.

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temperatures that were projected to reach the mid-90s had reached 88 degrees (31 Celsius) with humidity at 6 percent. Wind gusts forecast to hit 40 mph (64 kph) were at 24 mph (39 kph). The forecast includes

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Toll roads face tax, increased traffic challenges in Texas **By DUG BEGLEY** from Texas 249 to the

Houston Chronicle

as, imperiling a Tomball interchange project and hamstringing frustrated local officials, while setting an ominous tone for projects to come.

The Houston Chronicle reports for years, state officials relied on tolls to tackle some of Texas' biggest traffic messes as a way to build without adding taxes. Since 2016, however, Gov. Greg Abbott and Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick have taken hard-line stances against the mixing of Texas Department of Transportation mon-

Grand Parkway, and ${
m HOUSTON-The~po}$ it has drawn ire from litical tide has turned Houston-area officials against toll roads in Tex- who think Austin politicians are taking their toll takedown too far.

> "We are bending to blackmail," Fort Bend Commission-County James Patterson charged last month.

The continued sidelining of toll projects could drastically alter how many local projects are built, and how quickly relief from heavy congestion comes for drivers. With tolls, supporters say, many projects can be built years in advance. Without them, even with new state funding, work could

Much of the current

Air Force drops rape charges against Texas master sergeant

– An Air Force general has dropped charges against a former training instructor who military prosecutors were preparing to re-try on rape accusations at a San Antonio base decades ago.

The San Antonio Express-News reports the decision ends a long legal battle for Master Sgt. Michael Silva, who was convicted in 2015 for raping two women at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland. Silva was sentenced to 20 years in

SAN ANTONIO (AP) military prison, but he was released last year following an appeals court ruling.

> Brig. Gen. Heather Pringle dismissed the case against Silva Monday because a recent appellate ruling changed the statute of limitations applying to his charges and because an accuser didn't want to participate in a retrial.

> The dismissal follows a larger investigation at the base involving 35 basic training instructors accused of assaults and harassment.

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FRIONA, Texas (AP) — A small experimental aircraft has crashed in the West Texas High Plains near the New Mexico border, killing both men aboard.

Authorities say the single-engine Challenger II aircraft went down in a cornfield about 9 p.m. Sunday about 8 miles west of Friona, Texas. It had taken off from a private airstrip about an hour before. The Texas Department of Public Safety reports a DPS helicopter found the wreckage about 1 a.m. Monday after relative called 911 just before 11 p.m. to report the aircraft as missing.

The Texas Department of Public Safety identified the two aboard as Clayton Sides of Dimmitt

The National Transportation Safety Board is investigating.

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Starbucks to close stores for an afternoon for bias training

By ALEXANDRA OLSON and JOSEPH PISANI

AP Business Writers

NEW YORK — Starbucks, moving swiftly to confront a racially charged uproar over the arrest of two black men at one of its stores in Philadelphia, plans to close more than 8,000 U.S. stores for several hours next month to conduct racial-bias training for nearly 175,000 workers.

The announcement Tuesday comes after the arrests sparked protests and calls for a boycott on social media. A video shows police talking with two black men seated at a table. After a

few minutes, officers handcuff the men and lead them outside as other customers say they weren't doing anything wrong. Philadelphia-area media said the two were waiting for a friend. Philadelphia police released

a recording of the call from the Starbucks employee that led to the arrests. In the recording, a woman is heard saying, "Hi, I have two gentlemen in my cafe that are refusing to make a purchase or leave." She gives the address of the Starbucks store, and the entire call lasts

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Starbucks CEO Kevin Johnson, center, walks towards a meeting with Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney and other officials Monday April 16, 2018, at Philadelphia City Hall.

ROADS

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divide stems from 2014 and 2015, when voters approved Propositions 7 and 1, respectively. The referendums combined add up to \$4 billion annually to highway spending by the TxDOT. Lawmakers also ended diversions

of about \$600 million annually in state fuel tax funds to other uses, such as law enforcement. The money, funneled through the

state's transportation plans, can be used only to relieve congestion, perform maintenance or in specific cases lower the state's debt related to highways. None of the money, about half the \$70 billion Texas plans for roads over the next decade, can be used for transit or toll projects. Abbott and others touted the in-

creased spending as relief from pay lanes. They're now taking a strict view of the no-toll pledge, spiking projects that use tolls, including managed lanes in Austin and Dallas designed to encourage carpool use but available to solo drivers for a price. "Texas is spending record amounts

on transportation," Patrick wrote to Texas Transportation Commission chairman Bruce Bugg in November. "TxDOT's proposal to add managed toll lanes is simply not consistent with the policies set forth by the legislature." Use of tolls is nothing new for Texas'

major urban areas, but their proliferation irritated some who felt TxDOT's plans simply made taxpayers give up their money in a different way.

That's led to widespread aversion to toll projects, said state Sen. Paul Bettencourt, R-Houston.

"There is a reason for it and we have to recognize the obvious," Bettencourt said. "People feel they are paying for something, then asked to pay again."

So far, the hard line on tolls has affected only the Tomball-area project, which is not set for construction until fiscal 2019. Its inclusion in a list of local projects, however, held up local approvals for months.

The Houston-Galveston Area Council's Transportation Policy Council the regional group responsible for local transportation planning relented only last month and removed the project from its list.

"We have essentially put it to the side for a moment," said Alan Clark, manager of transportation and air quality programs for the regional council.

Clark said not doing so would have put other projects, some of which are expected to start before the Grand Parkway and Texas 249 work, at risk.

As officials approved shelving the interchange ramps, Patterson lashed out at Patrick and others, arguing they were taking too strict an approach and interfering in projects that don't directly involve state funds. The Texas 249 work is being paid for by the Harris County Toll Road Authority and TxDOT, though the state's share isn't from state funds. It comes from the Grand Parkway Transportation Corp., the entity building Houston's outer ring road.

"We are calling it a TxDOT project when I do not believe it is a TxDOT project," Patterson said.

TxDOT officials in Houston, meanwhile, have carefully avoided some of the discussion in recent months, notably regarding the planned overhaul and redesign of Interstate 45 through downtown. The \$7 billion freeway redo from Interstate 69 to the Sam Houston Tollway along I-45 includes so-called MaX Lanes that officials said allow for greater use of carpools and transit.

