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## Workforce alignment discussed at HC board meeting

**By ROGER CLINE**  
 Staff Writer  
 Partnerships with local workforce employers was the topic of discussion at the Howard County Junior Col-

lege District Board of Trustees meeting Monday. The board met in the Tumbleweed Room of the Howard College Student Union Building at 12:30 p.m. Monday. At the meeting, the board

discussed an upcoming meeting between the college, local school district administration, and area employers; designed to make sure that local education is in line with the workforce needs of local in-

dustry. "The college board and the three independent school district boards of trustees had a joint meeting back in February. Part of that discussion was ways that we continue to

work together to align what we're delivering in the way of education for our workforce," said Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks.

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## The Settles' new addition

**By AMBER MANSFIELD**  
 Staff Writer

A new member was recently added to the Settles Hotel team.

The historic hotel announced Alex Phillips as their brand new sales and event manager for the La Corsha Hospitality Group property in Big Spring, Texas.

As the sales and event manager of Hotel Settles, Phillips oversees all logistics and operations for group events, and works to implement additional events and programming at the iconic property. With over 10 years of experience in the hospitality industry, the Settles has high hopes that she will bring expertise in event creation, planning and execution to the property.

"We are thrilled to have Alex Phillips on the Hotel Settles team," said Jeff Trigger, President of La Corsha Hospitality Group. "Alex's event management skills and fresh perspective will continue to propel forward the stellar programming at the property."

A Colorado native, Phillips studied psychology and mathematics at the University of Colorado in Boulder, and started her career in hospitality at the age of 16. She worked in a variety of positions before finding her passion in events management.

In 2015, Phillips brought her talents to St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands, where she was the bar and casino manager at The Rock Bar Gam-



Courtesy Photo

Photographed above is Alex Phillips, the new Sales and Event Manager of Hotel Settles.

ing. It was there that she found she truly enjoyed helping groups create memorable experiences and discovered her passion for events.

Most recently, she served as the sales and event manager at Marriott Frenchman's Morningstar Beach Resort, where she planned a wide variety of functions, including high end incentives, large scale sales meetings, trade shows and weddings.

Making the move from St. Thomas to Big Spring, Phillips' experience as an events manager has equipped her with the consistency, dedication and passion necessary to excel in her new role.

## Harvesting the Rain

**By AMBER MANSFIELD**  
 Staff Writer

Come learn about water thrift landscape! The Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District (PBUWCD) is boasting their 2018 Rainwater Harvesting Workshop, which is scheduled for Thursday, May 3rd from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the PBUWCD Office located in Stanton, Texas at 708 W St. Peter St.

Rainwater harvesting is a technique used for collecting, storing and using rainwater for landscape irrigation and other uses. Normally when it rains, many people have gutters on their houses, that the rainwater pours off their roof, down throughout the gutter and runs off into your

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Courtesy Photo

Shown above is guest speaker Billy Kniffen, a water resource associate in the Biological and Agriculture Engineering Department, with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, at the 2015 Rainwater Harvesting Workshop.

## Forsan Elementary students receive safety lessons from Oncor



Courtesy photo

The Forsan Elementary School was treated to a program and given safety kits with coloring and activity books, book bags, safety rule magnets and hard hats. The students learned how to stay safe and when to call 911. They also learned that if a power line has fallen on a car, to stay inside it and immediately call 911, and to always call a professional to trim trees that are close to a power lines. When lightning is flashing, bring in all of your electrical toys. The instructors took Coach Barbee's hat and burned it to show how different materials burned.

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## BSHS Prom royalty



Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Photographed above from left to right are Big Spring High School 2018 Prom King, John Ibanez; Prom Queen, Jori Hanlan; Prom Prince, Elijah Munoz and Prom Princess, Abby Luna after being announced during the prom on Saturday, April 21, 2018.

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## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **JERRY DON DUFFER**, 31, of 2506 Hunter Dr. was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **STARLA MARIE MENDOZA**, 39, of 1107 E. 13th St. was arrested on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia, driving with an invalid license, bail jumping/failure to appear, and parent con-

tributing to non-attendance.

- **RONALD STANLEY HASELBY**, 67, of 538 Westover Rd. Apt. #124 was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **BARRY DUNNAM**, 65, of 400 Hacks Valley Rd. was arrested on a warrant for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported at 1 Courtney Place.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 3600 block of West Highway 80.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of 11th Place and State Street.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2700 block of Larry Drive.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1800 block of South Benton Street.

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Boulevard. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. One person was treated at the scene.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of Ohio. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was treated at the scene.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was re-

ported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore. One person was treated at the scene.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of West 17th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of Grafa. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was report-

ed in the 3200 block of Avenue C. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard. One person was treated at the scene.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was treated at the scene.
- **FIRE** was reported in the 1400 block of East Sixth Street. The fire, in a structure other than a building, was contained.

## Take Note

The first of two mandatory meetings for parents and/or guardians of Coahoma ISD eighth graders will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. today in the high school auditorium. The second will occur from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday.

The state of Texas requires all high school students to have a four-year graduation plan on record for grades ninth through 12th. The plan must be signed by a parent and/or guardian. Creating a plan now helps ensure students complete all required courses for graduation and take all needed prerequisite courses for their career and college endorsements if the student has decided to choose a career pathway. The schedule is flexible to change during the student's high school career.

The following items will be covered at the meeting:

- Choosing core and all required classes for graduation and the level - on level, pre-AP, and dual credit.
- Elective choices for ninth grade and beyond.
- An explanation on the various college and career endorsements which are Business and Industry, Arts and Humanities, Public Service, Multi-Disciplinary, and STEM.

A packet of information will be handed out at the meeting covering the above topics. Also, go online to [www.coahomaisd.com](http://www.coahomaisd.com), click onto Coahoma High School listed under schools located at the top tap bar and visit CTE counselor's corner to find more information about career and college endorsements.

Porter's is hosting a Spring Festival for the public of Howard County. Come get in the season of Spring by visiting Porter's on Saturday April 21 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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

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.

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## Sheriff

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

- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 70 inmates at the time of this report.
- **RICHARD HERNANDEZ ARENIBAZ**, 52, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for violation of a bond or protective order.
- **JERRY DON DUFFER**, 31, was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **BARRY DUNNAM**, 65, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- **RONALD STANLEY HASELBY**, 67, was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JESUS C. HERNANDEZ**, 32, was booked by BSPD on a charge of driving with an invalid license with previous conviction or suspension.
- **BIJAN KHOSRAVI-FARD**, 34, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for evading arrest or detention.
- **STARLA MARIE MENDOZA**, 39, was booked by BSPD on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia, driving with an invalid license, bail jumping/failure to appear, and parent contributing to non-attendance.
- **CODY RAY OLIVARES**, 18, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for evading arrest or detention.

## Support Groups

**TUESDAY**  
Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers.

For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**  
RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy) a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

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

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

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.

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**BOARD**

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"We agreed that the next step would be to reach out to business and industry to ask what do they need in the way of current jobs, and what do they see going forward? All of the colleges' Career Technical Education programs are required to have an advisory committee, and the school districts have something similar."

The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 3.

"What we're doing, we're combining that 'next step' that we intended from that joint board meeting that we had back in February with Career Technical Education Advisory Committee work, and we're going to have a lunch for invited individuals representing business and industry in this workforce area," Sparks said. "It will be about an hour-and-a-half meeting over lunch, and we're going to be splitting up into different business and industry sectors, and then just letting business and industry tell us what they're needing in the way of skills. And then what we will do as educational entities, we will begin to look at our curriculum after hearing from business and industry to make sure that our current Career Technical Education programs are aligned with what they want."

Sparks said invitations are still pending, but said that workforce sectors being invited to the meeting include Business and Industry; Public Services; and Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM).

"There are five sectors, and we are not going to have all five services there that day. Some of these have already met," she said. "One of them is the Arts and Humanities, and we handle that one just a little different. Health sciences, that's where we have the nursing, dental hygiene, and all those. Those are so specific, we've already had individual sector meetings with them."

Sparks said the idea is to improve students' likelihood of getting a job upon graduation, as well as improving the effectiveness of the local workforce.

"It's kind of like we're doing a reset, and saying, 'Okay, are we doing what our business and industry in this area need from us? Are we delivering the careers, preparing students for the careers that exist in our area?'" she said. "That's what we're going to be trying to do."

In other business, the college board:

- Named retired professor Gwen Parsons of Howard's San Angelo campus Professor Emeritus.
- Approved memorandums of understanding with the college's three foundations.
- Approved minor updates to the college's catalog and handbook.

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

# Trump meets with Macron, praises US-French alliance

By **DARLENE SUPERVILLE**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Praising the strength of America's oldest alliance, President Donald Trump welcomed French President Emmanuel Macron to the White House Tuesday with a pomp-filled ceremony on the South Lawn. Then they plunged into a day of talks on the future of the Iran nuclear deal and the crisis in Syria.

Trump said the relationship he forged with Macron at the start of his presidency was a testament to the "enduring friendship that binds our two nations." He thanked the French leader for his "steadfast partnership" in the recent missile strike in response to the chemical attack in Syria.

Macron told Trump that together the U.S. and France would defeat terrorism, curtail weapons of mass destruction in North Korea and Iran and act together on behalf of the planet, a reference to Macron's work to revive a U.S. role in the Paris climate accord.

