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Road boring authority shift approved by commissioners

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

The authority to sign off on road boring projects – the process where a pipeline or conduit is installed under a roadway – was a topic under consideration at the Howard County Commissioners Court meeting Wednesday afternoon.

At the court's previous regular meeting Feb. 7, the suggestion was made to consider giving County Road Engineer Brian Klinksiek authority to sign off on road boring projects, allowing the companies that do this work for the county to begin without having to wait for the next meeting of

the commissioners. At Wednesday's meeting, the court approved the measure, and also approved an update of the permit form, changing the line for the approving authority's signature to that of the County Road Engineer.

"They approved for me to be able to sign road bores in lieu of a presentation to the court, the way we've

been doing it," Klinksiek said after the meeting. "It's a time-saving measure. One of the biggest complaints we have from companies doing this is, they have to wait until the court meets. This will allow us to be more responsive to the needs of those

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Seliger holds meet and greet in Big Spring



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Texas Senator Kel Seliger (second from left) addresses a concern raised by Big Spring resident Jason Havens (right) at Wednesday's Meet and Greet event held by the senator at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Havens questioned Seliger about his stance on unpermitted "Constitutional" carry of firearms in Texas; Seliger said he would have to see the final wording of the bill, but so far, he feels like the current system of permitted concealed carry is working fine. Seliger faces former Midland mayor Mike Canon and Amarillo entrepreneur Victor Leal in the March 6 Republican primary election.

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

Firearm carry laws and education were among the topics of discussion Wednesday afternoon at a Meet and Greet event held by State Senator Kel Seliger (R-Amarillo) in Big Spring.

The event, which took place at the Dora Roberts Community Center, attracted about 20 area residents.

"Right now, we're just doing a meet and greet," Seliger said during the event. "We

told people we'd be here, come by and just talk. We just had a discussion regarding concealed carry – or permitted carry versus non-permitted carry. We'll discuss public schools...public school finance, which is going to be a very big issue in the 86th Legislature. And I always talk about higher education because a big part of higher education is community colleges, and Howard County has one of the best."

March 6 primary election against two Republican challengers: former Midland mayor Mike Canon and Amarillo entrepreneur Victor Leal. The senator said elections are rarely predictable.

"It's tough to tell (how the election will turn out), but we're working just as hard as we can work on this election," he said. "I've been representing this area for a while. I'm working hard at it; I think,

Seliger is running in the See **SELIGER**, Page 3

KBSB to put on art fundraiser tonight



File photo

In this undated file photo, members of Keep Big Spring Beautiful head out into the streets of Big Spring to clean up trash. Shown above are Janis Dean, Becky Chilton, Eric Escamilla, Liz Hafley, Denise Reed, Joe Moreno, Rosalinda Rios Moreno, Jimmy Roper and Susan Green McLellan.



File photo

In this April 8, 2017, file photo, Keep Big Spring Beautiful members Peggy Skiles, left, and Susan McLellan pick up trash on the median between FM 700 and Marcy Drive as part of the group's observance of "Don't Mess With Texas Day" in Big Spring.

By **AMBERMANSFIELD**
 Staff Writer

Pablo Picasso was a Spanish painter and sculptor who was regarded as one of the most influential artists of the 20th century. He once said, "There are painters who transform the sun to a yellow spot, but there are others who, with the help of their art and their intelligence, transform a yellow spot into sun."

Picasso knew that creativity takes courage, but in the end you can create a masterpiece.

Keep Big Spring Beautiful (KBSB), an organization who's goal is to empower the people of Big Spring through education to take responsibility for enhancing their community environment, also believes in the magnificence in art and would like to help expand the love of art throughout the community.

One could argue that art enhances whatever environment that surrounds it. That is why KBSB will be hosting an event called "Keep Big Spring Beautiful's Art in the City Fundraiser." This will be a paint-on-canvas fundraiser that is open to the public, and will take place tonight at 7 p.m. at the Desert Flower Art Bar and Lounge, located on 123 S Main St.

"KBSB wants to help promote art throughout town," said Eric Escamilla, President of KBSB. "There is tons of amazing local talent, and the paint-on-canvas will be one way to help them practice and spread their wings."

The picture that the fundraiser guests will painting will be a vibrant spring time painting with a lot of room for interpretation.

"Limited seating is available and the price is \$30.00

See **KBSB**, Page 3

Time for a coffee break

Special to the Herald

A warm cup of coffee, blood pressure checks and flu prevention is what you can expect to receive when you attend Kindred Coffee Hour this Friday.

The weekly coffee hour will be taking place in the Yellow Rose Café, located inside Scenic Mountain Medical Center, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

"The flu has hit hard this

year and being proactive can go a long way, especially this year," said Kindred community sales specialist Christian Fair. "The local Texas Health Department has been doing flu vaccine clinics around town as a way to help out the community this flu season and we thought combining a little bit of education with that would be a good fit."

Coffee Hour was previously held at Cornerhouse Coffee,

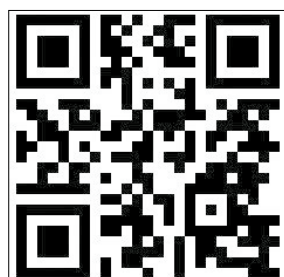
but with the recent closure, has been moved to the Yellow Rose Café. Blood pressure checks will still be offered

by the nursing staff at Kindred at Home and a free cup of coffee will be available.

"We are thankful to Scenic Mountain for opening up the doors for us, and allowing us to come in and provide this resource," Fair said. "We are encouraging anyone who has a few moments to stop in each week to enjoy a cup of coffee, hear some good health information and get your blood pressure checked. Being able to keep track of the little details can be a big step in preventing a bigger health issue."

To find out more about upcoming presentations or services offered by Kindred at Home, call Christian Fair at 432-816-3573.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **QUINCY DEARIES JONES**, 30, o 801 W FM 700, was arrested on charges of driving with license with previous conviction, and possession of controlled 4 to 28 grams.
- **BRITTNEY DIANE HARRIS**, 23, of 1806 Owens, was arrested on a warrant of cruelty to non-livestock animal.
- **MARK ANTHONY LOPEZ**, 27, of 314 NE 8th St., was arrested on charges of parole violation,

and on charges unlawful possession of firearm by felon, evading arrest detention with previous conviction, assault public servant, possession of marijuana less than two ounces, two counts of man delivery of controlled substance in between 4 to 200 grams, escape while arrested confined, resist arrest search or transport.

- **EVANGELINA ENRIQUEZ GONZALES**, 40, of 325 SE 24th St., was arrested on a charge of unauthorized use of vehicle.

Sheriff

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

- Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 70 inmates at the time of this report.
- **DANIEL ALVAREZ**, 32, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of burglary of vehicle.
 - **HENRY JOHN BARFIELD**, 44, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of driving while license invalid, violate promise to appear, and on charges of possession of dangerous drug, driving with license invalid with previous conviction, and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
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Take Note

• The Mitchell County Citizens Dance, scheduled for February 22, 2018 at the Colorado City Civic Center, has been cancelled. Sorry for any inconvenience. For more information please call Faye Herm at 325-728-3033.

• Scholarship packets for Coahoma High School seniors are now available at the counselor's office. Thousands of dollars worth scholarships opportunities are available to Coahoma High School students. The deadline to turn in applications for some of the scholarships is fast approaching. If students or parents have any questions or need help filling out any forms, please contact Chandra Brooks at 395-5000 or come by the high school office. Extra scholarship packets are available at front office. Please see Brooks at the high school office for a packet.

• Are you interested in Duplicate Bridge? Big Spring Duplicate will offer lessons to both men and woman. The lessons will be offered at the Big Spring Country Club. The lessons started Jan. 31 and run through Feb. 28. There will be five lessons at \$25 per person. Bridge is a wonderful, stimulating, and pleasant way to spend an afternoon or evening. If you have any questions call 267-5615 or 263-2753.

• Cross stitch squares are now ready for the 2018 Howard County Fair quilt. Theme for this year's quilt is "The Love of Dogs." Anyone able to help by stitching a square may pick one up at the Heritage Museum during regular hours Tuesday through Saturday. For questions or for more information, please contact Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674.

• 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 dona-

tions can be taken to the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., or to the home of Lions member Ken Lawhon at 1707 E. 15th St. For more information, contact Lawhon at 214-998-9716 or Lions member David Stives at 432-270-2251.

