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## A little bit country, a little bit rock & roll

Ronnie Milsap, Quiet Riot, Great White, & Mark McKinney slated to play at Funtastic Fourth

**By ROBERT BARLOW**  
 Staff Writer

The Alon USA/7-Eleven Funtastic Fourth is already planning for big names to showcase at this year's lineup event. This is the 15th annual Funtastic Fourth coordinated and put on by the Big Spring Downtown Revitalization Association. The festival

is "growing massively" according to Allan Johnson, who has helped coordinate the whole thing since its beginning.

"It has grown from a few thousand at the first event, to between 30,000 and 50,000 people," said Johnson.

2017's event boasts the likes



of artists Ronnie Milsap, Great White, Quiet Riot, and Mark McKinney scheduled to

headline the free two-day event.

An event that draws in crowds this massive takes a lot of work, about a year's worth to be exact.

"We start planning a few days after the previous year's event," said

of the Big Spring Downtown Revitalization Association.

While it's still too early to confirm some details of the event, Chavira says they have "good plans" for what they have in store this year.

Johnson went on to explain how important events like this are in bringing people

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## Pucker up, it's all for Relay



**H-E-B Meat Market Manager Lino Lopez, left, and Store Director Jerry Bills pucker up for charity. H-E-B employees voted with their wallets, purchasing jellybeans to fill jars dedicated to the store's department heads, with the winner earning the "privilege" of kissing a mule. When Lopez and Bills drew equal quantities of beans, organizers knew they simply needed another mule. Here, Lopez smooches Jane, while Bills plants one on Jenny.**

**By ROGER CLINE**  
 Staff Writer

You know it's almost Relay time in Big Spring when people start kissing mules.

That was the situation Monday at H-E-B, when Meat Market



for a dollar, and they put them in the department manager's jar that they wanted to see kiss the mule. Jerry Bills and Lino Lopez, they tied. Jerry's done this before. Lino's never done it and he's very nervous about it."

All told, this single event raised about \$300 for Relay For Life, the American Cancer Society's annual fundraiser program. H-E-B hosts several other events throughout each year to raise money for Relay, said Bills.

"It's all for a good cause," he said. "The Relay For Life, it's all to fight cancer. It's a horrible disease, and anything we can do to prevent it is a good thing."

Lopez echoed Bills' sentiments about Relay.

"I think it's awesome," he said. "It's a good donation. It's great, it's wonderful that we do this. It

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## Renovations complete at West Texas Medical Plaza

SMMC and Greystone to hold joint reveal of Medical Plaza and Wound Healing Center

**Special to the Herald**

Scenic Mountain Medical Center and Greystone Development are excited to announce the reveal of the newly renovated West Texas Medical Plaza and The Wound Healing Center at Scenic Mountain, on Wednesday, April 12 at 2:30 p.m.

"Following nearly a year of planned and unanticipated redevelopment, Greystone is pleased to announce that we are wrapping up the finishing touches on the West Texas Medical Plaza. The process has been challenging and required a significant amount of patience on behalf of the physician tenants, office staff members, hospital and patients," Ken Birdsong, President of Greystone, said. "As anticipated, however, the result of these collective efforts is now a much improved medical office facility serving Big Spring and the West Texas region. We, along with SMMC and the physicians of the West Texas Medical Plaza, look forward to seeing new and existing patients in this enhanced healthcare environment."

After the ribbon cutting, guided tours will be offered for those wanting to see the renovations. Staff will be on hand to answer questions about the new services being offered through The Wound Healing Center at Scenic Mountain.

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## AP exclusive: Border wall contractors brace for hostile site

**SAN DIEGO (AP) —** One potential bidder on President Donald Trump's border wall with Mexico wanted to know if authorities would rush to help if workers came under "hostile attack." Another asked if employees can carry firearms in states with strict gun control laws and if the government would indemnify them for using deadly force.



With bids due Tuesday on the first design contracts, interested companies are preparing for the worst if they get the potentially lucrative job.

A U.S. official with knowledge of the plans who spoke on condition of anonymity because the details haven't been made public said four to 10 bidders are expected to be chosen to build prototypes.

They will be constructed on a roughly quarter-mile (400-meter) strip of federally

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### St. Petersburg subway bomber identified as Kyrgyz-born man

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia (AP) — St. Petersburg residents on Tuesday laid flowers outside the city's subway where a bomb blast a day earlier killed at least 14 people and wounded dozens. Thousands of miles to the east, authorities in the former Soviet republic of Kyrgyzstan identified one suspect as a Kyrgyz-born Russian citizen.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack, which came while President Vladimir Putin was visiting the city, Russia's second biggest and Putin's hometown.

Residents have been bringing flowers to the stations near where the blast occurred. Every corner and window-sill at the ornate, Soviet-built Sennaya Square station on Tuesday was covered with red and white carnations.

Russia's health minister on Tuesday raised the death toll from 11 to 14 and said 49 people were still hospitalized.

The entire subway system in this city of 5 million was shut down and evacuated before partial service resumed six hours later. Typically crowded during the rush hour, the subway on Tuesday morning looked almost deserted as many residents opted for buses.

### Senate begins debate on Gorsuch, headed for showdown

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats have secured

the votes to block President Donald Trump's Supreme Court nominee under current rules, putting the Senate on a partisan collision course over confirming Neil Gorsuch to a lifetime appointment that could reverberate for decades.

Debate over the 49-year-old appellate judge gets under way in the full Senate on Tuesday, with Republicans and Democrats bitterly divided over the next steps.

While Democrats have the votes for a filibuster, Majority Leader Mitch McConnell is ready to lead the GOP in a unilateral change in a Senate floor procedure so significant that it has been dubbed the "nuclear option." The tactic if invoked would lower the confirmation threshold to a filibuster-proof simple majority of 51 votes in the 100-member Senate rather than the 60 votes currently needed to stop delaying tactics by opponents.

The likelihood of more partisan wrangling left veteran GOP senators frustrated — and hoping that Democrats would relent in their opposition to the Colorado jurist.

The nuclear option would be "damaging to the Senate, damaging to them and damaging to the country. Maybe a light will come on somewhere," said Sen. Lamar Alexander, a Tennessee Republican.

### Trump-Xi meeting watched for clues of future relationship

BEIJING (AP) — Chinese President Xi Jinping

probably won't give President Donald Trump a round of golf during their first face-to-face meeting this week, but he may find it worthwhile to ensure his American counterpart does not feel like he's leaving empty-handed.

Some view the informal venue of the summit Thursday and Friday — Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida — as a sign that neither side anticipates important outcomes. Trump, however tweeted last week that he expects "a very difficult" meeting, and on Friday said: "We're going to get down to some very serious business," referencing what he believes is China's negative impact on the U.S. economy, especially manufacturing jobs.

China, for its part, has remained largely sanguine about the event, with Vice Foreign Minister Zheng Zeguang telling reporters that "both sides look forward to a successful meeting so that a correct direction can be set for the growth of bilateral relations."

Like many nations, China is still grappling with Trump's mercurial nature after the relative transparency and predictability of the bilateral relationship under Trump's predecessor Barack Obama. Both during his campaign and after his victory, Trump complained repeatedly over China's allegedly unfair trade practices, its perceived lack of assistance in reigning in North Korea's nuclear ambitions and its drive to cement control over the South China Sea.

Some analysts believe Xi might be willing to hand Trump a symbolic victory on trade to put a positive spin on the meeting.

## REVEAL

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"The past two years we have been traveling a journey to make Scenic Mountain Medical Center the hospital of choice for our community, part of that journey is coming to fruition with the

completion of the West Texas Medical Plaza and Wound Healing Center construction." SMMC CEO Emma Krabill said. "This project reflects the importance of partnerships, shows investment into our community and opens up another service line for the Howard County area. We are focused on improving the health-

care access our community and making every effort to bring Big Spring back and eliminating the need to travel for healthcare services."

