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Drought damage relief available for area farmers and ranchers

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

Are you a West Texas farmer whose production has been harmed by the ongoing drought in the area? The U.S. Department of Agriculture has designated 11 West Texas counties as primary natural disaster areas due to the recent drought. Howard County is among them; the others include Borden, Dawson, Fisher, Gaines, Hill, Jones, Martin, Mitchell, Nolan and Scurry counties. Farms in those areas, as well as those in 22 adjacent Texas counties plus Lea County in New Mexico, may qualify for natural disaster assistance from the USDA's Farm Service Agency in the form of emergency (EM) loans and other programs. The additional Texas counties include Andrews, Bosque, Callahan, Coke, Ellis, Garza, Glasscock, Haskell, Johnson, Kent, Limestone, Lynn, McLennan, See **RELIEF**, Page 3A

It's Sticks and Tricks time



File photo of the Comanche Trail Golf Course building

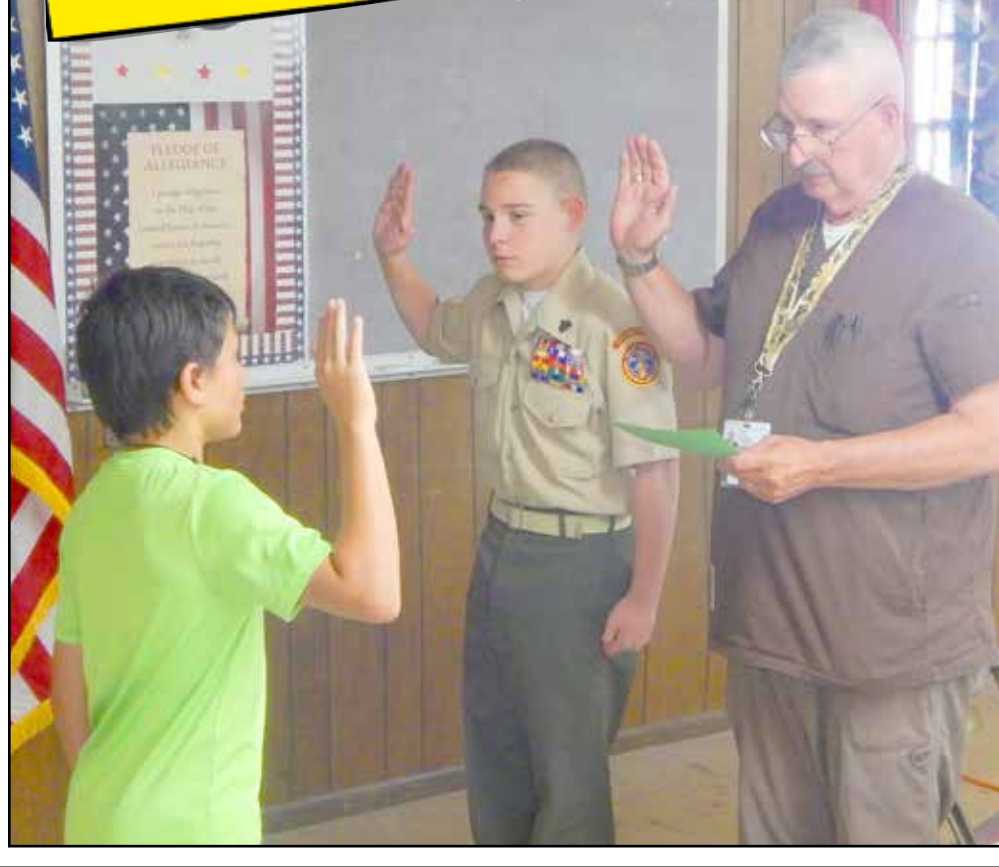
By TYLER SCHELLIE
 Staff Writer

The upcoming golf scramble at Comanche trail golf course is expected to turn your average golf day upside down by adding in some twists and tricks. Although Executive Director of Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Debbye Valverde, wasn't able to spare any information on the tricks, she assured what a fun time it will be. "This is going to be great, something totally different than your regular golf tournament," she said. "There will be drinks and popcorn, along with booths from sponsors on each hole offering their very own giveaways." This is the first annual Sticks and tricks

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Cortez takes the Young Marine Oath



HERALD photo/ Jordan Parr

The Young Marines added a new recruit to the Cross Roads Unit on Tuesday Night. 10 year old Brandyn Cortez (left) took the Young Marine Oath, with assistance from Unit Commander Lt "Doc" Rodman (right) and Senior Young Marine Sgt Grove (center). Cortez became the newest member of the Cross Roads Young Marine family, and will begin his training this Saturday as the Unit musters for their bi-weekly drill session. Congratulation Young Marines, "Semper Fi".

85th Annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo approaching

By JORDAN PARR
 Sports Editor

Who is ready to RODEO? The 85th annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion & Rodeo is fast approaching. The rodeo will be held at the R360 Rodeo Bowl on June 21-23. With the return of Toy "Wild Child" Lerwill with his crazy antics and Madison Macdonald performing trick riding, this year's festivities are shaping up to be as exciting and entertaining as ever. Troy "Wild Child" Lerwill started out as a bullfighter back in the early 90s, learning to do comedy "...with a lot of help from my friends," as he explains, then inventing his famous act that incorporates, comedy, rodeo and a motorcycle. Lerwill was once ranked No. 1 in Utah as a professional motocross rider, so he has the tools and experience needed for that element. "What I do in my act is a great blend of both rodeo and motocross. I'm really blessed that I get to do both," he said. His signature painted face, blue-and-yellow shirt and giant yellow cowboy hat makes him easy to spot as he banter with ring announcers and struts his stuff in the arena. At 24 years of age, Madison MacDonald is one of the World's Top Equestrian Athletes in her arena. Born and raised just south of Calgary, Alberta, Canada but now calls Stephenville, Texas home. A seasoned entertainer with over 18 years of experience under her belt, Madison has had amazing opportunities to perform across Canada, the United States and Mexico at world renowned events and rodeos. She has been selected as 7X NFR Contract Act and has had the honor of performing at the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas since the age 18. Mini bronc riding and mutton busting will also come riding into the R360 bowl. Excitement is in air as the arrival of the new hardware for the kids in Mini Bronc Riding. This years nightly



File photos (Tony Claxton)

Big Spring's Stephen Wallis (top) ropes his steer during the tie down roping event at the 83rd Annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo on Saturday, June 18, 2016. Kasyn Wood (bottom), of Coahoma, rides his sheep, Mutton Chops, during the Mutton Bustin' event at the 83rd Annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo on Saturday, June 18, 2016.

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Odor's 3-run double in 9th sends Rangers past Mariners 9-5

By TODD MILLES

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Texas Rangers second baseman Rougned Odor is fiery and energetic, much like the hard-throwing pitcher he was facing Tuesday night with the game on the line.

And for the second time in his career, Odor got the best of Seattle Mariners closer Edwin Diaz in the ninth inning.

Odor broke a tie with a three-run double and the Rangers beat Seattle 9-5 to end the Mariners' four-game winning streak.

Ronald Guzman went 4 for 4 with three RBIs and Shin-Soo Choo homered for the Rangers, who tagged Diaz (0-2) in the ninth.

The AL saves leader the bases with one out and Odor hammered a high slider just off the outer part of the plate the opposite way to left field, clearing the bases for an 8-5 Texas lead.

It was Aug. 30, 2016 — Diaz's rookie season — when Odor hit a two-run homer off the reliever in a dramatic 8-7 Rangers victory at Texas.

"I just try to do my best," Odor said. "He's a pitcher kind of like me — he competes and he's got a lot of energy. I like to face him."

Mariners manager Scott Servais saw Diaz didn't have "the feel or the life on the fastball," adding that he was rushing his pitches.

"That (slider) was a bad pitch," Servais said. "It's tough to execute it all the time."

Diaz blew a save against Texas earlier this month when he gave up the tying run in the ninth inning of a 9-8 Mariners win at Safeco Field

"We've had some moments against Diaz in the past," Rangers manager Jeff Banister said. "Anytime he comes in, it raises the concentration level for all of our guys."



Seattle Mariners closing pitcher relief pitcher Edwin Diaz, left, walks back to the mound after covering home as Texas Rangers' Jurickson Profar (19) celebrates with teammates as he scored on a three-run double hit by Rougned Odor during the ninth inning of a baseball game Tuesday, May 29, 2018, in Seattle.

With the score tied 5-all, Diaz gave up a single to Jurickson Profar to open the ninth. Two batters later, Isiah Kiner-Falefa went the opposite way for a single to right field, and Profar reached third. Joey Gallo walked to load the bases for Odor.

Diaz was pulled after getting just one out. He was charged with four earned runs when Chasen Bradford allowed Guzman's run-scoring single.

Before his meltdown, Diaz had allowed only five earned runs in 28 appearances this season. His 19 saves lead the American League.

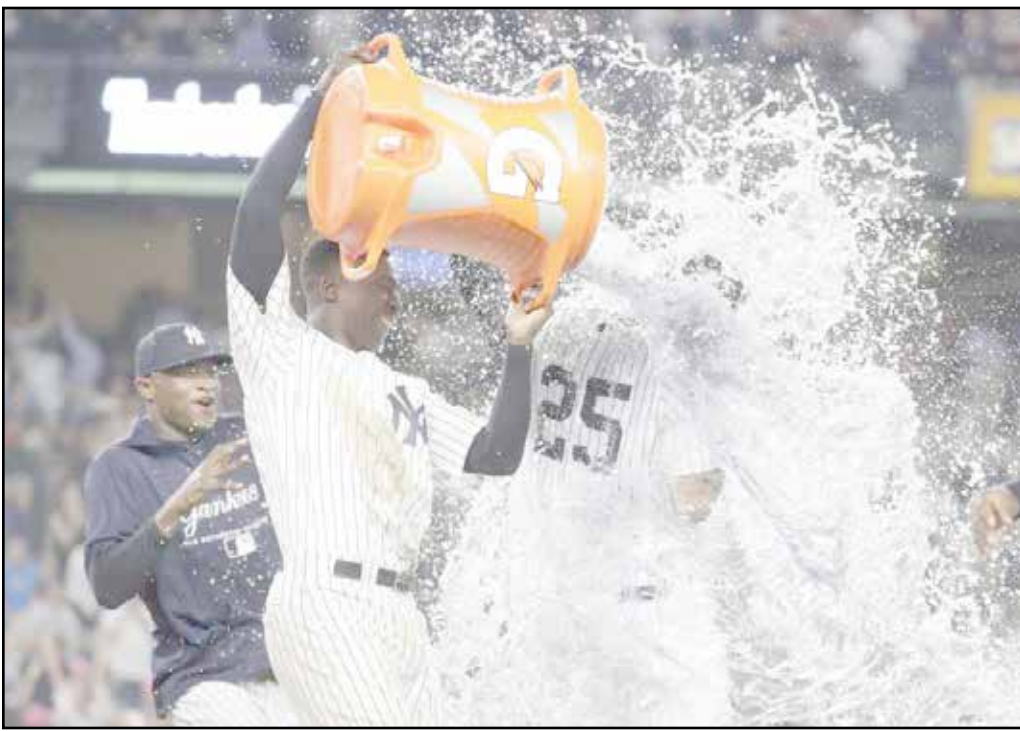
"You'll have those games where you don't have your command, and you have to battle," Diaz said. "If something bad happens, it's unfortunate. You come back the next day."