Plans for the freeway project initially labeled them as managed lanes, and left open the potential for a tolling component for solo drivers. Since mid-2017, officials have said no decision on tolling, or not tolling, has been made, citing the possibility of additional state funding from Propositions 1 or 7.

In Dallas and Austin, officials continue fighting for their projects, removed at Patrick's urging from state plans. Leaders in Lake Highlands, a neighborhood in northeast Dallas, joined city officials in a plea to transportation commissioners to revive plans for managed lanes along Interstate 635. The lanes would operate similarly

to the Katy Managed Lanes along Interstate 10, which offer free use for carpools and charge solo drivers for a quicker trip. "There is a big difference between

a toll road and an optional managed lane for congestion relief," Dallas resident Susan Morgan told commissioners last month.

For Lake Highlands residents, the

decision to hold up the project over tolls leaves them with nothing in terms of traffic relief. It's a consideration that worries even some of the critics of toll roads.

including state Sen. Bob Hall, R-Edgewood, who represents a sliver of Lake Highlands. "We have delayed this project long

enough," Hall said. A long list of projects are waiting for

state money, and despite billions in additional investment over the next decade, it still isn't enough to address the most persistent problem spots. Bugg, as a discussion exercise,

asked TxDOT officials to analyze what could be accomplished by directing all the new congestion relief money — \$35.4 billion of the state's \$70.6 billion spending plan — to the 100 most congested road segments in the state. The reality is the worst spots in the

state would gobble up all Texas' transportation funding, according to the TxDOT analysis.

The top 100 list compiled annually by Texas A&M Transportation Institute is based on total delay times along the roadways. On the current list, 92 of the most congested segments are in five metro areas — Houston, Dallas, Austin, San Antonio and Fort Worth — with 38 of those in the Houston area.

The five areas have all of the top 50 most congested roads, topped by some familiar stretches, such as Loop 610 in Uptown, Interstate 35 in downtown Austin and Interstate 69 from the Loop 610 to downtown Houston.

TxDOT estimated costs using current and future plans and programs. Tackling the top 25 most congested roads in the state — which includes 12 in the Houston area — would cost \$27.7 billion, while the next 25 segments would cost \$10.7 billion.

With many needs and still not enough revenues to promise everything to everyone, Bugg said transportation officials still face challenges, even with more to spend.

"We are indifferent to the funding streams," he said. "But not indifferent to our commitment to building roads."

BUSH

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"Since I didn't waltz, we sat the dance out. And several more after that, talking and getting to know each other," George H.W. Bush said. "It was a storybook meeting.'

Within eight months, they'd met each other's families, were engaged in August 1943 and married Jan. 6, 1945, four months after Bush was shot down over the Pacific. He'd been the Navy's youngest aviator when he got his wings and carried the name "Barbara" on his Grumman Avenger torpedo bomber.

After the war, he attended Yale and they moved to Texas. Her husband made his mark in the oil business as the couple grew their family and turned to politics, a journey that would take them around the world and into the White House. "You have

given me joy that few men know," George Bush wrote to her, according to a collection of letters published in 1999.

"I have climbed perhaps the highest mountain in the world, but even that cannot hold a candle to being Barbara's husband," he also said.

Photos taken of the couple by The Associated Press over the decades have captured moments of care, such as when Barbara Bush

touched more than a applied sunscreen to the 41st president's nose half dozen women on at a 2015 baseball game their buttocks as they between the Houston Astros and Seattle Mariners; and candor, notably after Bush stepped on his wife's toe in 1989 while boarding Force One.

Their marriage also has endured more serious trials. A daughter, Robin,

died in 1953 of leukemia

a few weeks before her 4th birthday. Barbara Bush has recalled a bout of depres-

sion in the mid-1970s. "Night after night, George held me weeping in his arms while I tried

to explain my feelings," she said. "I almost wonder why he didn't leave me." Just last year, allegations surfaced that

Bush, who for more

stood next to him to take photos. Through McGrath, Bush issued repeated

apologies "to anyone he has offended." "George Bush simply does not have it in

his heart to knowingly cause anyone distress," McGrath said. Also last year, they both wound up in the

same Houston hospital the former president with pneumonia; his wife with bronchitis. In 2013, she told C-SPAN in an interview that they pray aloud

times we fight over whose turn it is." In the same conversation, she said she didn't fear death for herself or

each night "and some-

"my precious George." "I know there is a great

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northwestern Texas and the Texas Panhandle where firefighting aircraft are stationed in Amarillo, Abilene and surrounding areas. "With these conditions, wildfires

can spread rapidly, present control issues for firefighters and pose a real threat to public safety," said Texas A&M Forest Service Fire Chief Mark Stanford. Deb Beard, a commander of the

Southern Area Incident Management team sent by the U.S. Forest Service, described the conditions as terrify-"If you looked at that fire weather

forecast ... it should scare the hell out of you," Deb Beard said during a briefing Tuesday posted on the Oklahoma Forestry Service's Facebook page. "I hope that you realize that today

is a historically critical day here," Beard said of the fire near Woodward

105 square miles (272 sq. kilometers). "So do not let your guard down.'

that has burned about

In Oklahoma, two people have died in the fires and nine others have been taken to hospitals for smoke inhalation or heat-related injuries, emergency management officials reported.

Oklahoma Forestry Services reported Tuesday that the largest of the Oklahoma fires has burned more than 388 square miles (1,005 sq. kilometers) near Leedey, about 110 miles (180 kilometers) northwest of Oklahoma City, and was about 3 percent contained. The fire near Woodward, about 20

miles (32 kilometers) north of Leedey, is about 45 percent contained, according to the forestry service. At the fire near Woodward, spokes-

man John Nichols said firefighters worked Monday to strengthen fire lines in preparation for the gusty weather Tuesday. "The winds are coming, but wet

weather is supposed to be coming too, and we're hoping the wet weather will arrive," Nichols said. The weather service said rain and thunderstorm chances will increase Thursday night and Friday with

strong to severe storms possible in

southwestern Oklahoma and western

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Trump says US and NKorea talking at 'extremely high levels'



President Donald Trump and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe speak during a meeting at Trump's private Mar-a-Lago club, Tuesday, April 17. 2018, in Palm Beach, Fla.