Family Medical Center providers and staff will also be available to answer any questions regarding specialty services or primary care provider options.

## FUNTASTIC

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to the downtown area. According to Johnson, events like the Funtastic Fourth help to further promote positive change in the downtown Big Spring area.

"What we're doing here gets people excited and helps create the environment to make it happen," said Johnson.

In addition to the live music, the event has vendors with

unique foods and crafts, as well as carnival type rides for the Kid-Zone.

Chavira also mentioned that they could always use more vendors and those interested should sign up early for better locations.

Vendor interested in getting a booth downtown for the Funtastic Fourth are encouraged to contact Don Rodgers at 432-214-5451 or go online to [www.bigspringdra.com](http://www.bigspringdra.com) for an application.

Volunteers are needed to help

keep the event running smooth.

For those wanting to volunteer, Johnson and Chavira encourages people to visit the website or contact Lana Saverance at 432-816-1058 for more information. The event runs from 5:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. on Friday, June 23 and from noon to 11:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 24.

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## WALL

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owned land in San Diego within 120 feet (37 meters) of the border, though a final decision has not been made on the precise spot, the official said. The government anticipates spending \$200,000 to \$500,000 on each prototype.

The Border Patrol and local police would establish a buffer zone around the construction site if necessary, the U.S. official said. The San Diego police and sheriff's departments said Monday they will respect constitutional rights to free speech and assembly for any peaceful, law-abiding protesters.

Enrique Morones, executive director of Border Angels, said his group plans to protest.

"There will be a lot of different activity — protests, prayer vigils — on

both sides of the wall," said Morones, whose immigrant advocacy group is based in San Diego. "We pray and hope that they're peaceful."

Michael Evangelista-Ysasaga, chief executive of The Penna Group LLC, a general contractor in Fort Worth, Texas, said he has received about a dozen death threats since publicly expressing interest in bidding, including one from a woman who told him she hired a private investigator to trail him.

Evangelista-Ysasaga said he bid in part because he wants broad immigration reform. Securing the border, he said, is a prerequisite for granting a path to citizenship to millions in the U.S. illegally.

"We didn't enter this lightly," he said. "We looked at it and said we have to be a productive

part of the solution."

Building a wall on the Mexican border was a cornerstone of Trump's presidential campaign and a flashpoint for his detractors. The multi-billion-dollar project along the 2,000-mile border has many outspoken critics, including the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Mexico, which said last week that Mexican companies expressing interest were betraying their country.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection said in a statement that it would pick multiple contractors to build prototypes by around June 1 and will name only the winning bidders. The agency said last month that the prototypes should be about 30 feet (9 meters) long and 18 to 30 feet (5.5 to 9 meters) high.

The winning bidders must submit a security plan with details includ-

ing "fall back positions, evacuation routines and methods, muster area, medical staff members/availability, number of security personnel, qualifications, years of experience, etc. in the event of a hostile attack," according to the solicitation. A chain-link fence with barbed wire around the construction site is required. The agency said it won't provide security.

Bidders are also asked to demonstrate experience "executing high-profile, high-visibility and politically contentious" projects.

The agency, responding to questions from companies on a website for government contractors, said the Border Patrol would respond as needed if there is a hostile attack, but companies were responsible for security. The government won't allow

### At White House, Jordan king to present Arabs' view on peace

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — Jordan's King Abdullah II will be able to deliver an Arab consensus on Middle East peace when he meets with President Donald Trump at the White House on Wednesday, after a recent summit hosted by the monarch renewed an Arab offer of recognition of Israel in exchange for Palestinian statehood.

Could the revived Arab plan, coupled with Trump's stated eagerness to strike a deal, signal an opening for restarting stalled Israeli-Palestinian talks?

## RELAY

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helps the community, the people. I support it 100 percent."

This year, the Relay for Life of Howard and Glasscock Counties will be Friday, May 19,

at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum at Howard College. For more information visit [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org).

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Tonya Fowler Barwick, 46, died Tuesday. Rosary will be at 2 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel. Additional private family ceremony will be held at a later date.

Mary Ann Bishop, 96, died Sunday. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Trinity Memorial Park.

# Opinion

*“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”*

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## DAILY PRAYER

Dear Lord, May we live this day and all others knowing it is a gift from you. Amen.

## Is profiling OK?

Profiling is needlessly a misunderstood concept. What's called profiling is part of the optimal stock of human behavior and something we all do. Let's begin by describing behavior that might come under the heading of profiling.

Prior to making decisions, people seek to gain information. To obtain information is costly, requiring the expenditure of time and/or money. Therefore, people seek to find ways to economize on information costs. Let's try simple examples.

You are a manager of a furniture moving company and seek to hire 10 people to load and unload furniture onto and off trucks. Twenty people show up for the job, and they all appear to be equal except by sex. Ten are men, and 10 are women. Whom would you hire? You might give them all tests to determine how much weight they could carry under various conditions, such as inclines and declines, and the speed at which they could carry. To conduct such tests might be costly. Such costs could be avoided through profiling — that is, using an easily observable physical attribute, such as a person's sex, as a proxy for unobserved attributes, such as endurance and strength.

Though sex is not a perfect predictor of strength and endurance, it's pretty reliable.



WALTER E. WILLIAMS

Imagine that you're a chief of police. There has been a rash of auto break-ins by which electronic equipment has been stolen. You're trying to capture the culprits. Would you have your officers stake out and investigate residents of senior citizen homes? What about spending resources investigating men and women 50 years of age or older? I'm guessing there would be greater success capturing the culprits by focusing police resources on younger people — and particularly young men. The reason is that breaking in to autos is mostly a young man's game. Should charges be brought against you because, as police chief, you used the physical attributes of age and sex as a crime tool? Would it be fair for people to accuse you of playing favorites by not using investigative resources on seniors and middle-aged adults of either sex even though there is a non-zero chance that they are among the culprits?

Physicians routinely screen women for breast cancer and do not routinely screen men. The American Cancer Society says that the lifetime risk of men getting breast cancer is about 0.1 percent. Should doctors and medical insurance companies be prosecuted for the discriminatory practice of prescribing routine breast cancer screening for women but not for men?

Some racial and ethnic groups have higher incidence and mortality from various diseases than the national average.

The rates of death from car-

diovascular diseases are about 30 percent higher among black adults than among white adults. Cervical cancer rates are five times greater among Vietnamese women in the U.S. than among white women. Pima Indians of Arizona have the world's highest known diabetes rates. Prostate cancer is nearly twice as common among black men as it is among white men. Using a cheap-to-observe attribute, such as race, as a proxy for a costly-to-observe attribute, such as the probability of some disease, can assist medical providers in the delivery of more effective medical services. For example, just knowing that a patient is a black man causes a physician to be alert to the prospect of prostate cancer. The unintelligent might call this racial profiling, but it's really prostate cancer profiling.

In the real world, there are many attributes correlated with race and sex. Jews are 3 percent of the U.S. population but 35 percent of our Nobel Prize winners. Blacks are 13 percent of our population but about 74 percent of professional basketball players and about 69 percent of professional football players. Male geniuses outnumber female geniuses 7-to-1. Women have wider peripheral vision than men. Men have better distance vision than women.

The bottom line is that people differ significantly by race and sex.