Mariners pitchers issued eight walks, hit two batters and uncorked a wild pitch.

Texas reliever Chris Martin (1-1) got the win after giving up the tying run in the eighth on an RBI groundout by Jean Segura, who had three hits.

Seattle remained a game behind first-place Houston in the AL West.

Gardner, Torres rally Yankees to 6-5 win over Astros in 10



New York Yankees' Didi Gregorius dumps water onto Gleyber Torres (25) after Torres drove in the winning run during the 10th inning of the team's baseball game against the Houston Astros on Tuesday, May 29, 2018, in New York. The Yankees won 6-5.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Brett Gardner tied it with his second homer of the game, a one-out, two-run drive in the ninth inning. Gleyber Torres hit a winning single in the 10th and the New York Yankees rallied to beat the Houston Astros 6-5 Tuesday night.

The Yankees won despite making five errors — including two by Torres at second base — for the first time since 2014. They also came up with a startling defensive play in the 10th when Aroldis Chapman (2-0) threw a 100 mph fastball to the backstop that took a fortuitous carom to catcher Gary Sanchez, who threw out Tony Kemp at third base.

Miguel Andujar doubled against Brad Peacock (1-3) with two outs in the 10th, and Torres lined an opposite-field single to right.

RED SOX 8, BLUE JAYS 3
BOSTON (AP) — Sandy Leon hit a home run and two doubles, Xander Bogaerts also homered and Rick Por-

cello took a three-hitter into the seventh inning, helping Boston beat Toronto to match the second-best start in franchise history.

J.D. Martinez also had two of Boston's six doubles. The Red Sox (38-17) won for the eighth time in 10 games to maintain the best record in the major leagues and their best record through 55 games since 2002. Only the 1946 Boston team that started 42-13 with Ted Williams and Bobby Dorr returning from World War II had a better start.

Porcello (7-2) allowed three runs, two earned, and five hits in 6 2/3 innings. Toronto loaded the bases against Hector Velazquez in the ninth, but Craig Kimbrel got two outs for his 17th save.

Marco Estrada (2-6) allowed four runs and seven hits in 3 2/3 innings, dropping his fifth straight decision. Justin Smoak homered for the Blue Jays, who have lost 12 of 16.

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Ice melting to slush in Vegas heat at Stanley Cup Final

By GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer

LAS VEGAS — After just one game, it's already clear this Stanley Cup Final is on thin ice. Thin, patchy, slushy, rut-riddled ice.

The Vegas Golden Knights have shocked the sporting world by playing for a championship in their inaugural season. But their incredible playoff run has taken them straight into summer in the Mojave Desert, where temperatures routinely soar past 100 degrees from May to October. With sizzling heat outside and a frenzied sellout crowd inside, T-Mobile Arena's ice melted into an inconsistent playing surface for the Golden Knights and the Washington Capitals in the series opener.

Despite constant sprucing from attendants during timeouts, both teams chased the puck through dozens of weird bounces and unpredictable slides while Vegas rallied for a 6-4 victory.

"It was pretty bad," Washington forward Jay Beagle said. "It's so hot outside, so it's not like it's a surprise."

And it's about to get worse: The mercury on the Strip could hit triple digits Wednesday for Game 2, when the league is likely to see its hottest outdoor temperature ever recorded at a Final game.

But before any Canadians develop heatstroke at the prospect of their national game being played in a Nevada swimming pool, players on both teams were eager to make it clear the Vegas ice is absolutely playable.

"It's the same for both teams, which is why it doesn't matter," Vegas forward James Neal said. "It's still the same game for everybody. Of course, everybody would like to play on perfect ice, but that doesn't happen at this time of year."

Middling ice quality can be a fact of life year-round in NHL rinks, particularly for the Sun Belt teams from



Ice maintenance crew members repair the ice with a fire extinguisher as linesman Jonny Murray watches during the second period in Game 1 of the NHL hockey Stanley Cup Finals between the Vegas Golden Knights and the Washington Capitals Monday, May 28, 2018, in Las Vegas.

Anaheim to Miami, yet their players still thrive. It's common to see ice deterioration in rinks at various latitudes when temperatures rise while the NHL playoffs roll through spring. The Capitals are well aware they

won't skate onto a pristine Nordic pond when they return to Capital One Arena for Game 3 on Saturday — not with 85-degree temperatures and 70-percent humidity in the Washington forecast.

Obituaries

Michael Shawn Eason



Michael Shawn Eason went to his Heavenly home Sunday, May 27, 2018, doing what he loved. Funeral services will be 10 a.m., Friday, June 1, 2018, at Trinity Baptist Church with Pastor Scott Kirkland officiating.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday, May 31, 2018, at the funeral home.

Shawn was born May 26, 1968. He attended Big Spring High School, class of 1986. He was employed by Parsley Energy and he also ran his own lawn care service, M&S Lawn Care. He was an avid fisherman, hunter, and all around outdoors guy. His favorite times were spent kayaking and fishing on the river. You never saw him without a smile on his face and he never

met a stranger. Shawn was a caring and loving man that will be missed greatly by all.

In addition to his wife, Mara, he is survived by his son, Michael Shawn Eason, Jr.; a step-son, Adrian; a step-daughter, Marita and her husband, Jacob; three grandchildren, Ivan, Maya, and Mia; his mother, Connie Mayes and her husband, Gary; a sister, Summer Martin and her husband, Gary; a nephew, Gatlin Martin; and two nieces, Sydni Martin and Brookie Martin; and numerous aunts, uncles, and friends.

Shawn is preceded in death by his father, H. L. Eason.

The family suggests memorials to a charity of your choice. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Paid Obituary

Emma Gusman Granado

Emma Gusman Granado, 74, of Big Spring, died Sunday, May 27, 2018. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Stephanie Nicole Croft Bailey



Memorial services for Stephanie Nicole Croft Bailey, 32, of 188 Pearl Lake Dr. Kyle, Texas, will be at 8 a.m. Monday May 28 at Aviation Support Facility, 5102 Emma Browning Dr, Del Valle, Texas and Grave side Burial will be at 10:15 a.m. Friday June 15 at Fort Sam Houston Cemetery in San Antonio Texas.

Directed by Thomason Funeral Home. She died Saturday morning May 19 at Seton Medical Center of a sudden illness.

She was born July 21, 1985, in Big Spring, Texas. She married Curtis Clinton Bailey Aug. 17, 2013, in Marlin Texas. She graduated from Forsan Texas, in 2003. She was in both the Army and Navy and was medically retired. She was continuing her education and received her associate's degree and was currently working on her Bachelors degree in Forensics. She loved arts and crafts and painting. She was a full time mother to her son and full time wife. Survivors include her husband Curtis: one son Berry Craig Troy, all of Kyle, Texas; parents Troy and Tammy Croft, Big Spring, Texas; one brother Berry Bryan Croft, Big Spring, Texas; one grandmother Shirley Croft, Stella, Missouri, one nephew Josh Denver Croft, in the Philippines; and a number of Aunts, Uncles and cousins.

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Police, Sheriff Reports

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **AMBER MICHELLE GUTIERREZ**, 42, of 610 E 12th St., on warrants of credit card or debit card abuse, and parole violation, and on charges of possession of marijuana less than two ounces, and on failure to identify fugitive intent give.

- **JOSE ALBERTO MIER**, 35, of 107 E 14th St., on a warrants expired driver's license, and expired registration.

- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 2000 N Hwy 350, and in the 1800 Mittel Ave.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 3600 block in the W Hwy 80, 800 block in W I 20.

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 500 block of E 16th St.

- **ACCIDENT MAJOR** was reported on N Bell/ and NW 7th St.

- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported on 17th Scurry .

- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 1800 Mittel Ave.

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

- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 83 inmates at the time of this report.

- **ANGEL MARTIN AGUILAR**, 22, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- **EMMANUEL COLUNGA**, 30, was arrested by GLASS on a warrant assault family household member.

- **TIMOTHY JAMES CRAIG**, 22, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of criminal mischief in between \$2,500 to \$30,000.

- **AUSTIN ANDREW ENDERLE**, 20, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- **AMBER MICHELLE GUTIERREZ**, 42, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of credit card

or debit card abuse, and parole violation, and on charges of possession of marijuana less than two ounces, and on failure to identify fugitive intent give.

- **ALEJANDRO J GUZMAN**, 22, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant on failure to maintain financial responsibilities.

- **SABRINA VALENCIA MADRID**, 33, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of order of modified conditions.

- **ROBERT MATA JR.**, 37, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of order of modified conditions.

- **JOSE ALBERTO MIER**, 35, was arrested by BSPD on a warrants expired driver's license, and expired registration.

- **JEREMY RYAN MINTER**, 38, was arrested by HCSO on a warrants of illegal dumping, and man delivery controlled substance in between 4 grams 200 grams.

Take Note

- Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

- The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and 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.

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

- The Howard County Democrats meet the second

and fourth Mondays of each month, at 5:30 p.m. in the Howard College Library.

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

- Big Spring's Centennial Lions Club is holding a drive to collect books for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. Books for kids in kindergarten through about 10th grade will be accepted, with special preference for books for younger children in kindergarten through third grade. Cash donations to allow the Lions to purchase additional books are also appreciated. Books or donations can be taken to the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., or to the home of Lions member Ken Lawhon at 1707 E. 15th St. For more info, contact Lawhon at 214-998-9716.

- Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more info. call, 432-935-3998. If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

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

- Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat. Cost has dropped to \$5 per person thanks to a sponsor Marcy House, 2301 Wasson Road.

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Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

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- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block of NE 6th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the FM 1584 and CR 50. No transport.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1100 block of Pickens Ave. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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More women than ever run for Senate, but hurdles remain

By **THOMAS BEAUMONT** and **MELISSA DANIELS**

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Women running for office are due to hit another threshold with a record number of candidates for the U.S. Senate, but actually winning those seats and changing the face of the chamber are a different matter.

Many of the women jumping into Senate races face uphill campaigns. Two female senators, both Democrats, could lose their re-election bids, possibly leaving the Senate more male-dominated than before.

In Wisconsin on Wednesday, Democratic Sen. Tammy Baldwin and Republican state Sen. Leah Vukmir are expected to file for the state's Senate race. That would bring to 42 the number of women in the two major parties — the most ever — qualified to run for 19 seats in the Senate, according to an Associated Press analysis of data collected by the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University and candidate qualifying information released by states. Today, 23 women are

senators.

"It's not going to be a huge gain," said Dianne Bystrom, director of the Carrie Chapman Catt Center for Women and Politics at Iowa State University. "But it is a body more open to incremental changes."

For a body dominated by men for more than two centuries, adding female members, or even holding the line, can mean maintaining pressure on the Senate to act on issues important to women voters, such as health care and family economic policies.