By JILL COLVIN and ZEKE MILLER

Associated Press

PALM BEACH, Fla. — President Donald Trump said Tuesday that the U.S. and North Korea are holding direct talks at "extremely high levels" in preparation for a potential summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong At his private Mar-a-Lago club with Japa-

nese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, Trump also confirmed that North and South Korea are working to negotiate an end to hostilities before next week's meeting between Kim and South Korean President Moon Jae-in. The meeting will be the third inter-Korean summit since the Koreas' 1945 division.

"They do have my blessing to discuss the end of the war," said Trump, who welcomed Abe to his Florida resort on Tuesday.

Trump is looking to hold his own summit with Kim in the next two months and said five locations are under consideration. The president would not disclose the sites but said the U.S. was not among them.

The proposed summit follows months of increasingly heated rhetoric over the North's nuclear weapons program.

"We have had direct talks at very high levels — extremely high levels — with North Korea," Trump said.

"We'll either have a very good meeting or we won't have a good meeting," he added. "And maybe we won't even have a meeting at all, depending on what's going in. But I think that there's a great chance to solve a world problem."

The president did not answer shouted questions about whether he has spoken with

Kim's offer for a summit was initially conveyed to Trump by South Korea last month, and the president shocked many when it was announced that he had accepted. U.S. officials have indicated over the past two weeks that North Korea's government has communicated directly with Washington that it is ready to discuss its nuclear weapons program.

Abe, who has voiced fears that short- and medium-range missiles that pose a threat to Japan might not be part of the U.S. negotiations, praised Trump on Tuesday for his bravery in agreeing to meet with the North Korean dictator.

"I'd like to commend Donald's courage in his decision to have the upcoming summit meeting with the North Korean leader," Abe

Trump took credit for the inter-Korean talks, saying, "Without us and without me, in particular, I guess you would have to say, they wouldn't be discussing anything."

North Korea has long sought a peace treaty with the U.S. to formally end the 1950-53 Korean War. But it is unusual for the North to seek to broach the issue directly with South Korea rather than with Washington. The armistice that ended the fighting was signed by the United Nations Command - the U.S.led forces in the conflict — North Korea and China. South Korea was a member of the U.N. Command but was

The U.S. has traditionally sought to resolve

not a direct signatory.

the dispute over North Korea's nuclear weapons program before addressing the North's demands for a peace treaty, which the isolated, authoritarian nation views as a means to ensuring its security. The U.S. retains nearly 30,000 troops in South Korea to deter North Korean aggression. The leaders of the two Koreas are due to meet April 27 on the southern side of the tense, demilitarized zone that separates them.

The Abe summit will serve as a test of whether the fond personal relationship the two leaders have forged on the golf course and over meetings and phone calls has chilled following Trump's recent moves, including his decision not to exempt Japan from new steel and aluminum tariffs.

The official visit began Tuesday afternoon as an honor cordon of uniformed service members lined the palm-fringed drive to the club. Trump greeted Abe at the red-carpeted door of the mansion as the pair posed for photos ahead of a one-on-one meeting and a group discussion with national security officials about the Kim summit. The president and first lady Melania Trump will also have dinner with Abe and his wife.

On Wednesday, the agenda will broaden to include other issues affecting the Indo-Pacific region, including trade and energy, and Trump said he and Abe would "sneak out" to play a round of golf. Trump and Abe will also hold a news conference before the president and first lady host the Japanese delegations for dinner.

The first time Trump hosted Abe at Mara-Lago, North Korea conducted its first missile test of Trump's administration, and the two delivered a joint statement denouncing the launch.

This time, Abe is seeking reassurance from Trump that security threats to Japan won't be overlooked in the U.S.-North Korea

Both sides insist that Trump and Abe remain close. U.S. officials stressed that Trump has met with Abe more than any other world leader and say they've been in "constant contact" since Trump accepted Kim's invitation.

Abe also said he had secured a commitment from Trump to raise with Kim the issue of Japanese abductees, one of his top policy priorities. He told Trump he was grateful for the commitment.

Pyongyang has acknowledging abducting 13 Japanese, while Tokyo maintains North Korea abducted 17. Five have been returned to Japan. North Korea says eight others died and denies the remaining four entered its territory. Japan has demanded further investiga-

The U.S. itself is pushing for the release of three Americans.

After five years in office, Abe is one of Japan's longest-serving, post-World War II prime ministers but has suffered plummeting poll ratings over allegations that a school linked to his wife received preferential government treatment in a land



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less than 30 seconds. In the

communications between police and dispatch that were

also released, someone refers

to "a group of males inside

causing a disturbance," and

Starbucks, which was once

ridiculed for urging its em-

ployees to write "Race To-

gether" on coffee cups to start

a national conversation on race relations, has found it-

self through the looking glass:

under fire for its treatment of

The company reacted from a high level: Starbucks CEO

Kevin Johnson called the ar-

rests "reprehensible" and said

he wanted to apologize to the

two men face-to-face. The com-

pany and a lawyer for the two

men said they did meet, and

Johnson delivered the apology. Starbucks also said the

employee who called police no

longer works at the store, but declined to give details.

Johnson also promised to re-

vamp store management training to include "unconscious-bi-

as" education. Starbucks said

its U.S. company-owned stores

and corporate offices will be closed on the afternoon of May

29 for the training, which will

eventually be incorporated

into the instruction process

for all newly hired employees.

risks large corporations run

when they tie their brands so

closely to social messaging. In

2015, then-CEO Howard Schul-

tz shrugged off the "Race To-

gether" fiasco as a well-inten-

tioned mistake and pressed on

with his public efforts to en-

gage in the debate over race in

America. Johnson was scram-

bling to keep the Philadelphia

incident from shattering the

message Schultz was going

for: Starbucks is a corporation

that stands for something be-

"The more your brand is try-

ing to connect emotionally to people, the more hurt people

feel when these kinds of things

happen," said Jacinta Gauda,

the head of the Gauda Group,

a New York strategic commu-

nications firm affiliated with

the Grayling network. "They

are breaking a promise. That's

Beyond racial relations,

Starbucks has staked much of

its brand on its dual promise

of providing good customer

service and treating its em-

ployees well, said John Gor-

don, a restaurant industry

analyst with Pacific Manage-

But in a multinational com-

pany with more than 28,000

stores worldwide, there has "to

be a situation every day where

some human being handles

things wrong," Gordon said.

"Even with a huge operations

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Gordon called the decision to

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ees, the same way at one time.' Starbucks has set its own high bar.