"History is calling us. It is urging our people to find the fortitude that has guided us in the most difficult of times," Macron said. "France and with it, Europe, and the United States have an appointment with history."

The social highlight of Macron's visit, the first state visit of the Trump presidency, comes Tuesday night with a lavish state dinner at the White House. About 150 guests are expected to dine on rack of lamb and nectarine tart and enjoy an after-dinner performance by the Washington National Opera. On Monday night, the leaders took a helicopter tour of Washington landmarks and had dinner at the Potomac River home of George Washington in Mount Vernon, Virginia.

Tuesday's meetings follow the collaboration by the U.S., France and Britain in missile strikes in Syria earlier this month to respond to the alleged chemical weapons attack. The U.S. has 2,000 troops in Syria assisting local Arab and Kurdish fighters against IS, though Trump has resisted a deeper U.S. involvement and is eager to withdraw

completely from Syria.

Macron was also expected to lobby Trump to maintain the Iran nuclear deal and reconsider his decision to withdraw the U.S. from the Paris climate agreement.

Macron's pomp-filled three-day visit to Washington underscores the importance that both sides attach to the relationship: Macron, who calls Trump often, has emerged as something of a "Trump whisperer" at a time when the American president's relationships with other European leaders are more strained. Trump, who attaches great importance to the optics of pageantry and ceremony, chose to honor Macron with the first state visit of his administration as he woos the French president.

For all their camaraderie, Macron and Trump disagree on some fundamental issues, including the multinational nuclear deal, which is aimed at restricting Iran's development of nuclear weapons. Trump, skeptical of the pact's effectiveness, has been eager to pull out as a May 12 deadline nears. Macron says he is not satisfied with the situation in Iran and thinks the agreement is imperfect, but he has argued for the U.S. sticking with the deal on the grounds that there is not yet a "Plan B."

Trump ended his first year in office without receiving a foreign leader on a state visit, the first president in nearly 100 years to fail to do so. He was Macron's guest last July at the annual Bastille Day military parade in the center of Paris. Macron and his wife also took Trump and first lady Melania Trump on a tour of Napoleon's tomb and whisked them up in the Eiffel Tower for dinner overlooking the City of Light.

Macron was welcomed back to the



AP photo

**President Donald Trump hugs French President Emmanuel Macron during a State Arrival Ceremony on the South Lawn of the White House, Tuesday, April 24, 2018, in Washington.**

White House on Tuesday with a traditional arrival ceremony featuring nearly 500 members of the U.S. military and a booming 21-gun salute. He was also attending a State Department lunch hosted by Vice President Mike Pence.

The state dinner honoring Macron will be served in the State Dining Room, which will feature more than 2,500 stems of white sweet pea flowers and nearly 1,000 stems of white lilac. Separately, more than 1,200 branches of cherry blossoms will adorn the majestic Cross Hall.

The first lady opted for a cream-and-gold color scheme, and will use a mix of china services from the presidencies of Bill Clinton and George W. Bush.

State dinner tickets are highly sought after by Washington's political and business elite. A few of those expected to attend: Christine Lagarde, head of the International Monetary Fund and a former top French government official; House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis.; Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and his wife, Louise Linton; Defense Secretary Jim Mattis, Sen. Bill Cassidy, R-La., and Mike Pompeo, Trump's choice to be the next secretary of state.

In a break with tradition, Trump has invited no congressional Democrats or journalists, said a White House official who was not authorized to discuss the arrangements publicly. But some Democrats did make

the cut, including Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards, whose office confirmed his attendance.

## RAIN

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yard or street. When you harvest rainwater or collect it in a water storage tank or cistern it can be stored for later use.

"This workshop is to educate the public on a variety of different subjects, all of which are ways to benefit and help plant," said Misty Mimms, Education Coordinator of PBUWCD. "We will also have guest speakers, the Johansen's, who own Johansen's Nursery, to inform the public on many beneficial informational

topics."

Mimms also stated that The Johansen's will speak about plants that are suitable for West Texas, the use of soil amendments for water retention, good watering practices and alternative landscaping ideas.

"After the presentation, attendees are invited to walk around our grounds to view the PBUWCD rainwater harvesting system, which consists of two 2,500 lbs barrel tanks," said Mimms. "As well as rain barrels, rain chains and xeriscape landscaping, which is a style of landscape design requiring little or no irrigation or other

maintenance."

The goal of The PBUWCD is to invent, advertise and implement management strategies to provide for the conservation, preservation, protection, recharging and prevention of waste of the groundwater resources, over which it has jurisdictional authority, for the benefit of the people that the District serves.

Collecting and storing rain water has been practiced for hundreds and hundreds of years, and is currently growing in popularity due to interest in reducing the consumption of potable water and the

inherent qualities of rainwater.

"The best thing about rainwater is that it is free from pollutants, as well as salts, minerals, and other natural and man-made contaminants," said Mimms. "We encourage the public to come out and learn different and beneficial ways to help aid, not only yourself, but the environment as well."

For questions or more information regarding the workshop call 432-756-2136 or email education@pbuwcd.com.

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Doris Smith, 82, of Fort Worth, formerly of Big Spring, died Thursday. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. tonight at Trinity Memorial Park.

Angelita "Lita" Valles Salazar, 67, of Big Spring, died Sunday, April 22, 2018 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

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## Texas Transportation Department to waive \$1.3B in late fines

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas Department of Transportation will forgive more than \$1.3 billion in late fines and fees owed by drivers on state toll roads since 2007.

The Austin American-Statesman reports that the department announced the decision last week in response to a cap on unpaid toll fees lawmakers imposed last year.

The move only covers tolls incurred on roads operated by the Transportation Department, such as State Highway 130 and State Highway 45 North. The decision doesn't affect tolls, fines or fees racked up on tollways operated by the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority or other local toll agencies.

The new law took effect last month and limits administrative fees on state-operated tollways to \$6, with an annual maximum of \$48. The department will charge \$4 a month for unpaid tolls.

## Possible Texas special election could clash with court case

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Republican Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton says the governor can call a special election to replace a retiring congressman, even as the U.S. Supreme Court mulls whether his district was drawn to marginalize Hispanic voters.

Paxton's non-binding opinion Monday says that a court would likely side with Abbott if he determines the Corpus Christi-based district being vacated by Republican Rep. Blake Farenthold faces "an emergency."

Farenthold recently resigned amid sexual harassment allegations. An election to replace him will be held in November.

Abbott says that's not fast enough because Hurricane Harvey ravaged the district.

But a special election would use the district's current dimensions. The nation's high court is reviewing those Tuesday. It may order the district redrawn before November if it finds that the influence of Hispanics was diluted.

# After brief relief, forecasts indicate drought will continue

By **KELLY P. KISSEL**  
Associated Press

Dry weather will prolong the wildfire threat through summer in the southwestern United States, even though weekend showers temporarily relieved drought conditions in parts of the area, forecasters said Monday.

The drought is rooted in a dry spell that began in October and is considered "extreme" from southern California to central Kansas. Conditions are even worse in the Four Corners region and the Oklahoma and Texas panhandles, warranting their description as "exceptional."

"The proverbial spigot shut off," said Brian Fuchs, a climatologist at the National Drought Mitigation Center at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. "Drought isn't necessarily a signal for wildfires, but it can exacerbate the conditions that do take place."

Climatologists consider the months from October to April to be a "recharge" period, with showers and snow replenishing water supplies in the Southern Plains. However, the most recent significant rain in the area came in early October.

"The memory of that precipitation has long went out the back door,"

Fuchs said. Temperatures have largely been above normal over the same period, triggering evaporation that can carry a lot of moisture away before it has a chance to soak into the ground. There is very little snowpack remaining except on the highest peaks.

A map Fuchs presented during a conference call with reporters showed a sharp distinction on either side of a line from near Fort Worth, Texas, to near Chicago. Moist areas of Arkansas and Missouri were within 100 miles of arid conditions in Kansas and Oklahoma. "Even normal precipitation ... would be helpful," Fuchs said.

The dry air has likely contributed to some weather anomalies: Several towns in western Oklahoma have seen wild temperature swings, and Oklahoma hasn't had a tornado yet this year, though a later start to the



In this April 17, 2018, file photo, part of the burn area south of Seiling, Okla., are viewed. Recent showers temporarily relieved drought conditions in parts of the southwestern United States, but dry weather will persist through the summer. The drought has contributed to numerous wildfires. Forecasters say it will last at least through July, with some improvement east of a line from Albuquerque to Denver.

tornado season doesn't mean it could be any less troublesome.

"It just takes one tornado to have a disastrous year," said Todd Lindley, the science and operations officer at the National Weather Service office in Norman, Oklahoma.

Gary McManus, Oklahoma's state climatologist, said the low temperature recorded at a station at Alva on April 17 was 33 degrees — with frost in the area. Hours later, the same station recorded a high of 101. Similar temperature swings were re-

corded in the Oklahoma Panhandle and could be attributed to the dry air, not any of the station's proximity to wildfires.

"We are very desert-like," he said.

Wildfires have scarred many areas of Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. Oklahoma forestry officials said Monday that the Rhea fire, which had burned 448 square miles (1,160 square kilometers) was 74 percent contained but not expected to spread beyond existing fire lines because of higher humidity and lighter winds.