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

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

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

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

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

• Howard County Republicans meet the second Monday of each month. Club members meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College at 11:30 a.m. for Dutch treat lunch and meeting at 12 p.m.

• The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Tuesday of each month a 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library.

• Big Spring Centennial Lion's Club has changed its meeting time. The club now meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday and the fourth Tuesday of each month. Meetings are still held at the Big Spring TA Truck Stop. Visitors are welcome.

• The Christensen-Tucker Post-2013 Veterans of Foreign Wars meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at 500 Driver Road. For more information, contact David Leonard, Post Commander, at 432-816-6004. All combat veterans of foreign wars are invited to come.

• The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

• Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact 432-271-2138.

• Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 ½ Main St. All Masons are welcome.

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

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

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

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

Obituaries

Patsy Faust

Patsy Faust, 87, of Lawton Oklahoma, formerly of Stanton died, Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2018, in Lawton Oklahoma. Services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of W FM 700. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 W I-20. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported on S Hwy 87 and Ranch Rd 33. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the N Service Rd I-20 MM 187. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported S Hwy 87 and Ranch Rd 33. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of Joshua. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 900 block of E 13th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2400 block of S Main St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported on 11th and Runnels.

Support Groups

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

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with some success, if you talk to local officials and people in higher ed. It's like any campaign, you don't know how it's going to come out, but we're talking about the things we think ought to be important in the campaign."

One of those issues was permitless – or "Constitutional" – carry of firearms. House Bill 1911, introduced in February 2017, would allow peo-

ple 21 and older to carry firearms in Texas with no carry permit. The bill, approved by the House Homeland Security and Public Safety Committee in April, has been in the House Calendar Committee for scheduling since then. Big Spring resident Jason Havens pressed Seliger on his position regarding the issue.

"You're not on the committee in question..." said Havens. "The one on Constitutional carry. But in the case that it does go to the full Sen-

ate, what's your stance?"

"I want to know what the bill says," Seliger responded. "Having carry without a permit sounds okay, but what about those people who've committed felonies, violent crimes, domestic abuse, with a history of mental illness, things like that? All of a sudden, we don't have permitless carry anymore."

Seliger went on to say he feels like the current system – concealed carry with a permit – is working well.

"I've had mine (concealed

carry permit) since 1996, and so far you'd have to say it's working beautifully," he said. "How many crimes do we know of have been committed with a firearm by somebody with a concealed carry permit? Very few, if any, that I know of."

Havens asserted he shouldn't have to pay the fees for classes or the permit fee to be able to protect himself with a firearm. Seliger responded that the \$40 fee simply covers the cost of the permitting process

and doesn't generate revenue for the state, while low-cost classes are available online.

Seliger also discussed the state's responsibility to help provide funding to school districts based on student attendance.

For more information about Seliger, visit www.kelseliger.com.

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

KBSB

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a person, which will cover your canvas and paints," said Escamilla.

"To my knowledge, we still have a lot of room available for guests who would like to come get in on the painting action at the Desert Flower Art Bar and Lounge."

The Desert Flower Art Bar is also a place for local artist to come and get immersed in the art world.

"We are just trying to recognize and get the

word of art out there," said Escamilla. "This fundraiser is to help raise funds to create more art awareness and to get more individuals involved in art."

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companies."

Following the unanimous approval vote, Precinct 3 Commissioner Jimmie Long expressed a few second thoughts about the issue, and the court ultimately voted again to add language indicating that the road bores approved by Klinksiek must meet the requirements adopted for such projects by the commissioners.

"It's just switching authority from the court's position of okaying those before they can go ahead with the road boring," Long said after the meeting. "We're switching all that authority to Mr. Klinksiek and allowing him to sign off on them if it meets all our criteria. I was just making sure the court understood they're giving him all authority for him to sign off on those and those companies to go ahead with the road boring without presenting them to the court."

The issue wasn't on the agenda, but County Judge Kathryn Wisemen briefly discussed a dilemma the county is facing with language interpretation services in its courts of law.

"We had looked at the Language Line, which is an interpretation by phone service. All languages, including Spanish," Wiseman said. "We occasionally need a court interpreter for county court, for sure, but for other offices also. So, we thought the answer was the Language Line. Well, I have had problems finding a court-certified interpreter when I called them, because I don't know before time. I can't set that up with them before that person is in front of me to plea. So that's not working out for us very well."

Waiting for the Language Line to provide an interpreter would create unacceptable delays, Wiseman said, so she's often forced to employ uncertified interpreters in court.

"We usually just ask someone from the courthouse who speaks Spanish," she said. "I swear them in, and we go ahead and go through our process, using them as our interpreter. So that is a problem. That's why we wanted to use the Language Line; we understood that they would have court-certified interpreters for us, and we're finding out that that's not true. We really don't have any options at this point."

Wiseman said the county doesn't have a contract with the Language Line service, but instead has tried using their services on a case-by-case basis.

In other business, commissioners:

- Approved a switch from Suddenlink to Westex high-speed internet service for the Sheriff's Office; according to Sheriff Stan Parker, the switch will lower the office's monthly internet cost from \$240 to \$180.

- Approved invoices, purchase requests, and the County Auditor's monthly report.

- Approved the bi-weekly county payroll.

- Approved the County Clerk's monthly report.

The next regular meeting of the commissioner's court is scheduled for March 7. For more information contact Judge Kathryn Wiseman's office at 432-264-2202.

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Patrick Fader, 76, died Sunday. Grave-side service was at 11 a.m. today at Trinity Memorial Park.

Carol Mathis, 57, died Friday. Memorial service will be held Friday at My Redeemer Church located at 1008 Birdwell Lane.

David Orlando Yanez, 50, died Sunday. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

John Paul Rodriguez, 20, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Trump endorses raising minimum age to 21 for more weapons

By CATHERINE LUCEY and MATTHEW DALY

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump endorsed stricter gun-control measures Thursday, including raising the minimum age to 21 for possessing a broader range of weapons than at present. He tweeted his strongest stance as president one day after an emotional White House session where students and parents poured out wrenching tales of lost lives and pleaded for action.

Trump said on Twitter, "I will be strongly pushing Comprehensive Background Checks with an emphasis on Mental Health. Raise age to 21 and end sale of Bump Stocks!"

He did not immediately offer more details.

The current federal minimum age for buying or possessing handguns is 21, but the limit is 18 for rifles including assault-type weapons such as the AR-15 used by a former student in last week's attack on a Florida high school that killed 17 students and staff members.

A White House official said the president was not endorsing or ruling out any specific policy.

In another tweet, Trump repeated his urgent call for trained teachers or others in schools to carry guns as a deterrent to attacks.

"If a potential 'sicko shooter' knows that a school has a large number of very weapons talented teachers (and others) who will be instantly shooting, the sicko will NEVER attack that school. Cowards won't go there...problem solved. Must be offensive, defense alone won't work!" Trump tweeted.

He has previously expressed an interest in efforts to strengthen the federal background check system. It was not clear if he would back closing loopholes that permit loose private sales on the internet and at gun shows.

The National Rifle Association on Wednesday quickly rejected any talk of raising the age for buying long guns to 21.

"Legislative proposals that prevent law-abiding adults aged 18-20 years old from acquiring rifles and shotguns effectively prohibits them for purchasing any firearm, thus depriving them of their constitutional right to self-protection," the group said in a statement.

Trump, despite his new push for at least some gun-control changes, stressed his backing for

the NRA on Thursday, tweeting that "the folks who work so hard at the @NRA are Great People and Great American Patriots. They love our Country and will do the right thing. MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!"

On Wednesday, Trump listened intently at the White House as students described the horror of the shootings at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland Florida. The students and their parents appealed to him to press for stricter gun controls.

"I turned 18 the day after" the shooting, said tearful student Samuel Zeif. "Woke up to the news that my best friend was gone. And I don't understand why I can still go in a store and buy a weapon of war. An AR. How is it that easy to buy this type of weapon? How do we not stop this after Columbine? After Sandy Hook?"

Trump promised to be "very strong on background checks." And he indicated he supported allowing some teachers and other school employees to carry concealed weapons to be ready for intruders.

The president had invited the teen survivors of school violence and parents of murdered children in a show of his resolve against gun violence in the wake of last week's shootings in Florida and in past years at schools in Connecticut and Colorado.