Last month, the company claimed it had achieved 100 percent pay equity across gender and race for all its U.S. employees and committed to doing the same for its overseas operations, an initiative publicly backed by equality activist Billie Jean King. The company also touts the diversity of its workforce, saying minorities comprise more than 40 percent of its employees in the U.S.

In 2016, Starbucks promised to invest in 15 "underserved" communities across the country, trying to counter an image of a company catering to a mostly white clientele. One of those stores opened in Ferguson, Missouri, the scene of 2014 protests following the police shooting of Michael Brown, one of several such killings that moved Schultz to launch the Race Together campaign.

Gauda, who has developed workplace inclusion strategies for corporate clients, called the bias training initiative "the right thing to do."

"It's a tremendous statement that they are making," she said. "I think that the fact that they are making the whole company go through this is a recognition of how important this training is.'

Starbucks said the curriculum for the training would be developed with input from several experts, including Bryan Stevenson, founder and executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative, Sherrilyn Ifill, president and directorcounsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund and former U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder.

The company said the edu materials cational eventually be shared with its licensed stores. In addition to the company-owned stores, Starbucks had as of January about 5,700 licensed stores in the United States, such as the ones inside Target and Barnes

& Noble stores. Gauda and other corporate communications experts said they were impressed with Johnson's hands-on approach to the crisis.

"I definitely applaud that. Most people won't jump on the bomb," said M.J. McCallum, vice president and creative director of Muse Communications, an advertising and communications agency with an

African-American focus. "As far as the company's initiative to rectify this situation by closing all stores for racial bias education training, it's a positive start," McCallum said. "It may also inspire other

companies to do the same." "But the question is, how can Starbucks have this program and not have it be viewed as "Training people on how to deal with black people?"

He said the training should be aimed broadly to "make sure that you are respectful to everyone's culture. First, just be good people."





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Xplosion!



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The Xplosion Athletics competition cheerleading teams competed at the Cheer Power Fiesta Texas Championship in San Antonio April 15. Right, the Xplosion Minis, ages 6 to 9, took first place in their division. Shown left to right are Madison Campbell, Kinzlee Henderson, Marlie Martinez, Kenlei Magby, Savannah Munoz, and Paisley Walden. Not pictured: Emilee Gonzales. Above, the Xplosion Junior Elite team, ages 9 to 14, placed second in their division. Shown left to right are Anissa Arguello, Breanna Arrendondo, Brinley Woods, Paryse Shockley, Marlie Martinez, Addy Arguello, Serenity Watts, Victoria Franco, Gabi Franco, and Alexis Mehan. Below, the Xplosion Athletics

team consists of (back row) Serenity Watts, Anissa Arguello, Alexis Mehan, Addy Arguello, Victoria Franco, and Brinley Woods; (third row) Marlie Martinez, Gabi Franco, Paryse Shockley, and Breanna Arrendondo; (second row) Madison Campbell, Kenlei Magby, Savannah Munoz; and (first row) Kinzlee **Paisley** Henderson, Waldon, and Emilee

Gonzales.



Bulldogs beat Stanton 11-1



Courtesy photo

Assistant Coahoma baseball coach Isaac Rodriguez and Bulldog pitcher Logan Franklin fist bump after Franklin hit a single to get on first base during the Coahoma versus Stanton game, held Tuesday, April 17, 2018, in Coahoma. The 'Dogs won the game 11-1.

Special to the Herald

COAHOMA – Logan Franklin was on fire Tuesday night, throwing seven strikeouts, and bringing in four RBIs, to lead the Bulldogs to an 11-1 victory over the Stanton Buffaloes

The Coahoma senior threw a complete game, allowing only one run from three hits, and walked one batter. At the plate, he went two-for-

Overall, the Bulldog offense had a very good day, outhitting the Buffs nine to three for the night. Coahoma brought in one run in the first inning, two in the third, one in the fourth, six runs in the fifth, and one run in the sixth to close out the game.

Heavy hitters for the Bulldogs included Braden Pearson, who brought in two RBIs; Gage Hill, Adam Clark, Jonathon Schneider, and Zack Schneider, who each brought in one RBI. Franklin, Clark, and Hill all belted out doubles in the game. Clark went three-for-three at the plate with two runs, and Zach Holmes was two-for-three at bat and had three runs. With the victory, Coahoma is now at 6-2 for District 5 3-A play.

Next: Coahoma will play the Clyde Bulldogs at Clyde. The JV game begins at 4:30 p.m. while the varsity game begins at 7 p.m.

2B, Coahoma - Logan Franklin, Gaige Hill, Adam Clark; SB, Coahoma Franklin, Clark.

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Coahoma Zach Holmes	AB 3	R 3	$_{2}^{\mathrm{H}}$	RBI 0	BB 1	SO 0
Braden Pearson	3	1	0	2	0	1
Seth Brooks	3	1	0	0	1	1
Logan Franklin	3	0	2	4	0	0
Gaige Hill	3	0	1	1	1	0
Adam Clark	3	2	3	1	0	0
Landon Grant	3	0	0	0	1	2
Bracy Bacon	3	1	1	0	0	2
Jonathon Schneider	1	0	0	1	0	0
Zack Schneider	2	2	0	1	1	0



Bulldogettes top Lady Buffs 10-0



Courtesy pho

Jaydan Mann blasts a triple during the Coahoma Bulldogettes game versus the Stanton Lady Buffaloes Tuesday, April 17, 2018, in Coahoma. Mann had three triples and brought in five RBIs for the night. Coahoma won the game 10-0.

COAHOMA - Jaydan Mann closed out the Coahoma-Stanton softball game Tuesday night by blasting a triple on a fly ball to right field to bring home two runs in the fifth inning. The Bulldogettes won 10-0.

Mann led Coahoma in hits. She went 3-for-4 at the plate and had three triples, 2 runs, and 5 RBI for the game.

A big 6-run, second inning gave the Bulldogettes an early lead while MaKynlee Overton shutdown the Lady Buffs offense at the mound. Overton allowed no runs from 1 hit, had 2 walks with a whopping 11 strikeouts for the game.

Kenzi Canales got Coahoma's offense rolling in the second when she singled on a grounder to the shortstop on a 0-2 count. That brought in an RBI for the Bulldogettes catcher and the first run of the game. Soon after Mann belted her first of three triples for the day on a 1-2 count and raked in 3 RBI. She didn't stay

on base long as Overton singled on a pop fly to right field giving time for Mann to

cross home plate.

