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## Library accreditation issues reported to County Commissioners

**By ROGER CLINE**  
 Staff Writer  
 The Howard County Library is facing potential accreditation issues, librarian Mavour Braswell told county commissioners at their meet-

ing Wednesday. Braswell was hired last year as a joint director for both the county library and the Howard College Library; part of her assignment in those roles is to explore the feasibility of a merger of the two libraries. Public libraries in Texas are accredited under the authority of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, which maintains standards for public libraries

in the state. Part of the issue at the local library is financial, while another part is a personnel issue, Braswell said. "Part of it is based on not having the same expendi-

tures that we've had on average over the last three years," she said. "So the state takes your last three years of expenditures, and they come See **LIBRARY**, Page 3

## Cars, Stars and Handlebars tickets going fast



*File photo*  
**Stacey Barr stands with Ed Moughon as she holds tickets to the annual Cars, Stars and Handlebars event. Tickets are still on sale, but selling fast, so don't miss out!**

**By AMBER MANSFIELD**  
 Staff Writer  
 What do you get when you combine cars, stars and handlebars together for one event? You get a night filled with fun, laughter, food, drinks, seeing old friends, making new ones and the chance to win big at the Cars, Stars, and Handlebars fund-raiser event. Cars, Stars, and Handlebars is an annual event that has been a long-running fundraiser conducted by the Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council with the help of the Big Spring Rotary Club. This event, which has become a yearly tradition, has a mission to generate funds for the patients of Big Spring State Hospital. "We have been doing this fundraiser for years, always helping out the hospital and it's patients in different ways," said Thomas Padilla, of the Rotary Club. "This event not only serves a greater purpose, but the guests of Cars and Stars always have a lot of fun." Cars, Stars and Handlebars will kick off at 4 p.m. Saturday, April 21 at the Howard County Fair Barn with a cash bar. Tickets for this event are \$100, or a \$100 donation to the cause, with only 1,000 tickets sold and that's it. Each \$100 donation gives the ticket holder and their

## Two injured in Monahans train wreck



*Courtesy photo*  
**The photo above shows the aftermath of the two-train collision that happened Wednesday morning near the railroad crossing at Eva and Sealy Avenue in Monahans.**



**Special to the Herald**  
 MONAHANS - Two men are in the hospital following a two-train collision which occurred about 1:30 a.m. Wednesday near the railroad crossing at Eva and Sealy Avenue in Monahans. Union Pacific Railroad representatives told CBS 7 News that one train, which was un-

occupied, collided with the rear of another train. Two conductors were cut out of the second train by emergency crews; one was taken to Odessa, while the other was taken to Ward County Hospital. Their injuries are reportedly not life threatening. Investigators were working at the scene Wednesday and reviewing onboard vid-

eo from the trains to determine the cause of the crash. Contractors have also begun clearing the scene, a job which was expected to continue throughout Wednesday and into the night. The trains were loaded with cargo containers, which scattered when the trains derailed as a result of the collision.

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## It's time for a clean up at Moss Lake



*Courtesy photo*  
**Photographed above is a spot out at Moss Lake, which is located at 10000 East Moss Lake Road. Moss Lake is hosting a Lake Clean Up day Saturday, April 21 at 8 a.m.**

**By AMBER MANSFIELD**  
 Staff Writer  
 To the east of Big Spring, hidden by a forest of mesquite trees and rolling hills, is a little reservoir called Moss Creek Lake, or Moss Lake. This hidden little gem may be small in comparison to some lakes, but still has plenty to offer for anyone who comes for a visit.

At Moss Lake you can find a sandy beach for swimmers and sand castle builders, hundreds of acres for hiking and ATV's, campsites, pavilions, and plenty of room for boats and jet skiers. Though, just like any area that has people who come to visit, camp, BBQ or fish, there will be trash left behind. This can not only make an area aesthetically unpleasant, but can

also harm the environment. That's why one local decided to take it upon herself to organize a community clean up for Moss Lake to help get rid of the trash so that Moss Lake can be a place that provides a clean and safe environment for the community to visit. "My family and I are always going out to Moss and we love it," said Olivia Newton, coordinator of the Moss Lake Clean up. "Though this last time, we went out to Moss we noticed that there was a lot of trash left out by people who haven't been doing their part." The Moss Lake Clean Up will start on Saturday, April 21 at 8 a.m., with volunteers meeting first by the bathrooms where gloves and trash bags will be distributed. Newton, who also works in the Behavioral Unit at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, stated that people who come to Moss and don't pick up after themselves is starting to create a problem for those who try and make Moss an enjoyable place for families and people to gather. So, she decided it was time to step up and clean up. "The new owners Steve and Tine See **MOSS**, Page 3



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## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **PATRICK LAMOND WILBERT JR.**, 25, of 1407 Settles St.,
- **LANCE LANDELL CURTIS**, 33, of 116 N G Place, on a charge

of driving with license with previous convictions.

- **THEFT** was reported on W CR 50 and FM 2230, and in the 6600 block of N Service Rd.
- **BURLGARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1900 block of

E 19th St.

- **THEFT OF FIREARM** was reported in the 1900 block of Alabama St.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 3200 block of S Hey 87.

## Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 68 inmates at the time of this report.

- **KENNETH R COOPER**, 34, was arrested by DPS on a charge

of driving while intoxicated.

- **LANCE CURTIS**, 33, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of criminal mischief less than \$100.
- **MICHAEL ANGELO GARZA**, 29, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of driving while intoxicated.

• **SAMMY MARTINEZ**, 48, was arrested by DPS on a charge of public intoxication.

- **PATRICK LAMOND WILBERT JR.**, 25, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving with license with previous convictions.

## Take Note

• Stop by the American Legion Post 506, for a good ol' fish fry. Don't feel like getting out but still want to eat some fish and support your local legion? Not to worry, American Legion is also doing carry outs as well. The fish fry will be Saturday April 21. American Legion will start serving from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and will be doing delivery's for carry out plates in between 11 p.m. and 1 p.m. Plates will be \$10 each, and everyone is welcome. American Legion is located on 3203 W HWY 80.

For more information or to order in a plate for delivery call 432-263-2084.

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

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

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

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

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit [www.BecomeaCASA.org](http://www.BecomeaCASA.org) or [www.casawtx.org](http://www.casawtx.org).

• The Crossroads Young Marines is taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.

• The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop mortgage foreclosure and are need of help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. For free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

• Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas, handles legal issues affect-

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

For more information or to make an appointment, please contact Pete Fierro at 432-332-1207, ext. 4511.

• The Howard County Democrats meet the second and fourth Mondays of each month, at 5:30 p.m. in the Howard College Library.

• The Howard County Fair Board thanks all those who are working on a square for the 2018 quilt. There are still a few squares left to be done; anyone able to help by stitching a square may pick one up at the Heritage Museum during regular hours Tuesday through Saturday. For questions or for more information, please contact Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674.

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

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

• Big Spring's Centennial Lions Club is holding a drive to collect books for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. Books for kids in kindergarten through about 10th grade will be accepted, with special preference for books for younger children in kindergarten through third grade. Cash

donations to allow the Lions to purchase additional books are also appreciated. Books or donations can be taken to the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., or to the home of Lions member Ken Lawhon at 1707 E. 15th St. For more information, contact Lawhon at 214-998-9716 or Lions member David Stives at 432-270-2251.

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

If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2000 block of Rickabaugh Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wasson Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported on 1400 block of Apron Dr. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of E FM 700. No transport.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of Birdwell. No transport.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. No transport.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of E 24th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2000 block of S Monticello. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **FRENCH FIRE** was contained reported in the 700 block of E 15th St. It was contained.

## 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.

### MONDAY

• Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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# New data: Americans filling far fewer opioid prescriptions

By **LINDA A. JOHNSON**  
AP Medical Writer

TRENTON, N.J. — New data show that the number of prescriptions for opioid painkillers filled in the U.S. fell dramatically last year. They showed their biggest drop in 25 years.

The decline comes amid increasing legal restrictions and public awareness of the dangers of addiction.

A health data firm released a report Thursday showing a 9 percent average drop nationwide in the number of prescriptions for opioids filled by retail and mail-order pharmacies. All 50 states and the District of Columbia had declines of more than 5 percent.

The U.S. is estimated to consume roughly 30 percent of all opioids used worldwide.

Health data firm IQVIA's Institute for Human Data Science released a report Thursday showing an 8.9 percent average drop nationwide in the number of prescriptions for opioids filled by retail and mail-order pharmacies. All 50 states and the District of Columbia had declines of more than 5 percent. Declines topped 10 percent in 18 states, including all of New England and other states hit hard by the opioid overdose epidemic, such as West Virginia and Pennsylvania.

"We're at a really critical moment in the country when everybody's paying attention to this issue," said Michael Kleinrock, the institute's research di-

rector. "People really don't want them if they can avoid them."

There was an even greater drop in total dosage of opioid prescriptions filled in 2017, down 12 percent from 2016. Reasons for that include more prescriptions being for a shorter duration, a 7.8 percent decline in new patients starting on opioid prescriptions and far fewer high-dose prescriptions.

Opioid doses are measured in "morphine milligram equivalents." (A standard Vicodin pill has the equivalent of 5 milligrams of morphine.) Prescriptions for dosages of 90 morphine milligram equivalents per day or more, which carry the highest addiction risk, declined by 16 percent last year, according to the report.

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Opioid prescriptions and daily doses rose steadily starting in the 1990s, fueled by factors including marketing of new opioid pills such as Oxycontin. Use peaked in 2011 at levels far above those in other wealthy countries where national health systems control narcotics more aggressively.

The U.S. decline began after overdoses

and deaths from prescription opioids and illicit narcotics soared, and multiple groups pushed back.

The federal government and about half the states have enacted restrictions, such as limiting the dose or duration of opioids that can be prescribed. Insurers and drug stores began imposing similar limits on opioid use for acute pain, as opposed to cancer and chronic pain patients. The Drug Enforcement Administration increased prosecution of heavy prescribers. And numerous medical groups have issued guidelines urging prescribers to offer other pain-management options when possible and to limit doses and duration of opioid prescriptions.

Despite those measures, deaths from drug overdoses have continued to increase in the U.S. and emergency rooms saw a big jump in overdoses from opioids last year, according to government data.

Doctors have been heeding the messages from medical groups, and some worry they'll be arrested or lose their license if they provide too many opioids, said Bob Twillman, executive director of the Academy of Integrative Pain Management, which represents doctors and others who treat pain patients.