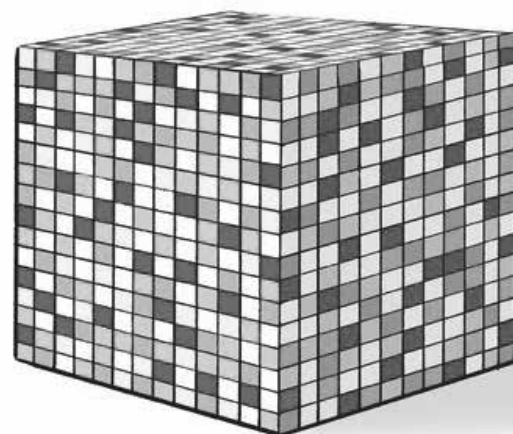
Just knowing the race or sex of an individual may on occasion allow us to guess about something not readily observed.

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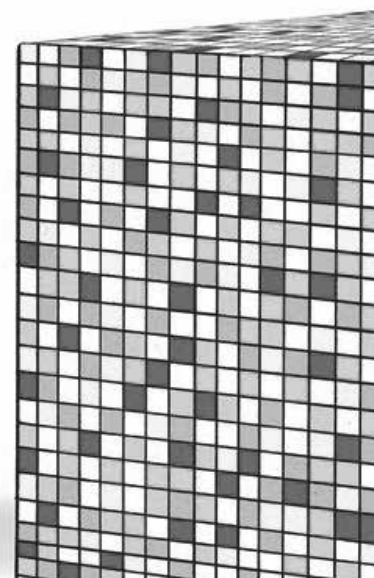
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## Trump's wall is already collapsing

Donald Trump spent more than a year rousing crowds with a simple promise: "I'll build a great, great wall on our southern border, and I will have Mexico pay for that wall." As the campaign wore on, it got so he could ask "Who's gonna pay for the wall?" and the audience would roar, "Mexico!"

It was fun while it lasted. But now, in the cold light of day, some facts are coming into focus: It may not exactly be a wall. It won't be paid for by Mexico. And it may not get built. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke is one of the people backing off from this promise. Non-wall options, such as electronic sensors, will have to be considered in some places, he said. You see, "the border is complicated, as far as building a physical wall."

Not only that but where would we locate it? "The Rio Grande, what side of the river are you going to put the wall?" Zinke asked. "We're not going to put it on our side and cede the river to Mexico. And we're probably not going to put it in the middle of the river." The Mexicans won't invite us to erect the structure on their side. So siting may be a problem.

President Enrique Pena Nieto has said repeatedly and unequivocally that his government will not bear the cost. Trump had the chance to out-negotiate Pena on

the wall when he met with him in Mexico City last summer — but Trump chose not to even raise the payment issue.

The Mexican president was supposed to come to Washington for a White House meeting in January. But when Trump said it would be better to cancel the trip if Mexico was not willing to pay for the wall, Pena canceled.

Trump said that rather than make Mexico pay for it upfront, "we'll be reimbursed at a later date from whatever transaction we make from Mexico." So we'll send the invoice and they'll mail a check? Well, not exactly. "There will be a payment," he told ABC News. "It will be in a form, perhaps a complicated form."

No one on Capitol Hill seems to share Trump's confidence. When Politico's Jake Sherman asked Mitch McConnell whether Mexico will pay for the wall, the Senate Republican leader couldn't suppress his mirth at the very idea. "Uh, no," he shot back, chuckling, Politico reported.

House Speaker Paul Ryan said with solemn vagueness, "We will be working with (Trump) to finance the construction of the physical barrier, including the wall, on the southern border." Faced with the funding disagreement with Mexico, Trump included money for the wall in his budget outline, with the funds taken from other programs.

Republican enthusiasm is not abundant. Sen. Cory Gardner of Colorado, head of the National Republican Senatorial Committee, said recently that "billions

of dollars on a wall is not the right way to proceed." Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina agreed it is "probably not a smart investment."

Democrats have promised to block any bill that includes money for the wall, which means they could force a government shutdown if Republicans attach it to the emergency spending measure that needs to be approved by April 28. Ryan said Thursday that the wall appropriation will be dropped to avert a shutdown.

But there may not be much interest in funding it afterward, either. The House Freedom Caucus is generally not fond of spending money, and Trump's declaration of war on the group will not make its members more eager to indulge him.

Plenty of Senate Republicans are also skeptical. "If you're going to spend that kind of money, you're going to have to show me where you're going to get that money," Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska said in February. "We can't pay for it out of thin air," said Sen. James Lankford of Oklahoma.

There don't seem to be many people in Washington who think the wall can be built as Trump claimed or that it would work very well. Not to mention that it sounded a lot better when Mexico was going to pay for it.

Trump fooled a lot of voters when he made that promise, and he may have even fooled himself. But at some point, you run out of fools.

# Think big, think better: *How big is Big Spring?*

	2016	2010-2016		2015	2010-2015		Adjusted Census		2000-2010	
		%	#		%	#	2010	2000	%	#
City of Big Spring	NA	-	-	23,076	+7.4%	+1,562	21,496	20,841	+3.1%	+655
Big Spring Urban Cluster	NA	-	-	NA	-	-	22,201	21,907	+1.3%	+294
Howard Co.	30,922	+5.8%	+1,696	31,416	+7.5%	+2,190	29,226	29,235	-0.0%	-9
Big Spring Micro Area	32,236	+5.9%	+1,784	32,749	+7.5%	2,294	30,452	30,641	-0.6%	-189

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

At first glance, you might think answering this question would be easy. "Drive out to the edge of town and look at that green sign, dummy!" But, as is often the case, seemingly easy questions sometimes don't have straightforward answers. The problem lies in the question, "how do you count the population?"

This gets us to the heart of the issue, and Big Spring is certainly not unique among many of West Texas' smaller cities.

That's because of a specific quirk in how the Census counts people. Digging in the weeds, we find that 5,768 "institutionalized persons" are counted as part of Big Spring's population.

This group includes prisoners, nursing home residents and other individuals who are generally not active participants in the local economy or workforce.

Among Big Spring's West Texas peers, Snyder, Lamesa, Brownfield, Plainview, Pecos, Ft. Stockton, and Pampa all have significant prisoner populations thanks to the Texas prison building boom of the 1990s.

### WHY DOES SIZE MATTER?

Getting the population right might sound trivial, but it can have serious positive and negative consequences.

On the upside, if estimates of Big Spring's population are over-inflated, the community benefits through increased state and federally funded projects and programs that are tied to a formula that includes population size.

When Texas legislators go into their smoke-filled rooms after each Census to change district boundaries, prisoners are included as local residents and that increases the rep-

resentational capacity of towns like Big Spring.

Big Spring representatives and businesses could also mistakenly market the city as being bigger than the actual residential population might suggest. For example, labor force data are based on the decennial count, and they can justifiably (and innocently) provide those figures to potential recruitment prospects.

The problem, however, is when a business relocates to Big Spring and finds the consumer base or labor market isn't as big as they had assumed.

This can obviously lead to frustrations on the part of business owners, human resource managers, and franchisees regarding unmet expectations once they're on the ground. And, if you think they don't talk to each other, I have got some ocean front property to sell you in Arizona. Word does get out and can strongly affect the perception of a town among the wider business community.

### SO...HOW BIG IS BIG SPRING?

To paraphrase a former president, that depends on what the meaning of Big Spring is. Most everyone is familiar with the legal definition of a city as being a place incorporated within specific limits. But much like everything to do with the law, the devil is in the details.

Take, for example, the following question: Are neighborhoods located off Midway, East 25th, and North Birdwell part of Big Spring? Legally, they aren't. But for all practical purposes, they are. Residents undoubtedly contribute to the community's social life, tax base, economy, labor market, etc.

In fact, the Census Bureau recognizes that adjacent neighborhoods/communities can and should be included within the definition of a community under certain circumstances (density, proximity, etc.) and has defined two distinct, but related,

categories for this: 1) urban area and 2) urban cluster.