Overall, the Bulldogettes were strong at the plate out hitting the Lady Buffs 13 to 1. Coahoma brought in 1 run in the fourth inning and 3 in the fifth to salt away the game. Rounding out the heavy hitters for the night was Lexi Montelongo. She went 2-for-4 and brought in an RBI in the bottom of the fifth when she singled on a line drive to center field allowing time for Ashley Romero to cross home plate.

The Bulldogettes were light-footed in the game. Caitlyn Corley, Ashley Romero, Mann, and Aubry Green all stole a

Next, the Bulldogettes will face the Lady Bulldogs in Clyde on Friday for the last game of district play. The varsity game begins at 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. for the JV.

2B, Coahoma - MaKynlee Overton, Lexi Montelongo; 3B, Coahoma - Jaydan Mann (3); SB, Coahoma - Jaydan Mann, Ashley Romero, Caitlyn Corley, Aubrey Green.

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Lexi Montelongo			4	1	2	1	0	0	
Kenzi Canales			2	0	1	1	2	1	
Kamri Kemper			3	2	1	0	0	0	
Jaydan Mann			4	2	3	5	0	0	
MaKynlee Overton			3	0	2	1	0	0	
	Cassie Grant	t	3	1	1	0	0	1	
Caitlyn Corley			3	1	1	0	0	0	
Reagan Deel			2	1	1	0	1	0	
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wise Roman emperor Marcus Aurelius suggested that it is not the external things that pain us, but our judgment of them, which is within our power to wipe out. To alleviate stress, you'll change your mind about something today. **GEMINI (May**

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21-June 21). Some people throw stones: other people build with them. Figure out whom you're dealing with and what they can and can't be trusted with. What hangs in the balance here may be your heart.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). When people act out of love, it brings them together. When they act out of fear, it drives them apart. This is why no one can be forced, intimidated or manipulated into loyalty, affection or love.

21-April 19). Humans LEO (July 23-Aug. are fallible creatures **22).** Ask any pilot: with a strong capacity Course correction is to learn and grow. It's more or less a constant why you don't even in the air. To avoid the mind when someone storms, air traffic and criticizes you today. It's more, pilots and autoa chance to improve pilots are constantly and maybe even solve making adjustments to something you've been the flight plan. Today's

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Here's How It Works:

Sept. 22). So much about the interactions of the day won't be personal. Stay a bit detached to better see how things work. you want to pay attention to you will need some extra reason to do so.

Oct. 23). As for the rules of the game, it's not what they are that matter -- rather, it's that all of the players agree on what they are. To know this for sure, you may have to break it down point by point.

Nov. 21). The cosmic suggestion is to throw kindness like confetti -which is to say, directly up, so it can rain down wherever. If you aim kindness, or confetti, injury can occur.

(Nov. 22-Dec. 21). supporting you in the direction you want to grow. Location isn't everything, but right now it's much, much more

important than you might have guessed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'd like to be sure you're on the same page as those under your charge. But if you give them too much of the plan up front, they'll either be intimidated by the task, or they'll second-guess you. Keep it on a needto-know basis.

AQUARIUS (Jan. **20-Feb. 18).** People will do illogical things to regain power. They will act irrationally to preserve a sense of self or the continuity of their personal story. If you want them to be predictable and manageable, pose no threat whatsoever. PISCES (Feb.

19-March 20). Small problems, if not corrected, can become big problems. Good news: It won't take you very long at all to rectify the seemingly little and inconsequential issues (that actually have great potential for consequence).

TODAY'S BIRTH-DAY (April 18). There's something new to want out of this year. It may seem overly simplistic, but it's really the way

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Tomorrow's Horoscope course will require this

Bottom line: The person LIBRA (Sept. 23-

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-

too forcefully or directly, **SAGITTARIUS** Take a look around you to determine whether your surroundings are

it will go: You'll believe in yourself, and you'll make it happen. You'll change your morning ritual in May, and this will change everything. Friends and family will contribute differently than they did before. A gamble pays off in November. Libra and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 2, 22, 8 and 43.

ASTROLOGICAL

QUESTION: "I work

in sales. A representative from a competing company approached me last week and said they've heard about my work and they want me to come work for them with a salary increase of 25 percent. I never signed a noncompete clause with my current company, so I'm free to go. But something feels funny about this, as if it's too good to be true. What do my stars say? I'm an Aries with Mercury in Aries, too." Your birthday is also

called a solar return, as it is the time of year the sun returns to the part of the sky it was in at your birth. It's an opportunity-filled time and you are typically filled with confidence and the spirit of ad-

venture at this time of year. The important thing to consider about the job offer will be the factors that are not financial. Can you see yourself being happy with the company and the people? What are the hours like? Can you get behind the product? Think about the long term with this decision. Will you be burning bridges by making the leap? Your gut is telling you something and it would be foolish to ignore that.

CELEBRITY PRO-FILES: Socialite and businesswoman Kourtney Kardashian is an Aries with Mercury and Mars in the fiery sign, as well. These stars show intensity and a certain fearlessness. A moon in Capricorn indicates tremendous business savvy and a desire to amass concrete assets. The Capricorn influence adds some down-toearth grounding to all that passionate Aries

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The Gross Habit of Spitting

Dear Annie: The other day, I was working from a cafe close to my house. As I sat there for a few hours, I saw a number of men spitting on the sidewalk as they passed by. Men in dirty clothes, men in fancy suits, young men, old men -- it seems to be a trait shared by all types of men. Fond as I am of finding and cultivating common connections between humans, I find this habit disgusting. Why is it that men choose to spit in public so often? Am I the only one who notices this? And what should I do if I see another drooling delinquent? -- Wondering Woman

Dear Wondering

Woman: You're in good company in your disgust. After his first visit to America, Charles Dickens lamented the "offensive and sickening" sight of men who "(spat) incessantly." In Dickens' time, chewing tobacco was mostly to blame for the great expectorations. Nowadays, there's no definitive explanation. Boise State sociology professor Robert McCarl says it most likely has to do with male posturing. It does seem that this issue is socio-cultural and not biological, as there's no evidence that men produce more saliva than women. I'm sure I'll hear

from a few people with their takes. In the meantime, if you see a "drooling delinquent," you might offer him (or

her!) a tissue.