## Waffle House slaying suspect arrested after massive manhunt



AP photo

Hero James Shaw wipes tears away during a press conference on the Waffle House shooting Sunday, April 22, 2018 in Nashville, Tenn. Shaw wrestled the gun from the suspect. To Shaw's right is Nashville Metro Mayor David Briley and to his left is FBI Special Agent in Charge Matthew Espenshade.

By **SHEILA BURKE**

Associated Press  
NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The mentally unstable gunman suspected of opening fire at a Waffle House restaurant in the middle of the night was arrested not far from his apartment Monday after hiding from police for more than a day following the attack that killed four people, authorities said.

Authorities had mounted a massive manhunt for 29-year-old Travis Reinking, after the Sunday morning attacks, in which a gun-

man clad only in a jacket used an AR-15 rifle to kill four and injure others.

Metropolitan Nashville Police announced Monday on Twitter that he was taken into custody not far from his apartment.

A detective from the department's specialized investigations division's narcotics unit spotted Reinking in a wood area near a construction site, Lt. Carlos Lara told news reporters.

He said construction workers told officers a

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## Dream job: Harley-Davidson paid interns get a motorcycle too

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Harley-Davidson is offering free motorcycles for those who join its summer internship program.

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person matching the suspect's description walked through the area and into woods. When confronted, the suspect lay down on the ground, and officers cuffed him, Lara said.

He said Reinking carried a black backpack that held a silver semi-automatic weapon and .45-caliber ammunition. Detectives cut the backpack off of the suspect, he said.

Police spokesman Don Aaron said Reinking requested a lawyer, was taken to a hospital and would later be booked on four counts of criminal homicide.

Reinking, described as a white man with brown hair, opened fire with an AR-15 in the Waffle House parking lot and then stormed the restaurant shortly after 3 a.m. Sunday, police say. Four people were killed and four others were injured before a quick-thinking customer wrestled the assault weapon away, preventing more bloodshed. Reinking then disappeared, police said.

Police say about 20 people were in the Waffle House at the time of the shootings. They included people of different races and ethnicities, but the four people killed were minorities — three black and one Hispanic.

It's not clear why Reinking opened fire on restaurant patrons, though he may have "mental issues," Metropolitan Nashville Police Chief Steve Anderson said earlier.

Police said Reinking stole a BMW days before the attack. The car was quickly recovered, but authorities did not immediately link it to Reinking.

Meanwhile, authorities in Illinois shared past reports suggesting multiple red flags about a disturbed young man with paranoid delusions.

In May 2016, Reinking told deputies from Tazewell County, Illinois, that music superstar Taylor Swift was stalking him and hacking his phone, and that his family was also involved, according to a report released Sunday.

Reinking agreed to go to a local hospital for an evaluation after repeatedly resisting the request, the sheriff's report said.

Another sheriff's report said Reinking barged into a community pool in Tremont, Illinois, last June, and jumped into the water wearing a pink woman's coat over his underwear. Investigators believed he had an AR-15 rifle in his car trunk, but it was never displayed. No charges were filed.

Last July, Reinking was arrested by the U.S. Secret Service after he entered a restricted area near the White House and refused to leave, saying he wanted to meet President Donald Trump. Reinking was not armed at the time, but at the FBI's request, state police in Illinois revoked his state firearms card and seized four guns from him, authorities said.

The AR-15 used in the shootings was among the firearms seized.

In August, Reinking told police he wanted to file a report about 20 to 30 people tapping into his computer and phone

and people "barking like dogs" outside his residence, according to a report.

"There's certainly evidence that there's some sort of mental health issues involved," Tazewell County Sheriff Robert Huston said. But he said deputies returned the guns to Reinking's father on the promise that he would "keep the weapons secure and out of the possession of Travis."

Reinking's father "has now acknowledged giving them back" to his son, Aaron said. A federal official says the father could face charges for returning guns.

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives special Agent Marcus Watson said at a news conference Monday that Jeffrey Reinking's act of returning the guns to his son is "potentially a violation of federal law."

Phone calls to a number listed for the father, Jeffrey Reinking, went unanswered.

It is not clear why Reinking moved recently from Morton, Illinois, and if it had anything to do with being near Swift, who has a home in Nashville. Police say he worked in construction for a while.

Police say Reinking drove into the Waffle House parking lot in his gold Chevy Silverado pickup early Sunday and sat there for about four minutes before opening fire outside the restaurant.

The victims fatally shot in the parking lot have been identified as Taurean Sanderlin, 29, of Goodlettsville, and Joe Perez, 20, of Nashville. Sanderlin was an employee at the restaurant.

One of the fatally wounded inside was DeEbony Groves, a 21-year student at Nashville's Belmont University. She was remembered as an exceptional student who made the Dean's list, and a tenacious basketball player.

Akilah Dasilva was also killed inside the restaurant. The 23-year-old from Antioch was a rap artist and music video producer.

He was at the restaurant with his girlfriend, 21-year-old Tia Waggoner, the paper reported. Waggoner was wounded and is being treated at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Dasilva's family said she underwent surgery and doctors were trying to save her leg.

Police say Sharita Henderson, 24, of Antioch, was wounded and is being treated at VUMC.

Also wounded was James Shaw Jr., a 29-year-old restaurant patron who burned his hand grabbing the hot muzzle of the assault weapon as he wrestled the gun away. A Nashville native who works as a wireless technician for AT&T, Shaw said he was no hero — despite being hailed as one by Nashville Mayor David Briley.

Shaw said he pounced on the suspect out of self-preservation, after making up his mind that "he was going to have to work to kill me."

# No ordinary double date: Trumps, Macrons at Mount Vernon



AP photo

French President Emmanuel Macron, center, and Brigitte Macron, escorted by Sean Lawler, chief of protocol at the State Department, right, walk on the red carpet as they arrive at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., Monday April 23, 2018, outside of Washington. President Donald Trump, celebrating nearly 250 years of U.S.-French relations, will be hosting Macron at a glitzy White House state visit.

By **DARLENE SUPERVILLE**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Tending to bonding before business, President Donald Trump and France's Emmanuel Macron were starting off the French president's visit Monday with an anything-but-ordinary dou-

ble date with their wives at George Washington's house.

The presidents and their spouses were to helicopter together to Mount Vernon, Washington's historic riverside home, for a private dinner one night before the two leaders sit down for talks on a weighty agenda including security, trade and the Iran

nuclear deal.

Macron's pomp-filled three-day state visit to Washington underscores the importance that both sides attach to the relationship: Macron, who calls Trump often, has emerged as something of a "Trump

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# Researcher in Facebook data scandal apologizes

By **MAE ANDERSON**

AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — The academic at the center of the Facebook data-misuse scandal apologized for his actions, but said he thought he did nothing wrong at the time.

Cambridge University researcher Aleksandr Kogan made his comments during an interview with CBS's "60 Minutes" on Sunday.

Facebook has been embroiled in scandal since revelations that data analytics firm Cambridge Analytica misused personal information from as many as 87 million Facebook accounts. Cambridge Analytica received the data from a Facebook personality-quiz app that Kogan created. That app collected data on both users and their



AP photo

This image made from a video provided by CBS News/60 Minutes shows Cambridge University researcher Aleksandr Kogan during a segment with CBS's "60 Minutes."

Facebook friends.

Kogan is due to testify before a U.K. parliamentary committee on Tuesday. The committee is investigating data analytics firm Cambridge Analytica's role in elections globally as well as the U.K.'s Brexit vote in

2016. Kogan also spoke with BuzzFeed.

In the "60 Minutes" interview, Kogan said he thought the way his app mined data was on the up-and-up at the time. He says he's since

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whisperer" at a time when the American president's relationships with other European leaders are more strained. Trump, who attaches great importance to the optics of pageantry and ceremony, chose to honor Macron with the first state visit of his administration as he woos the French president.

"This is a great honor and I think a very important state visit given the moment of our current environment," Macron said after his plane landed at a U.S. military base near Washington.

For all their camaraderie, Macron and Trump disagree on some fundamental issues, including the multinational nuclear deal, which is aimed at restricting Iran's development of nuclear weapons. Trump, skeptical of the pact's effectiveness, has been eager to pull out as a May 12 deadline nears. Macron says he is not satisfied with the situation in Iran and thinks the agreement is imperfect, but he has argued for the U.S. sticking with the deal on the grounds that there is not yet a "Plan B."

The Trumps and Macrons planned to plant a tree on the White House grounds together before boarding Trump's Marine One helicopter for a scenic tour of monuments built in the capital city designed by French-born Pierre L'Enfant as they fly south to Mount Vernon, the first U.S. president's home along the Potomac River.

The young oak is an environmentally friendly gift to the White House from Macron, and one that also bears historical significance. It sprouted at a World War I site in France, the Battle of Belleau Wood, that became part of U.S. Marine Corps lore.

Trump ended his first year in office without receiving a foreign leader on a state visit, the first president in nearly 100 years to fail to do so. He was Macron's guest last July at the annual Bastille Day military parade in the center of Paris. Macron and his wife also took Trump and America's first lady on a tour of Napoleon's tomb and whisked them up in the Eiffel Tower for dinner overlooking the City of Light.