A potent force behind the surge in female participation is the highly charged #MeToo movement, ignited by widespread allegations of sexual misconduct by men in entertainment, politics, journalism and other sectors. Mixed in is criticism of President Donald Trump's policies and his alleged conduct toward women.

"All of these sparks are working in different ways, and one of the giant sparks has been the #MeToo movement," said former Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif. Boxer was among four women elected in 1992, which tripled their Senate ranks in part, she says, over a backlash by female voters against the confir-

mation of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, who had been accused of sexual harassment.

As impressive as the numbers appear for a chamber that has only seated 52 female members in its history, more women will lose their races, too, thanks in part to primaries featuring multiple female candidates. In 2016, 40 women ran for the Senate.

In Arizona, odds are a woman will succeed retiring Republican Sen. Jeff Flake. Six women are running in the August primaries, setting up a likely all-female matchup.

Arizona Democratic Rep. Kyrsten Sinema, who filed her candidate petitions Tuesday, demurred when asked about the role gender plays in her candidacy. "For me, my public service has never been about my gender or really any other characteristic," Sinema told The Associated Press.

In a recent ad Sinema credits her single mother for shepherding her family through tough times, echoing themes of family security, a priority for some female voters.

Wisconsin's Baldwin could face Vukmir, who faces a complete August primary.

The biggest hurdle for women running for the Senate is the map. Of the 13 Democratic women seeking re-election, four are in states Trump carried in 2016 and where he is expected to be expected to weigh in heavily.

Seen as most vulnerable are first-term Sen. Heidi Heitkamp of North Dakota, a state Trump carried by almost 36 percentage points, and second-term Sen. Claire McCaskill of Missouri, where Trump won by more than 18 percentage points.

At the same time, women stand a chance of picking up a seat in Nevada, where Democratic Rep. Jacky Rosen is challenging Republican Sen. Dean Heller.

Likewise, in Tennessee, Republican Rep. Marsha Blackburn, a Trump devotee whom the president raised money for Tuesday night in Nashville, faces Democratic former Gov. Phil Bredesen for the seat being vacated by the retiring Republican Sen. Bob Corker.

Limited opportunities for women to make gains are nothing new. But the 1992 election helped usher in changes championed by Senate women, including the Family and Medical Leave Act and the Violence Against Women Act.

Given the challenges to women hoping to increase their numbers in the Senate this year, the election can be as much about defending policy achievements, said Kelly Dittmar of the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers.

Gowdy disputes Trump's 'spy' claim, says FBI acted properly

By **ANNE FLAHERTY**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — There is no evidence that the FBI planted a "spy" on President Donald Trump's 2016 campaign, a senior House Republican said Wednesday, directly contradicting Trump's repeated insistence that the agency inserted a "spy" for political reasons and to help Crooked Hillary win.

Rep. Trey Gowdy, chairman of the House Oversight Committee and a longtime Trump supporter, was briefed last week by the Justice Department and FBI following reports that investigators relied on a U.S. government informant in its investigation into Russian election meddling.

"I am even more convinced that the FBI did exactly what my fellow citizens would want them to do when they got the information they got and that it has nothing to do with Donald Trump," Gowdy, a South Carolina Republican, told Fox News on Tuesday.

On Wednesday, Gowdy said he had "never heard the term 'spy' used" and did not see evidence of that.

"Informants are used all day, every day by law enforcement," he told "CBS This Morning." Trump has zeroed in on, and at times embellished, reports on the informant, calling it "spygate" and tweeting that it was "starting to look like one of the biggest political scandals in U.S. history." Trump has also rejected assertions by the U.S. intelligence agencies that the Russian government was trying to help him beat his Democratic opponent, Hillary Clinton.

Trump's legal team has asked to review classified information about the origins of the FBI investigation to prepare the president for an interview with special counsel Robert Mueller, who is now leading the investigation into ties between Trump's campaign and Russia.

"The folks who have seen the information have the same perspective," Gowdy said. "The folks who have not seen the information, I don't know what informs their perspective."

Gowdy, did, however, express support for



AP photo

In this Nov. 14, 2017 file photo, Rep. Trey Gowdy, R-S.C., questions Attorney General Jeff Sessions during a House Judiciary Committee hearing on Capitol Hill in Washington.

Trump's "frustration" with Attorney General Jeff Sessions, who recused himself in May 2017 from the Russia probe based on possible conflict of interest. The recusal of Sessions, an early backer of Trump's presidential bid, followed the revelation that he had two previously undisclosed interactions during the 2016 campaign with the Russian ambassador.

Gowdy told CBS that Trump is just "expressing frustration that Attorney General Sessions should have shared these reasons for recusal before he took the job. Not afterward."

Trump tweeted out Gowdy's comments on Sessions, including his saying that "there are lots of really good lawyers in the country" and that the president "could have picked someone else" for the top Justice Department job.

"And I wish I did!" Trump wrote.

Trump did not reference Gowdy's comments that there was no evidence of the FBI planting a spy on his campaign.

RODEO

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On Friday, June 22, Jake Hooker & The Outsiders will perform, sponsored by Miller Insulation. Mr. Hooker got his start in music from his father who led a country band, playing the traditional music of East Texas. At the age of seven, Mr. Hooker had absorbed enough of this musical atmosphere to allow him to join the group, playing bass guitar.

Seven years after that, he was leading his own band, singing and playing, and before long was a full-time professional musician. He studied music theory at South Plains College, Levelland, Texas and in 1998, while Hooker was a resident in Fort

Worth, Texas, he formed a new band, the Outsiders, which included drummer Jeff 'The Kid' Croy.

On Saturday, June 23, Pat Green will perform, sponsored by Surge Energy. His list of achievements includes over 2 million albums sold, three Grammy nominations and a sold out Houston Astrodome. Come have a cold drink and dance night away in the newly air conditioned Howard county fair barn.

The Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo is still accepting sponsor packages for next few days. Message them for details if interested. It is almost RODEO TIME! Oh, and don't forget the world champion rodeo athletes of Pete Carr Pro Rodeo!

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four person scramble, with contests such as hole in one, longest drive and closest to the pin, which offer a variety of prizes for tournament participants.

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Farmers have eight months from the disaster declaration, which occurred April 12, to apply for EM loans.

Another program pertains to ranchers and other raisers of livestock locally, said Karla Hoelscher of the Farm Service Agency.

"The main one that we have available in Howard County is going to

be the Livestock Forage Disaster Program," Hoelscher said. "This is for the livestock producers. So they come in and they give us the count of their cattle and the acreage that they are grazing on. It depends upon various things as far as their payment. They have until January to apply for that program."

Hoelscher said there are several other programs available. For more information contact the USDA's Farm Service Agency locally at 432-267-2557.

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In "Small Great Things" by Jodi Picoult (F PIC J), Ruth Jefferson is a labor and delivery nurse with more than twenty years' experience. During her shift, Ruth begins a routine checkup on a newborn, only to be told a few minutes later that she's been reassigned to another patient. The parents are white supremacists and don't want Ruth, who is African American, to touch their child. The hospital complies with their request, but the baby goes into cardiac distress while Ruth is alone in the nursery. Ruth hesitates before performing CPR and, as a result, is charged with a serious crime.



Monica Martinez

Kennedy McQuarrie, a white public defender, takes her case but insists that mentioning race in the courtroom is not a winning strategy. Ruth tries to keep life as normal as possible for her family, but as the trial moves forward, Ruth and Kennedy must gain each other's trust, and come to see that what they've been taught their whole lives about others and themselves might be wrong.

"Educated" by Tara Westover (LP B WEST) is a memoir. Tara was seventeen the first time she set foot in a classroom. Born to survivalists in

the mountains, she prepared for the end of the world by stockpiling home-canned peaches and sleeping with her "head for the hills" bag. In the summer she stewed herbs and in the winter she salvaged metal. Tara never saw a doctor or nurse. Gashes and concussions, even burns from explosions, were all treated at home with herbalism.

The family was so isolated from mainstream society that there was no one to ensure the children received an education. When a brother got himself into college and came back with news of the world beyond the mountains, Tara decided to try a new kind of life. She taught herself enough mathematics, grammar, and science to take the ACT and was admitted to Brigham Young University. Her quest for knowledge transformed her, taking her over oceans and across continents. Only then would she wonder if she had traveled too far, if there was still a way home.

Now I'll tell you about some western books. "Gunfighters in Hell" by Max Brand (LP W BRA M) is a Western Trio containing "The Gunless Gunman," "The Fighting Coward," and "Gunfighters in Hell." In "The

Gunless Gunman," Tom Dallas has changed his way of living. All the shootings in which he was involved were justified, but many still wanted his scalp. He vowed not to pack bullets for his gun for a year, but then a situation develops that can only result in breaking his vow or taking flight.

"The Fighting Coward" has Jack Bristol robbing a bank then escaping. Days later Bristol learns that a young man has been jailed and charged with the robbery. Bristol's actions turns his gang against him. They want to finish him off as much as the posse that is after him. In "Gunfighters in Hell," Jimmy Harrigan finally catches up with the outlaw know as Big Joe. Big Joe has stolen everything from Jimmy, but circumstances change when their horses vanish in the desert and the two find themselves without water.

"The Landseekers" by Allan Vaughan Elston (LP W ELS A) finds Verne Hallam interrupting a hold-up of the Overland Stage. Among the rescued passengers are Nan Stanley and Lois Lindsay. Attracted by the two women and knowing that the sheriff will want to talk to him about the outlaws, Verne agrees to postpone his journey.

He soon learns that was not smart because now the hold-up gang is out

to get him. He makes more trouble for himself by trying to find out what is Wade Canby's connection with the outlaws. Wade is a mining engineer who is about to marry Lois. Before these mysteries are solved, one man is kidnapped, Verne is nearly murdered twice, and some others are not that lucky.

That's all the time I have, so in honor of Memorial Day, I will leave you with a quote from Pete Hegseth:

"Memorial Day isn't just about honoring veterans, its honoring those who lost their lives. Veterans had the fortune of coming home. For us, that's a reminder of when we come home we still have a responsibility to serve. It's a continuation of service that honors our country and those who fell defending it."

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Houston Astrodome gets Texas historic landmark designation



AP photo

This April 16, 1992, file photo, shows the exterior of the Houston Astrodome. The Astrodome, which became known as the Eighth Wonder of the World as the world's first domed stadium, is getting the highest honor Texas can give an historic structure. A marker designating the Astrodome as a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark is being unveiled at ceremonies Tuesday, May 29, 2018, outside the Houston icon.

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the Astrodome as a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark is being unveiled at ceremonies Tuesday outside the Houston icon.

The stadium opened April 9, 1965, for an exhibition baseball game between the Houston

Astros and New York Yankees. For more than three decades, it hosted countless athletics competitions, concerts and other events before falling victim to old age and disrepair.

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Ex-Maryland basketball player killed in Texas van accident



AP photo

In this March 18, 2010, file photo, Maryland's Cliff Tucker pauses during NCAA college basketball practice in Spokane, Wash.

BALMORHEA, Texas (AP) — Former Maryland basketball player Cliff Tucker has been killed in a West Texas van accident that left two other passengers dead. Tucker was 29.