"We get a lot of phone calls from patients whose primary care doctors have said they won't prescribe opioids at all," and want referrals to other doctors, Twillman said.

The opioid data are part of IQVIA's annual report on U.S. drug-spending trends. It noted that last year the total spent on prescription drugs, after multiple discounts and rebates drug-makers give to middlemen, was \$324 billion, up 0.6 percent. The report forecasts that after such discounts, drug spending will rise by 2 percent to 5 percent annually for the next five years.

## TICKETS

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plus one an evening of fun, hours d'oeuvres, musical entertainment, and the opportunity to take home one of the following vehicles: 2018 Ford Edge, 2018 Chevy Camaro, 2018 Dodge Ram Truck or a 2018 Harley Davidson Street Glide. The 2nd place prize is a big screen television. Winners don't need to be present to win.

This year's guests of Cars, Stars and Handlebars will be privy to Casino Game Night. Casino games begin at 5:30 p.m., following with hours d'oeuvres to be served at 6 p.m. The more you play the casino games, the more chances to win door prizes.

"This year we decided to do a little something different for the guests of Cars and Stars. We think the public is really going to enjoy casino night and the games provided for their entertainment," said Padilla. "I hope everyone gets their tickets fast because once their gone, they are gone, and you don't want to miss out. There are only a few places left in town that you can get them."

To purchase tickets for this lively and boisterous evening, stop by one of the following locations: All Washed Up,

Big Mikes, The Chalet, Wells Fargo, Dazzling Decor and Cosden Credit Union. For more information, check out the Cars, Stars and Handlebars Facebook.

## MOSS

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Salinas have already done so much for Moss to make it a clean and fun place for everyone," said Newton. "They were ecstatic and grateful when I asked them if I could host a clean up day for Moss."

Moss Lake was constructed in 1938 by the City of Big Spring with help from the Army Corp of Engineers as a surface water source. Currently, the water is pumped from E.V. Spence Reservoir, an artificial lake located west of the town of Robert Lee, to Moss Creek Lake and then transferred to the CRMWD transmission system. This means Moss Creek Lake provides water for Howard County and several surrounding counties, along as serving as a recreational facility.

"The community needs to take pride in our lake and help keep it clean. It serves as more than just a means of entertainment, but also a water source for Howard County," said Newton. "My dad always used to say if you bring it in, you need to take it out."

Trash items are unsightly and are a sign of human neglect or disregard for aesthetic values and natural ecosystems. Trash can come from the people who fish or participate in other forms of water-related recreation, and mostly by bringing in outside trash and disposing of it properly. Most items you will see around lakes are household trash, including plastic cups, plastic bags and wrapping materials, fast-food wrappers, plastic bottles, and other plastic containers. Plastics can be especially hazardous to wildlife. Depending on

their form they can either be ingested, causing internal organ failure, or they can cause a slow strangulation.

The good news is that everyone, even those of us who aren't living on lake front property, can do things that improve our water quality. "Keep Big Spring Beautiful is coming to help, but the more volunteers we have the better," said Newton. "They will be providing gloves and trash bags, and I will have some cases of water but it's always good to bring extra water."

According to waterencyclopedia.com, research has shown that people are more likely to behave in ways that preserve our waterways if they are clean in the first place. If a lake, stream bank, or shoreline already has litter, people are more likely to continue littering. Individuals can take the initiative by cleaning up trash and by disposing of trash properly.

At Moss Lake there is approximately 400 acres for recreational use, offers 26 sheltered campsites as well as two large pavilions available for reservation, and offers RV Parking and hookups. Recreational activities at Moss Lake include a playground, paintball course, dirt bike and ATV course, and a beach swimming area. Overnight camping by permit is allowed throughout the facility.

Moss Lake, located at 10000 East Moss Lake Road, is open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, and is just a short trip away for those who live in Howard County. For some, it provides a place to get away from the hustle and bustle of life without having to drive hours away or schedule off of work to achieve a break. Take pride in Moss Lake and help it continue to flourish by volunteering in the Moss Lake Clean Up.

## LIBRARY

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up with an average, and you need to maintain that. They call that 'maintenance of effort.' We were a little short. As I explained in the meeting, it's basically because they're not paying a director's salary, a full salary. The county pays a part of my salary to the college. I'm a college employee."

The split position also raised a personnel issue, Braswell told commissioners.

"Then the other part of it was the personnel issue, not having either a full-time degreed librarian, or a full-time director," she said. "They can't count me as full-time because I'm also at the college."

Braswell said she planned to file an appeal with the TSLAC, based on Howard County's unique circumstances as they explore merging the two libraries.

Accreditation is highly desirable for public libraries as it smooths access to many shared materials, Braswell said.

"We get a huge reduction in the cost of databases, which can be used by students, business people, anyone in the community. There are genealogy databases, encyclopedias, and all sorts of things in those databases. For us to pay for it ourselves, it would be \$157,000. Also, we get to use the inter-library loan service. That allows people in Howard County to borrow a book from any library in the state of Texas. That saves us money because we don't have to purchase that book for our people here in the county."

After reporting on the accreditation issue, Braswell outlined several

programs that have been enjoying success at the library, including last October's Halloween program, the Summer Reading Program, and others.

Another item on the commissioners' agenda involved the idea of naming the Coahoma Volunteer Fire Station after Howard County Volunteer Fire Chief Tommy Sullivan. County Judge Kathryn Wiseman explained that the county doesn't have the authority to make that name change, as the station is owned and maintained not by the county, but by a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation.

"I keep trying to find a way to honor Tommy Sullivan, and I keep getting blocked by all the different structures that we have," Wiseman said. "You know, everything we do here in the county is very carefully delineated by law. They are not a Howard County entity; they are a 501(c)3. So we're still looking for a way to honor Tommy Sullivan for his 25 years of service as volunteer fire chief, and we'll find it. We're just not there yet."

Wiseman also spoke to media after the meeting regarding property tax evaluations that were sent out this week to local property owners.

"I just want to remind the people, the citizens of Howard County and the citizens of Big Spring that the Tax Appraisal Office is different than our County Tax Assessor/Collector," she said. "Our County Tax Assessor/Collector is actually a department in the county. She collects the tax monies and then disperses them out to all the entities that receive tax dollars. We have nothing to do with the Appraisal Office, except that we do appoint a board member. So you just received appraisal values. If your values went

up, you need to be talking to the Tax Appraisal District. That District is run by the State Comptroller, Glenn Hegar. He is the one that gives them their marching orders and their directions. The county has no input at all in what they do and how they appraise, and the appraisal rates that they set for your properties. They send you out with that appraisal...if you want to dispute the amount, there is a form. Just turn it over and fill it out, turn it in and get ready to present your case to the Appraisal Office. I'd give anything if we could just rename that to the Big Spring Area Appraisal District office, because there would not be nearly as much confusion if we did that."

In other business, commissioners:

- Approved an annual service agreement for

computer services with Mentalix Inc.

- Approved polling locations and staff for the May 5 local election and May 22 runoff Democratic primary.
- Set dates to hold budget workshops, May 14, 15, and 16.

The next regular Commissioners' Court meeting will be Wednesday, May 2.

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

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Bobbie Jan "B.J." Statham, 66, died Monday. Funeral service was at 11 a.m. this morning at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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## Wildlife for Business workshop set May 17 in Big Spring

BIG SPRING - Wildlife for Business, a collaborative half-day workshop conducted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service and Howard College at Big Spring, is set May 17 in Big Spring.

Registration is set for 7:30 a.m. with the program to follow from 8 a.m.-noon followed by lunch at the G.C. Broughton Jr. Ag Complex, 2411 Echols St. on the Howard College campus.

Individual registration is \$10 for those who RSVP by May 11 to the AgriLife Extension office in Howard County at 432-264-2236, and \$20 thereafter. More information is available at that number.

Two Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units, one integrated pest management and one general, will be offered.

"This program put together by the Howard County Range Committee, will feature varying topics presented by local experts who will discuss ways to successfully utilize wildlife to diversify ranching operations," said Tommy Yeater, AgriLife Extension agent in Howard County.

"We'll end the program with a special Akaushi steak lunch co-sponsored by HeartBrand Beef of Harwood and Sterling Ranch headquartered here in Howard County," Yeater said. "This will be a rare treat to cap off a strong informative program."

Program topics will include: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Managed Land Deer Program and Other Permits; Integrating Livestock and Wildlife; The Under-utilization of Wildlife Assets, and Aerial Hunting.

## A boom, a whoosh of air and then terror on Flight 1380



A Southwest Airlines plane sits on the runway at the Philadelphia International Airport after it made an emergency landing in Philadelphia, on Tuesday, April 17, 2018.

By **KRISTEN DE GROOT** and **ALEXANDRA VILLARREAL**

Associated Press  
PHILADELPHIA — There was a loud boom, and the plane

started shaking violently. Air whooshed through the cabin, and snow-like debris floated down the aisle as oxygen masks dropped from the ceiling. Some passengers wondered if they would ever hug their children again. At least

one bought in-flight Wi-Fi as the jet descended so he could say goodbye to his loved ones.

A blown engine day hurled shrapnel at the aircraft and led to the death of a passenger who was nearly sucked out a broken window. The terrifying chain of events on Flight 1380 brought out acts of bravery among the 149 passengers and crew members and drew across-the-board praise for the cool-headed pilot who safely guided the crippled Boeing 737 to an emergency landing in Philadelphia.

Alfred Tumlinson was traveling with his wife back to Corpus

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## Metroplex Veterans Legal Services to put on free Veterans legal clinics in Midland

One clinic is a Veteran's expunction/orders of non-disclosure legal clinic. An Expunction removes all records of an arrest and/or subsequent court case from the public record and the individual may legally deny or fail to acknowledge ever having been arrested for or charged with any crime which has been expunged. A record of an arrest without a conviction is a barrier for employment. An order of nondisclosure is a legal remedy available to people who successfully complete deferred adjudication probation, in which a Texas court orders that your criminal history on a particular case be sealed from public view. A criminal history can be a barrier for housing.

One clinic is a Veteran's Child Support Modification Clinic. This clinic is a partnership with the HEROES program of the Attorney General of Texas, and Metroplex Veterans Legal Services. The Attorney General of Texas' Child Support Division HEROES program provides veterans and their dependants with enhanced, personalized assistance in addressing child support matters. The Veterans Child Support Modification Clinic will provide active duty servicemembers and Veterans with pro bono legal consultations with legal professionals with the expertise to correctly identify veterans' specific modification issues and help them understand the processes and challenges in addressing them. Most importantly, the clinic will give each veteran the opportunity to be heard, and provided explanations to transform a confusing and often emotionally charged legal issue into an understandable and manageable task.