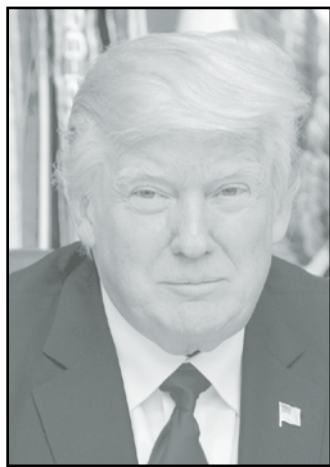
Trump asked his guests to suggest solutions and solicited feedback. He did not fully endorse any specific policy solution, but pledged to take action and expressed interest in widely differing approaches.

He largely listened, holding handwritten notes bearing his message to the families. "I hear you" was written in black marker.

Besides considering concealed carrying of weapons by trained school employees, a concept he has endorsed in the past, he said he planned to go "very strongly into age, age of purchase." And he said he was committed to improving background checks and working on mental health.

Most in the group Wednesday were emotional but quiet and polite.

But Andrew Pollack, whose daughter Meadow was killed last week, noted the previous school massacres and raged over his loss, saying this moment isn't about gun laws but about fixing the schools.



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High school band director keeps Grammy in box under desk



In this Thursday, Feb. 8, 2018, photo, Don Rollins poses for a photo holding his Grammy Award for Best Country Song of 2003 at Vidor High School in Vidor, Texas.

By LIZ TEITZ

Beaumont Enterprise
VIDOR, Texas — The windowsill of Don Rollins' office in the Vidor High School band hall is lined with University Interscholastic League trophies, two rows deep, celebrating the band's accomplishments.

His Grammy Award for Best Country Song of 2003 is wrapped in foam in a cardboard box under his desk.

The Vidor native, who won the award for co-writing "It's Five O'Clock Somewhere" for Alan Jackson and Jimmy Buffett, returned in 2014 to his hometown and high school, where he runs the program that first got him hooked on music.

Although the Grammy is

put away, the office shows signs of time spent in Nashville. Certificates testifying to the success of "It's Five O'Clock Somewhere" and a signed photo of Reba McEntire and Carole King adorn the wall, above the racks of guitars and piles of papers on his desk.

On a recent afternoon, Vidor's jazz band practiced in the band hall behind him.

The job takes someone who knows Vidor and its traditions, says Rollins, 56. "It's unique, and it's my hometown," he told The Beaumont Enterprise.

The Vidor job "requires a lot of weird knowledge," like coordinating fireworks and marching in the dark for homecoming, and directing one of the few military-style bands in the re-

gion.

Rollins returned to Southeast Texas from Nashville, where he lived "about two minutes down the lake from Johnny Cash's old place," in 2013 to teach saxophone at Lamar University. A year later he decided to stick around after longtime Vidor band director Ronnie Touchstone retired.

Although he sometimes misses Tennessee's four seasons, "I like what I'm doing and I like where I'm living," he said. "I tend to follow where the music thing leads me."

"The music thing" has taken him to Lamar University, where he studied under Jimmy Simmons, to Nashville, where he worked for music production company Warner/Chappell, and now

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No ghost writer is needed for this ghost town



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In this Feb. 12, 2018 photo, Virginia Pirtle Malicoat displays the book she wrote about her hometown, the ghost town Phillips, titled "Stained Glass and Railroad Tracks."

By JON MARK BEILUE

Amarillo Globe-News

AMARILLO, Texas — Virginia Pirtle Malicoat's mother was part of the great houses-on-wheels disappearance of Phillips nearly 30 years ago. The legal wrangling was over, and what had been several years in the making was done by 1989.

Houses, one after another, were trucked away from the unique company town two miles northeast of Borger. The town — founded in 1926 and renamed for the next-door petroleum company in 1938 — in essence, went with them.

"It was sad," Malicoat told the Amarillo Globe-News. "I didn't actually see any of those houses being moved. I didn't want to see my mother's, but I was hurt. It almost killed us who grew up there."

But from that forced migration to the Buna Vista area of Borger was a discovery, a discovery that led to a book. To clean out that house for the truck, some old trunks were moved from the attic. In them were piles of letters, photos, old clipped newspaper articles. It was a treasure trove of history.

Over time, Malicoat began to group them and put everything in some kind of chronological order. It went from generations to finally Virginia's generation. By then, she knew this was special, and the springboard for something bigger.

Always wanting to write, Malicoat had her inspiration. She only recently put the finishing touches on her book, "Stained Glass and Railroad Tracks," a breezy 296

pages. "It's just kind of a coming of age of a

young girl in a camp town that's definitely unique from any other town," she said.

For those of a certain age and a sense of Texas Panhandle history, there's an affinity for Phillips, of which Malicoat spends a good portion of her book detailing. It was the self-contained company town nestled right next to the refinery.

It was a town of several thousand, one that in the 1950s was a state football powerhouse whose high-achieving school was a point of community pride. It had two churches, the Jolly Drug, Ostrum Grocery, 66 Cleaners, a movie theater, a hospital. It was a town, because almost all worked for Phillips, that knew no economic class difference. It was a version of Mayberry in the Panhandle.

"Except we didn't have a sheriff," Malicoat said.

Walter Pirtle, Virginia's father, came to oil boom town of Borger from East Texas in the 1930s as a department store window dresser. He went back to the Tyler area for a time, and then returned for good a few years later, principally to work for a Borger department store owner from the Midwest, Sam Heinze.

When others were dropping their jobs to begin working for Phillips during the Depression, Pirtle stayed loyal to the man who gave him a chance. But when Heinze closed the store to move to Kansas City right at the start of World War II, Pirtle was able to land a job at Phillips.

Virginia was born at

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Waco-area school district software helps first responders

By SHELLY CONLON

Waco Tribune-Herald

ROBINSON, Texas (AP) — A McLennan County school district has implemented emergency planning software aimed at making inside knowledge about its facilities easy for first responders to access during dangerous situations, including gas leaks, natural disasters or even active shooter situations.

Robinson Independent School District, the Robinson Police Department and the Robinson Volunteer Fire Department have spent the past year adopting CommandScope, and the \$2,300 program recently became fully functional for all three entities, said David Wrzesinski, the district's special programs director in charge of safety. Robinson is the first in Texas to adopt CommandScope, according to the company. It is one of many incident pre-planning programs available.

Wrzesinski told the Waco Tribune-Herald the implementation is timely, in light of the St. Valentine's Day school shooting in Parkland, Florida, that left 17 dead.

The shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School was the deadliest school shooting since 20 first-grade students and six adults were killed in Newtown, Connecticut, in 2012. There have been 239 school shootings since the Newtown shooting, according to The New York Times.

Robinson's new software will ensure information first responders have is up to date and easy to share with other agencies that may assist with an incident, Wrzesinski said.

"When first responders get to the scene, it allows them to organize and map out the plan of action," he

said. "There's not a mystery when they get on campus. They're familiar with our campus."

The program lets officials use their computers in patrol cars and fire trucks to access floor plans, aerial photos of campuses, information about water pressure for the nearest fire hydrants, the location of hazardous materials in science labs and more, he said.

The software will also give first responders immediate access to cameras in any building from their vehicles and 3-D mapping abilities, but that capability is still in the works, he said.

"To have all this access to where we're not tearing doors apart — it's going to be a whole lot quicker to get in for whatever incident we're there for. . . It's going to be a time-saving measure, because normally when you get there you have to call someone to get you into the building or let you know what's going on, and now we'll be able to access that en route to the call," Robinson Fire Chief Gerald Groppe said.

The program also fits with first responders' approach to active-shooter situations, which is to move in as quickly as possible in an effort to confront and stop the shooter, said Wrzesinski, who also does active shooter training.

"Even with that, knowing the buildings and even knowing the cameras — the kid (suspected in the Feb. 14 Florida shooting) dropped his gun and blended into the crowd — but first responders can look at it," he said. "The information they could gather, not just school shootings,

they would know everything in minutes."

Robinson Police Chief Phillip Prasifka said the access to information is vitally important. Access to floor plans and cameras can help police identify where the point of aggression may be coming from and intervene sooner in an active shooter situation, he said.

"The fact the district has taken the initiative to bring in the software and the resources and open it up to police and fire, it shows the commitment on their end to keep children safe," Prasifka said.

Robinson ISD holds active shooter drills at least once a semester at each of its five campuses to train students and staff where to be and what steps to follow. The staff and 2,300 students in the district are taught how to create barriers between themselves and any intruder, Wrzesinski said.

The software also helps the three organizations build partnerships and forces officials to work together, instead of their first communication happening when there is some sort of tragedy, Wrzesinski said.