Urban areas must have at least 50,000 residents and form the core of what is commonly referred to as a metropolitan statistical area. Urban clusters have between 2,500 and 49,999 residents. If an urban cluster is comprised of more than 10,000, it will be considered the core of a micropolitan statistical area. The boundaries of either a metro or micro area are determined, largely, by commuting patterns from adjacent counties. Currently, the Big Spring Metropolitan Statistical Area is defined by Howard and Glasscock counties.

In the graphic above are population estimates for the myriad ways to categorize Big Spring, including its 2000 and 2010 adjusted residential Census counts (minus "institutionalized population"), and the 2015 and 2016 residential estimates:

These figures are undoubtedly smaller than most of us (myself included) might be comfortable with, considering our familiarity with the green city limits population signs. That said, we can only get to the core of other questions once we have a common understanding and definition of the data being discussed.

### IS BIG SPRING GETTING BIGGER?

The 2015 Census estimate (the latest for which data are available) for Big Spring is 28,054. Assuming Big Spring's institutionalized population hasn't changed since 2010 (an admittedly big assumption), the "correct" answer for Big Spring's 2015 Census estimate would be 23,076, a 7.4% increase over 2010. We can, therefore, state with a resounding "YES!" that the community enjoyed a degree of population growth during the first part of the decade than at any previous period during the last 40 years.

Obviously, this is in large part

thanks to the relatively recent resurgence of oil production in the Permian Basin.

While 2016 city estimates will not be available until this May, we can see that Howard County's population fell slightly last year in response to lower oil prices. That said, the county still had almost 1,700 more residents in 2016 than in 2010.

### HOW CAN WE MAKE BIG SPRING BIGGER?

Answering this and other related questions will be the theme of this new exclusive piece for the Big Spring Herald, "Think Big, Think Better."

In the coming months, we will explore various local, regional, and national trends affecting Big Spring's economy and provide snapshot indicators comparing the community to its West Texas competitors and peers. Most important of all, we hope this column will serve as a springboard for a thoughtful and positive community-wide dialogue surrounding potential strategies for making Big Spring bigger and better than ever.

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## Father arrested after son, 2, dies in accidental shooting

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — Police in South Texas have arrested a father hours after his 2-year-old son found a loaded gun on the kitchen table and accidentally shot himself in the head, killing him.

Corpus Christi police officer Gena Pena says 22-year-old Eric Javier Morales is charged with criminally negligent homicide and is being held at the Nueces County jail.

Pena says the child shot himself Sunday morning. Morales was not home at the time but the child's mother was there, as was a 1-year-old.

Morales went to the hospital where the 2-year-old was taken and later met with investigators before being charged.

Jail records don't indicate whether Morales has an attorney who can respond to the allegations against him.

## Texas deputy constable fatally shot after arriving for work

BAYTOWN, Texas (AP) — A deputy constable has died after he was shot moments after arriving for work at a Houston-area courthouse.

Authorities at a brief news conference did not indicate a motive for the shooting Monday morning of Harris County Precinct 3 Assistant Chief Deputy Clinton Greenwood. A manhunt is underway for the gunman.

Greenwood was airlifted to a Houston hospital where he died. He was a 30-year law enforcement veteran.

The shooting occurred in Baytown, east of Houston. It led to the lockdown of a nearby high school and a broad response by law enforcement as authorities closed intersections as part of their search for the suspect. Access to businesses in the area was limited as authorities conducted their search.

## Hearing postponed for Texas teen charged in death of parents

HOUSTON (AP) — A court hearing has been postponed for a Texas teenager charged with capital murder in the shooting deaths of his mother and father, who was a standout linebacker for Texas A&M before a brief NFL career.

A judge Monday delayed the hearing by two weeks. He ordered Antonio Armstrong Jr. to remain in jail in the meantime.

Authorities say Armstrong shot Antonio and Dawn Armstrong inside their townhome in July. They say the teen told investigators an intruder shot his parents.

A juvenile court determined he will stand trial as an adult. He was 16 when the shooting happened.

The elder Armstrong was a first-team All-American who was taken in the sixth round of the 1995 NFL draft. He had brief stints with the San Francisco 49ers and Miami Dolphins.

## Texas teen struck, killed by car after fleeing CPS office

HOUSTON (AP) — A 15-year-old foster girl has been killed and another foster child injured when they were struck by a vehicle in Houston hours after running away from state offices where they were living.

The two teens were struck early Sunday morning while walking with others along a road. Both were living at Child Protective Services' offices because the state agency was unable to find a foster home for them.

The death of the 15-year-old is the first time a child has died while living at CPS offices because a foster home was not available.

The driver of the vehicle stopped, was questioned by authorities and released.

Officials say the second foster child, a 17-year-old girl, had run away from two different CPS offices in Harris County since Thursday.

## Second man indicted in missing Texas college students' death

ALPINE, Texas (AP) — A Texas grand jury has indicted a second suspect on charges related to the disappearance and death of a missing college student.

A Brewster County grand jury indicted Chris Estrada Friday on charges of tampering with or fabricating physical evidence by concealing a human corpse in the death of Sul Ross State University student Zuzu Verk, the San Antonio Express-News reported.

Robert Fabian, Verk's boyfriend at the time of her disappearance, was indicted on first-degree murder charges a month after her body was found in a shallow grave in early February by a border patrol agent. Verk was reported missing on October 12. Neighbors have said they heard Fabian and Verk argue at his Alpine apartment late evening on Oct. 11.

## Sandy man arrested on child porn charges

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — A man from Sandy, Oregon, has been arrested on child pornography and enticement charges.

KOIN-TV reports that Larry Lewis Hudson was arrested Friday on charges that included child pornography, attempted online enticement of a minor and transmitting obscene material to a minor.

Hudson will face a federal judge on Monday, April 3. The FBI's Child Exploitation Task Force says Hudson contacted minors in Louisiana and Illinois and undercover officers posing as minors in Texas and Arizona.

Investigators said he used the name Brian Johnson and screen name "hottgu," and email addresses starting with "bigtlarry" and "hotbrian8."

## Neglected US civil rights church is returned to its glory



**This March 25, 2017 photo shows an art exhibit set up in the Clayborn Temple in Memphis, Tenn. With work to stabilize the building complete, the goal now is to fix up the church for meetings, religious ceremonies, community events and other gatherings.**

By **ADRIAN SAINZ**

Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — A 19th century church in Tennessee that fell into disrepair despite the notable role it played in the civil rights movement is now being resurrected.

With its tall tower and multi-colored stained glass windows, the Clayborn Temple in downtown Memphis was the home base for the sanitation workers strike that brought civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. to the city 49 years ago.

It was the starting point for the March 28, 1968 march led by King, a rally that turned violent when police and protesters clashed on the iconic Beale Street.

After King was assassinated in Memphis a week later, and after the strike ended with the workers securing a pay raise, the church's influence waned. It fell into disrepair and became an empty landmark overshadowed by the modern FedEx Forum sports arena across the street.

Shuttered for years, the Clayborn Temple is returning to glory as one of the most significant buildings associated with the civil rights movement in the South. Work to stabilize the building is complete. Now, the goal is to fix up the church for meetings, religious ceremonies, community events and other gatherings.

Fred Davis, a former Memphis City Council member who walked next to King during the 1968 march, said the Clayborn Temple was a symbol of the civil rights activities of the 1960s that is being brought back to life.

"It can be a place for recreation, education, and communication that can take place for citizens of all hues and convictions in this city," said Davis.

For years, the church was among the most visible structures in Memphis. The cornerstone was laid in 1891, and it was dedicated in 1983 by the Second Presbyterian Church.

Built in the Romanesque Revival style, it boasted a limestone exterior, hardwood floors, curved pews, a majestic organ, and a 110-foot tower topped with a 120-foot spire. The spire and pews are long gone, but the tower, organ and parts of the original floor remain. The church bell sits in an alcove, ready to be re-installed.