The Veterans Expunction/Orders of Non-Disclosure Clinic will be held on May 18, 2018, at 9:00 am at The Junior League of Midland, 902 W. Dengar Avenue, Midland, TX 79705

The Veterans Child Support Modification Clinic will be held on May 18, 2018, at 1:00 pm, at The Junior League of Midland, 902 W. Dengar Avenue, Midland, TX 79705.

The Veterans and active duty servicemembers must register on-line in advance of the clinic at [westtexas.veteranslegalservices.us](http://westtexas.veteranslegalservices.us).

The pro bono legal resources for Veterans have been very scarce prior to the commencement of our program. According to a recent Washington

Post article, new research shows the one reason so many Veterans are homeless: They can't afford lawyers. The research shows that Veterans are losing their homes and missing out on crucial benefits because they lack legal aid. With nearly 50,000 Veterans sleeping on the streets each night, it's clear we are failing to serve those who have served our country. But the solution isn't as obvious as it might seem. Veterans don't need simply more doctors and shelter beds; new research shows that Veterans need lawyers to fight on their behalf as well. According to a new study from the Department of Veterans Affairs, at least five out of the top 10 problems leading to homelessness among Veterans cannot be solved without legal help. Our legal clinics address three of these unmet legal needs, for child support modification, restoring driver's licenses, and legal assistance for warrants and fines.

Metroplex Veterans Legal Services offers single issue legal clinics to Veterans on a pro bono basis. Our legal clinics focus on removing the legal barriers to employment for Veterans, and assisting disabled Veterans to obtain military disability benefits. The goal of our clinics is to provide free legal counsel and advice to low income, unemployed, homeless, disabled, elderly, or at risk for homelessness Veterans for outstanding traffic tickets, warrants from tickets, and driver's license issues caused by tickets; child support modification; expunction of criminal arrests; bankruptcy; consumer fraud; VA disability benefit appeals; and combat related special compensation. These unpaid traffic tickets, and delinquent child support can lead to suspended driver's licenses, which can lead to barriers for these Veterans to obtain employment.

We would like your assistance in helping Veterans and active duty servicemembers by publishing this information. This clinic is open to all Veterans and active duty servicemembers in Texas, with either a VA id card or a CAC card or a DD214 with a honorable, general or general under honorable discharge. This is a limited opportunity and with your assistance we are hoping to reach all of the Veterans and active duty military servicemembers that need assistance with this legal issue in your area.

## Landing the right house in a tough market for homebuyers



In this Saturday, April 7, 2018, photo, a sign marks the site of a yet-to-be-constructed new home in Castle Rock, Colo. Higher mortgage rates are making the already challenging task of buying an affordable home even tougher for many Americans this spring.

By **SARAH SKIDMORE SELL**  
AP Personal Finance Writer

It's tough out there for would-be homeowners.

They're facing rising mortgage rates, higher home prices and a shortage of available houses in many markets. Plus, recent changes to the tax law do them no favors.

So what can a potential homebuyer do?

GET PERSPECTIVE

Higher mortgage rates may feel like salt in the wound for those shopping in tight markets.

Rates have been rising since late last year. The average rate on a 30-year, fixed-rate mortgage hit a

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**In this April 17, 2018 photo provided by Marty Martinez, Martinez, left, appears with other passengers after a jet engine blew out on the Southwest Airlines Boeing 737 plane he was flying in from New York to Dallas, resulting in the death of a woman who was nearly sucked from a window during the flight with 149 people aboard. A preliminary examination of the blown jet engine that set off a terrifying chain of events showed evidence of "metal fatigue," according to the National Transportation Safety Board.**

## FLIGHT

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Christi, Texas, after attending a Texas Farm Bureau gala in New York City. About 30 minutes after the flight took off from La Guardia Airport, they heard a boom at about 32,000 feet over Pennsylvania, and the plane started descending.

A second bang followed, said Marty Martinez, a 29-year-old digital marketing specialist heading home to Dallas. That was when he saw a window blown open about two rows ahead of him on the other side of the plane.

"It felt like the plane was freefalling. ... Of course, everyone is like freaking out, everybody is crying. It was the scariest experience," Martinez told CBS News.

Air rushed through the suddenly depressurized cabin, and "all this debris is flying in your face, down to the aisle of the plane, into the back of the plane," Tumlinson said.

As those aboard started putting their masks on and helping others with theirs, passengers and crew members rushed to reach a woman who was being sucked out head-first through the opening. By at least one passenger's account, half her body was outside the plane.

A man in a cowboy hat, rancher Tim McGinty of Hillsboro, Texas, tore his mask off and struggled to pull the woman in. Andrew Needum, a firefighter from Celina, Texas, came to help, and the two of them managed to drag her back inside.

"It seemed like two minutes and it seemed like two hours," McGinty, told KXAS-TV after arriving in Dallas, a bandage on an arm scraped while trying to save the woman.

McGinty's wife, Kristin McGinty, who was also on board, later told USA Today: "Some heroes wear capes, but mine wears a cowboy hat."

When a flight attendant asked if anyone knew CPR, retired school nurse Peggy Phillips got out of her seatbelt, and she and the firefighter laid the grievously injured woman down. The two of them began administering CPR for about 20 minutes, until the plane landed.

Jennifer Riordan, a 43-year-old Wells Fargo bank executive and mother of two from Albuquerque, New Mexico, didn't survive.

"If you can possibly imagine going through the window of an airplane at about 600 mph and hitting either the fuselage or the wing with your body, with your face, then I think I can probably tell you there was significant trauma," Phillips told ABC.

Inside the cockpit, pilot Tammie Jo Shults calmly communicated the severity of the situation.

"Injured passengers, OK, and is your airplane physically on fire?" an air traffic controller could be heard asking in a recording of the transmissions.

"No, it's not on fire, but part of it is missing," Shults said, pausing briefly. "They said there's a hole and, uh, someone went out."

The air traffic controller responded with seeming disbelief: "Um, I'm sorry, you said there was a hole and somebody went out?"

"Yes," Shults said.

Some passengers took to social media to say

their goodbyes to friends and family.

Matt Tranchin, who was heading home to Dallas, began texting his eight-months-pregnant wife and his parents that he loved them and telling them things he wanted his unborn son to know if the plane crashed and he didn't make it.

Martinez made a Facebook Live post showing him and other passengers with oxygen masks on, the wind whipping in the background.

"I literally bought WiFi as the plane was going down because I wanted to be able to reach the people I loved ... thinking these were my final moments on earth," he wrote on Facebook.

As the plane descended steeply but steadily toward Philadelphia, the cabin was noisy from the open window, but the passengers were mostly quiet, maybe because they had their masks on, said passenger Amanda Bourman, of New York.

"Everybody was crying and upset. You had a few passengers that were very strong and they kept yelling to people, you know, 'It's OK! We're going to do this!'" Bourman said. "I just remember holding my husband's hand, and we just prayed and prayed and prayed."

For Kristopher Johnson, a single thought flooded his mind: his wife and 13-month-old son Jakob.

"I thought it was the end of my life," Johnson, an assistant principal at East Montana Middle School in El Paso, Texas, told People.com. "I thought I'd never be able to see my son or my wife or my family again. That was the first thing that rushed through my head."

Kathy Farnan, 77-year-old from Santa Fe, New Mexico, said people seated near her in the front, away from the damage, remained relatively calm. "There was no panic. Everybody was good. I think it was too early in the morning. People are running on half asleep," she said.

Eric Zilbert, an administrator with the California Education Department, said even the children "did very well."

Passengers praised Shults for her professionalism during emergency. Shults, one of the first female fighter pilots in the Navy, was at the controls when the jet landed, according to her husband, Dean Shults.

She got a round of applause from the passengers after putting the plane down safely. She walked through the aisle and talked with passengers to make sure they were OK afterward.

"She has nerves of steel, that lady," Tumlinson said. "I'm going to send her a Christmas card, I'm going to tell you that, with a gift certificate for getting me on the ground. She was awesome."

AP photo

## HOUSE

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high of 4.45 percent last month. That's its highest since 2014, but still well below where it's been historically.

"The fours are not a terrible place to be," said Skylar Olsen, director of economic research at Zillow.

So what does this cost the homebuyer?

If the median home price in the US is \$225,264, then over the life of a 30-year loan at 4.5 percent you'd pay \$148,506 in interest. At 5 percent, it rises to \$168,057 in interest. That's a difference of \$19,551.

But for perspective, consider the \$229,849 someone would pay over the life of the loan if the rate was 6.5 percent, where it was hovering the summer of 2007 before the recession hit. That's more than \$81,000 over the first example.

These all assume a 20 percent down payment.

What can you do to cope?

Your credit will largely determine the rate you get, so keep that clean. Lock in your rate when you are ready. Rates vary day to day and timing it well is more luck than skill, Olsen said.

HUNT HARD

It's not a market for the faint of heart.

The median home price right now is up 7.6 percent from last year and up 15 percent compared to the year before that, according to Zillow. And compared to three years ago? Up nearly 22 percent.

These price hikes, more than higher rates, make the costs prohibitive for some buyers.

And inventory is tight because homes are selling so quickly.

"If you are struggling with the fact there aren't a lot of options, you have to be looking every day," she said. And move fast if you do find something you like.

BE PREPARED

It's even more important in a challenging real estate market to make sure you have the basics covered: check your credit, know what you can afford and come to the hunt preapproved for a mortgage.

Homes in many markets are receiving multiple offers, so be ready to compete. Consider ways to sweeten your deal: a bigger down payment, more earnest money or a shorter closing time may give you an edge.

You also may also want to consider an escalation clause, which allows a buyer to say they will pay a certain amount over any higher offer up to a ceiling.

And cash is still king. An all-cash offer means there are no ap-

praisals or mortgages to slow (or possibly derail) the deal.

If you can, consider asking for help. Olsen said that in pre-recession days, about 18 percent of buyers accepted a gift from family or friends. Now it's about a quarter.

HELP ALONG THE WAY

If you're a novice, consider attending a first-time homebuyer class or meeting with a HUD housing counselor, who can provide free or low-cost advice. They can walk you through the process and help you assess what you can afford.