Dear Annie: I have never been more compelled to write than after reading your recent response to "P.U.," the person concerned about a co-worker's bad hygiene. In your response, you indicated that the co-worker's mental health is not "P.U.'s" business. Based on the co-worker's reported outburst when confronted and information from his wife that he was "off his medication," I strongly believe it is not only "P.U.'s" business but his obligation to report his observations to management. Too often, these early signs of potential violence are missed and, as recent events around the country show, workplace tragedy follows.

I respectfully think you missed the mark on this one. -- See Something, Say Something

Annie's Mailbox ®

Dear See Something, Say Something: Though "P.U." said he'd already approached management to no avail, I should not have left it at that. You're right that the situation is potentially dangerous and should be addressed with urgency.

Approaching the topic of another person's mental health requires a great deal of care, especially if that person is an employee or colleague. And you should be careful not to engage in workplace discrimination based on mental illness -not only because that would be unethical but also because it's prohibited in the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you are worried about a co-worker's mental health, you can and should intervene, for everyone's safety. Implore human resources to enlist some outside help. The following letter writer sheds more light on options. **Dear Annie:**

"P.U.'s" manager is ineffective. He should mandate an employee assistance program to provide counseling and clearance before the man is allowed back to work. Most states require employee assistance program agencies, but sadly they are underutilized. In this program, a mental health counselor would decide whether the man is a threat to himself or others. Step two would be

to notify the local authorities of concerns of violence so they could determine whether he's a threat. -- Prevent Tragedy

Dear Prevent Tragedy: Thank you for the helpful information on employee assistance programs. I'd like to second your advice to contact the authorities if someone seems like a threat to his own or others' safety.

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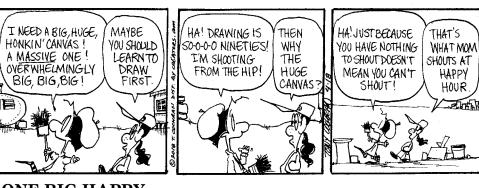








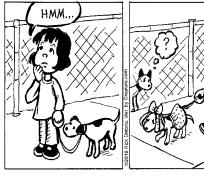
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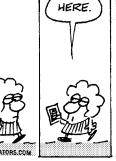
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, April 18, the 108th day of 2018. There are 257 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On April 18, 1938, Superman, AKA "The Man of Steel," made his debut as the first issue of Action Comics (bearing a cover date of June) went on sale for 10 cents a copy. (In 2014, a nearly flawless original copy was sold on eBay for \$3.2 million.)

On this date:

In 1775, Paul Revere began his famous ride from Charlestown to Lexington, Massachusetts, warning colonists that British Regular troops were approaching.

In 1865, Confederate Gen. Joseph E. Johnston surrendered to Union Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman near Durham Station in North Carolina.

In 1906, a devastating earthquake struck San Francisco. followed by raging fires; estimates of the final death toll range between 3,000 and 6,000.

In 1923, the first game was played at the original Yankee Stadium in New York; the Yankees defeated the Boston Red Sox 4-1.

In 1942, during World War II, an air squadron from the USS Hornet led by Lt. Col. James H. Doolittle raided Tokyo and other Japanese cities. The first World War II edition of The Stars and Stripes was published as a weekly newspaper.

In 1943, Adm. Isoroku Yamamoto, commander-inchief of the Japanese Combined Fleet, was shot down and killed by U.S. fighters while approaching Bougainville in the Solomon Islands.

In 1956, American actress Grace Kelly married Prince Rainier (ren-YAY') of Monaco in a civil ceremony. (A church wedding took place the next day.)

In 1966, "The Sound of Music" won the Oscar for best picture of 1965 at the 38th Academy Awards. The first Major League baseball game played on AstroTurf took place at the Houston Astrodome as the Los Angeles Dodgers defeated the Astros 6-3. Bill Russell was named player-coach of the Boston Celtics, becoming the NBA's first black coach.

In 1978, the Senate approved the Panama Canal Treaty, providing for the complete turnover of control of the waterway to Panama on the last day of

In 1983, 63 people, including 17 Americans, were killed at the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon, by a suicide bomber.

In 1988, an Israeli court convicted John Demjanjuk (dem-YAHN'-yuk), a retired auto worker from Cleveland, of committing war crimes at the Treblinka death camp in Nazioccupied Poland. (However, Israel's Supreme Court later overturned Demjanjuk's con-

In 1998, despite fierce internal dissent, Northern Ireland's main Protestant party, the Ulster Unionists, approved a peace agreement. The remains of Pol Pot were cremated, three days after the Khmer Rouge leader blamed for the killings of up to two million Cambodians died at age 73. Former North Carolina governor and U.S. senator Terry Sanford died in Durham at age 80.

Ten years ago: Addressing the United Nations, Pope Benedict XVI said that respect for human rights, not violence, was the key to solving many of the world's problems. Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin gave birth to her fifth child, a son named Trig Paxson Van Palin.

Five years ago: The FBI released surveillance camera images of two suspects in the Boston Marathon bombing and asked for the public's help in identifying them, hours after President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama attended an interfaith service at a Roman Catholic cathedral. Randy Newman, Heart, Rush, Public Enemy, Donna Summer. Albert King, and producers Quincy Jones and Lou Adler were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame during a ceremony in Los Angeles.

One year ago: Turning back to the economic populism that helped drive his election campaign, President Donald Trump signed an order he said should help American workers whose jobs were threatened by skilled immigrants; the signing took place at the headquarters of hand and power tool manufacturer Snap-on Inc., in Kenosha, Wisconsin. A man shot and killed three people on the streets of downtown Fresno, California; a suspect who was also accused of killing a motel security guard two days earlier was almost immediately arrested. U.S. Vice President Mike Pence assured Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe (shin-zoh

Answer to previous puzzle

AH'-bay) "we are with you 100 percent" during a visit amid escalating tensions over North Korea

Today's Birthdays: Actor Clive Revill is 88. Actor James Drury is 84. Actor Robert Hooks is 81. Actress Hayley Mills is 72. Actor James Woods is 71. Actress-director Dorothy Lvman is 71. Actress Cindy Pickett is 71. Country musician Walt Richmond (The Tractors)

is 71. Country musician Jim Scholten (Sawyer Brown) is 66. Actor Rick Moranis is 65. Actress Melody Thomas Scott is 62. Actor Eric Roberts is 62. Actor John James is 62. Rock musician Les Pattinson (Echo and the Bunnymen) is 60. Author-journalist Susan Faludi is 59. Actress Jane Leeves is 57. Ventriloquist-comedian Jeff Dunham is 56. Talk show host Conan O'Brien is 55. Bluegrass

Terry singer-musician Eldredge is 55. Actor Eric McCormack is 55. Actress Maria Bello is 51. Actress Mary Birdsong is 50. Actor David Hewlett is 50. Rock musician Greg Eklund (The Oolahs) is 48. Actress Lisa Locicero is 48. TV chef Ludovic Lefebvre is 47. Actor David Tennant is 47. Country musician Marvin Evatt (EH'-veht) is 44. Rock musician Mark Tremonti is 44.