After 50 years, the Second Presbyterians moved away. The African Methodist Episcopal Church, or AME Church, bought Clayborn Temple for about \$100,000.

Sanitation workers started striking in February 1968 after two men were killed while working on a garbage truck. Workers wanted to unionize, and fought for higher pay and safer working conditions. City officials declared the strike illegal and arrested scores of strikers and protesters.

The Clayborn Temple hosted nightly meetings and was a staging point for marches to City Hall, historians say. King, Davis and hundreds more gathered at the temple before the 1968 Beale Street march.

Police broke it up after storefront windows were smashed. A 16-year-old was killed. Marchers retreated to the temple. Police fired tear gas inside and people broke stained-glass to escape.

King promised to lead a second, peaceful march in Memphis, but he was killed by a sniper while standing on the balcony of the

Lorraine Motel on April 4.

AME's congregation eventually moved out, and suburbanization and economic stagnation hurt the once-thriving downtown area. The church has been vacant for 25 years, plagued by water damage and neglect. Last year, a group called Clayborn Reborn announced it was renovating the church. The effort was boosted when the National Park Service announced a \$400,000 grant for renovations. The church needs work. Trusses need to be shored up, the floor must be refurbished, beams require strengthening or replacing. Rob Thompson, director of the Clayborn Reborn project, estimates that \$10 million must be raised to pay for renovations. The goal is to open the church at the end of 2019 or early 2020, Thompson said.

Clayborn Temple was placed on the National Register of Historic Places for its local significance in 1979. Clayborn Reborn has applied for inclusion on the register for its national importance.

Thompson said he feels that King's assassination may have overshadowed the sanitation workers' strike. Making Clayborn Temple whole again could change that. "My thesis is, had King not been killed here, Memphis would be known for the sanitation strike the way that Selma is known for 'Bloody Sunday' and Montgomery was known for the bus boycott," Thompson said.



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# Keuchel, Correa lead Astros over Mariners 3-0



AP Photo

Houston Astros starting pitcher Dallas Keuchel delivers in the second inning of a baseball game against the Seattle Mariners, Monday, April 3, 2017, in Houston.

HOUSTON (AP) — After a terrible 2015, Dallas Keuchel desperately wanted to get off to a good start.

He did just that, allowing two hits over seven innings before Luke Gregerson and Ken Giles completed the three-hitter for the Houston Astros in an opening 3-0 win over the Seattle Mariners on Monday night.

Keuchel (1-0) went 9-12 with a 4.55 ERA last year after winning the AL Cy Young Award in 2015. He struck out four in winning on opening day for the third year in a row.

Last year, he didn't pitch after Aug. 27 because of shoulder in-

flammation.

"I know what I'm capable of doing when I'm healthy. I know how bad I can be when I'm not healthy," he said. "I knew I was good coming in and I was just hoping to get the team off to a good start."

Manager A.J. Hinch thinks Keuchel's struggles last season gave his ace an extra edge entering this year.

"I think he comes into this season with a little chip on his shoulder, and rightfully so," Hinch said. "For him on opening day I think he wants to set a tone for the club. I think he wanted to show that every five days when

he gets the ball our team is going to rally behind him. It's certainly nice to have that as opposed to me sitting up here explaining a rough outing. And he responded in incredible fashion."

Gregerson allowed a hit and Giles walked one with three strikeouts for the save.

George Springer became Houston's first player since Terry Puhl in 1980 to lead off the first game with a home run. Carlos Correa homered and drove in two runs as Houston won on opening day for the fifth straight year.

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# Lady Hawks come out victorious in double-header vs. Frank Phillips

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**

Sports Editor

The Lady Hawks softball team traveled to Borger, Texas where they competed against the Frank Phillips College Lady Plainsmen in a conference double-header and came out on top in a dominant fashion, with final scores of 12-4 and 19-1.

**Game One: Howard College 12 - Frank Phillips 4**

A four home run game led Howard College past the Lady Plainsmen in the first game of Sunday's double-header.

Kaylynn Lopez brought the first run across for the Lady Hawks when she singled and drove Madeline Seumalo in for a score in the top of the first, establishing an early lead.

Frank Phillips could not answer back, and the Lady Hawks went on to bring in another four runs in the following inning thanks to a grand slam by Seumalo, bringing them up to a 5-0 lead.

The Lady Plainsmen kept themselves in the game when they responded with four runs of their own; a score and a groundout in the second, scores on an error and a ground out, followed by an RBI single in the third.

With the score at 5-4 heading into the fourth inning, Howard College stepped it up on defense and fought to hold Frank Phillips scoreless for the remainder of the game while managing to bring across seven more runs to seal the win.

The runs came for the Lady Hawks when Seumalo homered in the fourth for the second time of the game to drive in the first run, a 2RBI single by Tayiah Hamilton in the fifth, a solo home run by Lopez, and an RBI home run by Mariah Young in the sixth.

With a defensive stop to end the game, Howard College got the 12-4 win over the Lady Plainsmen.

Celeste Villagrana started on the mound for Howard College. She threw for two innings, surrendered zero hits, one run, walked three and struck out two.

Kylie Shay earned the win for the Lady Hawks as she threw for four innings, surrendered four hits, three runs, walked three, and struck out five.

Seumalo led the team offensively as she drove in six runners and contributed three hits to the team's total of 13 for the game, two of her three hits being home runs.

**Game Two: Howard College 19 - Frank Phillips 1**

The Lady Hawks blew out the Lady Plainsmen in the second game of Sunday's double-header, thanks to a huge performance at the plate.

Young got things started in the top of the first when she singled, driving Seumalo in to score. Evelyn Loyola immediately followed with an RBI double to drive Young across home, bringing the Lady Hawks up by three.

Frank Phillips scored their only run of the game in the bottom of the second on a pop out play that

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# Lady Steers prevail over Snyder 15-9

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**

Sports Editor

The Big Spring Lady Steers varsity softball team made their way to Snyder, Texas to face off in a district match with the Lady Tigers yesterday, and came out on top, 15-9.

Big Spring started the game out strong and established an early five run lead in the top of the first. The big inning came from a score by Ashley Gonzalez on an error, an RBI double by Kamri Kemper, a score by Kemper on an error, followed by a 2RBI single by Logan Terrazas.

Snyder responded with two runs of their own which came from an RBI home run hit by Hailey Morris, but that was not enough as the Lady Steers answered back by bringing four more runners across which brought the score to 9-2 at the middle of the third inning.

The increased Big Spring lead came when Jaydan Mann scored on a fielder's choice play, a score by Cierra Martinez on an error and an RBI single by Leah Rivera in the second, and Alexis Starr came across the plate on a passed ball in the third.

The Lady Tigers knew they had to string something together to bounce back and stay in the game, so they rallied to add another four runs on the board to put themselves just within three runs of the Lady Steers.

The third inning Snyder scores were thanks to an RBI

single by Alyssa Benitez, a sacrifice bunt by Claudia Gutierrez, a score by Nicole Clark on an error followed by an RBI homer from Hailey Morris.

With the score at 9-6 heading into the fifth, Mann knocked off an RBI double followed by a score on an illegal pitch that increased the Big Spring lead by two.

The Lady Tigers would go on one last three run stretch in the bottom of the fifth with an RBI single by Jasmine Montoya and scores by Benitez and Morris on the same error.

After a scoreless sixth inning and a score of 11-9 going into the seventh, the Lady Steers put themselves into clutch mode and drove four more runners across the plate. These late runs came when Ysabel Solis hit a 3RBI double and an RBI single was hit by Rivera.

Big Spring kept Snyder from crossing the plate in the bottom of the seventh as they ended the game with three back-to-back outs, ensuring their 15-9 district victory over the Lady Tigers.

Solis earned the win for Big Spring as she pitched for the full seven innings, gave up nine runs, nine hits, walked zero and struck out four.