They can also alert potential homebuyers to assistance programs in their area, said Kare Hoskins of nonprofit NeighborWorks America. There are a variety of programs that help people with down payments, closing costs or other services.

Finally, a good real estate agent can help buyers craft a deal and assist with their knowledge of the market. For example, Olsen notes that on the West Coast it's more common to price a home low with the assumption offers will come in over asking, whereas on the East Coast it's more acceptable to make an offer below asking.

THE TAX MAN

What about taxes? It's true, tax laws are not as generous as they once were for homeowners, but the changes don't affect everyone equally.

Homeowners can deduct interest paid on the first \$750,000 of a loan for a newly purchased first or second home. That is down from the prior limit of \$1 million.

And homeowners have also lost the unlimited federal deduction for state and local income and sales tax. Taxpayers will now be allowed to deduct only up to \$10,000 in combined property and state and local income taxes, so that hurts people in areas with heavy tax burdens.

STAY FOCUSED

Homeownership isn't for everyone but if you decide to stay in the hunt, keep saving as it's an appreciating market in many areas.

And try not to get lost in the mania. The usual rules still apply: don't buy more house than you can afford and think about the practicality of it as a place to live, not an investment.

"We have already seen the hard lessons people have learned when they assume everything is moving up and there will be no pitfalls or crashes," said Bruce McClary of the National Foundation for Credit Counseling.

"There is an investment value in homeownership but time is a big factor. It's slow and steady because there are peaks and valleys. It can be a roller coaster at times."

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# Trump says 'good relationship' formed with North Korea

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump on Wednesday confirmed that his CIA chief secretly met with Kim Jong Un in North Korea and said "a good relationship was formed" heading into the adversaries' anticipated summit.

Mike Pompeo's highly unusual talks "went smoothly," Trump tweeted, with details about a presidential meeting within the next few months "being worked out now."

"Denuclearization will be a great thing for World, but also for North Korea!" Trump wrote while at his Florida estate, where he was hosting Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

Trump had disclosed on Tuesday that the U.S. and North Korea were holding direct talks at "extremely high levels" in preparation for a possible summit. He said five locations were under consideration for the meeting, which could take place by early June.

Confirmation of Pompeo's trip came later Tuesday from two officials, who were not authorized to discuss the meeting publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Trump's tweet said the meeting took place "last week." The Washington Post, which first reported the development, said it took place over Easter weekend — just over two weeks ago, shortly after Pompeo was nominated to become secretary of state. Two White House officials, speaking on the condition of anonymity to discuss the sensitive discussions, confirmed Wednesday that the trip took place over Easter weekend.

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

It would be the first-ever summit between the U.S. and North Korea during more than six decades of hostility since the Korean War. North Korea's nuclear weapons and its capability

to deliver them by ballistic missile pose a growing threat to the U.S. mainland.

The U.S. and North Korea do not have formal diplomatic relations, complicating the arrangements for contacts between the two governments. It is not unprecedented for U.S. intelligence officials to serve as a conduit for communication with Pyongyang.

In 2014, the then-director of U.S. national intelligence, James Clapper, secretly visited North Korea to bring back two American detainees.

China, North Korea's closest ally, said it welcomes direct contact and talks between the U.S. and North Korea after news emerged of Pompeo's meeting with Kim.

Chinese foreign ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying said at a briefing Wednesday that Beijing hopes the two sides will work on a political resolution of tensions on the Korean Peninsula and set up a peace mechanism. The Koreans are technically still in a state of war after fighting in the 1950-53 Korean War ended with a cease-fire, not a peace treaty.

At a Senate hearing last week on his nomination, Pompeo played down expectations for a breakthrough deal on ending North Korea's nuclear weapons program at the planned summit, but said it could lay the groundwork for a comprehensive agreement on denuclearization.

"I'm optimistic that the United States government can set the conditions for that appropriately so that the president and the North Korean leader can have that conversation and will set us down the course of achieving a diplomatic outcome that America and the world so desperately need," Pompeo told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said Pompeo's meeting with Kim underscored the importance of confirming him as secretary of state. "Dems have an opportunity to put politics aside, acknowledge our national security



**This combination of two file photos shows CIA Director Mike Pompeo, left, listens during his introductions before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee during a confirmation hearing on his nomination to be Secretary of State on Capitol Hill in Washington on April 12, 2018, and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un attends a meeting of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, in Pyongyang, North Korea on April 9, 2018.**

AP photo

is too important, and confirm Mike Pompeo. Statesmanship," she tweeted Wednesday.

The top-ranking Democrat on the committee, Sen. Robert Menendez, announced that he would vote against Pompeo's nomination, joining other prominent lawmakers from his party that oppose it. A vote is expected early next week. If Pompeo is rejected, the panel could be forced to take the unusual step of sending the nomination to the full Senate without a favorable recommendation.

Menendez expressed frustration that Pompeo had not briefed him on his visit to North Korea.

"Now I don't expect diplomacy to be negotiated out in the open but I do expect for someone who is the nominee to be secretary of state, when he speaks with committee leadership and is asked specific questions about North Korea, to share some insights about such a visit," Menendez said at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

Republican Sen. Cory Gardner who

chairs an Asia subcommittee, accused Democrats of playing politics over Pompeo's nomination. He said that although he hadn't been briefed on the CIA director's trip to North Korea, based on Pompeo's testimony last week, he was confident that the Trump administration was properly focused on the goal of the complete and verifiable denuclearization of North Korea.

"This is a very important and delicate negotiation taking place and I have full confidence in Mike Pompeo," Gardner told AP. "That's why he needs to be confirmed."

After a year of escalating tensions, when North Korea conducted nuclear and long-range missile tests that drew world condemnation, Kim has pivoted to international outreach.

The young leader met China's President Xi Jinping in Beijing in late March, Kim's first trip abroad since taking power six years ago. He is set to meet South Korean President Moon Jae-in in the demilitarized zone between the rival Koreas on April 27.

## Largest maker of bump stocks will stop accepting orders



**In this Oct. 4, 2017, file photo, shooting instructor Frankie McRae demonstrates the grip on an AR-15 rifle fitted with a "bump stock" at his 37 PSR Gun Club in Bunnlevel, N.C. The largest manufacturer of bump stocks, which allow semi-automatic weapons to fire rapidly like automatic firearms, announced Wednesday, April 18, 2018, that it will stop taking orders and shut down its website next month.**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The largest manufacturer of bump stocks, which allow semi-automatic weapons to fire rapidly like automatic firearms, announced Wednesday that it will stop taking orders and shut down its website next month.

The announcement comes about a month after President Donald Trump said his administration would "ban" bump stocks, which he said "turn legal weapons into illegal machines."

The devices became a focal point of the national gun control debate when they were used in October when a man carried out the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history.

About a dozen bump stocks were found among the weapons used by Stephen Paddock when he unleashed a hail of bullets from his high-rise Las Vegas hotel suite, killing 58 people and leaving more than 800 others injured.

Slide Fire Solutions, which is based in Moran, Texas, posted a message on its website saying the company will stop taking orders at midnight on May 20.

There was no immedi-

ately met with a lawsuit by the National Rifle Association.

ate response to a request for comment sent through Slide Fire's website and the company's founder and CEO, Jeremiah Cottle, did not immediately respond to a LinkedIn message seeking comment.

The Brady Center for Gun Violence filed a lawsuit against Slide Fire after the Las Vegas mass shooting and alleged that the company "provided a product that turned a semi-automatic gun into the functional equivalent of a machine gun, thereby evading longstanding federal law."

Mimi Carter, a spokeswoman for the Brady Center, did not immediately respond to a message seeking comment Wednesday.

The Justice Department said last month that it had started the process to amend federal firearms regulations to clarify that federal law defines bump stocks as machine guns.

That would reverse a 2010 decision by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives that found bump stocks did not amount to machine guns and could not be regulated unless Congress amended existing firearms law or passed a new one.

Some states have also sought their own restrictions. Last week, Vermont Gov. Phil Scott, a Republican, signed a package of bills that included a ban on bump stocks. A far-reaching school safety bill signed last month by Florida Gov. Rick Scott, also a Republican, included a bump stocks ban and

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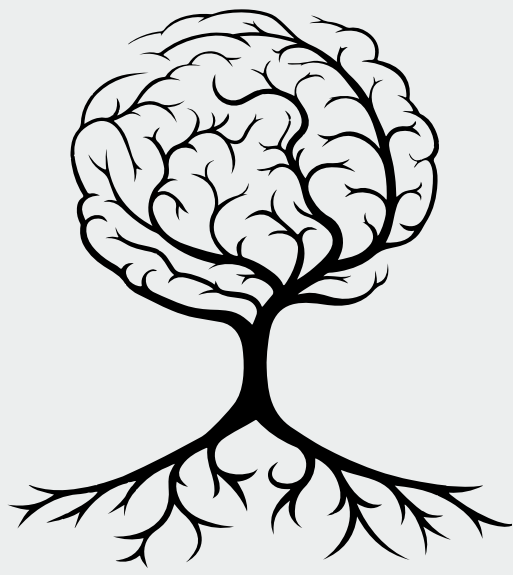
# Opinion

# Steer Weekly

## Teach to Learn, Not to Pass

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### DAILY PRAYER

From Your rising sun, Lord, to  
Your heavenly sunsets and beyond,  
thank You for Your protection. Amen.

During the George W. Bush administration America began to see the how we stacked up against the rest of the world in education, got scared, and decided that no child should be left behind. When President Bush signed the No Child Left Behind Act into law, it mandated that states provide some form of accountability to schools receiving state and federal money.

The reality of this situation is that these mandated test do exactly what America was scared of. These test do not accurately gauge the students' knowledge or growth throughout the year prior to the test, and the scoring of the test also affect teachers. In 2001 after the initial launch of "No Child Left Behind" America's placement among the world fell from 18th to 31st based just on our scores for reading comprehension and math.

America is scared for its students and how our intellect is perceived by the rest of the world but we lack the proper motivation and follow through on many occasion.

Most people would generally see no problem with the tests if they actually prepared the students for something meaningful, but it does not. Most students go the whole year learning just how to pass the test and not actually soak up the material they are being taught or how to apply it to different scenarios other than the test. Standardized test do not accurately gauge a student's knowledge or growth based on the academic year because they are only taught how to pass the test and not all students are great test takers either.

Some students have been taken out of advanced programs offered by their schools because of the scores they received on a standardized test while their actual grades in that class were the best of the bunch.