Thought for Today:

"I'll tell you a secret. We live in a mad and inspiring world."

> Ben Hecht Hollywood screenwriter (born 1894, died this date in

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SPORTS

McCullers strikes out 11 as Astros shut down Mariners 4-1



Houston Astros starting pitcher Lance McCullers Jr. throws to a Seattle Mariners batter during the fourth inning of a baseball game Tuesday, April 17, 2018, in Seattle.

By TIM BOOTH

AP Sports Writer

SEATTLE (AP) — Lance McCullers Jr. saw manager A.J. Hinch walking toward him in the Houston dugout during the top of the seventh inning. He thought Hinch might tell the young right-hander his night was

"He just walked right past me. I was like, 'Hell yeah,'" McCullers said. "I really wanted to go back out there for the seventh, and I'm glad I finished it the way that I did."

McCullers matched his career high with 11 strikeouts over seven innings of one-hit ball, Brian McCann hit a tiebreaking two-run home run and the Astros beat the Seattle Mariners 4-1 on Tuesday night.

McCullers was outstanding in a bounce-back effort after allowing a career-high eight earned runs in his last start against Minnesota. His only mistake was an 0-2 curveball that Robinson Cano hit for a solo homer in the first inning. Otherwise, the Mariners were left guessing at McCullers' mix of breaking pitches and a good fastball. McCullers also had 11 strikeouts in a 2015 game against Baltimore.

"Filthy. It was similar to his first half last year. He had some dominant starts last year early," McCann said.

McCullers (2-1) retired 12 straight following Cano's homer before walking Daniel Vogelbach with two outs in the fifth inning. That was his only blip. McCullers retired the final seven he faced, including strikeouts of Nelson Cruz and Kyle Seager to end the seventh. He left after throwing 102 "He spun the ball pretty good. He

has one of the best curveballs in the game," Cano said. "He's confident in what he's got and when he throws it he

Beltre drove in Texas'

Choo made it 2-0 on a

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homer in the sixth.

Choo added a solo

Beltre played in his

2,832nd major league

game, moving past Ra-

fael Palmeiro for sole

possession of 18th place

on the career list. He

has 1,647 RBIs, five from

tying Tony Perez for

27th since RBIs became

an official statistic in

puts it where he wants. You have to give credit to the guy, he knows how to pitch."

Will Harris pitched the eighth and Chris Devenski worked the ninth for his second

McCann's home run in the sixth snapped a 1-1 tie and was his first of the season. Reliever Dan Altavilla (1-2) struggled to get into a rhythm taking over in the sixth, walking Evan Gattis to start the inning then leaving a 97 mph fastball in the middle of the plate for McCann.

Seattle starter Ariel Miranda was called up from Triple-A Tacoma to make the start and pitched well holding the Astros to one run in five innings, but skirted trouble throughout

his first outing of the season.

The only run Miranda allowed was due to defensive mistakes and likely would not have scored if first baseman Vogelbach threw home after fielding Josh Reddick's ground ball instead of attempting to start a double play. Houston left the bases loaded twice against Miranda, the most egregious coming in the second inning when Jake Marisnick struck out looking and George Springer went down swinging to end the threat. Miranda ended his night getting Reddick to fly out to center field with the bases loaded to end the fifth inning.

CANO'S COMPANY

Cano moved into second place on

the career home run list for players that primarily played second base. Cano's 302nd home run passed Rogers Hornsby. Cano trails only Jeff Kent, who had 377 career homers.

"You always dream that you'll come up and be able to do something special in the game. It would have been great if we ended up winning," he said.

BATTING 1,000

Jose Altuve played in the 1,000th game of his career and went 1 for 5. He has the second-most hits for a foreign-born player in their first 1,000 games, trailing only Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki. Altuve has 1,272 hits. Suzuki had 1,414 in his first 1,000 games.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Astros: The Astros are expected to activate reliever Tony Sipp (oblique strain) from the 10-day disabled list on Wednesday. The Astros optioned RHP James Hoyt to Triple A-Fresno after the game. Sipp has been out since April 8.

Mariners: OF Ben Gamel (oblique) is expected to rejoin the Mariners in the next couple of days — likely before the homestand with Houston ends — after being on a rehab assignment with Triple-A Tacoma. ... C Mike Zunino (oblique) was expected to be the designated hitter for Class A Modesto on Tuesday and will play at least one more game in the minors before the Mariners consider bringing him of the disabled list.

UP NEXT

Astros: Gerrit Cole (1-0) tries to replicate his last start where he struck out a career-high 14 in seven innings. Cole has recorded at least 11 strikeouts in each of his three starts.

Mariners: Mike Leake (2-0) looks to remain perfect on the season after getting a no decision in his last start despite allowing three runs in six innings against Oakland.

Moore goes 7 strong innings, Rangers beat Rays 7-2 By MARK DIDTLER ably one of my more fa-Rock.

Associated Press

PETERSBURG. Fla. (AP) — Matt Moore had a successful return to Tropicana Field.

Moore allowed an unearned run over seven innings in his first start against his former team, and the Texas Rangers beat the Tampa Bay Rays 7-2 on Tuesday night.

"A great night in a place that he's been very comfortable in through his career," Rangers manager Jeff Banister said. "Seemed to be in control with a great curveball, changeup mix."

Moore (1-3), who went 39-28 with Tampa Bay before being dealt to San Francisco in 2016, struck out six and allowed five hits and two walks. The Rangers acquired the left-hander from the Giants in De-

Moore said. "A lot of familiar feelings. You know where everything is at. Just being on that same mound, it's probvored mounds."

Daniel Robertson had first run with a firstthe lone run off Moore, inning sacrifice fly, and scoring on shortstop Isiah Kiner-Falefa's throwing error in the third.