The Lady Steers were able to score 15 points from just seven hits. Rivera led the team offensively with two hits and 2 RBIs.

Starr ran wild on the base paths as she contributed three of the team's six stolen bases.

# AL champion Indians rally in 9th, win opener 8-5 at Texas



AP photo

Cleveland Indians Jose Ramirez, left, gets a congratulation from third base coach Mike Sarbaugh (16) after Ramirez hit a two run homer during the fourth inning of an opening day baseball game against the Texas Rangers in Arlington, Texas, Monday, April 3, 2017.

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Edwin Encarnacion already is impressing the Cleveland Indians. The Texas Rangers have already seen too much of the slugger. Encarnacion hit a tying homer in the eighth inning of his first game with the Indians, and they scored three times in the ninth to open their American League title defense with an 8-5 win over the Texas Rangers on Monday. "That's why we got him.

It's a nice feeling. You could tell he had one thing in mind right there, and he did it," manager Terry Francona said.

"He can put the ball in the seats whenever," said Andrew Miller (1-0), who struck out two in a perfect eighth. "I think we're going to really enjoy him for 162 games. ... He's going to make us win."

Abraham Almonte hit a tiebreaking single in the ninth off Sam Dyson, who

had 38 saves last season. Cody Allen got the save for Cleveland by striking out the side in the bottom of the ninth around Elvis Andrus' triple. Encarnacion has six home runs in his last nine games against the Rangers, including the AL Division Series sweep last October with Toronto. The longest came off hard-throwing Matt Bush and tied this season's opener 5-5.

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what it has to do with you? Keep going until you find the intersection of interest.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** The question on your heart is a good one. So good, in fact, that there are more elements affecting the matter than you can imagine. Just keep thinking like you are. You'll be a part of a change.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** At any point in a relationship, someone loves harder. Which one is loving harder? You. You seem to be always loving harder. What is going on with this? Back off. Receive.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Health has

many levels. Certainly it's not merely the absence of disease or infirmity. The health you are striving for is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Your day will center on one idea. This contemplation will guide your action. It will change your conversations. It will change the order in which you do things.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** The heart of ambition beats loud in you today. You'll get up to the mountain peak and realize there's a higher one over yonder. A panoramic view from the top will make all of this climbing worth the effort.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** You're very careful about what you require of others, asking only things that you've personally endeavored. "Nothing is impossible for the man who doesn't have to do it himself." -- A.H. Weiler

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-**

**Oct. 23).** Some say knowledge is good and ignorance is evil. Others suggest that there's nothing more dangerous than a little bit of knowledge. Since you can't unknow things, be careful about what you try to learn. Follow your moral compass.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Much can be accomplished through lists and organized efforts, but even the most extensive list cannot control the uncontrollable. You'll be dealing with forces that can't be tamed via writing.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Whatever the problem is, you can make it better. Maybe you can't solve it today, but you can improve things. Take the big issue and make it smaller. If it's still too big, make it smaller still, until it's small enough to solve.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** You've done the research, and you've put your theories to the test. Now you know

how to go about the job. In order to take it to the next level, teach your way and learn theirs.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** It's pretty clear that the people around you have a different set of rules. If you play by those, you won't achieve to the heights of your ability. Take charge. Set the bar for yourself, and set it high.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** You'll swim between two schools of thought today. One is very logical; the other is intuitive. The numbers won't lie, but they'll never tell the whole story, either.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 4).** You're serious about your goals, and yet your tone is so joyous and light that you create a happier world with your laughter. Next month brings money to your pocket. June is your chance to seize love. July will bring a small but meaningful change that you'll be assimilating thereafter. Happiness flows from

the August love. Cancer and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 33, 29, 28 and 1.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION:** "I'm newly engaged to a younger man. He's a Capricorn and I'm a Gemini. I'm 10 years older than him. He works as a caregiver. I'm fine with his work, but when we're together he's so tired. We tried to celebrate our 18-month anniversary. He paid \$13 toward the meal, and I paid \$20 and the tip. I don't mind being generous, but I expected some attention later. When we got home he watched a game show while I tried to look glamorous for him. I'm still mad. Should I keep saving for my Vegas wedding in October, or should I kick him to the curb?"

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Pre-Retrograde Roll

Undo. Delete. Reverse. Go back. Start over -- this time with feeling. Saturn is flying straight today, but tomorrow the planet of lessons will take a swift reversal -- a chance to begin again on the things that matter to you and others. Can't quite figure out

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**Annie's Mailbox**

Dealing With a Polarized Political Climate

**Dear Annie:** I need a pep talk, and I imagine millions of others do, too. I am an informed and involved citizen, and I care passionately about this country. I'm glad to call it my home. But lately, with the polarized political climate, I've been coming to blows (not literally) with neighbors, friends and even family members over issues I never realized we disagreed about before.

Without getting too much into the specifics, I just can't understand how these rational people can hold these beliefs. I've read that one mustn't allow politics to affect friendships, but how

is that possible when a "friend" or neighbor believes and parrots false truths and reveals herself to be a total hypocrite?

Limiting how much "news" and media I take in only makes me feel like an ostrich with my head in the sand. I feel that I'm contributing to the problem if I don't stay involved and informed. But how do you stay involved, voice concern and not feel utterly helpless and completely stressed out? -- Political Stress Case

**Dear Political:** It's easy to get into a tizzy when we're debating ideas. But if we focus more on actions, on the good we can do and the good others are doing, I think we'll find we have more in common than we believe. For instance, be-

fore you learned that their politics were so different from yours, you probably considered your neighbors to be decent people. That decency is still there if you look for it.

I'm not saying that ideology isn't important or that it doesn't have real-world consequences. But focus your energy on effecting change where you can do so without driving yourself crazy. (Read: not in a shouting match with your uncle.) Volunteer in your community. Canvass for a local politician whom you believe in. And if you want to stay sane long enough to make a difference, occasionally give yourself a break from the news for a day or two.

**Dear Annie:** I'd like to respond to "Tired and Exhausted," the mom whose son is struggling with addiction. I was in her shoes 15 years ago, when my son was 23 years old. I was emotionally and financially drained. I was a prime candidate for a mental health intervention myself.

I went to an addiction counselor, who recommended that I go to Nar-Anon meetings. I resisted the idea for three months but finally went, vowing just to listen, not share my story. Everyone was so nice and welcomed me, and there was no pressure to speak. Much to my surprise, I knew right away that I was in the

right place.

I talked about my son, his addiction, the ways he was using me, his swinging door at the jailhouse and my depression. Long story short, I learned that I cannot help my son and I needed to stop enabling him. I got a Nar-Anon sponsor and eventually got my peaceful life back.

"Tired and Exhausted": If you want to live your remaining years on your son's roller coaster, keep doing what you have been doing. If you want to live your remaining years in peace, get to a Nar-Anon meeting ASAP, continue going to meetings even if your son is clean and sober, get a sponsor, and follow the Nar-Anon program for the rest of your life. Nar-Anon saved my life and my sanity. -- Thankful

**Dear Thankful:** I'm sure your letter will resonate with many readers who have been made desperate by a loved one's addiction. Nar-Anon is a great organization. Visit <http://www.nar-anon.org> for more information.