The Texas Department of Public Safety says the van rolled Monday on Interstate 10 near Balmorhea, 180 miles from El Paso. Investigators believe the tread on a rear tire separated and the driver lost control.

Tucker was from El Paso and played four years at Maryland, finishing in 2011. He was one of the school's top 3-point

shooters, making 35 percent of his shots from long range.

He played on NCAA Tournament teams in 2009 and 2010 under former coach Gary Williams.

"Cliff was a great teammate willing to do whatever it took to make us champions," Williams said in a statement. "One of the great things about coaching is getting to know each player and their passion for their family, life and basketball. That's what makes this so difficult. He touched everyone who was a part of his life."

Tucker played in 131 games with Maryland, 12th most in the history of the program.

Perhaps his most memorable shot was a buzzer-beating 3-pointer to beat Georgia Tech on Feb. 20, 2010. It was the third of seven straight wins for Maryland, which went on to earn a share of the Atlantic Coast Conference regular-season title.

Former teammate Greivis Vasquez wrote on Twitter: "Cliff Tucker and I had great moments. He was a great player, but even a better person. ..."

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Ted Cruz fundraising with official looking 'summons' mailers

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Sen. Ted Cruz's re-election campaign is sending fundraising letters in envelopes marked "Summons Enclosed — Open Immediately," suggesting they could contain court appearance orders.

Instead, inside is a letter from the Texas Republican asking for support in his race against Democratic Rep. Beto O'Rourke.

The San Antonio Express News' editorial board has criticized the mailer as looking "like a legal threat."

Cruz spokeswoman Catherine Frazier confirmed that the letter came from the campaign, saying Tuesday that out of 50,000-plus San Antonio area mailers "there was one complaint that came not to us but to the local media."

She called such mailers "effective and critical to identifying and engaging our supporters."

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CARDINALS 6, BREWERS 1

MILWAUKEE — Michael Wacha pitched two-hit ball for 6 2/3 innings and St. Louis connected for three home runs.

Harrison Bader, Matt Carpenter and Francisco Pena homered to help the Cardinals top the NL Central leaders.

Wacha (6-1) combined with two relievers to limit the Brewers to three hits.

The Cardinals took control by scoring four times in the second inning off Zach Davies (2-5).

CUBS 8, PIRATES 6

PITTSBURGH — Anthony Rizzo shook off the boos and sparked a late rally with his ninth home run as Chicago beat reeling Pittsburgh.

A day after his aggressive slide at home plate that took out Pirates catcher Elias Diaz and drew a rebuke from Major League Baseball, Rizzo doubled in the first inning and hit a solo shot off Edgar Santana (2-1) to knot the game at 4.

The Cubs then piled on against Pittsburgh's sagging bullpen to hand the Pirates their ninth loss in 11 games. Chicago scored five times against Pittsburgh relievers, including Ian Happ's go-ahead double two batters after Rizzo tied it and Kyle Schwarber's two-run homer off the right-field foul pole in the eighth.

Jon Lester (5-2) allowed four runs in six innings but had the second multihit game of his 13-year career by going 2 for 3 with an RBI single in the sixth that drew the Cubs within a run. Jason Heyward went 3 for 5 with an RBI for Chicago.

Brandon Morrow gave up a two-run single to Starling Marte in the ninth but got two outs for his 12th save.

Marte finished 3 for 5 with three RBIs, Austin Meadows hit his fourth home run since being called up on May 18 and Diaz exacted a measure of revenge by taking Lester deep in the third.

INDIANS 7, WHITE SOX 3

CLEVELAND — Michael Brantley, Jose Ramirez and Jason Kipnis each hit a solo home run to lift Cleveland over Chicago.

Brantley was 3 for 4 and extended his hitting streak to 18 games, the longest active streak in the majors. He homered in the third and had an RBI single in the seventh.

Mike Clevinger (4-2) allowed one run in 6 2/3 innings. The right-hander struck out seven and allowed four hits.

Chicago has lost five of six and has the worst record in the majors (16-36). Lucas Giolito (3-6) allowed five runs in six innings.

NATIONALS 3, ORIOLES 2
BALTIMORE — Bryce Harper hit his NL-leading 17th home run, Mark Reynolds added a solo shot and Washington beat Baltimore to extend its road winning streak to nine games.

Harper finished with three hits, Reynolds scored twice and 19-year-old rookie Juan Soto had his first three-hit game for Washington.

The Nationals' nine-game run on the road matches their longest since moving from Montreal before the 2005 season.

Washington has won five straight overall and will seek to complete a three-game sweep of its neighboring interleague rival on Wednesday night.

Former Oriole Jeremy Hellickson (2-0) allowed two runs in five innings and Sean Doolittle worked the ninth for his 12th save in 13 tries.

Manny Machado homered for the Orioles, who have lost four in a row.

Coming off a 14-strikeout complete game against the White Sox, Baltimore's Dylan Bundy (3-7) toiled through six innings, giving up three runs and 11 hits.

BRAVES 7, METS 6

ATLANTA — Johan Camargo homered with one out in the bottom of the ninth inning after Atlanta rallied from a pair of four-run deficits, stunning New York and capping a miserable day for the injury-plagued Mets.

Camargo's liner to right field off Gerson Bautista (0-1) gave the Braves their second walk-off homer in two days against their NL East rival.

Asdrubal Cabrera homered twice and Adrian Gonzalez also went deep for the Mets.

Before the game, New York placed Noah Syndergaard on the 10-day disabled list with a strained ligament in his right index finger. Then, fellow starter Steven Matz had to leave with discomfort in his left middle finger after throwing three scoreless innings while New York built a 4-0 lead.

X-rays were negative, but there was no immediate word if the problem might affect Matz's next scheduled start.

The Mets were up 6-2 when the Braves rallied against New York's beleaguered bullpen. Ender Inciarte tied it at 6 with a two-run triple in the eighth.

Dan Winkler (2-0) worked out of trouble in the ninth.

The first pitch was delayed 41 minutes when radar showed an approaching storm, the third straight game in the series to be de-

layed by inclement weather.

ROCKIES 11, GIANTS 4

DENVER — Kyle Freeland pitched effectively into the sixth inning and doubled in Colorado's three-run fourth, leading the Rockies over a San Francisco team that lost two pitchers to injury — including starter Jeff Samardzija.

David Dahl had a two-run homer as part of Colorado's four-run seventh, the first pinch-hit homer of his career.

Trevor Story added a run-scoring triple and Nolan Arenado, Gerardo Parra and Ian Desmond each had an RBI double for the Rockies, who have won 12 of their last 13 against the Giants at Coors Field.

Evan Longoria hit two home runs and Buster Posey also went deep for the Giants. All three were solo shots.

Freeland (5-5) tossed 5 1/3 innings and allowed three runs.

Samardzija (1-4) left after one inning because of tightness in his pitching shoulder. He gave up two runs and was replaced by rookie Dereck Rodriguez, the son of Hall of Fame catcher Ivan Rodriguez who was making his major league debut.

The younger Rodriguez went 3 1/3 innings and allowed four runs — one earned. He was removed after being struck in the right calf area by a line drive off the bat of Desmond.

The Giants made four errors — three by second baseman Kelby Tomlinson.

DIAMONDBACKS 5, REDS 2

PHOENIX — Daniel Descalso hit a two-run homer, Zack Godley pitched six effective innings and Arizona defeated Cincinnati.

The Diamondbacks broke out of a nearly monthlong hitting slump in the series opener Monday, scoring a season-high 12 runs. Descalso got them going against Luis Castillo (4-5) in the first inning, and Arizona won its second straight game on the heels of a 1-8 road trip.

Godley (5-4) bounced back from a shaky outing and Brad Boxberger earned his 13th save in 14 chances.

Eugenio Suarez homered for the Reds, who have lost 10 of 15.

ANGELS 9, TIGERS 2

DETROIT — Ian Kinsler hit a three-run homer, Luis Valbuena went deep twice and Los Angeles routed Detroit.

Nick Tropeano (3-3) benefited from the Angels' offensive display, allowing two

runs in 5 1/3 innings for the win. Noe Ramirez, Jose Alvarez, Justin Anderson and Blake Parker combined for 3 2/3 innings of scoreless relief.

Kinsler connected in the second. Valbuena's solo homer in the fourth gave the Angels a five-run lead, and his solo shot in the eighth restored their five-run cushion. Martin Maldonado added a two-run drive in the eighth.

Michael Fulmer (2-4) was tagged for five runs and six hits in 3 1/3 innings with four walks. JaCoby Jones and Jeimer Candelario homered for the Tigers.

PHILLIES 6, DODGERS 1

LOS ANGELES — Jake Arrieta delivered his third scoreless outing this month and Nick Williams hit a home run as Philadelphia defeated Los Angeles.

Arrieta (5-2) gave up six singles over seven innings, while striking out five, and won for the second time in his career at Dodger Stadium. The other victory was his 2015 no-hitter as a member of the Chicago Cubs.

Dodgers starter Kenta Maeda (4-4) was removed in the second with a strained left hip. Los Angeles lost for just the third time in its last 12 games.

Odubel Herrera had a two-run single for the Phillies.

RAYS 4, ATHLETICS 3

OAKLAND, Calif. — C.J. Cron, Joey Wendle and Wilson Ramos hit consecutive home runs in the third inning of Tampa Bay's victory over Oakland.

Daniel Robertson also homered for the Rays, Matt Duffy added three hits and Blake Snell (7-3) struck out seven over 5 2/3 innings for his third straight win. The left-hander gave up two hits and an unearned run.

Jaime Schultz struck out the side in the seventh in his major league debut. Sergio Romo allowed two runs in the ninth but secured his first American League save.

The Rays had been in a power slump with only two homers in their previous six games, both coming Sunday in a win over Baltimore. They quickly topped that with three big swings off Daniel Gossett (0-3).

ROYALS 2, TWINS 1, 14 INNINGS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Alcides Escobar homered with

two outs in the 14th inning to lift Kansas City over Minnesota.

Escobar connected off Taylor Rogers (1-2), ending a game that took 4 hours, 12 minutes. Rain also delayed the start by 24 minutes.

Scott Barlow (1-0) worked four hitless innings, striking out five straight batters during one stretch, to earn his first major league win.

Twins starter Kyle Gibson pitched seven scoreless innings. The Royals tied it in the eighth when Addison Reed walked Jorge Soler with the bases loaded.

RANGERS 9, MARINERS 5
SEATTLE — Rougned Odor broke a ninth-inning tie with a three-run double and Texas stopped Seattle's four-game winning streak.

Ronald Guzman went 4 for 4 with three RBIs and Shin-Soo Choo homered for the Rangers, who tagged American League saves leader Edwin Diaz (0-2) in the ninth.

Diaz was pulled after getting just one out and charged with four earned runs when Chasen Bradford allowed Guzman's RBI single.

Chris Martin (1-1) got the win after giving up the tying run in the eighth on an RBI groundout by Jean Segura, who had three hits.

Nelson Cruz homered early for the Mariners, who remained a game behind first-place Houston in the AL West.

PADRES 9, MARLINS 5

SAN DIEGO — Frammil Reyes hit a two-run homer that put San Diego ahead and the Padres got a fine effort from their bullpen against Miami.