Macron will be welcomed back to the White House on Tuesday with a traditional arrival ceremony featuring nearly 500 members of the U.S. military and a booming 21-gun salute. The state visit also offers Macron his first Oval Office sit-down with Trump and a joint White House news conference. There's also a State Department lunch hosted by Vice President Mike Pence.

The French president's White House day will be capped Tuesday night with a state dinner, the highest social tribute a president bestows on an ally and partner.

Trump's wife, Melania Trump, has played an active role in every detail of the visit, said White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders.

The first lady settled on a menu of rack of lamb and nectarine tart, along with after-dinner entertainment provided by the Washington National Opera for about 150 guests. On Monday, she released details of the glitzy affair being planned to dazzle Macron and his wife, Brigitte.

Dinner will be served in the State Dining Room, which will feature more than 2,500 stems of white sweet pea flowers and nearly 1,000 stems of white lilac. Separately, more than 1,200 branches of cherry blossoms will adorn the majestic Cross Hall.

The first lady opted for a cream-and-gold color scheme, and will use a mix of china services from the presidencies of Bill Clinton and George W. Bush.

State dinner tickets are highly sought after by Washington's political and business elite. A few of those expected to attend: Christine Lagarde, head of the International Monetary Fund and a former top French government official; House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis.; Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and his wife, Louise Linton; Defense Secretary Jim Mattis, Sen. Bill Cassidy, R-La., and Mike Pompeo, Trump's choice to be the next secretary of state.

In a break with tradition, Trump has invited no congressional Democrats or journalists, said a White House official who was not authorized to discuss the arrangements publicly. But some Democrats did make the cut, including Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards, whose office confirmed his attendance.

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changed his mind, saying he had been acting "quite naively" in assuming that users weren't too concerned about what apps did with their data.

"I think that core idea that we had - that everybody knows and nobody cares - was fundamentally flawed," he said. "And so if that idea is wrong, then what we did was not right and was not wise. And for that, I'm sincerely sorry."

He also pointed out that his former research partner, Joseph Chancellor, still works at Facebook. When asked if Chancellor was involved in Kogan's work for Cambridge Analytica, Kogan said he was. "We did everything together," he said.

Cambridge Analytica said in a statement that it licensed data for only up to 30 million respondents in the U.S. from Kogan, adding that it found the personality type data from Kogan was "less effective" than standard demographic details. The company said it did not use Kogan's data in its political consulting work for Sen. Ted Cruz's 2016 presidential campaign or Donald Trump's winning presidential campaign.

The company also said it deleted the raw data after Facebook requested it to.

Ime Archibong, Facebook's vice president of product partnerships, said in a statement Kogan had a brief consulting contract with Facebook in 2015, but that the company wasn't aware of Kogan's activities with Cambridge Analytica until December 2015.

"We quickly shut down his app, demanded he delete all the information (which he confirmed in a signed statement he had) and ended any research work with him," Archibong said. "In hindsight, we should have followed up to confirm he had deleted the information, as well as notified the people impacted - both of which are now happening."

The privacy scandal has Facebook in full damage-control mode. Executives have apologized repeatedly, the company refreshed its data and privacy policies in the U.S., and CEO Mark Zuckerberg spent 10 hours testifying before Congress earlier in April.

Next month, the European Union will begin enforcing its new General Data Protection Regulation, which explicitly applies to any company that uses the data of EU residents, no matter where it is based.

The EU rules require consent forms to be written in plain language anyone can understand, targeting the legalese buried in pages of terms and conditions that few users actually read before clicking "I Agree." The regulations also require companies to make it as easy for users to withdraw their consent as it is to give.

## Prince charming: Kate gives birth to boy, home by supertime



AP photo

**Britain's Prince William and Kate, Duchess of Cambridge with their newborn baby son as they leave the Lindo wing at St Mary's Hospital in London London, Monday, April 23, 2018. The Duchess of Cambridge gave birth Monday to a healthy baby boy — a third child for Kate and Prince William and fifth in line to the British throne.**

By **JILL LAWLESS** and **SYLVIA HUI**

Associated Press

LONDON — Third time's a charm. The Duchess of Cambridge gave birth Monday morning to a new prince who is fifth in line to the British throne — and she was home by supertime.

The duchess and husband Prince William drove to St. Mary's Hospital in London early in the morning, and Kate's 8 pound, 7 ounce (3.8 kilogram) boy was born at 11:01 a.m., with royal officials announcing the birth about two hours later.

There followed a smoothly choreographed operation perfected after the births of the couple's two other children. In late afternoon, elder siblings Prince George and Princess Charlotte were brought to meet their baby brother. Around 6 p.m., Kate emerged alongside her husband, wearing a vibrant red dress and holding the tiny royal highness wrapped in a white lace shawl.

After posing for dozens of photographers and camera crews outside the hospital's private Lindo Wing, the trio headed home, with the baby nestled securely in a car seat. Television news helicopters followed the royal Range Rover as it made the mile-long (1.6 kilometer) journey to the family's Kensington Palace residence.

William declared the couple "very delighted" with the new addition to the family.

The royal palace said "the queen, the Duke of Edinburgh, the Prince of Wales, the Duchess of Cornwall, Prince Harry and members of both families have been informed and are delighted

with the news." Prime Minister Theresa May offered "warmest congratulations."

News of the royal birth came with a mix of tradition and modernity typical of Britain's media-savvy royal family. It was announced on Twitter and also proclaimed in the forecourt of Buckingham Palace with a framed notice perched on a golden easel.

Tony Appleton, a town crier from southeast England, showed up in full regalia to declare the newborn prince's birth outside the hospital. The words "It's a boy" flashed in lights around the top of London's BT Tower, which can be seen for miles around.

More ceremonial celebration will come Tuesday, including the pealing of bells at Westminster Abbey and a gun salute in London's Hyde Park.

The baby is a younger brother to 4-year-old Prince George and Princess Charlotte, who turns 3 next week. Both were born at the same hospital, as were William and his younger brother, Prince Harry.

The infant's name, which has been subject to a flurry of bets, is likely to be announced in the next few days. Arthur and James are among bookmakers' favorites for the new prince, whose full title will be His Royal Highness, Prince (Name) of Cambridge.

"You'll find out soon enough," William said when asked about the baby's name.

Monday is St. George's Day, England's national day, but the baby is unlikely to be given the name since his older brother already has it.

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### Lady Buffs bully the Lady Bulldogs



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Forsan's Taylyn Still swats a double into left-center in the Lady Buffs' 10-4 victory over Tahoka Monday night.



Courtesy photo/Shawn McVicars

Head Coach Shanna Taylor waving in a runner during the Lady Buffs' 10-4 victory over Tahoka Monday night in Forsan.

By JORDAN PARR  
Sports Editor

Forsan defeated Tahoka 10-4 thanks to a strong start. The Lady Buffs out-hit the Bulldogs 13 to 3 in the game and showed great plate discipline all game. Forsan got on the board early on a double by Hannah Williams, a stolen base by Avery Tigert, a single by Taylyn Still, a double by Kayla Morin, and an error in the second inning.

The Lady Buffs secured the victory thanks to six runs in the second inning. The offensive explosion came from doubles by Williams and Morin, a walk by Rylee Evans, a single by Still, and an error on a ball put in play by Macey Evans.

After Tahoka scored two runs in the top of the fifth, Forsan answered with two of their own. Tahoka scored when Marisol Morin doubled on a 2-1 count, scoring one run and Lizzie Rodriguez grounded out, scoring one run. The Lady Buffs then responded when Still doubled on a 3-1 count, scoring two runs.

Forsan pulled away for good with those six runs in the second inning. In the inning Williams doubled on a 3-0 count, scoring one run, Still singled on the first pitch of the at bat, scoring one run, Morin doubled on a

3-1 count, to score two runs, and an error scored one run for the Lady Buffs.

Ashtyn Pearson got the start and the win at pitcher for Forsan. Pearson lasted seven innings, allowed four runs on three batters and scored an impressive 11 batters faced. Pearson was dominant throughout after figuring out the umpires zone in the first. Pearson showed great command of



her pitches and kept her velocity and movement up all game in the win.

Shalee Williams took the loss for Tahoka. She went six innings, allowed ten runs on 13 hits and struck out three.

The Lady Buffs totaled 13 hits in the game. Still, Brennan East, Morin, and Williams all collected multiple hits for Forsan. Still led the Lady Buffs with three hits in three at bats. Still showed great power from the plate and great awareness and speed on the bases. Still was clearly on top of her game today offensively.