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Opinion



The Voice is Yours

The first Amendment is the most basic, widely understood and practiced right. Students learn what it means and how to use it, but should the same institution that teaches it have the power to censor it?

Due to conflicting cases like *Tinker v. Des Moines*, a landmark case where the US Supreme Court defined students rights in public schools, and *Hazelwood v. Kuhlmeier*, a case that ruled the students rights were not violated, this topic is still being debated. The censorship of student voices at school in the forms of articles, silent protest and words should not be allowed because it is an attempt at unnecessarily sheltering students from the outside world and the terrible things that happen. Schools might use the power to push political, religious, or moral views/values on the students because they think differently than they do.

Censoring students' voices in an attempt to shield or protect them from controversial or taboo topics because they might be too controversial is ridiculous. Those same students being censored or "protected" go home, turn the news on, play video games and witness things worse than an article about teen pregnancy or divorce. In *Hazelwood v. Kuhlmeier*, principal Robert Reynolds was looking over the

student-ran paper *The Spectrum* and made a decision to keep two articles from publication: one covering student's experiences with teen pregnancy, and the other, a student's experience with divorce.

In the first article the names of students were changed to keep their privacy, but Reynolds thought it was not enough to keep people from finding out who they were. He felt the second article lacked fairness because the student blamed her father for the divorce, and the father was not given notice about the article or a chance to respond. In this case, the Supreme Court ruled in favor of the school and its stance that what the principal did was not a violation of the students First Amendment right because it is a "school-sponsored publication". If we continue to allow schools the power to censor their students seemingly without substantial reason, or because it might not fit what school administrators believe whether its religious or political, shows a disgusting abuse of power and a lack of responsibility or care for the students' future.

There is a clear standard of separation of church and state, but schools skirt the line constantly. Allowing schools to censor based on religious views is unconstitutional, however it is the case for students across the country. Student publications are an outlet for students to reach their peers and connect through current events and issues, but the world is not perfect. No two people are the same or share the exact same values, but still students find similarities through discussions and learn from each other. Life is about learning and understand-

ing different opinions and viewpoints.

Censoring student voices limits these discussions, and hurts our children's knowledge of the world and problems people are facing just because a school and its officials hold different values and possess the government given power to stop students from speaking on certain topics. Without open platforms for discussion, students will not learn the basic things that help their future endeavors such as being an informed member of society, holding a political or current event based conversation and making decisions based on knowledge of the world like local and national elections. School is an institution made to shape young minds and help them discover who they are. They should not be used to push administrators political, religious or moral agendas.

Our voices are our power, and the First Amendment ensures that. The *Hazelwood v. Kuhlmeier* case is not just about freedom of speech. It is also about freedom of press and the censorship of student voices at school in the forms of articles, silent protests and words.

The ruling of *Hazelwood v. Kuhlmeier* is a direct disregard of the *Tinker v. Des Moines* precedent. This should not be allowed because schools can not protect students from everything bad in the world. This could lead to an abuse of power for political, religious or moral reasons. To keep our students rights safe, parents, students and administrators need to do everything possible to stop schools from being able to violate their rights.

Fighting for Our Rights

The 31st of January marked the first "Cure Hazelwood Day," a national movement advocating for states to overturn the disastrous *Hazelwood v. Kuhlmeier* decision that severely limited student free speech rights for student publications.

Student journalists all over the globe have to endure harsh criticism from peers and advisers, much like what people pursuing a journalistic career have to do on a daily basis. Unlike the journalism field, some stories created by student journalists are labeled "inappropriate" and are censored by administration. This is an infringement of the First Amendment rights guaranteed in the US Constitution. Student publications, especially those that serve as an open forum, should not be censored by school administration.

High school students are expected to perform exceedingly well with copious amounts of responsibility on their shoulders. Some students work the equivalent of a full time job in a school week, not to mention the possibility of students also having actual jobs on top of school work. The standards set for them do not parallel with the lack of freedom granted to such hardworking individuals.

There seems to be a stigma surrounding students expressing themselves freely which is high-

ly problematic with up-and-coming journalists. Free thinking is an important part of journalism, and is pivotal in the newsroom, which is why journalism courses in schools should be teaching material that resembles such conditions. Journalism courses are a place where students go to learn valuable knowledge for a career in the news industry. If they are being conditioned to think that their opinion doesn't matter, they will not be able to handle tasks in their newsrooms that involve self expression, and will make the publication less effective in sharing the news.

Young adults are being set up for failure and essentially being punished for having original thought. If a student produces content that is deemed appropriate by the journalism teacher, there should be no hesitation with publishing it. The school's ability to censor content should only be applied to works that do not follow the ethics of journalism and are an extension of the school.

An open forum paper, for example, is independent from the school and works should not have to go through administration before publishing. It is the school's responsibility to hire a professional journalism adviser capable of preparing students for the difficult life of a journalist instead of convincing students that their thoughts could potentially be censored.

The *Hazelwood* case is a perfect example of a situation in which a well equipped journalism adviser and well prepared students would have navigated around such an atrocity. Two students published stories that contained extremely controversial topics, and the works were taken down by the school's principal.

One article went as far as to blame a student's father for their parent's divorce. In a professional setting, this would never have been allowed as it is extremely damaging and hard to prove. The other article described the hardships endured by teen moms, and even had quotes from young mothers that attended the school. The names of the individuals involved were changed but little else was done to prevent someone finding out the identity of the individuals. Had these students been instructed correctly, the issues they covered could have been tastefully written. Instead, the works were published with clear ethics errors and were removed by administration. There was no communication on either part, and the paper ran with blank pages. Schools need to do better to prevent problems like this from occurring.

It is no secret that young adults are subjected to adult material both in and out of school. It is sadly an unavoidable reality of today's society. The school's motivation to shelter high school students by censoring things they see everyday is misplaced and they should be focusing efforts on teaching students to deal with adult situations they might encounter. Students are held to the same standards as adults while simultaneously being denied the rights given to them. These young adults work tirelessly to get respect in the journalistic field. To be denied the same rights given to professionals is a slap in the face. Student journalists deserve the same amount of seriousness as professionals in the field, and should be afforded free expression rights. Students, teachers and parents around the US need to stand up for their First Amendment rights.



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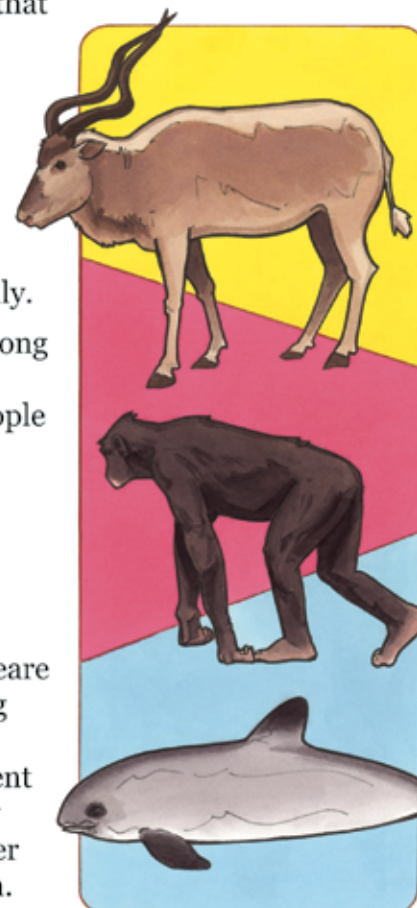


Endangered!

Ever heard of an addax? How about a bonobo or a vaquita? All are endangered animals that must be protected to ensure their existence.

The addax is a type of antelope that lives in the Sahara Desert in northern Africa. It has a grayish-brown coat in the winter, which turns sandy blonde or almost white in the summer. The bonobo is a type of chimpanzee that lives in the Congo Basin in central Africa. It has long legs, a dark face, pink lips and long, parted hair on its head. The vaquita is a type of porpoise that lives in the Gulf of California. It is stocky with dark rings around its eyes, patches on its lips, a dark gray back and a white belly.

The destruction of habitat, along with hunting and other things, have made these animals endangered. People are working to change this, however. The addax has been reintroduced in Morocco and Tunisia, and many are being raised in captivity. There are 29,000 to 50,000 bonobos left, and organizations are working hard to protect them and their habitat. There are only 100 to 300 vaquitas left, making them one of the most endangered species in the world. Laws now prevent the use of nets that have accidentally trapped and killed vaquitas, and other steps are being taken to protect them.