Eric Hosmer had three hits and the Padres won a matchup of last-place teams, handing Miami its first loss this season in a game started by Dan Straily.

Reyes connected in the sixth inning off Straily (2-1) for the rookie's third homer in six games and second in two days at Petco Park. San Diego scored four in the eighth to break the game open, with pinch-hitter Christian Villanueva producing a two-run single.

Craig Stammen (3-0) won in relief of starter Tyson Ross.

JT Riddle had an inside-the-park homer for the Marlins in the ninth.

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The University of Texas of the Permian Basin Announces New Dean of the College of Business

Special to the Herald — Steve Beach, Ph.D., CIPM has been selected as the new dean of the College of Business at The University of Texas of the Permian Basin. His appointment is effective August 1, 2018.

Dr. Beach comes to UT Permian Basin after serving as Associate Dean and Professor of Finance in the College of Business and Economics at Radford University where he has been on the faculty since 2001. He has also taught at Loyola Marymount University and Texas State University. He had a crucial role in the recent renewal of AACSB (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business) accreditation at Radford and consults for the CFA® Institute, helping develop curriculum and training for the Certificate in Investment Performance Measurement. Dr. Beach has provided consulting services to manufacturing firms, marketing consulting firms,

government-finance officer associations and a plastics recycling firm.

“The excitement surrounding UT Permian Basin right now is infectious. It will be my honor to work with President Woodley, the faculty and staff of the University, and industry leaders to take this campus to even greater heights. I am thrilled to be back in Texas and looking forward to being part of the Midland-Odessa community. I am ready to fly like a Falcon,” said Beach.

Beach has garnered several teaching awards and was founding adviser of the Radford University Student Managed Investment Portfolio Organization, which won two international competitions for performance in managing investment assets. Beach was Associate Director of Radford’s Governmental and Nonprofit Assistance Center (GNAC) from 2012-2016.

“We are assembling a team of talented and innovative

people to lead this University into the future. Steve Beach is the kind of leader we need to ensure that graduates from UT Permian are highly recruited and well prepared for the workforce,” said UT Permian Basin President Sandra Woodley.

Beach earned his Ph.D. from Washington State University and his MBA and BSBA from Tennessee Tech. His research has focused on global portfolio management, personal finance and downside risk measures.

Steve is married to Rachael Beach, a middle school teacher and native of Austin. They have two children: Zack, 25 and a graduate of Radford University, and Cypress, 22 and a student at Virginia Tech. Steve plays tennis for exercise and relaxation, and the music fan in him is looking forward to seeing many great shows at the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center.



Steve Beach, Ph.D., CIPM

Facebook HEB Voucher Scam

Local Grocery Chain Target of Social Media Scam

Special to the Herald — Social media may be a primary source of information for many, but it can also be a fertile ground for scam artists to run amok. An eye-catching post can quickly go viral, even if the information is false or misleading. Con artists can also use these posts to try to steal money or personal information.

One of the latest targets was San Antonio-based grocery chain HEB. According to multiple news outlets, a promotion began appearing on Facebook feeds earlier this month offering a \$200 voucher to 1,000 HEB customers in celebration of the company’s birthday. According to the reports, the promotion says, “Here at HEB we appreciate our customers. That’s why we decided to giveaway 1000 Gift Vouchers (200\$ each) for free! All you need to do is give us your email to send it, and answer few questions. So, hurry up!”

When users click on the post, it takes them to the website “hebpromotion.com.” The website seems legitimate at first glance, however, Better Business Bureau checked out the site and immediately noticed a few red flags. For starters, the web address does not con-

tain “https://” at the beginning, indicating it is not a secure website. This should one of the first things a user looks for when determining the security and legitimacy of a website.

Second, the website is littered with grammatical errors and even contains a photo where the photographer’s finger shows up in the corner of the frame. Here is an example of a paragraph taken directly from the website: “Customers buy from people who like it. So behave so that you are pleased with as many of your potential customers as possible. Avoid being brutal, rude or anxious. Strive to be polite all the time and smile on your lips.”

As you might notice, this paragraph contains numerous grammatical errors. This is a major red flag. An HEB spokesperson also confirmed the promotion and website were fake.

This is just one example of the many ways scammers target online users. According to BBB’s Risk Index Report, online purchase scams are the number one riskiest scam, and with more people using the Internet for online shopping and a source for information, the ranking is not surprising.

You can find more tips on how to protect yourself online by going to bbb.org. Additionally, you can file a report on BBB Scam Tracker by going to bbb.org/scamtracker. It helps us stay informed on the latest strategies con artists might be using.

Texas Tech University Ranked in Top 3 Percent of Universities in the World

The university is ranked No. 437 of 18,000 institutions reviewed in the 2018-19 Center for World University Rankings list.

Special to the Herald —

Texas Tech University has once again been recognized as a leader among the world’s universities, ranking in the top 3 percent of the 18,000 institutions evaluated in the 2018-19 Center for World University Rankings list. Texas Tech jumped 63 spots, from the No. 500 spot in 2017 to No. 437 this year, in the rankings announced this week. The university also is ranked No. 126 among universities in the U.S. and No. 75 among U.S. public institutions.

“Texas Tech continues to gain increasing recognition for the quality of its academic programs and scholarship,” said Texas Tech President Lawrence Schovanec. “Inclusion in this list of top institutions recognizes Texas Tech’s reputation as a leader in higher education and its growing global stature.”

The Center for World University Rankings does not rely on surveys or university data submissions, but instead uses seven objective indicators to rank universities:

Quality of education, which is measured by the number of a university’s alumni who have won major international awards, prizes and medals;

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is measured by the number of a university’s alumni who have held CEO positions since 2011 at the world’s top 2,000 public companies;

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Influence, which is measured by the number of research papers appearing in highly-influential journal; and

Citations, which is measured by the number of highly-cited research papers.

This year’s rankings list used an enhanced methodology, with research accounting for 70 percent of the total score. In 2017, just one year after the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education placed Texas Tech in its “Highest Research Activity” category, the university had a record \$185 million in

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DOMESTIC

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The Astrodome last year received a state antiquities landmark designation, which provides special safeguards against demolition and requires Texas Historical Commission approval for any changes. Harris County officials recently approved a \$105 million renovation project for the stadium.

ACCIDENT

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Cliff, I will always remember that last shot against Georgia Tech. You will be missed, but I know you will always be with us.”

Another former teammate, Eric Hayes, wrote : “You were one of my favorite teammates I ever played with. I could always count on you making me laugh regardless of the situation. You will be missed dearly brother.”

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White House: US 'continues to actively prepare' for summit



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In this May 28, 2018 photo, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe walks out from his official residence to meet journalists after talking on the phone with President Donald Trump in Tokyo. The White House says President Donald Trump and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe plan to meet in advance of the "expected meeting" between Trump and North Korea's leader.

By CATHERINE LUCEY, ZEKE MILLER and KIM TONG-HYUNG

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Rapid-fire diplomacy played out on two continents Tuesday in advance of an "expected" summit between President Donald Trump and North Korea's Kim Jong Un, the strengthening resolve coming after a series of high-risk, high-reward gambits by the two leaders.

Officials won't say that the June 12 Singapore summit is back on, but preparations on both sides of the Pacific are proceeding as if it is. Two weeks of hard-nosed negotiating, including a communications blackout by the North and a public cancellation by the U.S., appeared to be paying off as the two sides engaged in their most substantive talks to date about the meeting.

Trump tweeted Tuesday that he had a "great team" working on the summit, confirming that top North Korean official Kim Yong Chol was headed to New York for talks with Secretary of State Mike Pompeo. In addition, teams of U.S. officials have arrived at the Korean demilitarized zone and in Singapore to prepare for the meeting.

"Solid response to my letter, thank you!" tweeted Trump. He announced he had decided to "terminate" the summit last week in an open letter to Kim that stressed American military might, but also left the door cracked for future communication. White House officials characterized the letter as a negotiating tactic, designed to bring the North back to the table after a provocative statement and a decision to skip planning talks and ignore preparatory phone calls.

But aides almost immediately suggested the meeting could still get back on track. And after a suitably conciliatory statement from North Korea, Trump said the same.

White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said that since the letter, "the North Koreans have been engaging" with the U.S.

Trump views the meeting as a legacy-defining opportunity to make the nuclear deal that has evaded others, but he pledged to walk away from the meeting if he believed the North wasn't serious about discussing dismantling its nuclear program.

U.S. officials cast the on-again, off-again drama as in keeping with Trump's deal-making style, and reflective of the technically still-warring leaders testing each other. In his book "The Art of the Deal," Trump wrote: "The worst thing you can possibly do in a deal is seem desperate to make it. That makes the other guy smell blood, and then you're dead. The best thing you can do is deal from strength, and leverage is the big-

gest strength you can have."

After the North's combative statements, there was debate inside the Trump administration about whether it marked a real turn to belligerence or a feint to see how far Kim could push the U.S. in the leadup to the talks. Trump had mused that Kim's "attitude" had changed after the North Korean's surprise visit to China two weeks ago, suggesting China was pushing Kim away from the table. Trump's letter, the aides said, was designed to pressure the North on the international stage for appearing to have cold feet.

White House officials maintain that Trump was hopeful the North was merely negotiating, but that he was prepared for the letter to mark the end of the two-month flirtation. Instead, the officials said, it brought both sides to the table with increasing seriousness, as they work through myriad logistical and policy decisions to keep June 12 a viable option for the summit.

The flurry of diplomatic activity intensified Tuesday after South Korean media reported that Kim Yong Chol's name was on the passenger list for a flight Wednesday from Beijing to New York. Kim was seen in the Beijing airport on Tuesday by Associated Press Television. U.S. officials familiar with planning said he was scheduled to meet with Secretary of State Mike Pompeo on Thursday.

Kim Yong Chol is a former military intelligence chief and now a vice chairman of the North Korean ruling party's central committee. He will be the highest-level North Korean official to travel to the United States since 2000, when late National Defense Commission First Vice Chairman Jo Myong Rok visited Washington, South Korea's Unification Ministry said.

Pompeo has traveled to Pyongyang, North Korea's capital, twice in recent weeks for meetings with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, and has said there is a "shared understanding" between the two sides about what they hope to achieve.

Meanwhile, a team of American diplomats is holding preparatory discussions with North

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TECH

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total research expenditures. Texas Tech is among the top 115 overall research universities in the U.S., one of just 81 public institutions to achieve this classification. The university also is one of just 12 of those institutions to achieve status as a Hispanic-Serving Institution.

The university also ranked No. 363 in citations, No. 416 in quality publications, No. 423 in

research output and No. 448 in alumni employment.

"These rankings demonstrate Texas Tech's commitment to investing in innovative research, and to the ongoing success of our faculty, staff, students and alumni," Schovanec said. "This is an outstanding achievement that truly shows, from here, it's possible."

Visit the full list of rankings and a detailed methodology, visit the Center for World University Rankings website.

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ABC cancels 'Roseanne' following star's racist tweet



AP photo

In this March 23, 2018, file photo, Roseanne Barr arrives at the Los Angeles premiere of "Roseanne" on Friday in Burbank, Calif.