Every year after the test are done teachers get evaluated and scored based on the passing and failing percentage of their students. The whole system is faulty and needs work. It is because of this that teachers ditch the normal method of enjoying what you teach or learn and turned it into teach to pass and learn to pass. The chain reaction of events is based solely on the fear of failure. It starts with America being scared about our rank amongst the

nation then transferring that fear into parents and school officials about how we might be failing our kids.

Next, it transfers to the teachers who are told they will be graded by what all of their students make on the test and finally it reaches the children who are not taught to learn, grow or apply but are taught to fear failing tests they will take from 3rd grade until they graduate high school.

The idea of leaving no child behind sounds fantastic on paper but the application and results have done nothing but make children fear the test they prepare the whole year trying to pass by also striking fear in the teachers about how they will look if their students do not pass. It's a bad cycle of trying to use fear to gain positive results.

Students and teachers across the nation are all viewed as numbers apart of one thing coming together trying to calculate success in more numbers but what the tests fail to calculate is how different each student is when it comes to learning. The tests also seem to set the children up for failure by in a way incentivizing teachers with passing evaluations if a certain percentage

of their class passes. Standardized tests do not accurately gauge the students' knowledge or growth throughout the year prior to the test, and the scoring of the test also affect teachers. The test lack the knowledge of understanding the differences of every student from external factors like test anxiety or home life to possible learning disabilities or not fully understanding English.

Teachers throughout the years have switched their teaching from actual learning and enjoying to learning to pass so they can get a good evaluation which hurts children in the long run and later greatly affects the nation. Children are the future and it is teachers responsibility to prepare them for the real world so they deserve proper tools to shape young minds not standardized tests that hurt everyone involved.

If we want everyone to possess the proper knowledge to function in society something needs to change.



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## Teaching for the Test

Standardized testing has become customary for schools across America. They have been used to gauge intelligence and academic performance to place students in correct classes. And although their importance is stressed all throughout schooling, their place in school curriculum has been called into question.

Standardized testing is not consistent throughout each state, making it difficult to compile accurate results, teachers that are rewarded for higher scores have a higher probability of cheating for their own gain, and excessive testing does not prepare children for adult life.

Every state has a different standard for their tests. Each one contains different questions, essay prompts, and material. Some questions have open-ended responses while others simply contain multiple choice questions.

This differentiation leads to inaccuracies and unfair advantages for students with an easier curriculum. If a student is being taught more difficult material and underperforming on tests that students in states with a less advanced curriculum are performing well on then it is more difficult to correctly identify the underperforming school.

Issues also arise when testing scores are reviewed for college admissions. An easier curriculum makes for an easier test and vice versa. When students are compared based on testing scores it can be difficult to choose a student who truly performs more exceedingly. The lack of regulation throughout states uneven the playing field.

The teachers responsible for preparing students for these "major" tests receive praise or punishment based on how well their students perform. This mentality can lead to a learning environment that is based on teaching for a test. Teachers want to keep their job so they secure their position by enforcing that the test is the most important aspect of the subject. There have even been cases in which teachers have been caught giving out answers to students who would have otherwise failed.

Teachers, the select few that are susceptible to cheating, should not have the opportunity to tamper with student scores just because it would benefit them. They shouldn't have to resort to illegal

measures to ensure their job. Similarly, a teacher's ability to educate should not be based on his or her student's ability to take a test.

Teachers dedicate their lives to educating children, they should not be scared into teaching lessons that revolve around testing. These tests are unnecessary and are not truly preparing children and teens for adult life.

If students are being taught the perfect way to take a test instead of how to balance a checkbook, or do taxes, then the child is being robbed of preparation for adult experiences. Curriculums for each subject are being expanded in order to keep up with the demand of testing and students are missing out on the joys of childhood while also lacking practical skills. Once testing is over and done with, a child should not be left with the sense of ignorance because they are unable to complete simple tasks not taught to them.

These tests only measure an unnecessary portion of useless information that they will never use later in life. If anything, these tests are stressing students out more and causing them to panic as they reach adulthood. School is a transitional

period for children and teens. The material twilight is supposed to smoothing flow them into a better position for the next stage in their life, not cause duress.

Students are expected to perform exceedingly well in an environment that is rigged for their failure. Standardized testing is a waste of valuable time that should be used to better educate students on things that will be used later in life. Students deserve a fair shot at success and shouldn't be at a disadvantage because they live in a certain state.

Without these tests, students will be able to learn a curriculum tailored to the subject they are learning. There will be no more pressure on teachers to cram tremendous amounts of information into the minds if their students and they can teach lessons that keep students engaged and excited to learn.

A student should never look back on their schooling and remember never ending amounts of stress and anxiety due to a test and above all else, they should never have to remember being taught for the purpose of taking a test.



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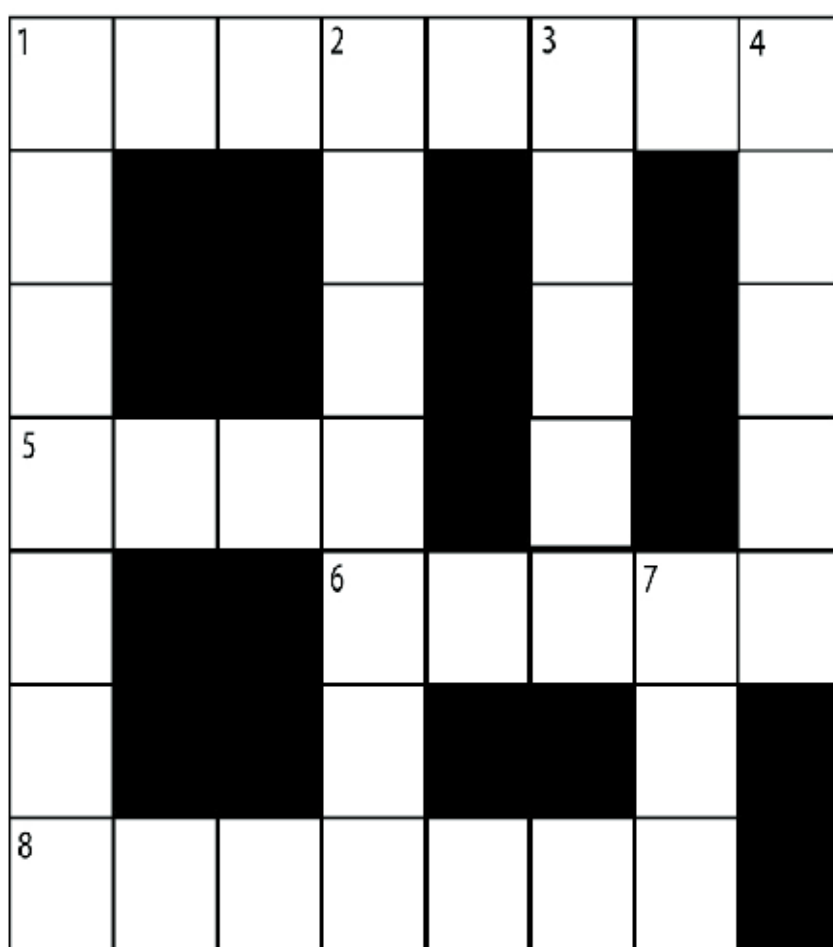
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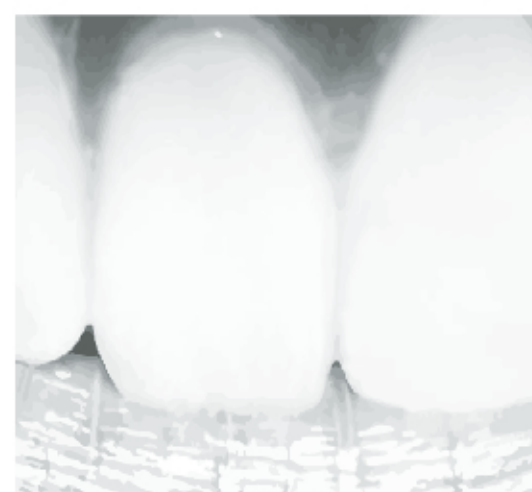
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### Houston's big seventh inning dooms Mariners, 7-1



Houston Astros starting pitcher Gerrit Cole throws to a Seattle Mariners batter during the first inning of a baseball game Wednesday, April 18, 2018, in Seattle.

By **TODD MILLES**  
Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP) — Houston manager A.J. Hinch warns that "rough patches" on offense don't stick around the Astros too long.

After scoring just six runs total in its past three games, Houston put away the Mariners with a six-run seventh inning, leading to a 7-1 victory Wednesday night.

Astros starting pitcher Gerrit Cole

(2-0) struck out five, ending a string of double-digit strike-out games at three. He gave up just an unearned run in his fourth consecutive seven-inning start to begin his career in the American League.

The Astros sent 11 batters to the plate in their biggest-scoring inning of the season off Mariners starter Mike Leake and relievers Nick Vincent and James Pazos.

The first five Houston batters reached against Leake (2-1), starting with Josh Reddick's leadoff walk. After Yuli Gurriel hit a double in the left-field corner, Marwin Gonzalez followed by lining Leake's first pitch to center field for a two-run single that gave the Astros a 3-1 lead.

"As the game went on, our at-bats got better and better, which is encouraging," Hinch said. "We have an explosive offense."

Brian McCann doubled to deep right center, and Houston grabbed a 4-1 lead on a fielding error by right fielder Mitch Haniger, who got a late

jump on Evan Gattis' shallow fly ball.

Two batters later, George Springer hit a two-run double off Vincent that caromed off the right-center wall, and Houston had a 6-1 lead.

"We are going to score some runs," said Houston second baseman Jose Altuve, the AL's reigning most valuable player. "That is what I like about this team - we make everything possible to score runs."

Houston led the major leagues last season with 896 runs.

"It was coming, and there is more to come," Hinch said. "We are a good offensive team. We get frustrated because we have high standards and we have a lot of high expectations. There is not a lot of panic."

Now it is the Mariners' offense that has stalled a bit, scoring five runs in the past four games. Seattle has scored just one run against Houston pitching in back-to-back games. Robinson Cano's RBI single in the third inning Wednesday tied the game at 1-1.

"Our bats have cooled off," Seattle manager Scott Servais said. "You've

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### Paul, Green help Rockets rout Timberwolves 102-82 in Game 2

By **KRISTIE RIEKEN**  
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — James Harden predicted Chris Paul would "come back and drop 30" after not playing his best in Houston's playoff opener. Close enough.