Jokes Jokes Jokes

Q: What kind of cookies do monkeys like?

A: Chocolate chimp.

Q: How do turtles communicate?

A: By shellphone.



What Rhymes with...

RARE



List 10 words that rhyme with "rare."

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

Some answers: bare, bear, care, dare, fair, fare, hair, hare, lair, mare

Name That Animal

There are endangered animals all over the world. Fill in the blanks to name some of them.



1. GI _ NT PA _ _ A
2. RE _ WO _ F
3. GR _ _ N SEA TURT _ E
4. CH _ NES _ A _ _ IGATOR
5. BL _ E WH _ LE
6. WIL _ WA _ ER BU _ _ ALO
7. A _ IAN E _ EP _ ANT

Answers: 1) Giant Panda, 2) Red Wolf, 3) Green Sea Turtle, 4) Chinese Alligator, 5) Blue Whale, 6) Wild Water Buffalo, 7) Asian Elephant

Fact or Fiction?

ENDANGERED CHALLENGE

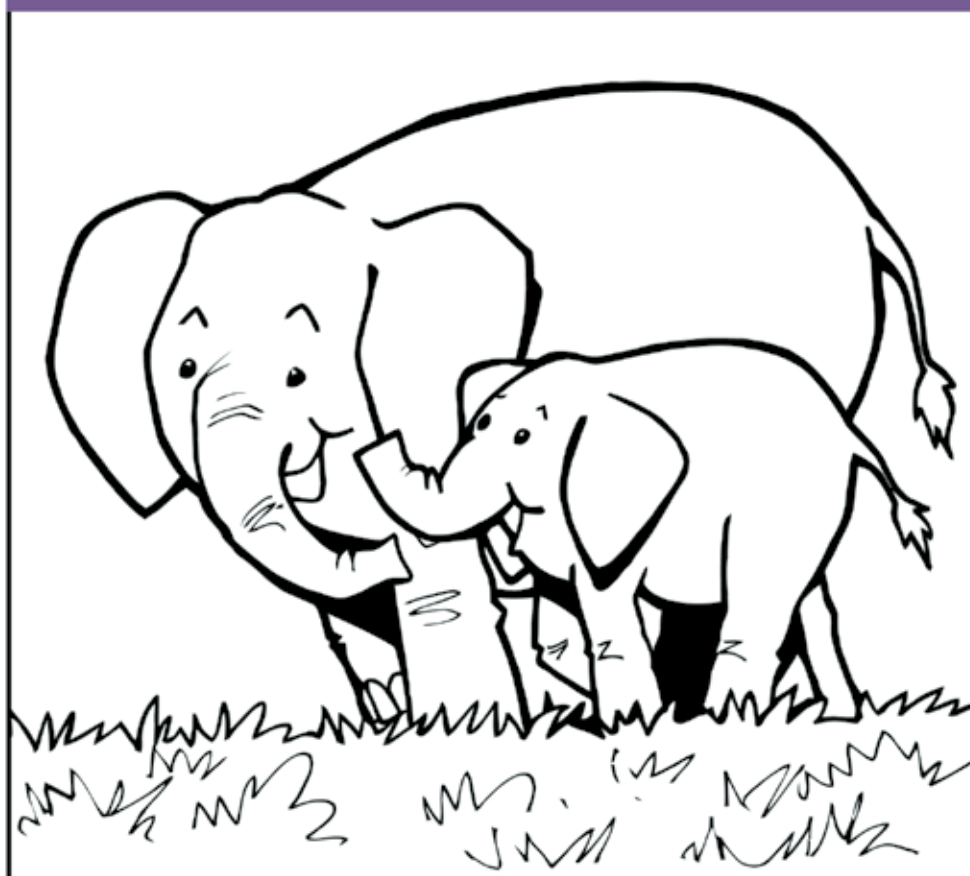


Some animals are endangered, that is, there are so few left that they could easily become extinct. Here are some questions about endangered animals. How many can you answer correctly?

- 1) The only animals that are endangered are located in the United States. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 2) The destruction of habitat is one of the main reasons animals become endangered. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 3) Hunting can also cause animals to become endangered. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 4) Calling an animal "endangered" can protect it but also harm it. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 5) Some countries have made laws to protect endangered animals. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 6) Some laws prevent the hunting of endangered animals. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 7) Some endangered animals are so near extinction that the only ones that remain are in captivity. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 8) Once an animal becomes endangered, it will always be in danger of becoming extinct. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 9) Once an animal becomes extinct, it is gone forever. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 10) The extinction of one animal group can lead to the extinction of another. **Fact or Fiction?**

Answers: 1) Fiction, there are endangered animals all over the world, 2) Fact, 3) Fact, 4) Fact, calling an animal endangered can make it more attractive to collectors and hunters, 5) Fact, 6) Fact, 7) Fact, 8) Fiction, some endangered animals have grown in number with the help of special programs and are no longer considered extinct, 9) Fact, 10) Fact

COLORING PICTURE



Brown's 14 second-half points pushes Kansas State past Texas



Kansas State guard Barry Brown (5) rebounds against Texas guard Matt Coleman, right, during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game in Manhattan, Kan., Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2018.

By **ANDREW HAMMOND**

Associated Press

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — For the third-straight home game, Kansas State went into halftime tied with an opponent, and with the game still in

question just under the five-minute mark, Barry Brown showed up when the Wildcats needed him most.

Brown scored 14 of his 16 points in the second half and Kansas State pulled away late to beat Texas 58-48

on Wednesday night.

"That was big time for him and for the team," Kansas State's Xavier Sneed said. "We all have confidence in just keep playing and keep doing the right things on the court. He is a big-time player and one of the best players in the league in my opinion. It is something we expect out of him."

In what was a cold shooting affair for both teams, the last five minutes saw Kansas State (20-8, 9-6 Big 12 Conference) close on a 16-4 run. Brown had the hot hand as he knocked down five free throws, two layups and a backbreaking 3-pointer in the final 4:49.

AP photo "Barry (Brown) made some plays you have to make plays down the stretch." Kansas State coach Bruce Weber said. "That was a good team. We had to be prepared for a grind out game."

The Wildcats shot 42 percent just 3 of 13 (23 percent) from long range. Texas (16-12, 6-9) shot 29 percent overall and missed 16 of 18 3-pointers.

Dean Wade added 13 points for Kansas State. Cartier Diarra had 12 points and Xavier Sneed chipped in nine with a game-high 13 rebounds for the Wildcats.

Matt Coleman scored 14 points and was a perfect 6-of-6 shooting from the free-throw line to lead Texas. Dylan Osetkowski finished with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

Coleman made six free throws and Osetkowski added three, including an 8-2 surge to give the Longhorns a 44-42 lead with 5:12 left before Kansas State pulled away.

"It is very tough," Texas coach Shaka Smart said. "When you are in the position that we were in up two coming out of a timeout. We have to play better defense the stretch, but you also have to score. We were not tough-minded offensively."

BIG PICTURE

Kansas State gets back-to-back 20-win seasons for the first time since the 2012-13 and 2013-14 seasons.

Texas, which beat then-No. 23

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Texas transgender wrestler back to defend state title



In this Friday, Feb. 16, 2018 photo, Eules Trinity's Mack Beggs, top, wrestles Lewisville's Elyse Nelson in the second round of the 110-pound girls division during the 6A Region II wrestling meet at Allen High School in Allen, Texas. Beggs, a senior from Eules Trinity High School near Dallas is transgender and in the process of transitioning from female to male.

By **JIM VERTUNO**

AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Mack Beggs is back.

He's still wrestling, still competing for a state championship and still undefeated.

And he's still wrestling against the girls. It's just been a lot quieter since last year when his march to a state championship was dogged by a last-minute lawsuit that tried to stop him and boos from the crowd when his hand was raised as the victor.

The senior from Eules Trinity High School near Dallas is transgender and in the process of transitioning from female to male.

It was his steroid therapy treatments while wrestling girls that stirred a fierce debate about competitive fairness and transgender rights last season. He's still taking steroids, which his mother said are just strong enough to create a wisp of facial hair and stop the menstrual cycle but not build muscle.

The 18-year-old Beggs wrestles in the girls' division because the rules for Texas public high schools require athletes to compete under the gender on their birth certificate. Starting Friday, he'll defend his title in the girls' Class 6A 110-pound division at the state tournament in Cypress, near Houston.