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**Contract Bridge**

By Steve Becker  
*The art of good defense*

East dealer. East-West vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
♠ A Q 8  
♥ A Q J 5  
♦ 7 5 2  
♣ A J 6  
**WEST**  
♠ J 7 6  
♥ 9 8 7  
♦ A 10 6 3  
♣ Q 10 5  
**EAST**  
♠ 9 5 4 3  
♥ 10 3 2  
♦ 8 4  
♣ 9 8 4 2  
**SOUTH**  
♠ K 10 2  
♥ K 6 4  
♦ K Q J 9  
♣ K 7 3

The bidding:  
East South West North  
Pass 1 NT Pass 6 NT  
Opening lead — nine of hearts.

only 40 points in the deck. Translating declarer's points into tricks, you can count 11 of them — three spades, four hearts, two diamonds and two clubs. You are also painfully aware that South can acquire his slam-going trick simply by finessing dummy's jack of clubs. Your only real chance to stop the slam is to try to talk South out of taking the club finesse by diverting his attention elsewhere. Accordingly, when he wins the first heart in dummy and leads a diamond to the queen, you play the three. When he next re-enters dummy with a spade and plays a diamond to the king, you follow low again! South is now almost certain to return to dummy and lead a third round of diamonds, since he is sure to think that East has the ace. He is not likely to risk a club finesse at this stage, since losing the finesse would mean losing the slam. When he does lead the third diamond from dummy, you score the A-10, and the slam goes down one. Observe what happens if you win the first or second diamond lead. Declarer later discovers that the diamonds are divided 4-2 and has no alternative but to hope that you have the queen of clubs. When you turn up with it, the slam comes rolling home.

Let's say you're West, defending against six notrump. You lead a heart, and when dummy comes down, there are several conclusions you can reach about the unseen hands. Assuming that South plays 15- to 17-point notrumps, you can tell right away that your partner has a hand you wouldn't wish on your worst enemy. Your seven points, added to dummy's 18 and South's 15, tell you that East is pointless, since there are

Tomorrow: A matter of self-preservation.

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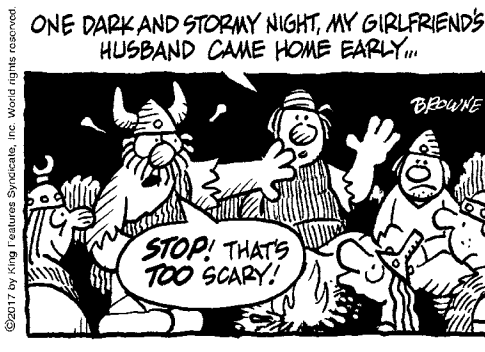


"If we ask you to do something do you promise to say yes?"

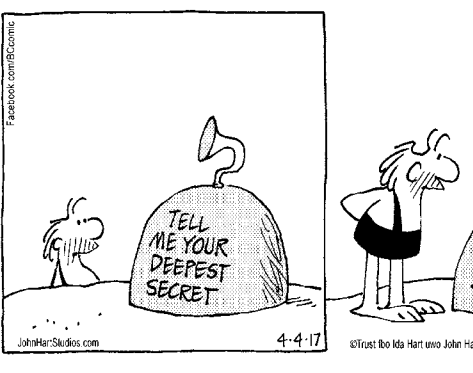
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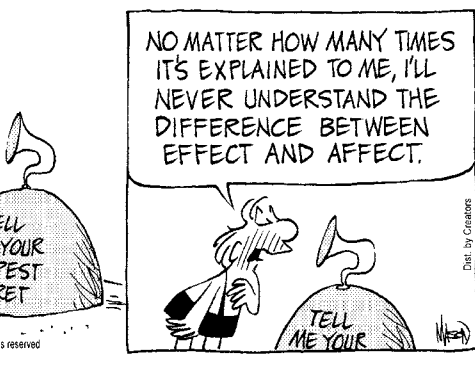
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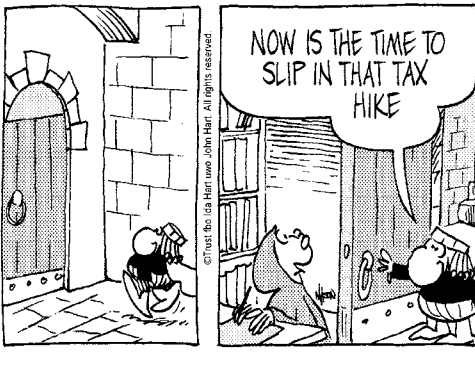
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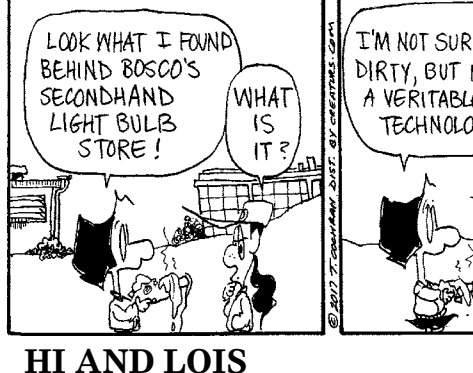
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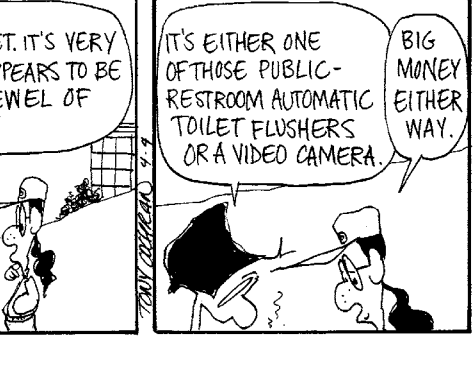
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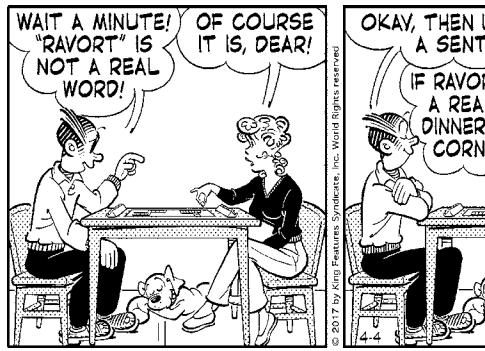
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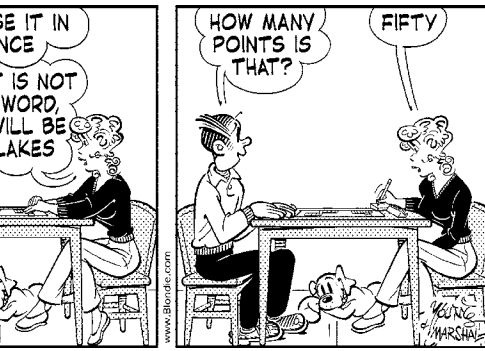
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, April 4, the 94th day of 2017. There are 271 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On April 4, 1968, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., 39, was shot and killed on a balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee.

On this date:

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

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

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

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

In 1887, Susanna Madora Salter became the first woman elected mayor of an American community: Argonia, Kansas.

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

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

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

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

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

In 1983, the space shuttle Challenger roared into orbit on its maiden voyage. (It was destroyed in the disaster of Jan. 1986.)

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

Ten years ago: Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad (ah-muh-DEE'-neh-zahd) announced the surprise release of 15 captive British sailors and marines. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi held talks with Syrian President Bashar Assad over White House objections. Radio shock jock Don Imus outraged some of his listeners by disparaging the Rutgers University women's basketball team as "nappy headed hos." (Despite an apology, Imus was fired by CBS Radio and cable network MSNBC; he was hired elsewhere by year's end.)