By DAVID BAUDER

AP Media Writer

NEW YORK — ABC canceled its hit reboot of "Roseanne" on Tuesday following star Roseanne Barr's racist tweet that referred to former Obama adviser Valerie Jarrett as a product of the Muslim Brotherhood and the "Planet of the Apes."

ABC Entertainment President Channing Dungey said the comment "is abhorrent, repugnant and inconsistent with our values." Barr had apologized and deleted her Monday-night tweet, calling it a "bad joke," but the damage had already been done.

Barr was also dumped by her talent agency, ICM Partners.

The revival of the comedy was a surprise smash for ABC, owned by the Walt Disney Co., and was counted on to lead the network's fortunes next season. Its first new episode in March was seen by more than 25 million people, with delayed viewing counted in, numbers that are increasingly rare in network television. ABC expected advertisers to pay millions of dollars for the chance to be seen during commercial breaks on television's

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Rule 37 Case No. 0311137 Status/Permit No. 837556

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SM ENERGY COMPANY, [RRC Operator No. 788997] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line distance requirement because the Applicant is less than the required Rule 37 lease line distance to an unleased or non-

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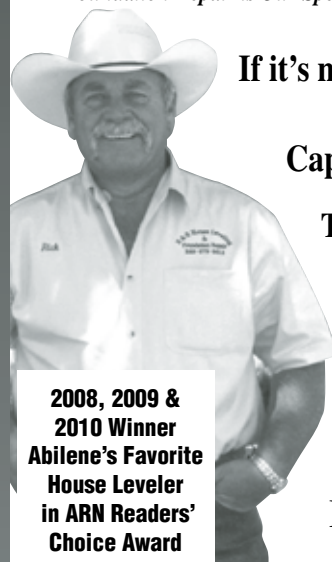
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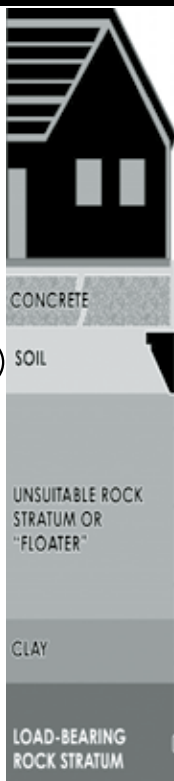
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PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons in-

Legals

clude owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hear-

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THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Legals

Lease/Unit Name : TAGGERT B
Lease/Unit Well No. : 0927LS
Lease/Unit Acres : 920.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 1.0
Lease Lines: 638.0 F S L, 374.0 F W L
Survey Lines: 638.0 F S L, 2376.0 F E L
Wellbore Profiles (s): Horizontal
Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 100.0 F S L 330.0 F W L
Terminus Location BH
County: HOWARD
Section: 9 Block: 32 T1S Abstract: 156 Survey: T&P RR CO

Legals

Lease Lines: 100.0 F N L 330.0 F W L
Survey Lines: 100.0 F N L 2440.0 F E L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres. This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 9400 feet. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Jill Hamilton, at (432) 848-4855.

#9800 May 9, 16, 23 & 30, 2018

By Holiday Mathis



Full Moon Debriefing

Before you act on what you heard during yesterday's full moon, note that some may have leapt into discussion on subjects of which they had little knowledge. Those who identify strongly with being smart are prone to fear a loss of status should they prove ignorant on a subject. The most intelligent people realize how much they don't know.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Social grace is at least as much about knowing what to say as it is about leaving room for others to be themselves. You'll nail this and enjoy the spontaneous trajectory things take because of it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). When it comes to making others happy, no striving or straining will be necessary. Do what's natural, and then rest. Working too hard to please people will only make you a prisoner, trapped in the bars of needing their approval.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's the same on the "Wheel of Fortune" board as it is in life. The more turned letters you have, the easier it is to fill in the blanks. Ask for more clues and the next correct action will be obvious.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll be connecting with those you haven't seen in a while. You might feel like you can't get to the hanging out part until you play catch-up, but if you only have limited time, go for the hanging out. It's what you both need.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's not the big events that determine what a relationship is, not really. It's the forgettable Wednesdays that are made

Tomorrow's Horoscope

somehow unforgettable by the unique laughter and love you share with each other.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The deep conversation between I and me will not lead anywhere productive, rather it's a dialogue that tends to corkscrew down to a basement of moods. For a lift, focus your energy on others instead.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There's not a "right" moment for things to happen, just a moment in which things do happen because 1) they have built up to a place in which they must, or 2) you follow the impulse to make them happen.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If you choose something that, it turns out, you don't like so much after all, do not stick with it out of a loyalty, fear or a sense of challenge. It won't serve anyone in the long run, least of all you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's an excellent habit you've developed -- not offering up information

unless you're pretty sure. This works toward building your reputation. People will trust what you say because you say what you know to be true.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Clicking with someone's sense of humor is nothing to take for granted. Humor requires a match of so many factors that it's quite rare for people to make each other laugh on a regular basis.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Meetings will be far more interesting when you have a stake in what goes down. Prepare yourself with questions and relevant information about your side of things.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). When you show up, you aim to do so with at least as much enthusiasm as you had back when you accepted the invitation. You'll keep this in mind before accepting new invitations today.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 30). You long ago realized that you're the one who gives your life meaning and the lengths you'll go to do

that will make this a magical year indeed. You'll make a courageous move before June is over that sets the tone for the year. Business favors you in July and August. New friends being joy and fun to 2019. Leo and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 19, 2, 22, 28 and 39.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: "I'm wondering about a man born Jan. 14, 1950, and would like to know more about who he is. Is he the type of person who will be loyal in relationships, or is there a chance that he could have more than one household going at the same time? I don't want to be paranoid, but I've lived with this man for years and sometimes I get the feeling that his business trips aren't what he says they are. He is gone about half of the time. Should I follow him? I'm a Scorpio."

Your guy is a Capricorn born under a wandering, adventurous Sagittarius moon. Together these influences suggest that he likes a traditional domestic sit-

uation, but that he also likes travel, is excited by new places and is driven to see and experience as much of the world as he can in one lifetime. I cannot look at his stars and tell you if he has another household, but what I can tell you is that intuitive Scorpio women often know that something is off before they want to know or deal with that information. If you have a weird feeling, you should definitely get to the bottom of it.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Actress and vocal powerhouse Idina Menzel, who sang one of the most iconic lines of any Disney musical in the Oscar winning song "Let It Go" from the global hit "Frozen," is currently in pre-production for "Frozen 2." The former "Wicked" witch of Broadway is a versatile Gemini who was born when Mercury, Venus and Saturn were in Taurus, and Saturn is in entertaining Leo.

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Annie's Mailbox

Coming to Terms With Getting Older

Dear Annie: My 30th birthday is just around the corner, and it's bothering me more than I'd like to admit. I know that right about now, people older than I am are probably reading this and feeling insulted and/or rolling their eyes. I don't mean any offense. I've just never wanted to grow up. Even when I was a kid, birthdays bummed me out. (OK, I liked the presents and cake.)

A few months ago, I noticed crow's-feet starting at the corner of one eye. They don't bother me for cosmetic reasons. It's just that seeing wrinkles reminds me I'm getting older and time is passing more and more quickly. And that stresses me out!

Before I enter the mopey sad spiral, do you have any advice on coping with this whole aging thing? -- Twenty-Something

Dear Twenty-Something: Treat every day like the gift it is and you'll come to view growing older as a blessing. After all, some people don't get the chance to do it.

Make time your ally rather than your enemy. The trick to this is taking up hobbies and pursuing goals you truly care about. That way, you'll focus not on how much time is passing but on how much progress you're making. I'd also

recommend volunteering with a local nonprofit. Being of service to others helps us realize we're part of something timeless and bigger than our individual selves.

Lastly, learn to love those crow's-feet. As the forever-youthful Jimmy Buffett sang, wrinkles only go where smiles have been. Happy birthday. Keep smiling.

Dear Annie: I read a poignant letter in your column from "Ann in Illinois." It was about some abandoned dogs. I wanted to share something that happened to me that sheds some light on how some strays become "abandoned."

In 2011, I was traveling cross-country to a dream job. I packed up my old car with what I'd need to get started again and loaded up my elderly dog and two older cats, and off we went. At one point, when we were within a day's drive of our new life, I stopped to let my dog out to stretch and do her business. But when I opened the door, one of my cats broke out of his kennel (the door wasn't fully latched) and took off. Long story short, while trying to chase him, I slipped on wet grass and broke my ankle. I was taken away in an ambulance. It was a full week before I was released from the hospital. I checked in to the Super 8 that was close to where I'd lost my cat and used the last of my money to stay another week, hob-

bling out to the parking lot and calling for him. I was able to reach out to some local animal groups, which sent people to put out some traps in the area and put up posters. But he was never found.

I'm sure that anyone who might have picked him up from that parking area thought someone had dumped him. That was not the case. Sometimes bad things happen and pets get away.

If anyone reading this picked up a beautiful silver tabby with blue eyes and a crumpled ear

in May 2011, that was my Mookie. I hope he found safety and love, because he was deeply loved by me. I miss him every day. -- Marcia in Oregon

Dear Marcia: You're right. One shouldn't assume every stray animal was abandoned. I can tell Mookie still holds a big place in your heart. It sounds as though you were both better for having known each other. Animals bring so much love into this world.

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By Steve Becker

Sylvia apologizes to partner

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NORTH
♠ 10 9 8
♥ A 2
♦ Q 8 7 4
♣ 10 9 6 5
WEST
♠ 6 3
♥ K Q J 10 6 3
♦ K J 9 5 2
♣ —
EAST
♠ J
♥ 9 8 7 4
♦ 10 6
♣ A K Q J 7 3
SOUTH
♠ A K Q 7 5 4 2
♥ 5
♦ A 3
♣ 8 4 2

The bidding:
East 1♣ 2♠ 3♥ 3♠
South 4♥ 4♠ 5♥ Pass
West 5♣ Dblc
North Pass
Opening lead — king of hearts.

When Sylvia first started to play at the club, she followed the practice pursued by most beginners of trumping dummy's losers in her hand — even though it was seldom possible to gain any tricks by these maneuvers. And so it was in this deal, where West led a heart against five spades doubled. After winning with dum-

my's ace, Sylvia promptly ruffed the deuce of hearts in her hand. By itself, this did not produce an extra trump trick for her — she had seven trump tricks with or without the ruff — but it gave Sylvia a feeling of supreme power to win a trick with a deuce. After drawing two rounds of trump, she played the A-3 of diamonds. West took the king and returned the jack to dummy's queen, on which Sylvia discarded a club.

Then, pursuing her policy of ruffing losers, Sylvia led dummy's last diamond and trumped it — with a club! She promptly apologized to her partner for this inadvertence, and did it so profusely that West, in a sporting gesture, offered to let her withdraw the club and substitute a trump instead. But Sylvia, always a stickler for the rules, insisted on letting the trick stand. So West won the diamond with the nine and unhappily found himself forced to lead a heart or a diamond. This in turn permitted Sylvia to ruff in dummy as she discarded the last club from her hand, so she wound up making five spades doubled!