"He has so much respect for all the girls he wrestles," said Beggs' mother, Angela McNew. "People think Mack has been beating up on girls ... The girls he wrestles with, they are tough. It has more to do with skill and discipline than strength."

Beggs went 56-0 on his way to the state championship last sea-

son, and he's 32-0 this year after cruising through the regional finals last weekend.

"People don't realize that what happened during state, that was really, honestly, nothing," Beggs recently told the Dallas Morning News. "That didn't stop me from competing. That didn't stop me from being who I was."

"It sure as hell didn't stop me from doing what I wanted to do in the past, and it won't stop me from what I want to do in the future," he said.

McNew would not make Beggs available for interviews this week ahead of the state meet. The solitude allows him to concentrate on the task ahead and perhaps shield him from attacks on social media and occasional insults from the stands — or even other wrestling mats — during meets.

"Somebody posted they should put Mack in a men's prison and he should be raped," McNew said. "It has really gotten to me sometimes. He's still a teenager, a young adult trying to find his way ... Do people not have children of their own?"

Beggs' road to the championship last season included two forfeits in the regional tournament by wrestlers who feared injury. Beggs faced only one forfeit this season. The opposing coach and teammates had insisted the girl wrestle Beggs, but she refused, McNew said.

"Everyone told the girl, 'You are a wrestler, get out there and wrestle,'" McNew said.

Beggs' family has repeatedly said he wants to wrestle boys, but state competition rules won't allow it. The birth certificate rule

was approved in 2016 by the University Interscholastic League, the governing body for Texas high school sports. It was done to help schools determine competition, said Jamie Harrison, the UIL's deputy director.

"The UIL is not in the gender-determining business and schools don't want to be either," Harrison said.

Harrison said the UIL is willing to consider making exceptions to competition rules if asked. The UIL has not received a request from the Beggs family or his school to allow him to wrestle boys, Harrison said. And despite the national attention Beggs' drew last year, the UIL wouldn't initiate a move to let him wrestle boys unless asked, Harrison said.

"We don't think it would be appropriate to initiate," Harrison said. "We don't make value judgments. That's a matter for a person and their family to decide."

McNew said the family didn't ask because the birth certificate rule is clear that Beggs must wrestle as a girl.

A group of Texas state lawmakers attempted to intervene last year with a bill that would have barred Beggs from competing because of his steroid use. The proposal — which didn't specify name Beggs — passed the Senate but stalled in the House without a vote. The Legislature won't reconvene until 2018 when Beggs' high school career is finished.

Texas law bans steroids use by high school athletes, but the state stopped testing for it after 2015. Beggs can take testosterone and still compete because Texas allows a "safe harbor" exception for athletes taking performance-enhancers under a doctor's guidance for medical purposes.

If Beggs wrestles in college, he'll compete against men. Rules set by the NCAA, USA Wrestling and the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency already classify him as male because of his testosterone treatments. Beggs' family says he's considering a small college scholarship but won't say which school has offered.

Once his high school wrestling career is finished, the family will consult with a doctor about "top surgery," a procedure to remove breast tissue, giving Beggs a more masculine physique, his mother said.

"I know he's really excited to go off to college," McNew said. "He has put his life on hold as far as physically. I'm excited for him to be able to take a step forward and be where he wants to be."

TCU rallies past Iowa State 89-83

By **LUKE MEREDITH**

AP Sports Writer

AMES, Iowa (AP) — A grieving Donovan Jackson played his heart out for an Iowa State team that needed all the help it could get.

In the end it wasn't enough, as TCU eventually overwhelmed the undermanned Cyclones to avoid an overwhelming bad loss.

Desmond Bane had 27 points, including a crucial late dunk, and the Horned Frogs rallied to beat Iowa State 89-83 on Wednesday night for their second straight win.

Alex Robinson scored 18 points with six assists and Kouat Noi added 17 for the Horned Frogs (19-9, 7-8 Big 12), who reached seven wins in league play for the first time since they went 7-7 in the Mountain West Conference in 2012.

"I proud of the guys and the way they did it because (Iowa State) came out playing with emotion with all the things they have going on," TCU coach Jamie Dixon said. "We responded and held them off."

Jackson, playing in his first game since learning of his father's death over the weekend, scored 17 of his half points as the Cyclones — who dressed just seven players — jumped ahead 47-41.

But Jackson cooled off and TCU got hot, going on a 15-4 run early in the second half.

Noi then hit a jumper and Robinson added a free throw with 1:16 left to make it 83-78 and Lindell Wigginton turned it over on an air-balled 3. The Frogs then found Bane for an uncontested dunk, and they held on at the free throw line.

"It's going to be a different guy every night. It's been like that the whole season, and tonight happened to be my night," Bane said.

Jackson finished with 27 points for Iowa State (13-14, 4-11), which announced on Tuesday that starters Nick Weiler-Babb and Solomon Young would be out, likely for the rest of a season that could be over in just two weeks, because of knee trouble.

Weiler-Babb had been battling tendinitis for weeks, while Young had successful arthroscopic surgery on Tuesday.

Iowa State coach Steve Prohm said that Jackson learned on Saturday that his father had died of yet-unknown causes, and Jackson returned to Ames after visiting his family in Milwaukee.

Jackson's father's funeral is Saturday, and Jackson will miss that day's matchup against West Virginia.

"I just know that he would want me to come out here and compete," said Jackson, who broke down while recalling that his father wouldn't be calling him to dissect how he played. "He always used to tell me to attack the basket and get to the free throw line, and I got to the free throw line 10 times, so I know he's happy about that."

BIG PICTURE

TCU: With home games against Baylor and Kansas State coming up, the Horned Frogs have a chance to finish .500 in the toughest league in America. That'll likely go a long way with the NCAA Tournament committee.

Iowa State: This was a culture win for Prohm. The Cyclones had every excuse in the world to pack it in and wait for next season, but they battled for each other and for Jackson after a dismal showing in a loss to Kansas State over the weekend. But it's hard to win a close game down the stretch with six guys, as freshman Terrence Lewis fouled out with 5:26 left.

THE NUMBERS

Wigginton had 14 points on 5-of-13 shooting, and fellow freshman Cameron Lard had 14 points with eight rebounds. ...TCU went 16 of 20 at the line.

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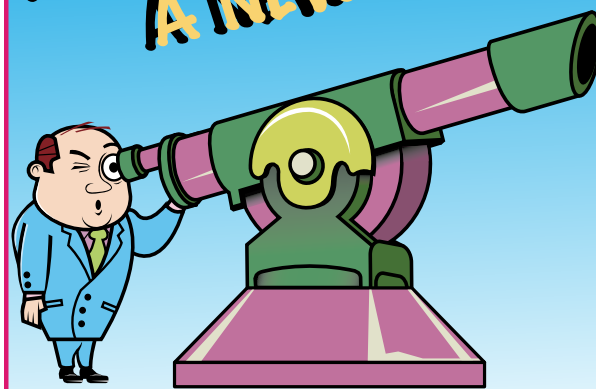
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By Steve Becker

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- ♠ AQ ♥ AJ ♦ Q43 ♣ KQJ862
- ♠ 5 ♥ AQ93 ♦ KJ7 ♣ AKQ73
- ♠ AJ62 ♥ — ♦ A84 ♣ KQ9752
- ♠ 10 ♥ A ♦ AKJ92 ♣ KQ8743

1. One notrump. Though it is normal to raise partner whenever you have four trumps and it might therefore be contended that the proper rebid is two diamonds — there are several good reasons for preferring one notrump.

First, the hand is well-suited for notrump play, which is best expressed by a rebid of one notrump. A two-diamond bid would tend to imply more in the way of distributional values, such as a singleton or a couple of doubletons, which is not the case here.

Also, the opponents' silence makes it more likely that partner has a good hand and is headed for game. If this hope materializes, a nine-trick notrump game seems far more promising than an 11-trick diamond game. Furthermore, if the best contract is notrump, your holdings in the majors suggest that the hand will play better from your side of the table.

2. Three notrump. You should be unwilling to settle for less than three

notrump once partner responds with one diamond. A jump to two notrump or three clubs would run the risk of a pass, since either of these bids would merely invite, but not force, partner to bid again.

3. Two hearts. The jump-shift in hearts forces partner to bid again and commits the partnership to game. With this gigantic hand, you can afford to insist on another response, even though partner might have only six points. Game, or perhaps even a slam, is highly probable in clubs, diamonds, hearts or notrump, but which denomination and how far to go remains to be resolved.