Paul had 27 points and Gerald Green came off the bench to score a playoff career-high 21 as the Rockets used a huge second quarter to cruise to a 102-82 win over the Minnesota Timberwolves on Wednesday night that gave them a 2-0 lead in the first-round playoff series.

Paul, a nine-time All-Star, scored 14 points and tied a season high with six turnovers in the first game. Early on, it was clear that Paul wouldn't struggle as he had 15 points, three assists, two steals and a block by halftime.

Paul, who joined the Rockets in an offseason trade from the Clippers, finished with eight assists and three steals.

"I know he was beating himself up after Game 1, he called me and we talked a little bit and I said: 'Don't worry about it, the win's all that matters so just come back and be aggressive,'" Harden said.

Paul seemed to listen to his teammate.

"Just tried to push the tempo, tried to be aggres-

sive ... getting into the lane and getting a couple of easy ones early helped us," Paul said.

Houston fell behind early but went on top for good with a 37-point second quarter, powered by four 3-pointers from Green, and the Wolves didn't threaten again.

The top-seeded Rockets won the opener by three behind a 44-point performance from James Harden on a night when most of the team struggled offensively. Things were much different Wednesday when Harden went 2 for 18 and had just 12 points as one of four Rockets who finished in double figures.

Minnesota's Karl-Anthony Towns had another disappointing game, scoring all of his five points in the first quarter after being criticized for finishing with eight in the series opener.

Towns said he can't be frustrated with how the first two games have gone for him.

"I think we all have to be better, including myself," he said. "We've got to find ways. We can come up with some tweaks and be ready for the next game."

The All-Star big man went to the bench with about seven minutes left in the third quarter and didn't return, and coach Tom Thibodeau said

Towns needs to "play with energy."

The Rockets tried to wear Towns down by using Clint Capela and the much-bulkier Nene on him in the first half.

"It's playoffs and it's a different ball game," Towns said. "The physicality is different and the way the game is played is different. We've got to adjust, accordingly."

Jamal Crawford scored 16 points for the eighth-seeded Timberwolves, who are in the playoffs for the first time since 2004.

Houston was up by 22 points with about nine minutes left when Paul made two quick baskets to make it 91-65. The second came on a twirling off-balance layup over Nemanja Bjelica that earned him a standing ovation from the home crowd.

The Rockets were up by 15 at halftime and opened the second half with a 10-2 run to make it 65-42 with about nine minutes left in the third.

The Timberwolves had scored seven straight points later in the third when Green, the hometown player who was signed off the street in December, hit his fifth 3-pointer to leave the Rockets up 74-53 with

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Houston Rockets forward Trevor Ariza (1) shoots as Minnesota Timberwolves center Karl-Anthony Towns (32) defends during the first half in Game 2 of a first-round NBA basketball playoff series Wednesday, April 18, 2018, in Houston.

### Texas Tech freshman guard Zhaire Smith turning pro



In this March 25, 2018, file photo, Texas Tech's Zhaire Smith, top, dunks against Villanova during the second half of an NCAA men's college basketball tournament regional final in Boston. Texas Tech standout freshman guard Smith says he is signing with an agent and will be available in the NBA draft. Smith said in a Twitter post that he is signing with Roc Nation and forgoing the rest of his collegiate career.

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Zhaire Smith is turning pro after a standout freshman season at Texas Tech that included several highlight dunks and the Red Raiders going to the NCAA Elite Eight for the first time.

Smith said in a Twitter post that he is signing with an agent. The 6-foot-5 Smith was no longer listed Wednesday on Texas Tech's roster.

In the tweet, he wrote, "After careful consideration I've decided to forgo my collegiate career and sign with Roc Nation. Again I want to thank my family, friends, coaches, teammates, and TT fans. Your support has been great. I know this is the best decision for me and I hope to make y'all proud!"

The decision came two weeks after Smith said he would enter his name in the draft without an agent to see where he stood after his freshman season.

Among Smith's highlights this season was taking an alley-oop pass from Keenan Evans and completing the play with a 360-degree spin and dunk in Tech's first-round NCAA victory over Stephen F. Austin.

Smith averaged 11.3 points and 5.0 rebounds per game for the Red Raiders, whose season ended with a loss to eventual national champion Villanova in the East Region final.

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### 'Seinfeld' actor shows up at Devils game with face painted



Patrick Warburton, who played David Puddy on "Seinfeld" and wore makeup supporting the New Jersey Devils during an episode of the show, gestures at the end of an NHL hockey game between the Devils and the Tampa Bay Lightning Wednesday.

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Life imitated art at the Stanley Cup playoffs as the actor who played Puddy on the TV sitcom "Seinfeld" showed up at the game with his face painted as a New Jersey Devils fan.

Patrick Warburton is a Devils fan and in a 1995 episode of the hit show he appeared with his face painted in red and green.



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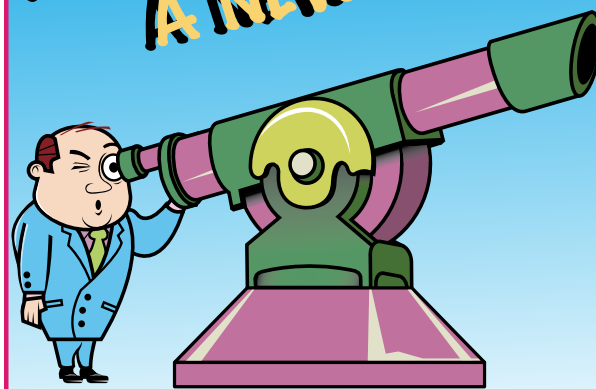
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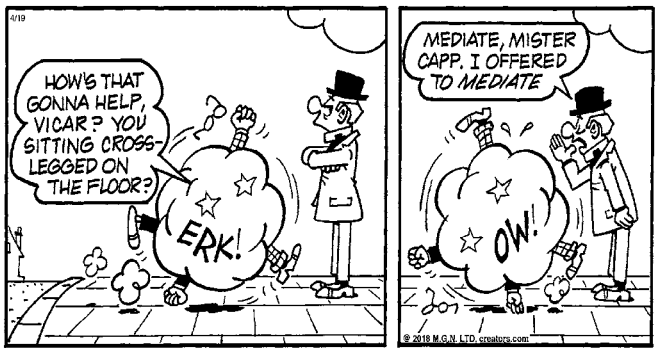


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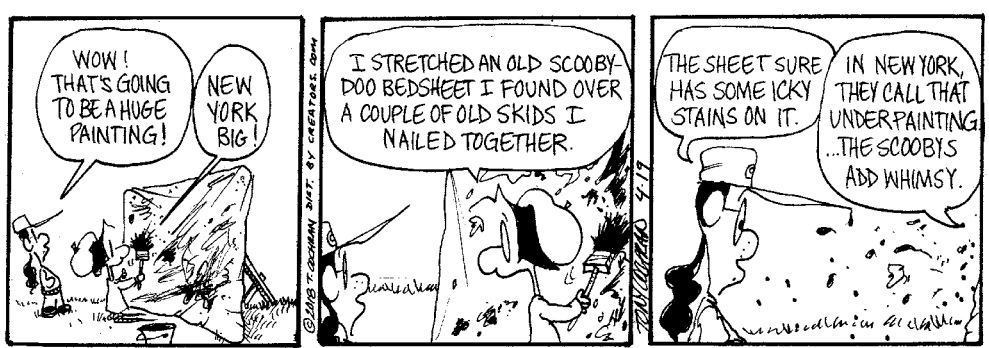
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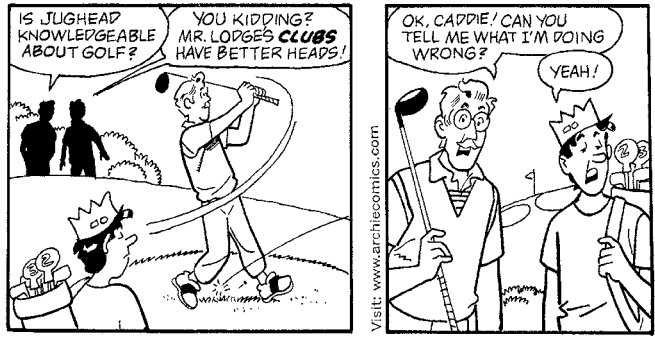
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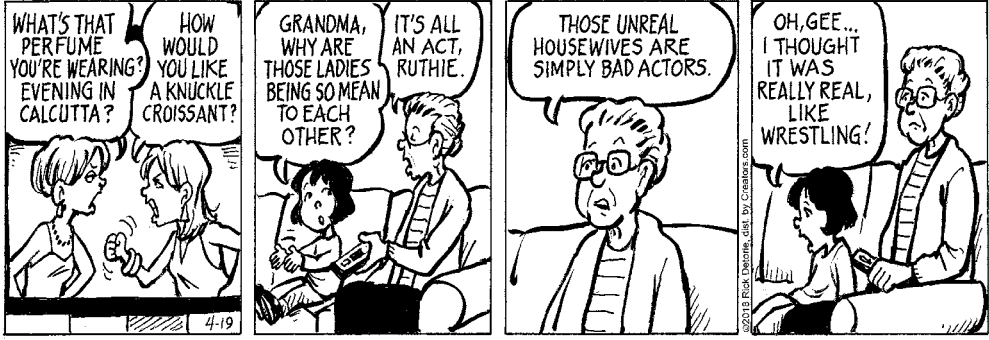
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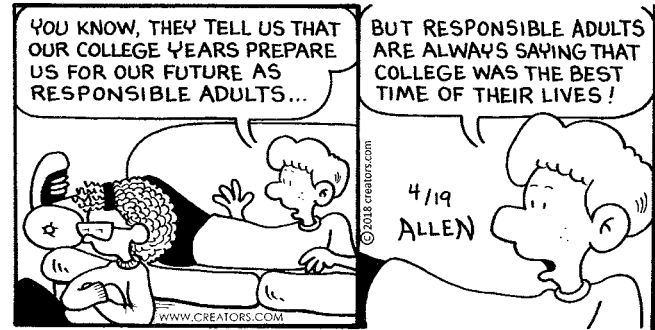
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, April 19, the 109th day of 2018. There are 256 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On April 19, 1993, the 51-day siege at the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas, ended as fire destroyed the structure after federal agents began smashing their way in; about 80 people, including two dozen children and sect leader David Koresh, were killed.