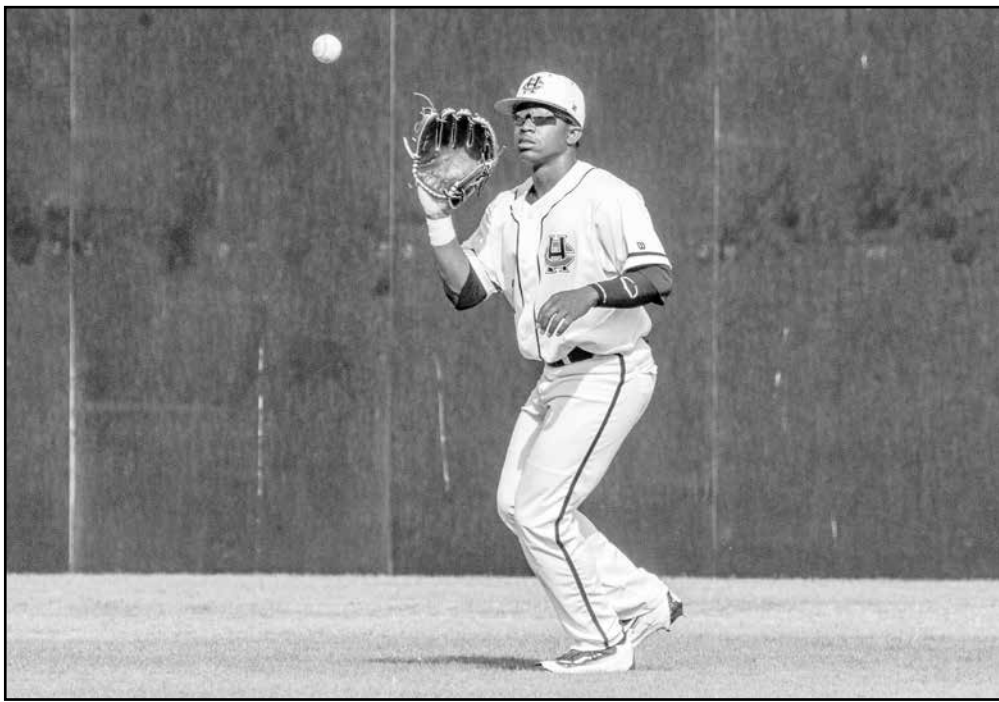
Forsan looked impressive in every phase last night. With those sticks at the plate and the great leadership and play provided by Still and Pearson, the Lady Buffs look poised to make some waves in the post season. They will get their chance Thursday in Pecos when they face off against Anthony for bi-district bragging rights.

### Hawks facing off against Westerners tonight at Jack Barber Field



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Howard College shortstop Jaxon Williams hits a home run during the Hawk's 13-10 loss to Odessa in the second game of a double header played on Sunday, April 22, 2018.



Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Howard College center fielder Robert Bullard catches a fly ball during the Hawk's 13-10 loss to Odessa in the second game of a double header played on Sunday, April 22, 2018.

### Steers to close out basball season tonight vs #2 ranked Wylie



Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)

The 2018 BSHS baseball seniors pose for a photograph after Senior Night activities earlier this season. These seniors get one last shot to end their basball careers on their own terms tonight versus the #2 ranked Wylie Bulldogs. It's some of these young men's last game at Steer Park, so lets come out in full force to show them our support! Pictured from left to right are: Jaren Walsh, Edward Aguilar, Luke Edwards, Noah Gonzales, Brayden Sizenbach, Tristan Myrick, Austin Hilario, Aaron Olague and Deryk Renteria.

### Coahoma loses seed game to Clyde

Special to the Herald

MILES - The Bulldogettes will head into playoffs seeded second in District 5 3A after losing a hard fought game against the Clyde Lady Bulldogs 1-0 Monday in Miles.

Meeting for the second time in four days, the two co-district champions battled fiercely for seeding rights showing just how tough these two teams are this year.

Control of the game stayed on the pitcher's mound during all 7 innings of play. Both Coahoma's MaKynlee Overton and Clyde's Kaitlyn Turner didn't give an inch to batters evident in the hit count. Coahoma had 3 hits over 7 in-

nings. Clyde only had one but it was enough to determine the outcome of the game.

Heading into the bottom of the 7th, Jacie Roberts singled on the first pitch and later scored the winning run after fellow teammate Petyon Lee hit a sacrifice fly ball to right field. Leading the Bulldogettes at bat were Caitlyn Corley, Kamri Kemper, and Overton, who had the only double in the game for either team.



On the mound, Overton allowed 1 run from 1 hit and struck out three. She earned 47 strikes from 70 pitches and faced 21 batters.

Next: Coahoma will face Bangs at 7 p.m. Friday at San Angelo Central Softball field.



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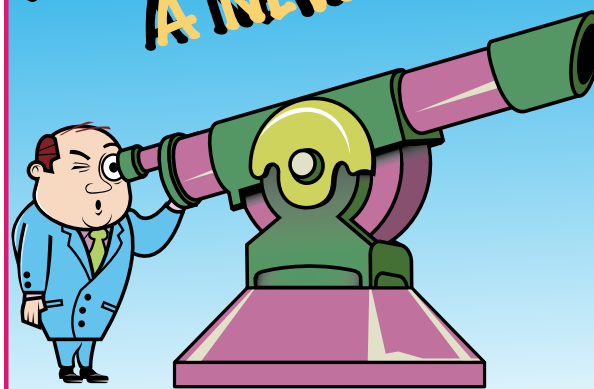
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Getting Back in the Loop

**Dear Annie:** My husband passed away seven years ago from complications from Alzheimer's disease. We had very dear friends whom we went everywhere with -- church, movies, plays, vacations. The husband of my friend also had Alzheimer's, and he passed away a year and a half later. The two of us bonded even more and went to church, out to eat, etc. My friend developed health problems, and I began to take her to her appointments.

She was going through personal problems because of her financial situations that

developed, as well. She began not wanting to go places because of embarrassment about her finances. It caused me great concern, yet it was so complex there was really nothing I could do. At times, I was concerned that she did not have adequate nutrition. She passed away a few months ago.

I didn't realize I was investing so much of my time in trying to see her and care for her that I am out of the loop, so to speak. I'm trying to make a concentrated effort to get out and do things with friends. I am fortunate to have many acquaintances and friends. But I've always heard that "two's company and

three's a crowd." How can I start back doing things without butting in on my friends who have bonded?

I do believe, to an extent, that being a widow takes away some of a woman's self-esteem. I don't want to get in anyone's way. -- Seeking Guidance

**Dear Seeking Guidance:** I'm so sorry for your loss.

You sound incredibly thoughtful -- so much so that I can't imagine that you would ever "butt in" in any way. Your friends may have gotten used to your not being around so often, so it could take some time for them to get back into the habit of remem-

bering to keep you in the loop. You just need to be willing to initiate contact more often than you normally would. The more you're around the more they'll remember to invite you to future outings.

And another option to get the ball rolling in your social life is to host a get-together with friends and friendly acquaintances. The group setting takes the pressure off and allows everyone to socialize more casually. It might be true that two's company and three's a crowd -- but four's a party.

**Dear Annie:** I just had to respond to "Weight Watcher," the woman who wrote in

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pressed. -- Been There

Dear Been There:

You raise a great point about clinical depression and the fact that its signs are not always obvious. I encourage readers wondering about the symptoms of depression to visit the National Institute of Mental Health's website (<https://www.nimh.nih.gov>) or, better yet, talk to a doctor.

I'm so glad your husband's doing better.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



Venus Shift to Gemini

Happy people tend to make promises they won't want to keep when the happiness has worn off. And sad people make decisions that make absolutely no sense in a better mood. Therefore, the happy shouldn't promise, and the sad should not decide. If you can keep this from happening, it will be a successful first day of Venus in social Gemini.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Curiosity is among your most useful talents, as it will lead you to experience wonder, triumph, satisfaction and dissatisfaction. (Those last two will be equally important to a fulfilling life.)

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** You're good at uncovering the facts, hearing the facts through the fiction and giving the facts in an unbiased way. Today's talent for truth will make you an invaluable part of a quest for justice.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** You have developed some mental tricks to help you get around obstacles, avoid conflict and

rise above trouble. You may not even be fully aware of exactly how you do this, but someone will notice and follow your lead today.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** None of the saints were canonized for counting other people's sins. It just doesn't work that way. Those who focus on the sins of others are still making sin their focus.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** It is possible to train your mind to be stronger than your emotions. You'll seek this kind of mastery. Clearly, emotions run amok do not contribute in a positive way to what you're trying to build in your life.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** The temptation to share prematurely will be there. Exciting things are coming together, for sure, but it's still early. Work quietly and later your success will speak for you.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Some people are easier to be around than others, but that doesn't make a relationship any more or less correct. An uncomfortable relationship can be the greatest teacher on earth, inspiring your highest and quickest evolution.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** From a distance, the rolling fog is mysterious, beautiful, mystical... but when you're in the thick of it, it can be maddeningly disori-

enting. Seek higher mental ground. Avoid states of perplexity by rising above them.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Seeing the problems that really do exist isn't pessimism -- far from it. This is actually a form of optimism. If you didn't think there might be something to be done about it, you wouldn't have the guts to see it.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** The creative process is your joy. The products that come of it can bring some fleeting satisfaction as well, but it's almost unmentionable in comparison with the great feeling that comes from being in the flow of your work.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** You may not have all the skills you need to make something happen yet, but you're getting them. Try again. Also, keep a record of your efforts so you can avoid making the same mistake twice.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** While joy feels better, sadness can be beautiful, too. It can wash over you like a wave in a moment of connection that makes you appreciate and value your life.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 24).** It's been a while since you saw truly serene circumstances, but this year brings several moments of profound peace and beauty. You'll appreciate them, too, because of all

the bustle and hard work represented in other moments. There will be five significant gatherings, meaningful to your group and your legacy. Libra and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 14, 3, 39, 6 and 12.

**PROCESSING THE PAST WITH PLUTO:** The retrograde status of Pluto in Capricorn begins a five-month cycle of processing the past. There is more than one way to overcome emotional baggage.