4. One spade. You have no choice but to try to describe your distribution on an installment-plan basis, bidding spades now and showing your club length and diamond support later to identify the three-suited nature of your hand. Of course, you have a strong preference for clubs as trumps over spades, but at this stage you cannot afford to bypass the possibility that partner has four-card spade support.

5. Four notrump. The number of aces partner has is the key to how many tricks you can make with diamonds as trumps, so you invoke Blackwood. If partner shows no aces by bidding five clubs, you next bid five diamonds; if he shows one ace, you bid six diamonds; if he shows two aces, you bid seven diamonds.

Tomorrow: South has a problem to solve.

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ANSWER:

Tomorrow's Horoscope

How to Behave Under the Gemini Moon

Everyone has behaviors they wish they could change. While less than ideal, these ways of dealing with the world thrive in isolation. You never know what kind of good you can do by reaching out to people who might be feeling alone. Bonus: The more social and open you are under this Gemini moon, the better you'll conform to your own standards.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You simply can't learn everything you need to know from a single point of reference, so you'll move around and investigate the story from many different angles.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The phrase of the day is, "That's not how I remember it!" Even while uttering this, the memories will rearrange themselves, having gained greater context and meaning in light of current events.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll be presented with ideas that are such a bad fit for you it's almost comical -- but don't laugh. Listen. The perspective you'll gain will be invaluable.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). In seeking partnership, pay keen attention to how you feel around other people. This is far more important than what others can do for you on paper. The best partner will make you feel lively and motivated.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You can avoid future awkwardness by playing against the tendency to make endings so definitive. Keep it open. Try, "see you around," "until next time," or "enjoy!" instead of "goodbye."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Life is your art form. The artist's journey includes playing around with new and different materials to keep things fresh. You'll find something that is "so you," but only if you step out of your current comfort zone.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Opportunity isn't something to wait for -- it's something to make. The ingredients are simple: communication in numbers. Write the letter and make the pitch, and then get it to as many people as

By HOLIDAY MATHIS



best ideas spring from what and whom you

love. Gemini and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 12, 9, 38, 2 and 17.

COSMICALLY CURIOUS ABOUT ... SELF-PARENTING (PART FOUR): Adulthood is essentially a journey toward becoming the ideal parent of yourself.

For Gemini, the idea that each individual person is made up of a multitude of people is not so difficult to grasp. Used to being a twin, Gemini understands that inside each

grown person is the person they were at 3 years old -- and the person they were at 8 years old, too. There's the devil's advocate, the judge, the jury, the lover, the fighter and, among many others, the kind parent. For Gemini, self-parenting is a matter of recognizing the existence of all those inner archetypes and then choosing to focus on the voice of the parent.

Parenting is not rocket science. It doesn't have to be complicated. The basics of good parenting include protection, nutrition, encouraging optimal sleep patterns and creating an atmosphere where the child can learn and grow on all levels. While there are certain boundaries, limits and disciplines to apply, they should be geared toward helping the child function effectively in a larger social environment. For a Gemini, effective self-parenting involves simply acknowledging that the ideal parent is already inside -- the answers are intuitive, and all a Gemini has to do is choose to listen and follow the guide.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: In Drew Barrymore's photograph book "Find It in Everything," she shares her pictures of the heart shapes that have shown up in her everyday life through the years. The multitasking Pisces artist (with Venus and Jupiter in Pisces, too) has more love than ever to celebrate as a mother of two daughters. She'll expand her producing credits this year with the television series, "The Black Rose Anthology."

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). What conspires between you and the competition will not dissuade you, but will instead strengthen your convictions and your fearlessness. You may change your approach, but you'll continue the journey.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Embrace your constraints; they make you more creative. Also, you may suspect that you don't have all the information -- good! There's a Forrest Gump kind of luck born of blissful, optimistic ignorance.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 22). Most positive-minded people can find the opportunity in a bad situation. But you will do something much more rare this year: You'll turn an already good situation into an optimal showcase for your unique work. You will touch and inspire people. Your strength springs from family; your

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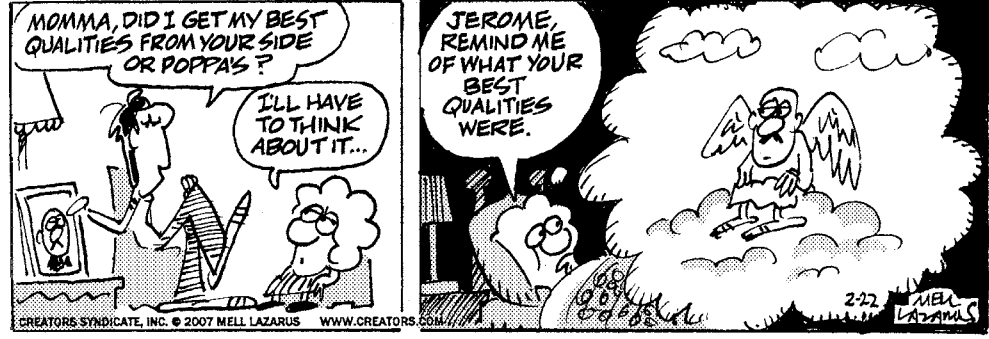
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they later returned.) In 1974, Pakistan officially recognized Bangladesh (formerly East Pakistan).

In 1980, the "Miracle on Ice" took place in Lake Placid, New York, as the United States Olympic hockey team upset the Soviets, 4-3.

In 1997, scientists in Scotland announced they had succeeded in cloning an adult mammal, producing a lamb named "Dolly."

On this date: In 1630, English colonists in the Massachusetts Bay Colony first sampled popcorn brought to them by a Native American named Quadequina for their Thanksgiving celebration.

In 1862, Jefferson Davis, already the provisional president of the Confederacy, was inaugurated for a six-year term following his election in November 1861.

In 1892, "Lady Windermere's Fan" by Oscar Wilde was first performed at London's St. James' Theater.

In 1909, the Great White Fleet, a naval task force sent on a round-the-world voyage by President Theodore Roosevelt, returned after more than a year at sea.

In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge delivered the first radio broadcast from the White House as he addressed the country over 42 stations.

In 1935, it became illegal for airplanes to fly over the White House.

In 1943, Pan Am Flight 9035, a Boeing 314 flying boat, crashed while attempting to land in Lisbon, Portugal.

In 1959, the inaugural Daytona 500 race was held; although Johnny Beauchamp was initially declared the winner, the victory was later awarded to Lee Petty.

In 1967, more than 25,000 U.S. and South Vietnamese troops launched Operation Junction City, aimed at smashing a Vietcong stronghold near the Cambodian border. (Although the communists were driven out,

R-Tenn., is 66. Former White House adviser David Axelrod is 63. Actor Kyle MacLachlan is 59. World Golf Hall of Famer Vijay Singh is 55. Actress-comedian Rachel Dratch is 52. Actor Paul Lieberstein is 51. Actress Jeri Ryan is 50. Actor Thomas Jane is 49. TV host Clinton Kelly is 49. Actress Tamara Mello is 48. Actress-singer Lea Salonga (LAY-uh suh-

LONG-guh) is 47. Actor Jose Solano is 47. International Tennis Hall of Famer Michael Chang is 46. Rock musician Scott Phillips is 45. Singer James Blunt is 44. Actress Drew Barrymore is 43. Actress Liza Huber is 43. Rock singer Tom Higginson (Plain White T's) is 39. Actor Zach Roerig is 33. Actor Daniel E. Smith is 28.

Thought for Today: "The passion for setting people right is in itself an afflictive disease."

Marianne Moore, American poet (1887-1972).

Newsday Crossword

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CALM DOWN by Clive Probert

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The Lasso

Big Spring High School's weekly update

By **SHOPHIE DOMINGUEZ**,
BSHS Journalist

After a restful four-day weekend, classes and activities are back in full swing at BSHS.

Steer baseball started off their season with a major home victory against Levelland on Monday. JV won with a score of 11-2, while Varsity won 17-11.

Last night, Lady steer softball had a home game against Lamesa. Varsity took the win 7-1. JV only played for an hour with the score tied 7-7 at the bottom of the third.



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Wednesday, students voted for Mr. and Mrs. BSHS. The results will be released on Friday at thecorralonline.com. This is the highest honor a student at BSHS can earn.

The school also voted for a favorite male and female teacher. Results for that will also be posted on Friday.