Moore lowered his ERA from 8.76 to 5.59.

"We let him get into a rhythm," Rays manager Kevin Cash said.

Adrian Beltre, Ronald Guzman and Shin-Soo Choo had two RBIs each for the Rangers. Kiner-Falefa had four hits, including a double.

"One of our better offensive nights," Banister said. "We made some hard outs as well."

Tampa Bay dropped to 4-13, matching the 2001 Devil Rays for the worst 17-game start in team history.

Beltre hit his second sacrifice fly of the game and Guzman had a tworun double off Yonny Chirinos (0-1) as the Rangers went ahead 5-1 in the fifth.



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Kendrick Lamar's Pulitzer win hailed as 'big for music'

By MARK KENNEDY

AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK — The decision to award rapper Kendrick Lamar the Pulitzer Prize for music represents a historic moment not just for hip-hop and American music but also for the usually stuffy Pulitzer process itself, says one of the music jurors who picked the album "DAMN." as a final-

"It's big for hip-hop. I think it's big for our country. It's big for music. But it's big for the Pulitzers, too. Institutions are not stuck in time, either. Institutions can change," said Farah Jasmine Griffin, a Columbia profes-

Lamar's win on Monday made history as the first non-classical or nonjazz artist to win the prestigious prize since the Pulitzers included music in 1943. Just having a rapper nominated for the prize is considered a stunning development for awards that usually honor musicians of European classical background.

"I knew that there would be some anger and some resentment and some people who wouldn't like the idea, but surprisingly enough, I haven't heard a lot of that," Griffin said.

The decision was hailed as a turning point in music history by Jetro Da Silva, a professor at the prestigious Berklee College of Music who teaches a class on hip-hop writing and production. "We are at a time in history here

perhaps there is a new way to analyze what is considered a contribution to music. Critical thinkers are asking what it really means to be a composer and what is a composition," he said. "The sky's the limit."

In addition to Griffin, the music jury this year included music critic David Hajdu, violinist Regina Carter, Paul Cremo from the Metropolitan Opera and the composer David Lang.

The five-member music jury listened to about 180 pieces of music and after deliberating for a few days then submitted to the final board three works — Lamar's album along with Michael Gilbertson's "Quartet" and Ted Hearne's "Sound from the Bench." Adding "DAMN." was a unanimous decision by all five.

"Everyone pects that there would have been some form of resistance. There was none," said Griffin. "It was just welcomed by everyone as an opportunity to have a serious conversation about the art, about Mr. Lamar's work, but also about what constitutes what kind of music that should be eligible for this."

The final decithe Pulitzer board, which hailed Lamar's CD as "a virtuosic song col-

lection unified by its vernacular authenticity and rhythmic dynamism that offers affecting vignettes capturing the complexity of modern African-American life."

The Pulitzers have been accused of past mistakes when it comes to African-American contributions to music. In 1965, jurors recommended awarding a special citation to Duke Ellington, but were rejected. And it was not until 1997 that the Pulitzer for music even went to a jazz work.

"All of us sitting at that table were fully aware of Duke Ellington in 1965 being passed over for the Pulitzer and a jazz artist not winning for some time," said Griffin. "We all brought a history to the table and thought, 'Why not?' and 'Why not now?'" The Pulitzers have lately expanded

their inclusion of popular music, including honoring Bob Dylan's lyrics



sion was made by In this July 7, 2017, file photo, Kendrick Lamar performs during the Festival d'ete de Quebec in Quebec City, Canada.On Monday, April 16, 2018, Lamar won the Pulitzer Prize for music for his album "Damn."

with the prize for literature and giving Lin-Manuel Miranda's hip-hopinspired score for "Hamilton" the Pulitzer for drama.

The Lamar news stunned many and was cheered by the rappers' fans, including celebrities like Ellen DeGeneres and Anthony Bourdain, who wrote: "The album was brilliant and deserves every accolade." Leon W. Russell, chairman of the NAACP, wrote on Twitter that the win conferred a literary legitimacy but that Lamar had already gotten "street credibility and artistic authority."

TV personality Charlamagne Tha God noted that Lamar joined African-

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American luminaries such as playwright August Wilson, writers Alex Haley and Toni Morrison, and musician John Coltrane as Pulitzer winners. "Congrats to that brother! I'm inspired!" he wrote.

Griffin, a professor of English and African-American studies who has written about Billie Holiday, Miles Davis and John Coltrane, was a rookie on the Pulitzer jury this year.

"I will cherish that experience, of going through that process," she said. "On so many levels, I felt like this was major — both the music that we put forward but also what happened in those deliberations."

Pearl Jam aims to tap into youth movement with Montana show



In this Nov. 6, 2016 file photo, Pearl Jam bassist Jeff Ament reacts as he is introduced during an NBA basketball game between the New York Knicks and the Utah Jazz in New York.

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — One of the four cities in Pearl Jam's brief North American tour this summer will be tiny Missoula, Montana, the part-time home of bassist Jeff Ament. The politically active band has dubbed the sold-

out Aug. 13 concert "Rock2Vote" and plans to give a portion of its proceeds to four Montana organizations that support youth and Native American voting, land conservation and women's health. Ament told The Associated Press on Tuesday that

he's been inspired by the national youth movement led by survivors of the high school shooting in Parkland, Florida.

It's the third time the pioneering grunge rock band has played in Montana when Ament's childhood friend, U.S. Sen. Jon Tester, is up for election.

Pearl Jam also will play two shows each in Seattle, Chicago and Boston this summer.

Texas reopens case seen as inspiring 'Three Billboards' film VIDOR, Texas (AP) father, James Fulton,

Texas authorities are seeking fresh leads in the 1991 death of a woman whose case is seen as an inspiration for the Academy Award-winning film "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri."

of Public Safety said in a release Tuesday that it's raised to \$6,000 the reward for information leading to the arrest of those responsible for the death of 34-year-old

After her death Page's

Kathy Page.

The Texas Department

rented billboards accusing Vidor (VY'-dohr) police of failing to properly investigate the killing. News reports that in

The Dallas Morning 2000, a civil jury found Page's estranged husband, Steve Page, liable in a wrongful-death suit and awarded her family \$150,000. British-Irish

tor Martin McDonaugh has said the film was inspired by billboards he saw during U.S. travels decades ago, but hasn't specified exactly where



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