Tip No. 2: Change the cast of characters in your friendship

lineup. If you're hanging out with the same people you're going to fall into the same patterns. Branch out and you'll notice that the conversation, activities and interactions follows an entirely new path. The addition of even one new friend is enough to fully shake up the social dynamics so you're living in the now moment instead of replaying the same dramas over and over.

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**SUDOKU**

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ANSWER:

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker  
Putting it all together

South dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.  
NORTH  
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♥J4  
♦J943  
♣842  
WEST  
♠953  
♥Q65  
♦Q1065  
♣K103  
EAST  
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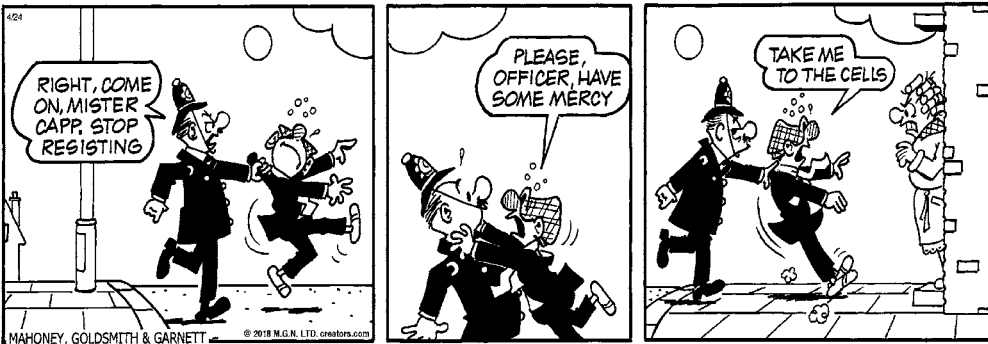
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3♥ NT Pass 3 NT  
Opening lead — five of diamonds.  
Whenever a player becomes declarer, he must give his assignment the closest attention possible. He must have his objective clearly in mind when he starts to play, and must form a preliminary plan that he intends to follow. Of course, he must also be prepared to deviate from the original plan when and if the circumstances change.  
Plans hastily made before a plan of attack is formulated can often lead to disaster. Witness this hand where

South reached three notrump on the bidding shown.  
West led a diamond, and after playing low from dummy, declarer won East's seven with the eight. He could count nine tricks consisting of four spades, a heart, three diamonds and a club. The only trouble was that the tricks were easier to count than to take.  
The four spade tricks proved impossible to collect. If declarer cashed the Q-J, he would have no way of reaching dummy's A-K, while if he cashed the queen and then overtook the jack, he would score only three spade tricks.  
South adopted the latter line of play and then took a club finesse. West won with the king and returned the ten of clubs, and declarer eventually finished down one.  
What happened to South should not have come as a surprise. The problem of collecting four spade tricks should have engaged his attention before he won the first diamond with the eight.  
What South should have done was to win the first diamond with the king (or ace), and next cash the Q-J of spades and ace of diamonds. A diamond toward the J-9 would then assure an entry to dummy, and nine tricks would be there for the taking.

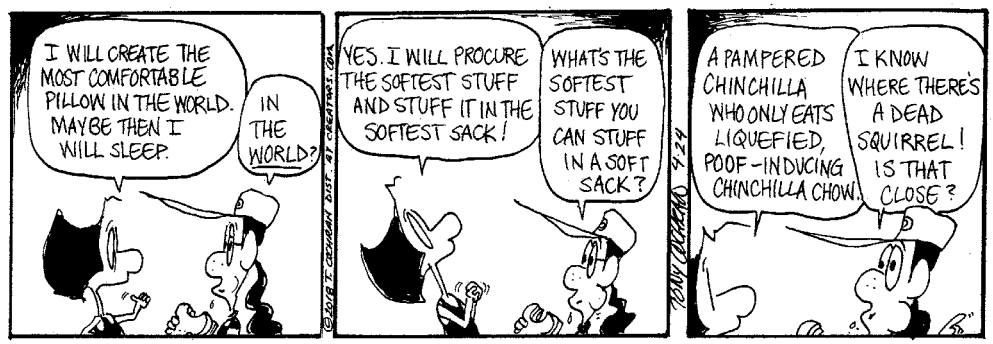


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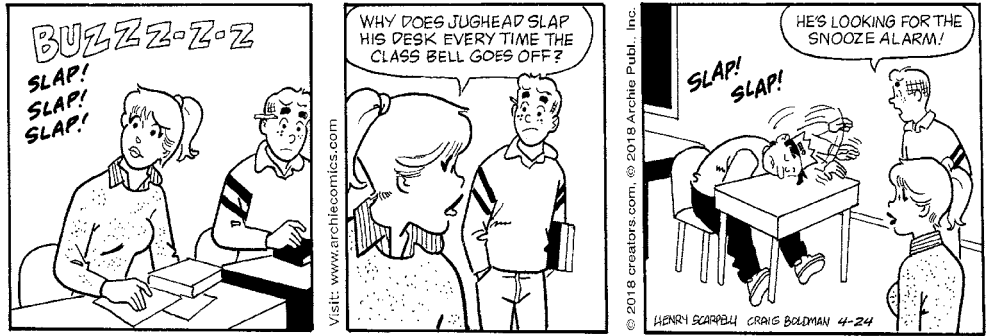
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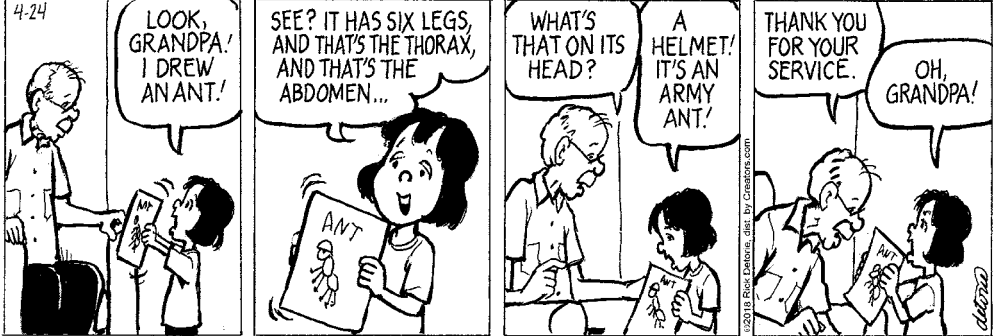
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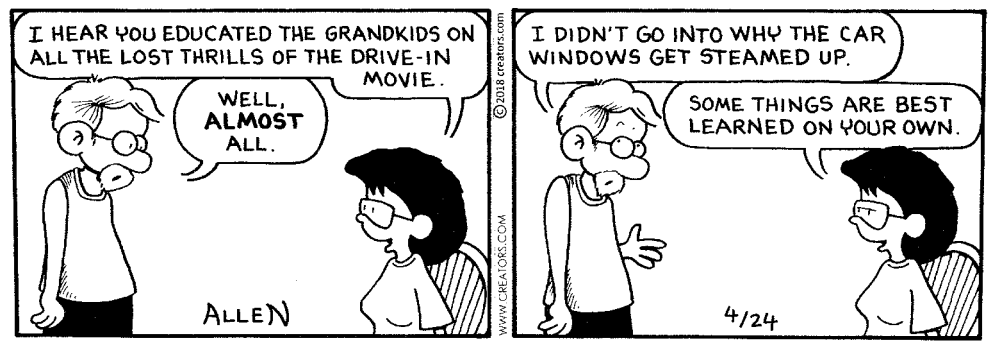
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This Date In History

Five years ago: In Bangladesh, a shoddily constructed eight-story commercial building housing garment factories collapsed, killing more than 1,100 people.

One year ago: Two inmates received lethal injections on the same gurney about three hours apart as Arkansas completed the nation's first double execution since 2000, just days after the state ended a nearly 12-year hiatus on administering capital punishment.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director-producer Richard Donner is 88. Actress Shirley MacLaine is 84. Actress-singer-director Barbra Streisand is 76. Former Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley is 76. Country singer Richard Sterban (The Oak Ridge Boys) is 75. Rock musician Doug Clifford (Creedence Clearwater Revival) is 73. Rock singer-musician Rob Hyman is 68. Former Irish Taoiseach (TEE'-shuk) Enda Kenny is 67. Actor-playwright Eric Bogosian is 65. Rock singer-musician Jack Blades (Night Ranger) is 64. Actor Michael O'Keefe is 63. Rock musician David J (Bauhaus) is 61. Actor Glenn Morshower is 59. Rock musician Billy Gould is 55. Actor-comedian Cedric the Entertainer is 54. Actor Djimon Hounsou (JEYE'-mihn OHN'-soo) is 54. Rock musician Patty Schemel is 51. Actress Stacy Haiduk is 50. Rock musician Aaron Comess (Spin Doctors) is 50.

Thought for Today:

"Never practice what you preach. If you're going to practice it, why preach it?"

Lincoln Steffens American journalist-reformer (1866-1936).

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Answer to previous puzzle grid with words like FLEE, FEAST, BOWS, OPAL, AAKED, ARIA, OGRE, STEWS, LESS, DALMATIAN, ELOPE, EMEND, CROC, SIGNON, BIGTOE, EDITS, PHOTO, ORE, TEAS, FAIRY, SKEW, SAN, ELITE, ONICE, STAYED, SHEETS, PLEA, ARENA, OVALS, PIANOKEYS, FINN, MARIA, SLEW, FADE, AGENT, USNA, SLAW, REDYIE, PEIST.

Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Competent
5 Engaged in battle
10 Not firm, as a wet noodle
14 Vegan's no-no
15 Plain writing
16 Notion
17 Squish, as potatoes
18 Heart's beat
19 Typeface
20 Far off the mark
23 Middling grade
24 Students soon to graduate: Abbr.
25 Entertain
28 Trio after Q
31 Construction locations
35 Friend
36 Closer to the ocean floor
39 None
40 Achieving great success
43 Memo starter
44 Movie theater
45 Fuel economy letters
46 Hands out the cards
48 Point opposite NNW
49 Relaxes
51 \_\_ Angeles
53 Throw in
54 Rough estimate
62 Prefix for circle
63 Score 100% on a test
64 Heroic saga
65 Make less complicated

DOWN

- 1 Bullets and such
2 Boyfriend
3 Be durable
4 Moral standards
5 Cider fruit
6 Factual
7 Red Riding Hood's adversary

BATTER UP by Billie Truitt

- 8 Aide: Abbr.
9 Coral ridges
10 As big as the real thing
11 Object of worship
12 Repair
13 Butter serving
21 "\_\_ say more?"
22 Tax agcy.
25 Rosebush pest
26 It's east of New Hampshire
27 Prefix for violet
28 Philbin of TV
29 Stretches across
30 Giggling sound
32 Semesters
33 Spew lava

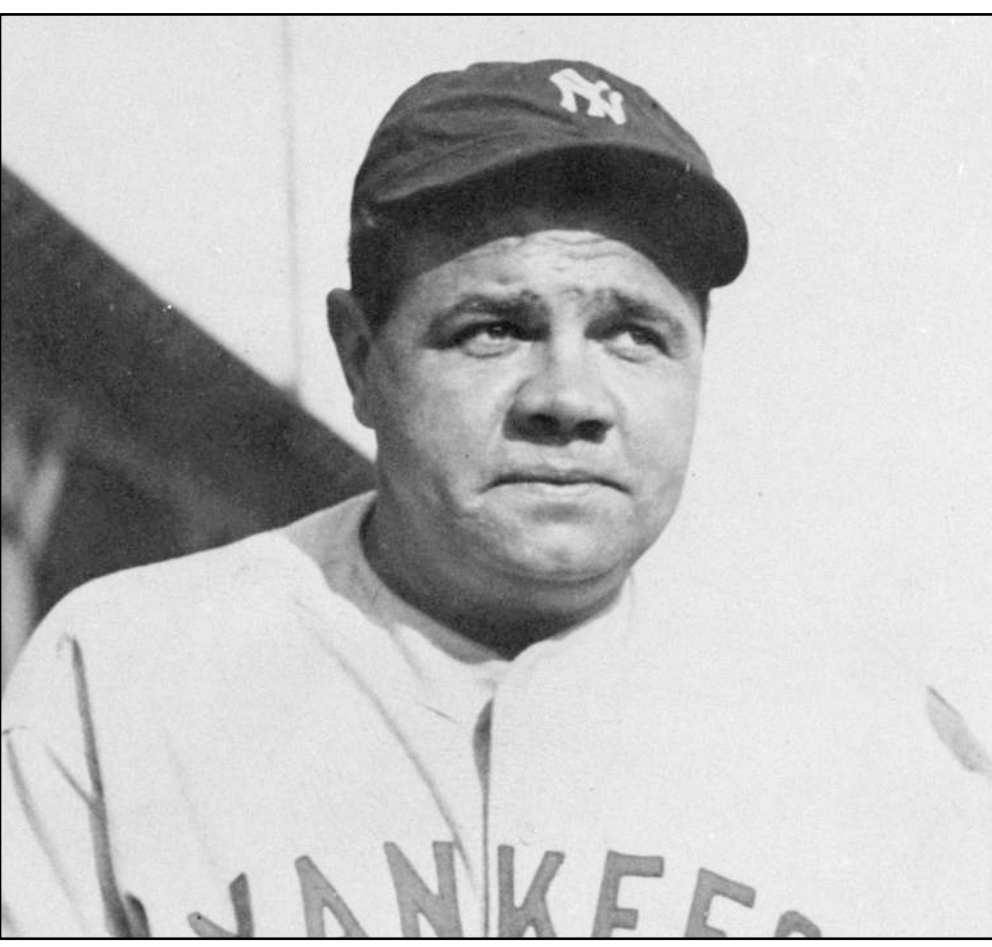
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- 34 Tunes
37 Envelope insert: Abbr.
38 CD-\_\_
41 Be deceitful
42 \_\_ Gras
47 Note between fa and la
50 Enter stealthily
52 Muscle twitch
53 Later on
54 Bird's nose
55 "Are not!" reply
56 Play opener
57 Genuine
58 Windy day toy
59 \_\_ now (so far)
60 Formal ceremony
61 Environmental sci.
62 Stage backdrop

Crossword grid with numbers 1-70 indicating starting positions for clues.



# A tale of 2 bats, and Babe Ruth's 60th home run in 1927



AP photo

This undated file photo shows Babe Ruth. As part of its collection of Babe Ruth items, the Baseball Hall of Fame says it has the bat the slugger used to hit his then-record 60th home run in 1927.



AP photo

In this undated file photo, New York Yankees' Babe Ruth hits a home-run. As part of its collection of Babe Ruth items, the Baseball Hall of Fame says it has the bat the slugger used to hit his then-record 60th home run in 1927.

By VIN A. CHERWOOD

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — As part of its collection of Babe Ruth items, the Baseball Hall of Fame says it has the bat the slugger used to hit his then-record 60th home run in 1927.

A private collector also claims to own the bat, and he's selling it at auction. PSA/DNA, one of the leading sports memorabilia authenticators, supports his assertion.

The dispute dates back more than 90 years to the original owner of each bat and how he professed to acquire it.

The bat being sold by the anonymous collector can be traced back to Joe E. Brown, the entertainer and vaudeville comedian with whom Ruth had a friendship. Brown said Ruth, who had presented him with the bat the slugger used to hit three home runs in the 1926 World Series, personally gave him the bat used to hit his 60th homer in 1927. The bat is signed, "To Joe E. Brown From Babe Ruth."

Brown then passed the bat down to his son Joe L. Brown, who was general manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates from 1955-76. The younger Brown then sold the bat to a collector.

"There is documentation back to (Joe L.) Brown's ownership and his talking about the bat that goes back to a sports writers' luncheon in 1948," PSA authenticator Jon Taube told The Associated Press in a phone interview. "Even before that the bat is mentioned from his collection in a 1939 baseball centennial celebration. ... We also have a letter that continues the story from his grandson Ty Brown that talks about the bat coming out at Christmas time."

The bat in the Hall of Fame was given to the museum by sports writer James Kahn in 1939, and Kahn was quoted in the Otsego Farmer — a newspaper in Cooperstown, where the Hall of Fame is located — as saying at the time that then-Yankees manager Miller Huggins gave him the bat after the game on Sept. 30, 1927.

Taube, who has done extensive research on Ruth's bats, doesn't dispute Kahn was given a bat after that game, but he doesn't believe it was the one used for the record-breaking homer.

"It's very unlikely that on Sept. 30, Miller Huggins comes down into the locker room and says, 'Babe, give me the bat that you broke the record with' and then he hands it to a beat writer," Taube said. "And we just think it was very unlikely Huggins came out of

the dugout and handed him THE bat. He handed him a bat, there's no question about that. Was it the bat that hit the 60th home run? I doubt that very highly."

Another complicating part of Kahn's story is that he changed the details. Challenged by Brown at the luncheon, Kahn then said he got the bat from Ruth.

"The relationship (Ruth) had with Joe Brown, and the fact he had already gifted him with the 1926 World Series bat," Taube said, "and especially that the season wasn't over yet when Kahn says Miller Huggins and/or Ruth gave him the bat — we just don't see that happening."

The Hall of Fame reiterated it is confident the bat in its possession is the one Ruth used to hit the historic homer.

"The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum is dedicated to preserving baseball's history," Jon Shestakofsky, the Hall's vice president of communications and education, said in an email to The Associated Press. "One of the institution's primary responsibilities is to ensure that artifacts in our collection are portrayed accurately. When research shows that an object is incorrectly labeled, or when we have been presented with evidence that proves an artifact is misattributed, we resolve the matter appropriately and with transparency."

"The Hall of Fame remains very comfortable with the sound provenance and authenticity of the bat in our collection. The Museum's stance on the bat has not changed since it was accessioned in 1939. Given the lack of proof to the contrary, we will continue to maintain that the bat in our collection is the one Babe Ruth used to hit his 60th home run of 1927."

Taube said he was not aware of any other instance where there were multiple claims of such a high-profile item. He also wanted to make it clear he wasn't trying to challenge the Hall of Fame.

"I respect them. It's a baseball shrine," he said. "You have to understand, during the day, there was no provenance. Many of the items that were given to the Hall were presented as, 'Here's the bat that did this, here's the glove' and there was no follow-up."

Bidding on the bat being sold by the anonymous collector through Heritage Auctions runs through May 18. In full disclosure for potential buyers, the story of the existence of the bat in the Hall of Fame is detailed on the item's listing.