deliberately sparked the blast, but later said there was no proof of that.) In 1995, a truck bomb destroyed the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, killing 168 people. (Bomber Timothy McVeigh, who prosecutors said had planned the attack as revenge for the Waco siege of two years earlier, was convicted of federal murder charges and executed in 2001.) In 2005, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger of Germany was elected pope in the first conclave of the new millennium; he took the name Benedict XVI. Ten years ago: President George W. Bush wrapped up two days of talks at Camp David with South Korean President Lee Myung-bak. A Russian capsule carrying South Korea's first astronaut (Yi So-yeon) touched down 260 miles off target in northern Kazakhstan after hurtling through the atmosphere in a bone-jarring descent from the international space station. Five years ago: Dzhokhar Tsarnaev (joh-HAHR' tsahr-NEYE'-ehv), a 19-year-old college student wanted in the Boston Marathon bombings, was taken into custody after a manhunt that had left the city virtually paralyzed; his older brother and alleged accomplice, 26-year-old Tamerlan (TAM'-ehr-luhn), was killed earlier in a furious attempt to escape police. Newspaper publisher Al Neuharth, 89, died in Coco Beach, Florida. Children's author E.L. Konigsburg, 83, died in Falls Church, Virginia. One year ago: Fox News Channel's parent company fired Bill O'Reilly following an investigation into harassment allegations, bringing a stunning end to cable news' most popular program. Former New England Patriots tight end Aaron Hernandez, 27, who was serving a life sentence for a 2013 murder, hanged himself in his cell in a maximum-security prison in Massachusetts five days after being acquitted of murder charges in the shooting deaths of two men in Boston in 2012.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Elinor Donahue is 81. Rock musician Alan Price (The Animals) is 76. Actor Tim Curry is 72. Pop singer Mark 'Flo' Volman (The Turtles; Flo and Eddie) is 71. Actor Tony Plana is 66. Former tennis player Sue Barker is 62. Motorsports Hall of Famer Al Unser Jr. is 56. Actor Tom Wood is 55. Recording executive Suge Knight is 53. Singer-songwriter Dar Williams is 51. Actress Kim Hawthorne (TV: 'Greenleaf') is 50. Actress Ashley Judd is 50. Singer Bekka Bramlett is 50. Latin pop singer Luis Miguel is 48. Actress Jennifer Esposito is 46. Actress Jennifer Taylor is 46. Jazz singer Madeleine Peyroux (PAY'-roo) is 44. Actor James Franco is 40. Actress Kate Hudson is 39. Actor Hayden Christensen is 37. Actress Catalina Sandino Moreno is 37. Actress-comedian Ali Wong is 36. Actress Kelen Coleman is 34. Actor Zack Conroy is 33. Roots rock musician Steve Johnson (Alabama Shakes) is 33. Actor Courtland Mead is 31. Tennis player Maria Sharapova is 31.

Thought for Today: "The charm, one might say the genius of memory, is that it is choosy, chancy and temperamental: it rejects the edifying cathedral and indelibly photographs the small boy outside, chewing a hunk of melon in the dust." Elizabeth Bowen Irish-born author (1899-1973). © 2018 The Associated Press.

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Academic Star Student of the Week  
*Jaden Wilson, Forsan High School*



Jaden Wilson is a senior at Forsan High School. Besides being an outstanding student at Forsan, she has been actively involved in the Forsan Buffalo Band for 4 years. She has participated in the State Marching contest twice and has been a section leader for the French Horns. She was an actress for the Area Qualifying One-Act-Play. This year, she won individual honors for Best Actress at District, All-Star Cast at Bi-District, and Honorable Mention All-Star cast at the Area competition. Jaden is currently a member of Student Council and the National Honor Society. She plans to attend Howard College in the fall to pursue a degree in Physical Therapy. Her parents are Sylvia and Joe McCormick.

*Congratulations, Jaden!*

# THE LASSO

*Big Spring High School's weekly update*

By **SOPHIE DOMINGUEZ**, BSHS Journalist

A short week has not stopped BSHS from approaching the week's activities with excitement.

Last weekend the UIL Academic team competed in the Regional UIL meet at Texas Tech. Gabe Williams placed fourth in extemporaneous speaking and will serve as the first alternate at the state meet.

Britney Tan placed sixth in news writing, fourth in editorial writing, and third in feature writing. Tan will compete at the state meet in May in feature writing, while serving as an alternate for news and editorial.

"Being the sole competitor for BSHS in an academic contest is a phenomenal achievement," Student Media Adviser and journalism coach Ricky Shubert said. "Britney is a tal-

ented writer, and I think she will do well at state."

In addition to her individual honors, Tan accumulated enough team points to earn fourth overall journalism team in a highly competitive region.

On Saturday, JV baseball played in Midland against the Midland Lee Rebels. They fought hard and won 9-8.

On Monday, varsity baseball played in Monahans and fell short 1-0. They will be playing in Snyder tomorrow at 7:30.

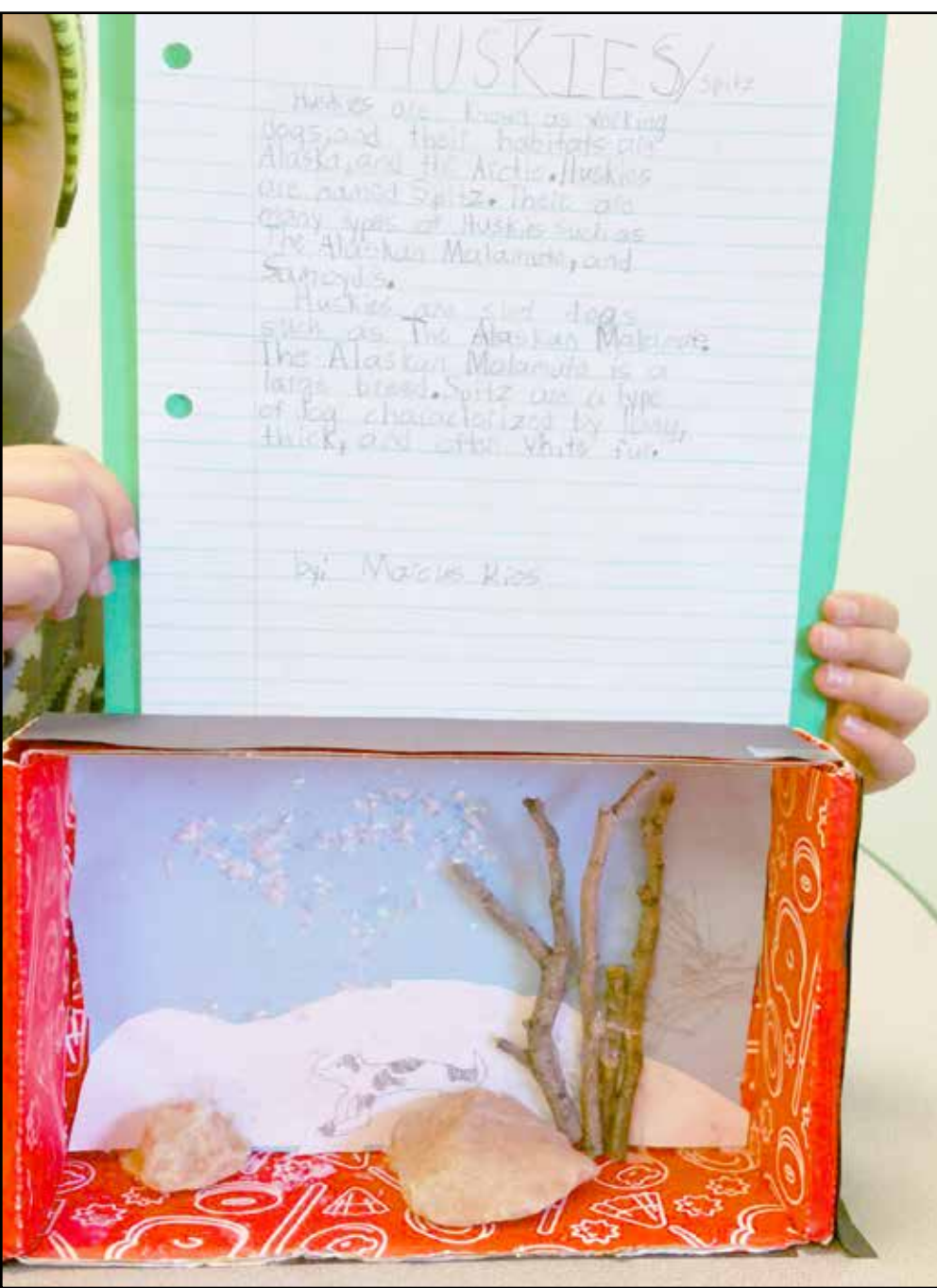
Tuesday, Steer and Lady Steer Track competed in the area track meet advancing several athletes to the state meet next



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month. The softball game scheduled for Friday against Greenwood has been cancelled. The Lady Steers will begin their post-season run next week when they play Iowa Park. The time and Date is to be announced.

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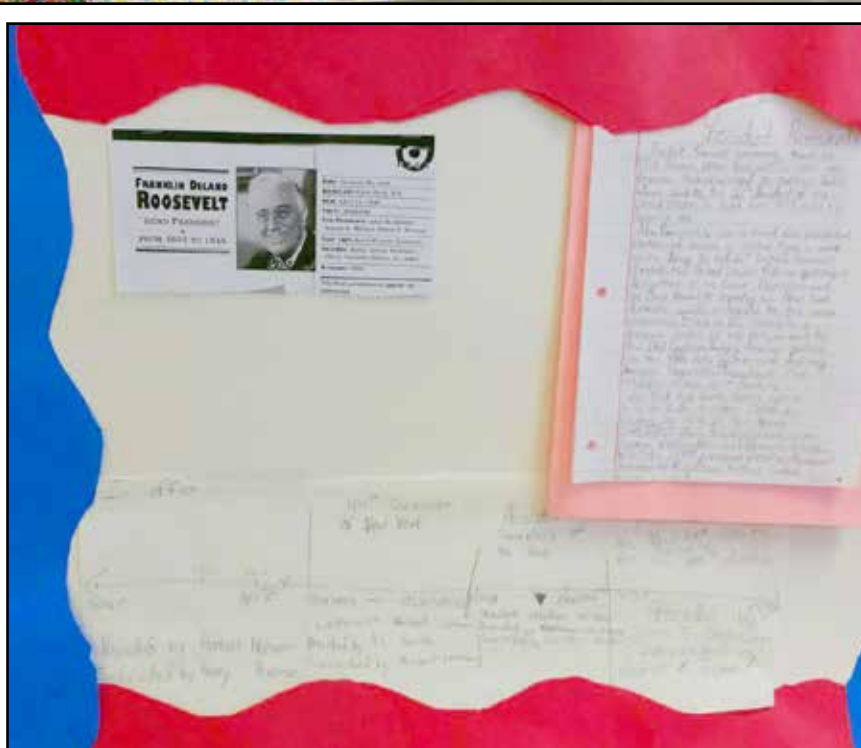


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In this week's Lasso photo of the week, Senior Cierra Martinez breaks into tears as she is recognized at senior night. Cierra has committed to play softball at Cisco College.