Of course, had she actually ruffed dummy's last diamond, she inevitably would have lost two club tricks to East and gone down one.

Tomorrow: Bridge is a partnership game.

SUDOKU

		9	6	1				2
	5			8	2			
7					5	6	8	9
						2	6	
6			1	5				
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		8		7		1		
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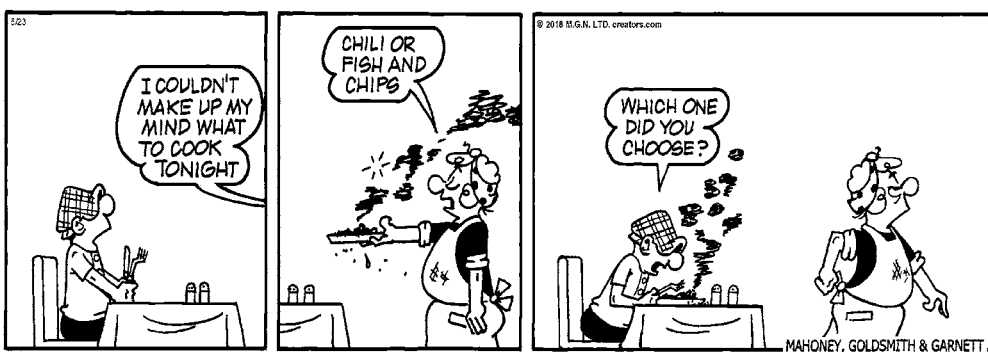
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8	6	7	1	9	2	4	3	5
3	2	1	4	7	5	8	9	6
9	5	4	8	6	3	9	7	2
1	8	5	9	7	2	6	4	3
4	7	6	3	5	8	2	9	1
5	9	2	6	4	8	3	7	1
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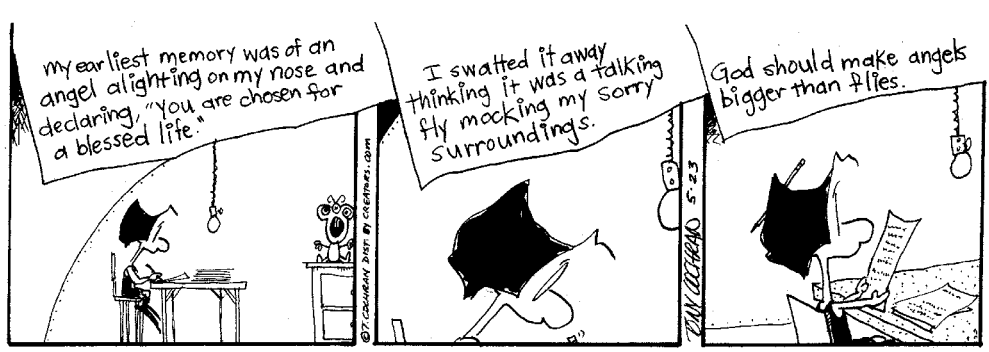
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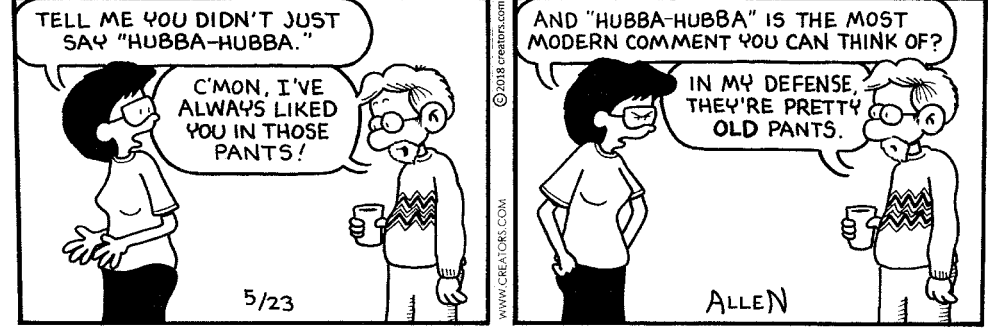
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, May 23, the 143rd day of 2018. There are 222 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On May 23, 1618, the Defenestration of Prague took place as Bohemian Protestants angry over what they saw as a threat to their religious freedom threw two Catholic imperial regents and their secretary out an upper-story palace window; the men survived the incident, which helped trigger the Thirty Years' War.

On this date: In 1430, Joan of Arc was captured by the Burgundians, who sold her to the English. In 1533, the marriage of England's King Henry VIII to Catherine of Aragon was declared null and void by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Thomas Cranmer. In 1788, South Carolina became the eighth state to ratify the United States Constitution. In 1814, a third version of Beethoven's only opera, "Fidelio," had its world premiere in Vienna. In 1915, Italy declared war on Austria-Hungary during World War I. In 1934, bank robbers Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker were shot to death in a police ambush in Bienville Parish, Louisiana. In 1939, the Navy submarine USS Squalus sank during a test dive off the New England coast. Thirty-two crew members and one civilian were rescued, but 26 others died; the sub was salvaged and re-commissioned the USS Sailfish. In 1945, Nazi official Heinrich Himmler committed suicide by biting into a cyanide capsule while in British custody in Luneburg, Germany. In 1967, Egypt closed the Straits of Tiran to Israeli shipping, an action which helped precipitate war between Israel and its Arab neighbors the following month. In 1977, Moluccan extremists seized a train and a primary school in the Netherlands; the hostage drama ended June 11 as Dutch marines stormed the train, resulting in the deaths of six out of nine hijackers and two hostages, while the school siege ended peacefully. In 1984, Surgeon General C. Everett Koop issued a report saying there was "very solid" evidence linking cigarette smoke to lung disease in non-smokers. In 1993, a jury in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, acquitted Rodney Peairs of manslaughter

in the shooting death of Yoshi Hattori, a Japanese exchange student he'd mistaken for an intruder. (Peairs was later found liable in a civil suit brought by Hattori's parents.) Ten years ago: Hillary Rodham Clinton quickly apologized after citing the 1968 assassination of Robert F. Kennedy as a reason to remain in the race for the Democratic presidential nomination despite increasingly long odds. Televangelist John Hagee (HAY-gee) parted ways with John McCain following a storm over his endorsement of the Republican presidential candidate. (McCain rejected Hagee's endorsement a day earlier after an audio recording from the late 1990s surfaced in which the preacher suggested that God had sent Adolf Hitler to help Jews reach the Promised Land.) Five years ago: President Barack Obama, in a speech to the National Defense University, defended America's controversial drone attacks as legal, effective and a necessary linchpin in an evolving U.S. counterterrorism policy, but acknowledged the targeted strikes were no "cure-all" and said he was haunted by the civilians who were unintentionally killed. The Boy Scouts of America threw open its ranks to gay Scouts but not to gay Scout leaders. LeBron James was a unanimous pick for the All-NBA team and Kobe Bryant earned his record-tying 11th first-team selection. One year ago: President Donald Trump made a personal appeal for peace between Israel and the Palestinians as he closed a four-day swing through the Middle East. Roger Moore, the suavely insouciant star of seven James Bond films, died in Switzerland at age 89. NFL owners meeting in Chicago cut the overtime period from 15 to 10 minutes during the regular season, but also gave players plenty of leeway to celebrate after a touchdown. Today's Birthdays: Bluegrass singer Mac Wiseman is 93. Actress Barbara Barrie is 87. Actress Joan Collins is 85. Actor Charles Kimbrough is 82. International Tennis Hall of Famer John Newcombe is 74. Actress Lauren Chapin is 73.

Country singer Misty Morgan is 73. Country singer Judy Rodman is 67. Chess grandmaster Anatoly Karpov is 67. Boxing Hall of Famer Marvelous Marvin Hagler is 64. Singer Luka Bloom is 63. Baseball manager Buck Showalter is 62. Actor-comedian-game show host Drew Carey is 60. Actress Lea DeLaria is 60. Country singer Shelly West is 60. Author Mitch Albom ("Tuesdays with Morrie") is 60. Actor Linden Ashby is 58. Actress-model Karen Duffy is 57. Actress Melissa McBride is 53. Rock musician Phil Selway (Radiohead) is 51. Actress Laurel Holloman is 50. Rock musician Matt Flynn (Maroon 5) is 48. Singer Lorenzo is 46. Country singer Brian McComas is 46. Actor John Pollono is 46. Singer Maxwell is 45. Singer Jewel is 44. Game show contestant Ken Jennings is 44. Actor LaMonica Garrett is 43. Actor D.J. Cotrona is 38. Actor Lane Garrison is 38. Actor-comedian Tim Robinson is 37. Actor Adam Wylie is 34. Movie writer-director Ryan Coogler is 32. Golfer Morgan Pressel is 30. Actor Alberto Frezza (TV: "Station 19") is 29. Folk/pop singer/songwriter Sarah Jarosz (juh-ROHZ) is 27.

Thought for Today:

"We do not usually look for allies when we love. Indeed, we often look on those who love with us as rivals and trespassers. But we always look for allies when we hate."
Eric Hoffer
American author and philosopher (1902-1983).