# Skaggs shuts down Astros; Angels win 2-0 after call reversed



AP photo

Houston Astros starting pitcher Gerrit Cole delivers during the first inning of a baseball game against the Los Angeles Angels, Monday, April 23, 2018, in Houston.

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Yuli Gurriel was thrown out at third base by catcher Martin Maldonado to end the game after an original safe call was reversed on replay, giving the Los Angeles Angels a 2-0 win over Houston on Monday night that ended the Astros' six-game winning streak.

Third base umpire Cory Blaser signaled safe. Blaser also called Colorado's Nolan Arenado safe at home plate Sunday trying to advance on a ball in the dirt. That call was then reversed on replay for the final out in the Chicago Cubs' 9-7 win.

Tyler Skaggs (3-1) allowed four hits in seven innings for the Angels, and Keynan Middleton earned his sixth save. The Astros outscored the White Sox 27-2 during a three-game sweep last weekend.

Kole Calhoun had an RBI single and Justin Upton added an RBI double. Los Angeles had lost five of six following a seven-game winning streak. The Angels are 10-1 on the road, but 5-7 at home.

Gerrit Cole (2-1) retired his first 13 hitters, striking out five. He gave up two runs and four hits in seven innings.

YANKEES 14, TWINS 1  
NEW YORK (AP) — Streaking rookie Miguel Andujar homered and doubled to extend his barrage

of extra-base hits, Didi Gregorius had a grand slam and New York hammered Minnesota for its first three-game winning streak under new manager Aaron Boone.

Slumping slugger Giancarlo Stanton homered in going 4 for 4 and Gleyber Torres singled for his first major league hit, a day after the prized 21-year-old made his debut with the Yankees. Gary Sanchez socked a two-run double.

The teams hadn't met since New York topped the Twins 8-4 in the AL wild-card game last October at Yankee Stadium. This was no contest as Minnesota lost its fourth in a row and brought in center fielder Ryan LaMarre to pitch in the eighth inning — Tyler Austin tagged him for a two-run homer.

Andujar delivered an extra-base hit in his seventh straight game — tied with Pittsburgh's Corey Dickerson for the longest streak in the majors this year. Andujar is 15 for 29 (.517) during that span with eight doubles, a triple and three home runs, raising his season average from .107 to .316.

Masahiro Tanaka (3-2) gave up three hits in 6 2/3 innings. He's won all five career starts against the Twins.

Jake Odorizzi (1-2) was pulled after Stanton's solo homer in the fifth.

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# Harden, Rockets soar past Wolves 119-100

By DAVE CAMPBELL

AP Sports Writer

MINNEAPOLIS — Though James Harden and most of the Houston Rockets were misfiring throughout the first half, their confidence never wavered.

In the third quarter, those sharpshooters sure came to life.

Harden had 22 of the team's near-record 50 points in the third, launching the Rockets past the Minnesota Timberwolves 119-100 on Monday night to take a 3-1 lead in their first-round playoff series.

"We had the mentality to be aggressive, make or missed shots," said Harden, who went 7 for 10 in the third quarter and finished with 36 points. "That's what we do. We shoot the basketball, and eventually they'll start falling."

Chris Paul scored 15 of his 25 points in the near-record third for the Rockets, who still had a 50-49 halftime edge despite their rough start. With those torrid 12 minutes, they built a 31-point lead and were up 104-69 about a minute into the fourth. The only team in the history of the NBA playoffs with more points in one quarter was the Los Angeles Lakers, who scored 51 points in the fourth on March 31, 1962, in a loss to the Detroit Pistons.

"It was a good time to do it. We've been talking about it for two years, putting the 50-piece up," Rockets coach Mike D'Antoni said. "And that starts with the intensity and the right spirit and everything."

Clint Capela added 14 points and 17 rebounds, Eric Gordon finally got going with 18 points off the bench and the Rockets left the Wolves wondering what hit them after 3½ games of decent defense against one of the league's most dangerous offensive teams. The Rockets scored on 11 straight possessions after an opening stop by the Wolves, and Harden alone scored 17 of their first 20 points.

"I've got to watch it again," Paul said. "We just, I don't know, got hot."

Wolves star Jimmy Butler, on the other hand, began forcing off-balance shots. Teague and Paul, the two former Wake Forest point guards, engaged in some intense trash talk. Paul baited Teague into a pushing foul for a pair of add-to-the-pile free throws. Gordon tacked on another 3-pointer at the buzzer for the 100-69 lead.

"I think we came out a little flatter than last game. We didn't come out right away with that straight grit in the third quarter," said Karl-Anthony



AP photo

Houston Rockets' James Harden, center, shoots as Minnesota Timberwolves' Jimmy Butler, left, and Karl-Anthony Towns, right, during the second half of Game 4 in an NBA basketball first-round playoff series Monday, April 23, 2018, in Minneapolis. The Rockets won 119-100. Harden led the Rockets with 36 points.

Towns, who had 22 points and 15 rebounds for the Timberwolves.

Minnesota missed 14 of 21 shots, producing several panicked possessions over the third. Perhaps that's because they were so rattled by how suddenly and quickly the Rockets were scoring.

"We came out lackadaisical on both ends of the floor," Butler said. "We didn't take anything away from them. They got whatever shot that they want-

ed."

The Timberwolves rebounded from their two defeats on the road by matching the Rockets with 15 makes from 3-point range in Game 3. They wisely took another tack for Game 4, attacking the basket in the first half with relentless abandon and plenty of success.

Derrick Rose, who finished with 17 points and six rebounds, was the catalyst off the bench with multiple muscle-his-way-in layups on both fast breaks and in the half court. Starting point guard Jeff Teague, meanwhile, had only two points on 1-for-7 shooting while fighting through dislocated right pinky finger.

The Wolves were in front by as much as 36-29, but with as poorly as the Rockets were shooting they badly needed a larger lead than that. They went 21 for 44 from the field (47.7 percent) in the first half, but with all the layups and putbacks in the mix they easily could have made more.

Trevor Ariza made the first three 3-pointers attempted by the Rockets, who then missed on 13 of their next 14 tries from behind the arc. Harden didn't make a basket until 5:57 remained in the second quarter, when his 10-foot floater fell in to cut Minnesota's lead to 39-37. He swished one of his signature step-back 3-pointers on the next possession, and Houston was right back in front to sow the seeds for the staggering third quarter.

"Once we get going, it's hard to stop us," Capela said.

FULL CIRCLE

The last time the Timberwolves were in the first round of the playoffs in 2004, their opponent was Denver and Nene was a 21-year-old starter for the Nuggets. This is his 16th season in the NBA, the second with the Rockets.

TIP-INS

Rockets: Ariza finished with 15 points, after missing his last eight 3-pointers. ... Harden is averaging 30.3 points in the series. He's 38 for 91 from the floor (41.8 percent). ... Capela is leading the league in the playoffs in rebounding, averaging 14 per game.

Timberwolves: Backup point guard Tyus Jones was available on an emergency-only basis because of a sore right knee. Rose played 33 minutes. ... Butler (19 points) and Andrew Wiggins (14 points) combined to shoot 12 for 31 from the floor.

UP NEXT

The series shifts back south to Houston for Game 5 on Wednesday night.

## Bucks' Maker, other reserves step into NBA playoff spotlight

By GENARO C. ARMAS

AP Sports Writer

MILWAUKEE — Thon Maker is having his biggest games at the biggest time of the year.

Not bad for a bench guy and someone who, as recently as last week, was a roster afterthought.

Maker had never blocked five shots in any NBA game before this postseason began — and now he's blocked that many in each of the last two playoff contests for the Milwaukee Bucks. There's an old coaching adage that tells players to stay ready, because they never know when their chance to make an impact has arrived.

Maker is proving that axiom to be correct.

"Just trying to be there for my teammates, playing aggressive," said Maker, the Bucks' backup center. "It's the playoffs. These are the moments everybody plays for. You've got to find a way to win, you've got to find a way to impact the game. I try to do that every single time."

Maker is almost an out-of-nowhere story for the Bucks, who've pulled even with the Boston Celtics four

games into their Eastern Conference first-round series in large part because of a defensive resurgence by the bench. His offense has helped, too: Maker scored 14 points in a Game 3 victory, his highest total since a 16-point effort on New Year's Day.

There have been some big games from reserve players in these playoffs already: Miami has gotten games of 28 and 25 points from Dwyane Wade and a 26-point effort from Kelly Olynyk, Philadelphia has seen Marco Belinelli reach 21 points twice so far, and Boston saw Greg Monroe get a double-double against the Bucks in only 23 minutes.

Backups can find themselves in the spotlight quickly if they get hot.

"When we step on the floor, we need to be assertive with what we do," Bucks coach Joe Prunty said. "We can't be a step behind."

Even the greatest players need help.

LeBron James said everyone on the Cavaliers' roster — himself included — needed to play better after falling behind Indiana 2-1 in their series. So in Game 4, James was great with 32 points, and Jordan Clarkson had 12.



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<b>Plush</b>	
TWIN SET .....	\$177
FULL SET .....	\$247
QUEEN SET .....	\$277
<b>Pillowtop</b>	
TWIN SET .....	\$247
FULL SET .....	\$297
QUEEN SET .....	\$347
KING SET .....	\$497
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