Goliad Elementary has provided enrichment for identified students all year. Students have had the opportunity to work together twice a week in an enrichment class. Reagan Thompson, Hailey Cisneros, Joshua Lucero, Tabitha Skeen, Hailey Williams, Emily Carreon, Savannah Carrillo, Abigail Esparza, Alyssa Wellner, Ishita Patel, Marcus Rios Vanessa Ruiz-Balderas, Draven Wooten, and Lilliana Rose have researched various subjects. Retired teacher, Ms. Jean Govea, has been guiding students on various research projects. Students have researched animals, presidents, and artist such as Leonard Di Vinci, Goya, Van Gogh, and Cezone. Upon completion of their research paper, students have produced diorama and abstract art work which we proudly have displayed.



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## ASTROS

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got to give some credit to their pitching and how they've attacked us. Hopefully, we will get after them (Thursday) and split the series, and go out on the road."

## CLUBHOUSE BIRD

The Mariners have a new decoration in their clubhouse near James Paxton's locker: A stuffed-animal bald eagle.

During a pre-game ceremony April 5 in Minnesota, Paxton stood on the mound before his first road start when a live trained bald eagle tried to land on the pitcher's shoulder instead of the infield grass, causing a few seconds of heart-thumping uncertainty.

Teammates apparently are not going to let Paxton forget that moment, because it was third baseman Kyle Seager, along with bench coach Man-

ny Acta, who spotted the toy eagle in the grandstands of Safeco Field during batting practice Tuesday.

Seager traded a signed Paxton jersey for the furry bird. It was hanging up in the clubhouse later that night grasping a baseball in its talons.

"The guys are having a little fun with it," Servais said.

And Paxton?

"No, I think it is cool," he said.

## RACKING UP STRIKEOUTS

After Lance McCullers Jr. struck out 11 in Houston's 4-1 win Tuesday, it marked the seventh double-digit strikeout game by an Astros' starter this season.

That is the most by a single team through 18 games in major league history. The previous record was six, set by the 1966 Cleveland Indians and 1973 California Angels.

"I know we have an elite starting pitcher every night, and that helps," Hinch said. "We are a difficult team to match up with . because of the differ-

ent styles we have, and the power."

## IN AND OUT OF LINEUP

Astros: Third baseman Alex Bregman (three hits in past 21 at-bats) and outfielder Jake Marisnick (10 strikeouts in past 13 hitless at-bats) were out of the starting lineup Wednesday. Hinch said he will get more of his regulars days off in the coming weeks.

Mariners: To make room for outfielder Ben Gamel (strained right oblique) on Wednesday, LHP Ariel Miranda was sent to Triple-A Tacoma. Gamel batted seventh in his first game back, and will get the most time against right-handed pitching, Servais said.

When Seattle needs a fifth starter Sunday in Texas, it will be RHP Erasmo Ramirez, who will make his season debut.

## TRAINER'S ROOM

Astros: McCann (right hand) felt a little sore the day after being hit on the knuckles by a Wade LeBlanc pitch Tuesday night, but was back

behind the plate Wednesday, batting seventh.

Mariners: Catcher Mike Zunino (oblique) made his final rehab appearance Wednesday at Single-A Modesto. He is expected to join the big club Friday in Texas. . First baseman Ryon Healy (sprained ankle) is finishing up a running program, and is expected to go out on rehab assignment after the Mariners go on the road Friday.

## UP NEXT

Astros: RHP Charlie Morton (2-0, 1.00 ERA) has logged six innings in each of his first three starts, all at home. This is his first road start of 2018. He pitched last April at Safeco Field (five innings pitched, three earns runs), taking a loss. In fact, he went 1-2 in four starts against Seattle last season.

Mariners: After winning his first start in San Francisco on April 3, LHP Marco Gonzales (1-1, 8.25 ERA) has not gotten past the fourth inning in either one of his past two starts.

## ROCKETS

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about 2 1/2 minutes left in the quarter.

He was thrilled to be able to star in a playoff game in the city where he grew up.

"This moment that I'm living right now is everything that I've dreamed of since I was five or six years old," Green said.

The Timberwolves led by as many

as nine early and the game was tied with about eight minutes left in the second quarter before Houston scored 16 straight points, highlighted by three 3-pointers from Green, to take a 46-30 lead with about 4 1/2 minutes left in the first half.

## TIP-INS

Timberwolves: Justin Patton sat out with a sore left foot. ... Butler finished with 11 points. ... Andrew Wiggins had 13 points and eight rebounds. ... Minnesota shot 5 of 18 from 3-point range.

Rockets: Ryan Anderson, who returned to practice Tuesday, didn't play after also sitting out in Game 1. Coach Mike D'Antoni said Anderson, who has a sprained left ankle, is likely to play Saturday. ... Trevor Ariza had 15 points. ... Houston made 16 of 52 3-pointers.

## SPECIAL GUESTS

Rapper Travis Scott, who is a frequent visitor to Rockets games, sat courtside with girlfriend Kylie Jenner. It was the first time Jenner has attended a game in Houston since the

couple welcomed their first child, a daughter named Stormi, in February. Also sitting courtside was rapper Lil' Wayne, who received a loud ovation when he was introduced on the Jumbotron in the fourth quarter.

## THEY SAID IT

Paul on Houston winning big despite Harden's tough night: "You give him 18 shots next game and see what happens," he said with a grin.

## UP NEXT

The series moves to Minnesota for Game 3 on Saturday.

## Sevilla looks to save its season with Copa del Rey title

By TALES AZZONI

AP Sports Writer

MADRID (AP) — For Barcelona, the Copa del Rey title would reassert its dominance. For Sevilla, it would help save its season.

While Barcelona will be trying to win the title for a fourth straight time on Saturday, Sevilla will be hoping to salvage a season that started with high expectations but could end without any trophies or a place in European competition next season.

Because of its poor campaign in the Spanish league, not even a place in the Europa League is guaranteed unless it wins the Copa del Rey.

"We can't think about anything other than the final," Sevilla midfielder Pablo Sarabia said. "We have to stay focused to try to win this title any way we can. This is the most important match of the year for us."

Sevilla got off to a good start this season, staying near the top in the Spanish league and looking like a possible title contender along with Barcelona and Real Madrid.

It also began thriving in the Champions League, comfortably making it through the group stage and eventually eliminating Manchester United in the last 16. In the Copa del Rey, it got past favorite Atletico Madrid in the quarterfinals.

But Sevilla wasn't able to keep playing at a high level throughout the season.

The team underwent a coaching change during the winter break, with Vincenzo Montella replacing Eduardo Berizzo. Under the Italian coach, Sevilla was eliminated by Bayern Munich in the Champions League quarterfinals and dropped to seventh place in the Spanish league, outside the qualification zone for the Europa League.

With five games left, it is three points behind sixth-place Villarreal and 17 points behind fourth-place Valencia, the last team guaranteeing a Champions League berth next season.

"We have a great opportunity to give Sevilla another title," Sarabia said. "We have to look at the good things we did this season. It's true that we haven't played consistently in the league, but in the Champions League we made history (by reaching the quarterfinals) and in the Copa we remain with chances of winning the title."

Sevilla will be trying to win its sixth Copa de Rey title, and the first since 2010. Two seasons ago, the team lost to Barcelona in the final.

The Catalan club has been dominant in the tournament recently, winning the title in four of the last six seasons. It will be looking to win a record-



Barcelona's Lionel Messi, in action, during a Spanish La Liga soccer match between RC Celta and Barcelona at the Balaidos stadium in Vigo, Spain, Tuesday April 17, 2018.

AP photo

extending 30th trophy in its fifth consecutive final.

No team has won four titles in a row since Athletic Bilbao from 1930-33. Before that, only Madrid won four straight, from 1905-08.

"We are not afraid," Sarabia said. "We will use our weapons and try to make them feel uncomfortable throughout the match."

Sevilla came close to beating Barcelona at home in a league match month, opening a 2-0 lead before Luis Suarez and Lionel Messi scored in the final minutes. Barcelona won 2-1 when the teams met at Camp Nou.

Barcelona is about to clinch the Spanish league title, but it lost the chance of winning the treble when it was eliminated by Roma in the Champions League quarterfinals. With the Copa del Rey final in mind, Barcelona coach Ernesto Valverde rested Lionel Messi and most of the team's regular starters in the 2-2 draw at Celta Vigo on Tuesday.

"We had to take some risks with the changes considering that we have a final to play," Valverde said.

The final will take place at Atletico Madrid's Wanda Metropolitano Stadium in the Spanish capital, and there is concern about the crowd's behavior considering the ongoing political turmoil involving Catalonia and the Spanish government over the region's bid for independence.

The club said it will display a huge banner with the yellow-and-red colors of the official Catalan regional flag before the match, along with the words "Barca, Barca, Barca."

Jeers are widely expected by part of the Catalan fans during Spain's national anthem even though Valverde said the club's position is to respect the hymn. Many Barcelona fans wanted the team to play with a red-and-yellow uniform representing the regional flag.

"I'm not going to say anything," Valverde said. "I just want the players to recognize each other."

## SMITH

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He led the team with 42 blocked shots and 42 steals and his 417 total points were the most ever scored by a Texas Tech freshman.

Jarrett Culver, another Tech freshman this season, scored 415 points to also surpass the previous freshman

scoring record by Martin Zeno, who had 413 points in 2004-05 when Tech went to the Sweet 16.

The Red Raiders were Big 12 runner-ups this season and reached a program-best No. 6 ranking in the AP poll in February. They were 14th in the final AP poll that came out before the start of the NCAA Tournament.

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