Varsity Tennis played their first tournament of the season last weekend. Marisa Salazar placed second. Blade Franks won the consolation. Nick Gomez placed third in singles. The whole team finished second overall by one point.

The track team will be competing at Lubbock Frenship this weekend.

Big Spring Golf will have tournaments this weekend. Varsity boys will be in Lubbock while the girls will travel to Sweetwater.

Yearbook sales will be increasing again in the final weeks. Purchase your 2017-2018 yearbooks at the high school front office or at balfour.com.

For more information about Big Spring High School, visit thecorralonline.com, the official student news site of BSHS.



Courtesy photo

Pictured above is Bryson Ovalle competing at the Greenwood powerlifting meet on February 15, 2018.

GRAMMY

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back to Southeast Texas.

"That's a mistake I see a lot of young talented people make over and over again — they don't go with the flow," Rollins said, and stick to their plans rather than following opportunities.

While still in high school, Rollins played with Simmons' band on jazz nights at Carlo's on Calder. A few years later, he was a student in Simmons' music department, where he "built himself a nest" more quickly than other students.

While Rollins is known for country songs, he's an "extremely talented" jazz and classical musician, Simmons said.

"As a teacher, you just dream of those things happening to your students," he said of Rollins' success in the industry, which he said makes him a model teacher now.

At the college level, "I've always felt you don't want professional teachers, you want professionals to teach," Simmons said, because they have experiences to share with students.

While his days now are filled with some of the "goofy things" a high school band director has to do, Rollins still writes songs several days a week, he said.



AP photo

In this Thursday, Feb. 8, 2018, photo, Don Rollins, who won a Grammy Award for Best Country Song of 2003, plays a song on his guitar during an interview at Vidor High School in Vidor, Texas.

"This year, I made some changes," he said, stepping back from playing to make song-writing more of a priority again. He keeps notes in his phone for song ideas, something that's always come naturally, he said.

"I'm as much of an English geek as I am a music one," he said, passing time as a college student in particularly boring college classes writing Shakespearean sonnets.

Rollins said he writes songs in "verses and big clumps, fast."

When he and Jim Brown sat down to write what became their Grammy-winning hit, "we started at 10 o'clock and we were done by lunch," Rollins said.

He was in a Target store when he got a call that Alan Jackson wanted to record the song. Rollins said he and Brown intended for the song to have a "Margaritaville" vibe. He thought Jackson was "way too country for that song."

The decision made more sense when he learned it would be a duet with Buffett. The song went from a demo cut in March 2003 to the top of the Billboard Hot Country Songs chart by mid-summer.

"You never know when something's going to resonate," Rollins said. At the time, he was writing five days a week. He can't remember what else he was working on.

"You just flush your brain and go into the next appointment," he said.

Rollins has been writing as long as he's been playing, he said, starting with guitar lessons when he was 7. He picked up the saxophone in high school and "in ninth or 10th grade, something snapped," he said.

"I never was a practice room rat, most of my improving's been done on stage," he said, starting with his first gig at the South Texas State Fair.

That's the advice he gives to his students now, he said, because it's the best way to learn what people like to hear and see their reactions.

"There's nothing like watching the song in front of your audience," he said. "That's what I really recommend."

Although he's written "probably over 1,000 songs," he's still got a few on his bucket list. He would love to write for Tim McGraw or Tricia Yearwood, he said, and "everyone would have loved a George Strait cut."

Steer Pride Corner

Special to the Herald

Moss hosted its annual Sweetheart dance on Friday, February 16th. The goal of the dance was to promote family relations with the school, and allow students and families an opportunity to participate with one another in a fun and safe environment. The turnout was impressive, and all of the families had a wonderful time. The Moss Parent Community Group planned the event.

Anybody looking for ways to volunteer with the school can become involved in Moss's PCG by contacting the school.

Courtesy photo

Amelia Islas dances with her father at the Moss Elementary Sweetheart Dance.



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Phillips Pantex hospital in 1944, one of the last births before it closed at the end of the year and a new one opened. It was at Phillips' population height of 4,250. That began 19 years of calling Phillips home, and about 45 that her mother, Verda, did.

"Everybody thinks where they grew up was the center of the universe," Malicoat said, "but it was such a happy time. Part of it was the time we grew up — the 1950s. We didn't have any worries. We had no idea who made what kind of money or who had what kind of job. We were all equal."

As far as the book title, Virginia has always admired the beauty of stained glass once a staple for churches, including both in Phillips. She has some stained glass in a frame from the Methodist church in Phillips that was blown out by an explosion in 1980.

Virginia was almost born on a railroad track. Before moving from Borger, her brother drove a pregnant Verda a short distance to the Pantex hospital where Walter waited for the arrival. But they had to impatiently wait for a train to cross first.

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TCU

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...Zoran Talley scored 12 points on 6-of-9 shooting for the Cyclones. ...The Horned Frogs committed 15 turnovers to just nine for Iowa State. ...Vlad Brodziansky had 14 points but just three rebounds for TCU.

HE SAID IT

"It puts a lot of things in perspective. Yeah, you're losing. You want to do a better job. But Donovan is a 22-year-old senior with the whole world in front of him. He'd probably give everything in the world to have one more conversation with his father. I can't even imagine what it's like," Prohm on Jackson.

UP NEXT

TCU hosts the Bears on Saturday.
Iowa State plays at West Virginia on Saturday.



AP photo
TCU's JD Miller (15) dunks on Iowa State during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game, Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2018, in Ames, Iowa.

US curlers to play for Olympic gold after upsetting Canada



AP photo

United States team jubilates after defeating Canada during the men's curling semifinal match at the 2018 Winter Olympics in Gangneung, South Korea, Thursday, Feb. 22, 2018. United States won.

By KRISTEN GELINEAU

Associated Press

GANGNEUNG, South Korea (AP) — John Shuster and his U.S. team will play for a gold medal against Sweden after a 5-3 semifinal upset over Canada, a country that has struggled at the Pyeongchang Olympics despite dominating the world of curling for years.

The U.S. victory Thursday was a remarkable comeback story for team which had never beaten Canada at the Olympics and hadn't made the podium since the 2006 Turin Games, when they won a bronze medal.

Just as remarkable was the loss for Canada, which has won the gold in men's curling at the last three Winter Olympics. The Canadian women's team, meanwhile, didn't even make the semifinals, despite being the defending world champions.

It was the second time in the day that the Americans beat the Canadians in one of their national sports. The U.S. women's hockey team won the gold medal game 3-2 in a shootout, snapping Canada's streak of four consecutive gold medals in that event.

Shuster's victory follows a particularly rocky Olympic path. After winning the bronze in Turin, he was benched at the 2010 Vancouver Games in the middle of the tournament because his performance was so poor. In Sochi, Shuster's team finished in ninth place.

"It's a pretty good story. This is just another step," Shuster said. "I just decided that, 50 years from now, maybe I'm long gone, when my kids are showing my grandkids video from the Olympics, I don't want all my videos to be me failing."

The turning point in the semifinal game came in the eighth end, of period. The teams were tied 2-2, and Canada had a distinct advantage known as the hammer, the right to throw the final rock of the end. But Kevin Koe, the team's "skip," or captain, threw the stone too light and it came up short of the target known as the house. The U.S. had two rocks in the target, giving them a two-point steal and putting them ahead 4-2.

In the next end, Canada blew its chance to score two points with its final rock, when Koe threw the stone a bit too hard and it skittered out of the house. The Canadians had to settle for one point, bringing the score to 4-3.

In the final end, Shuster threw the last rock, which knocked the lone Canadian stone out of the center of the house, adding one point to their score and sealing their win.

An elated Shuster pumped his fist in victory and the Americans whooped with joy. Vice-skip Tyler George ran up and down the arena holding up his index finger in a symbol of No. 1 as the crowd chanted, "USA! USA!"

Matt Hamilton said he planned to celebrate by going back to the athletes' village and ordering a McFlurry.

"The U.S. has been waiting for something like this and needing a sort of spark," he said.

Kelsey Landsteiner, whose husband John Landsteiner is on the team, burst into tears after the win. She said the men had been determined to show the world that they were worthy of the gold.

"They wanted to prove to everybody that they could do it as well and really just bring it back for America," she said. "We need to prove our curling game is just as high and just as good as the Canadians, and I think we've proved that."

The Canadians will play for a bronze medal against Switzerland, which fell 9-3 to the Swedes in another semifinal match.

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