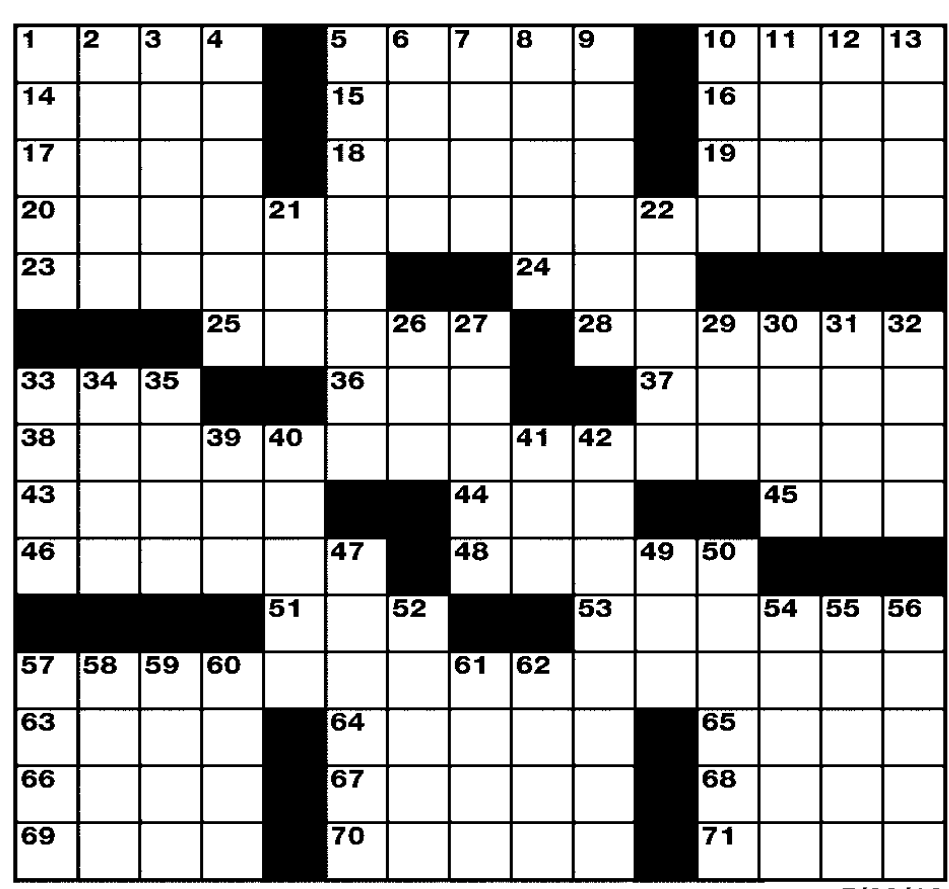
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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Flat-topped hill
 - 5 Uses a phone
 - 10 High-school support grps.
 - 14 Muslim leader
 - 15 Underway, to Sherlock
 - 16 It's east of Indiana
 - 17 Lavish affection (on)
 - 18 ___ Arabia (Mideast nation)
 - 19 Night-table light
 - 20 Formal version of the American language
 - 23 Muscle-bone connector
 - 24 Glide on snow
 - 25 Range of view
 - 28 Green Eggs and Ham character
 - 33 Clean air org.
 - 36 Annoy
 - 37 Of high morals
 - 38 Frequent patron
 - 43 Fragrance
 - 44 PC "get out" key
 - 45 Reading opposite NNW
 - 46 Fructose and lactose
 - 48 Gain knowledge
 - 51 Sticky stuff
 - 53 Dorm sharer
 - 57 1/2 and 3/4
 - 63 Operatic solo
 - 64 Blazing
 - 65 Rolls out the lawn
 - 66 On its way
- DOWN**
- 1 Central spot
 - 2 Ham it up
 - 3 Evil personified
 - 4 Makes ___ (atones)
 - 5 Legendary lover
 - 6 Miles away
 - 7 Thunderous
 - 8 Ore deposits
 - 9 Performs poorly, so to speak
 - 10 Opinion survey
 - 11 Laotian's neighbor
 - 12 Objectives
 - 13 Last year's frosh
 - 21 Physician, informally
 - 22 Beanstalk menace
 - 26 According to
 - 27 Perform very well
 - 29 Bovine comment
 - 30 Some early PCs
 - 31 Pub servings
 - 32 "A ___ formality!"
 - 33 Timeline segments
 - 34 Lima's country
 - 35 Wide-eyed
 - 39 Actress Thurman
 - 40 Key __, FL
 - 41 Take advantage of
 - 42 Least abundant
 - 47 Piano piece
 - 49 Become inedible
 - 50 Annoying sounds
 - 52 Proposal
 - 54 Roger who was 007
 - 55 Non-studio film, for short
 - 56 Double-curve letters
 - 57 Throw out a fishing line
 - 58 Creme-filled treat
 - 59 Toothpaste flavor
 - 60 Yoga surfaces
 - 61 Stand up
 - 62 Part of BA

Answer to previous puzzle
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SWEET EDEN



Body found of man who disappeared amid Maryland flooding

By DAVID McFADDEN
Associated Press
ELLICOTT CITY, Md. — Searchers on Tuesday scouring a river alongside an historic Maryland town ripped apart by flash flooding found the body of a man last seen being swept away by the raging waters as it gutted shops and pushed parked cars into swollen tributaries.

Volunteers and crews with trained dogs had been methodically hunting for 39-year-old Eddison Hermond. He disappeared late Sunday afternoon, following torrential rains that prompted destructive flash flooding in historic Ellicott City.

It was the second time Ellicott City's downtown district was hit by deadly floodwaters in less than two years.

On Tuesday afternoon, Hermond's body was located in the Patapsco River. He was the only person reported missing in Ellicott City — established in 1772 as a mill town — where many now can't get the roar of rushing waters out of their heads.

"To have died helping somebody else is incredible. And I can't even imagine the loss his family is suffering," said Nicholas Johnson, owner of a store near the spot where Hermond vanished. He disappeared while trying to help a woman who was escaping the flooded zone with her cat.

Hermond, of Severn, Maryland, was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and a sergeant in the Maryland Army National Guard. He was described by those who knew him as an affable, generous man.

With waters receded, residents of the flood-prone town are facing another daunting comeback since the last terrible flood deluged their beloved downtown, smashing inventory and ripping up floors and pavement.

Some people in Ellicott City's historic downtown say they are determined to rebuild. Their hope: to pull together as a community once again and live up to the nickname "Ellicott City Strong," which many locals are now repeating as a sort of mantra.

Simon Cortes, owner of La Palapa Grill & Cantina, said it's "a horrible time," and his business took on about a foot (30 centimeters) of water. But he notes the quaint old town has been through it all

before, and he'll do his part to spur another revival.

"I feel like it's our duty to make sure that we rebuild and open back up," said Cortes, whose restaurant Hermond was visiting before he was seen going under the waters and not resurfacing.

Others are stretched to the breaking point by the floods, which tore up streets and swept away dozens of cars in the quaint downtown of historic 18th and 19th century buildings, which sit in a ravine some 13 miles (20 kilometers) west of Baltimore.

Another massive cleanup, serious economic losses and a daunting comeback couldn't come at a worse time. Sunday's torrential rains came just as the commercial district seemed to have come back stronger than ever from the July 2016 flash flood that killed two people.

Getting flood insurance around old Ellicott City was a pricy proposition before. Now, people don't even want to think about how much it might cost, on top of the debts they're still paying from the last time their homes and businesses were destroyed.

Nathan Sowers, owner of the River House Pizza Co., an outdoor eatery in the old mill town's business district, said that after all the hard work of re-



AP photo

This undated photo provided by Howard County Police Department shows Eddison Alexander Hermond, who was reported missing Sunday, May 27, 2018, following torrential rains and flash flooding in Ellicott City, Md. Searchers scouring the Patapsco River near the historic town said Tuesday, May 29, that they have found Hermond's body.

building from the 2016 flood, he's feeling a bit overwhelmed at attempting yet another comeback.

"We'll see. It takes a lot of money and a lot of time, a lot of energy," he said, speaking near a bridge where several crushed cars were swept into a muddy tributary's banks.

But Sowers said he saw other hard-hit locals laughing and joking about

their troubles first thing Monday morning — a good sign the Maryland town will launch yet another rebirth.

But the bad news just kept coming: On Tuesday morning, county authorities issued what they called a "precautionary health alert" after a sewage main broke about 2 miles (3 kilometers) from Ellicott City's historic main street.

ABC

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most popular comedy after "The Big Bang Theory."

And it was all killed in a 53-character tweet.

One of the few network shows about a working-class family, "Roseanne" attracted considerable attention upon its return when Barr's character supported President Donald Trump. That made the show popular with conservative viewers, and Trump himself suggested the character's backing had a lot to do with the show's success.

Barr herself has a history of diving into political conspiracy theories on her Twitter feed, and she ended her Memorial Day weekend with a series of statements. She criticized Democratic financier George Soros and tweeted that Chelsea Clinton was "Chelsea Soros Clinton," implying she was married to a nephew of Soros. Clinton herself corrected Barr online. Donald Trump Jr. retweeted two of Barr's statements about Soros, although not the remark about Jarrett.

Jarrett, who is black, was brought up in response to Twitter commentary that raised her name in relation to an Obama conspiracy theory. Barr tweeted: "muslim brotherhood &

planet of the apes had a baby=vj."

She later tweeted an apology to Jarrett. "Forgive me," she wrote. "My joke was in bad taste."

Jarrett, who appeared at the taping of an MSNBC show about racism on Tuesday, said she hoped the incident could be turned into a teaching moment.

"I'm fine," she said. "I'm worried about the people out there who don't have a circle of friends and followers who come right to their defense."

Barr was quickly condemned. Comic Wanda Sykes, a "Roseanne" writer, tweeted that she wouldn't be returning to the show. Sara Gilbert, a co-star, also tweeted that the remark was abhorrent.

It was a quick decision at ABC for Dungey, who is the first African-American to serve as programming chief for one of the major broadcast networks, and her boss, network president Ben Sherwood. Disney chief executive Robert Iger tweeted his approval: "There was only one thing to do here, and that was the right thing."

Three weeks earlier, "Roseanne" was the toast of ABC's annual presentation of its programming plans to advertisers. Sherwood even joked then: "If anyone came to play a drinking game based on how many times we mention 'Roseanne,' you're welcome."

"Roseanne" earned an estimated \$45 million in advertising revenue for ABC through its nine episodes that started airing in March, according to Kantar Media. The firm estimates that the 13 episodes that had been ordered for next season would have brought in as much as \$60 million, with more through repeat episodes.

The cancellation has no clear precedent in television history, said David Bianculli, professor at Rowan University in New Jersey. The closest analogy is CBS pulling the plug on the Smothers Brothers variety show due to their anti-war views in the late 1960s and the same network not renewing "Lou Grant" at its peak, which star Ed Asner always contended was due to his outspoken political beliefs.

"Roseanne Barr's comments were appalling and reminiscent of horrific time in our history when racism was not only acceptable but promoted by Hollywood," said Derrick Johnson, NAACP president and CEO. "We applaud ABC for taking a stand against racism by canceling 'Roseanne.' We commend the network and ... Dungey for placing the values of diversity, inclusion and respect for humanity above ratings."

Barr got what she deserved, said Shonda Rhimes, creator of hit ABC shows like "Grey's Anatomy" and "Scandal."

"As I tell my 4-year-old, one makes a choice with one's actions," Rhimes tweeted. "Roseanne made a choice. A racist one. ABC made a choice. A human one."

ICM dropped Barr within hours of the cancellation, saying in a statement that the agency was "greatly distressed by the disgraceful and unacceptable" tweet. Bruce Helford, executive producer of "Roseanne," said he was "personally horrified and saddened by the comments and in no way do they reflect the values of the people who worked so hard to make this the iconic show that it is."

SUMMIT

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Korean officials at the DMZ. The group first met with its counterparts Sunday, and was seen leaving a Seoul hotel on Tuesday, but it was unclear whether they went to Panmunjom, a village that straddles the border inside the DMZ. The U.S. officials are led by Sung Kim, the U.S. ambassador to the Philippines, who formerly was the U.S. ambassador to Seoul and a top negotiator with North Korea in past nuclear talks. It includes senior officials with the National Security Council and the Pentagon.

The White House emphasized that it has remained in close contact with South Korean and Japanese officials as preparations for the talks continue. Sanders said Trump will host Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe of Japan on June 7th to coordinate their thinking ahead of the summit. Trump hosted South Korean President Moon Jae-in last week.

South Korean media also reported that a North Korean delegation arrived in Singapore on Monday night, where other U.S. officials, led by White House deputy chief of staff Joe Hagin, are preparing for the summit.

South Korea's Foreign Ministry said Washington and Pyongyang were engaging in "working-level" talks to arrange the possible summit, but it couldn't confirm specifics.

Moon, who has lobbied hard for nuclear negotiations between Trump and Kim Jong Un, held a surprise meeting with the North Korean leader Saturday in an effort to keep the summit alive.

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