Five years ago: Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney unleashed a strong attack on President Barack Obama's truthfulness, accusing him of running a "hide-and-seek" re-election campaign.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Wonderland girl
  - 6 Slick-talking
  - 10 Miles away
  - 14 Mountain climbed by Moses
  - 15 Fail to win
  - 16 \_\_\_ or less (approximately)
  - 17 "Gotta go!"
  - 18 Not doing anything
  - 19 Mined minerals
  - 20 Digit for pointing
  - 22 Give forth, as light
  - 23 Suffix for kitchen
  - 24 Log homes
  - 26 Perplex
  - 30 Course with lettuce
  - 31 Natural balm
  - 32 Bricklayers
  - 35 Gorilla, for instance
  - 38 Restored to health
  - 40 Top corp. leader
  - 41 Cry of delight
  - 43 "Let me think..."
  - 44 Gas pump rating
  - 47 Besides that
  - 48 Computer owners
  - 50 "Two's company, \_\_\_ a crowd"
  - 52 Worker's pay
  - 54 Filled tortilla
  - 56 On vacation
  - 57 Direct and outspoken
  - 63 Little kids
  - 64 Word-of-mouth
  - 65 Flight of steps
  - 66 Hawaiian strings
  - 67 Sch. at West Point
- DOWN**
- 1 "A likely story!"
  - 2 VIP's vehicle
  - 3 "Are you \_\_\_ out?"
  - 4 Informal eatery
  - 5 \_\_\_ Tower (Paris landmark)
  - 6 Quick flash of light
  - 7 Skier's inn
  - 8 Maui or Tahiti
  - 9 Frat party
  - 10 Single-celled creature
  - 11 Having awesome power
  - 12 "You \_\_\_ big trouble, young lady!"
  - 13 Takes a break
  - 21 Collector's \_\_\_ (rarity)
  - 25 In addition
  - 26 Composer Johann Sebastian \_\_\_
  - 27 Grad
  - 28 Devises, as a theory
  - 29 Service charge
  - 30 Shortly
  - 33 Performs in a play
  - 34 Caribbean, for one
  - 36 Sit for a portrait
  - 37 Private \_\_\_ (detectives)
  - 39 Go-getter
  - 42 That woman
  - 45 Protest unfaimess
  - 46 Engrave deeply
  - 49 States as fact
  - 51 Palominos and pintos
  - 52 Showed sudden interest
  - 53 Stopped sleeping
  - 54 Vagabond
  - 55 Map book
  - 58 Approximately
  - 59 Slanted type: Abbr.
  - 60 Fully infatuated
  - 61 Sword handle
  - 62 Mahogany or maple

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TEXAS

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"He got beat with a curveball, by a guy we've seen do it before," Rangers manager Jeff Banister said.

Encarnacion homered only once during spring training, in his last exhibition game, after signing a \$60 million, three-year deal. The slugger had 42 homers and 127 RBIs last season for Toronto.

Making his first opening-day start for two-time defending AL West champion Texas, Yu Darvish had a 5-1 lead.

Rougned Odor homered twice and drove in four runs in his first two at-bats since a new contract last week that the Rangers sealed with two horses. Carlos Gomez hit a 461-foot homer.

Jose Ramirez also homered for

Cleveland. Tyler Naquin's leadoff single began the ninth-inning rally, Yandy Diaz sacrificed and Almonte singled. Carlos Santana added an RBI double and scored on Michael Brantley's single.

**FOR STARTERS**  
Indi Corey Kluber made his third consecutive opening day start for Cleveland. He gave up three homers and five runs over six innings. Darvish allowed four runs while walking five and throwing two wild pitches over 6 1/3 innings.

**SHORT HOPS**  
The Indians got a run in the third on a sacrifice fly that turned into an inning-ending double play. The run counted because Almonte scored before the double play was completed with an out at second base. ... Darvish got out of a bases-loaded jam in the fifth with a 1-2-3 double play before Brantley's inning-ending groundout.

**TRAINER'S ROOM**  
Indians: LF Brantley went 1 for 5. He was limited to 11 games last season following right shoulder surgery and

another procedure to repair a biceps problem. ... 2B Jason Kipnis started the season on the DL with right shoulder inflammation.



AP photo  
Texas Rangers Carlos Gomez is tagged out trying to steal second against Indians shortstop Francisco Lindor during an opening day baseball game in Arlington, Texas, Monday, April 3, 2017.

HAWKS

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also retired the inning, shutting down any momentum they started to muster up.

Howard College then went on to drive across five more runs in the top of the third, thanks to a 2RBI home run by Tiare Lee and a 2RBI single by Mackenzie Mitchiner. This brought the score to an 8-1 Hawk lead.

The Lady Plainsmen failed to score any runs for the rest of the game against the Lady Hawk defense, and Howard College continued to be a force offensively by driving in eleven more runs, six in the fourth and five in the fifth, before the game's end.

The huge innings were from an RBI homer by Loyola, a 2RBI double by Seumalo, a score on an error and a steal of home by Seumalo in the fourth, a 2RBI homer by Alexis Velazquez and a 2RBI double by Young in the fifth.

With the game majorly out of the Lady Plainsmen's hands, the Lady Hawks get the win in the second game of the double-header.

"I felt good about the way we played today," said head softball coach Kelly Raines. "We have a few injuries that we are trying to recover from and we had girls playing some new positions, but they managed and did a really good job."

Michaela Brown earned the win on the mound as she pitched all of the five innings, surrendered only three hits, one run walked three and struck out three.

Howard College racked up a team total of thirteen hits for the game. Mitchiner, Lee, Young, Loyola, and Velazquez led the team on offense, collecting multiple hits and each driving in three runners. Mitchiner led the team in stolen bases as she contributed two to the team's five.

The Lady Hawks were sure-handed and did not commit one error in the field. Jackie Mercado had the most chances in the field with four.

"We are just taking it one day at a time. The one loss at Clarendon really hurt us," said Raines. "We are in third place right now behind Midland and Odessa, and we need to have a good weekend coming up against West Texas College, as they are in fourth place."

Coming up, Howard College will go head to head with Western Texas College next weekend in a four-game conference series. The first two games will take place on Friday, April 7 in Snyder, Texas with the first game to start at 1:00 p.m. and the second to immediately follow. The last two games of the series will take place in Big Spring on Saturday, April 8 with the first game to start at 1:00 p.m.

ASTROS

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Despite struggles at the plate on Monday night, Seattle manager Scott Servais isn't worried about his lineup.

"We chased some balls outside of the zone, but it's opening day," he said. "Guys are fired up. They want to make an impact. They want to make a difference, and we got away from our game plan a little bit in that regard."

**T R A I N E R ' S ROOM**  
Astros: Houston starter Coltin McHugh is to make an injury rehabilitation start on Thursday at Triple-A Fresno. McHugh opened the season on the 10-day disabled list because he experienced "dead arm" this spring. The Astros hope he will need just one start before returning to the rotation.

Mariners: RHP Hisashi Iwakuma is scheduled to pitch for Seattle on Tuesday in the second

See Felix Hernandez (0-1), making his 10th opening day start, allowed two runs and five hits while striking out six in five innings before leaving with tightness in a groin. Hernandez pulled up after racing to cover first base for the second out of the fourth inning on Josh Reddick's grounder. Hernandez was looked at by trainers and threw a couple of warmup pitches before finishing the inning.

He returned to pitch a 1-2-3 fifth inning, then was replaced by Nick Vincent.

Hernandez said he will make his next turn in the rotation. "It just got a little tight," he said. "I'll be all right. I'm going to be OK."

Springer hit his 10th leadoff home run. Correa made it 2-0 in the fourth with a 449-foot drive that sailed over the train tracks atop left field, then hit a sacrifice in the sixth.

Keuchel retired his first 10 batters before Robinson Cano singled and Nelson Cruz walked. A two-out walk by Danny Valencia loaded the bases, but Keuchel retired Leonys Martin on a groundout.

game of this four-game series. Iwakuma went 16-12 with a 4.12 ERA and 147 strikeouts in 33 starts last season.

Astros: Lance McCullers is slated to pitch for Houston on Tuesday. McCullers was 6-5 with a 3.22 ERA in 14 starts last year in



AP photo  
Houston Astros' George Springer hits a leadoff solo home run in the first inning of a baseball game, Monday, April 3, 2017, in Houston.

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